

# FACULTY AWARDS

12<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL

Wednesday  
February  
Twenty eighth  
thousand eight hundred

# MENU

## SALAD

Baby Wedge Salad  
Creamy Oregano Dressing, Candied Pecans,  
Grapefruit, Breakfast Radishes

## ENTRÉE SELECTIONS

Red Wine Braised Beef Rib  
Creamed Brussels Gratin, Blueberry Bordelaise

## VEGETARIAN

Smoky Vegan Cassoulet  
Crispy Carrot Strands

## DESSERT

Apple Fritter Doughnut  
Vanilla Ice Cream, Apple Chips,  
Warm Goat's Milk Caramel

# ORDER OF EVENTS

## **PRESIDING**

*Amy Wright*

*Associate Dean for Instruction and Professor, College of Agriculture*

## **DINING**

## **WELCOME**

*Dr. Steven Leath*

*Auburn University President*

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

*Bob Dumas*

*Auburn University Board of Trustees*

## **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

### **DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE FACULTY LECTURESHIP**

*Presented by Mrs. Gretchen VanValkenburg*

*Vice President for Alumni Affairs and Executive Director of Auburn  
Alumni Association*

### **ALUMNI UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

*Presented by Mrs. VanValkenburg*

### **NEW ALUMNI PROFESSORS**

*Presented by Mrs. VanValkenburg*

### **GARY BROWN ePORTFOLIO PROJECT FACULTY COHORT AWARD**

*Presented by Dr. Bill Hardgrave*

*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**DEPARTMENTAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE  
IN EDUCATION**

*Presented by Dr. Hardgrave*

**PRESIDENT'S OUTSTANDING  
COLLABORATIVE UNITS AWARD**

*Presented by Dr. Hardgrave*

**PROVOST AWARD FOR FACULTY  
EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE  
RESEARCH MENTORING**

*Presented by Dr. Hardgrave*

**RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD  
ADVANCEMENT OF RESEARCH AND  
SCHOLARSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

*Presented by Dr. John Mason  
Vice President for Research and Economic Development*

**CREATIVE RESEARCH AND  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

*Presented by Dr. Mason*

**AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
FACULTY OUTREACH**

*Presented by Dr. Royrickers Cook  
Vice President and Associate Provost for University Outreach*

**THE GERALD AND EMILY LEISCHUCK  
ENDOWED PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING**

*Presented by Dr. Hardgrave*

**CLOSING REMARKS**

*Dr. Hardgrave*

# FACULTY AWARDS

## **DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE FACULTY**

**LECTURESHIP:** *Recognizes faculty for service in support of graduate education and excellence in research.*

## **ALUMNI UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING**

**EXCELLENCE AWARD:** *Recognizes the outstanding teaching of undergraduates from nominations made by department heads, deans, alumni, and students. A committee of retired faculty selects the recipients.*

**ALUMNI PROFESSOR:** *Recognizes 25 faculty members for research, publishing, and teaching by awarding five-year, nonrenewable professorships through the Auburn Alumni Association. The Alumni Writer-in-Residence, a creative writer from the English faculty, is the only ongoing appointment.*

## **GARY BROWN ePORTFOLIO PROJECT FACULTY COHORT AWARD:**

*Recognizes individuals or teams of two to five faculty members from a program, department, or college who have exhibited exemplary leadership in promoting the ePortfolio Project Faculty Cohort and have been engaged in practices that support the implementation of ePortfolios at Auburn.*

## **DEPARTMENTAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION:**

*Presented by the University Senate, this award recognizes the efforts of departmental faculty for their commitment to improving education at the undergraduate and graduate levels.*

## **PRESIDENT'S OUTSTANDING COLLABORATIVE UNITS AWARD:**

*Presented to Auburn units whose collaborative efforts result in unique exemplary service or academic excellence within the university and the community.*

**PROVOST AWARD FOR FACULTY EXCELLENCE  
IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORING:**

*Recognizes sustained efforts to promote excellence in undergraduate scholarship through research.*

**RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD ADVANCEMENT  
OF RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** *Recognizes high quality, competitive research, and scholarly activity that exemplifies and advances Auburn's research and scholarship mission.*

**CREATIVE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

**AWARD:** *Honors the research achievements and contributions of Auburn faculty who have distinguished themselves through research, scholarly works, and/or creative contributions to their fields.*

**AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY**

**OUTREACH:** *Honors the engagement of exemplary faculty members and demonstrates the tremendous impact Outreach has on our community, state, and nation.*

**THE GERALD AND EMILY LEISCHUCK  
ENDOWED PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING:**

*Honors two full-time, tenured faculty members who have demonstrated effective and innovative teaching methods and a continuing commitment to student success through advising and mentoring inside and outside the classroom.*



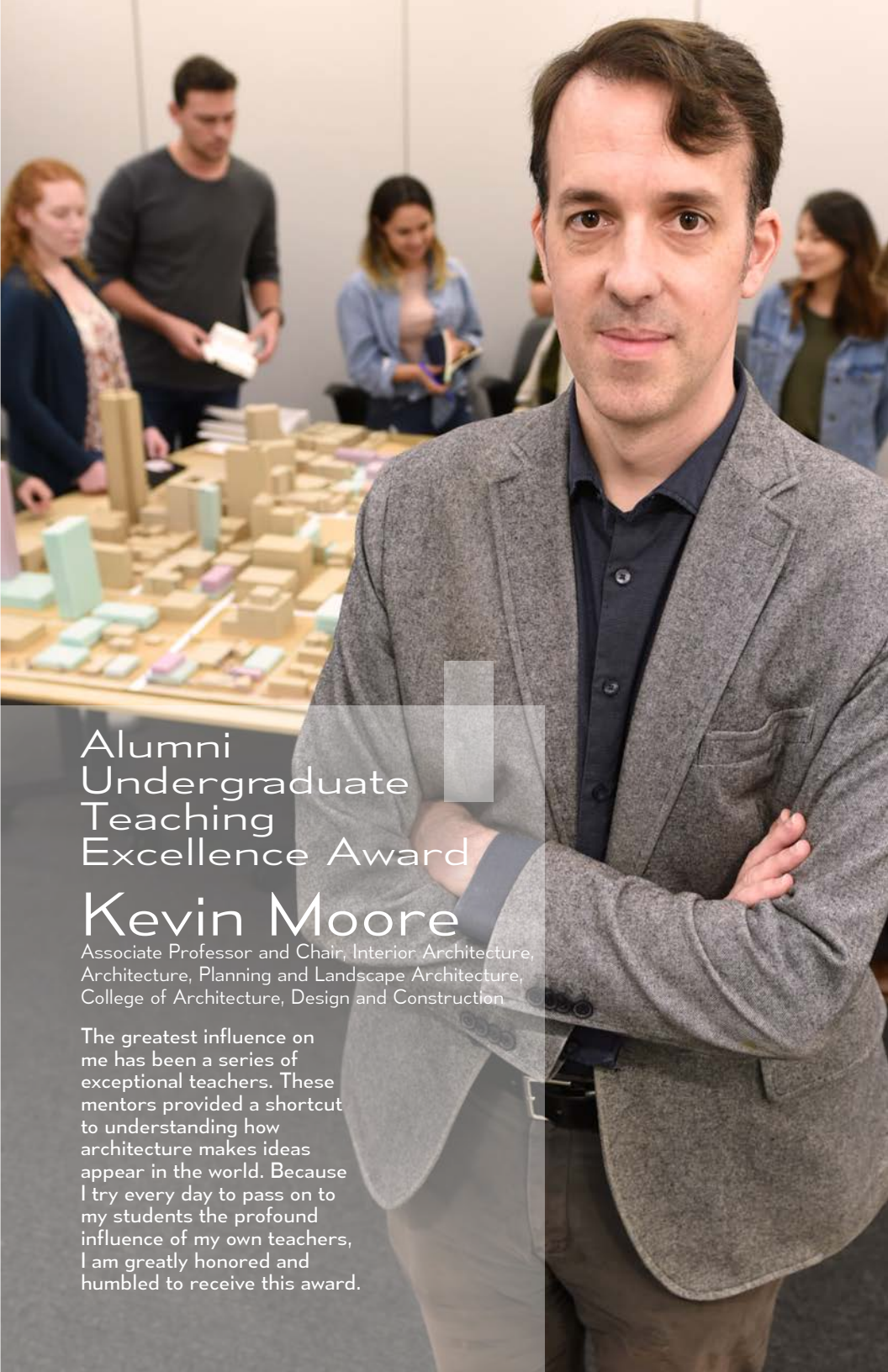


Distinguished  
Graduate  
Faculty  
Lectureship

## Henry W. Kinnucan

Alumni Professor, Agricultural  
Economics and Rural Sociology,  
College of Agriculture

The primary focus of my research is the effects of public policies on agricultural prices, production, trade, the environment, and economic welfare. The public policies examined include generic advertising, antidumping duties, state and federal subsidies for K-12 education, and subsidies for grassland protection. My recent research examines the effect of aquaculture on fish prices worldwide.

A photograph of Kevin Moore, a man with dark hair and a slight smile, wearing a grey blazer over a dark blue shirt. He has his arms crossed and is standing in the foreground. In the background, several other people are working at a long table covered with numerous small, colorful wooden blocks, likely used for architectural models. The setting appears to be a workshop or a classroom.

## Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award

# Kevin Moore

Associate Professor and Chair, Interior Architecture,  
Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture,  
College of Architecture, Design and Construction

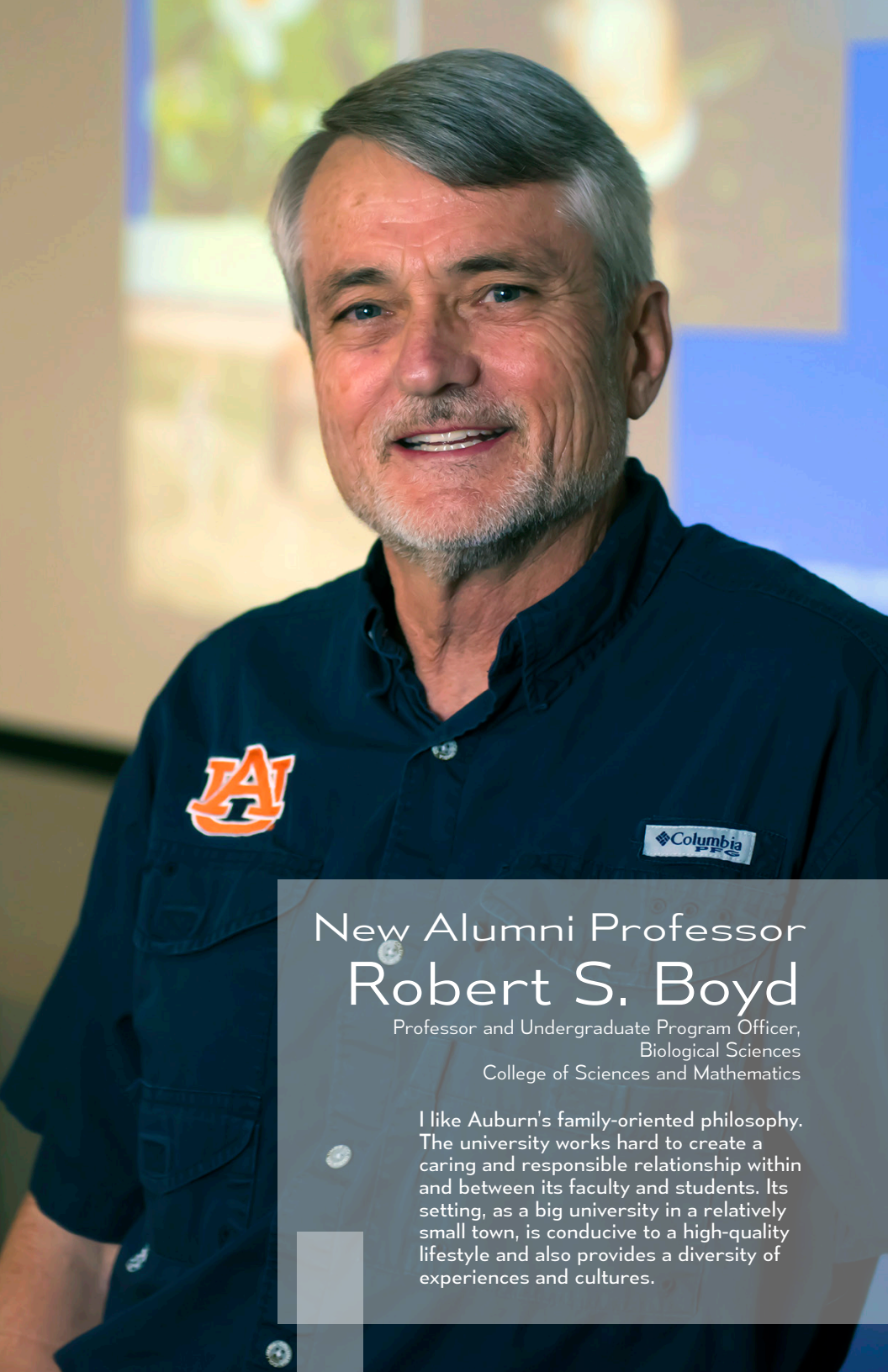
The greatest influence on me has been a series of exceptional teachers. These mentors provided a shortcut to understanding how architecture makes ideas appear in the world. Because I try every day to pass on to my students the profound influence of my own teachers, I am greatly honored and humbled to receive this award.



# New Alumni Professor Kira L. Bowen

Professor, Entomology and Plant Pathology,  
College of Agriculture



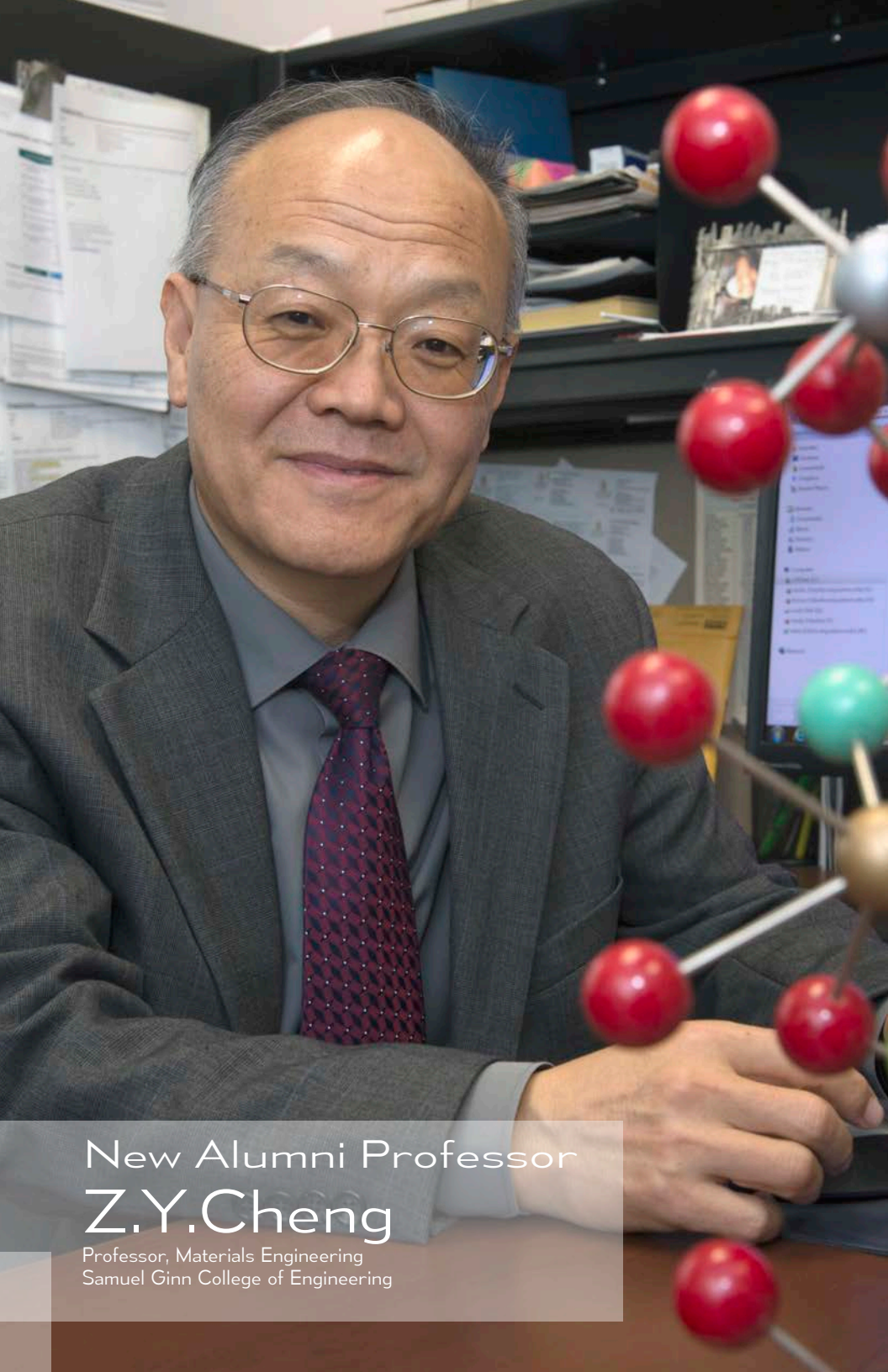


## New Alumni Professor Robert S. Boyd

Professor and Undergraduate Program Officer,  
Biological Sciences  
College of Sciences and Mathematics

I like Auburn's family-oriented philosophy. The university works hard to create a caring and responsible relationship within and between its faculty and students. Its setting, as a big university in a relatively small town, is conducive to a high-quality lifestyle and also provides a diversity of experiences and cultures.





# New Alumni Professor Z.Y.Cheng

Professor, Materials Engineering  
Samuel Ginn College of Engineering



# New Alumni Professor Scott McElroy

Professor, Crop Soil and Environmental Science  
College of Agriculture

One thing I love about being a professor at Auburn is the fact I am leaving a legacy. Students in my department have taken my Principles of Weed Science class for 10 years, and it is thoroughly enjoyable to me to hear past students commiserate with current students or students from different years regarding the enjoyment (difficulty) of the class. To know I am creating this shared experience (misery) that students have throughout my career at Auburn is very rewarding. I feel by being an effective teacher, I am helping create greater connection to the university, thus deepening their connection as alumni.

# **CURRENT ALUMNI PROFESSORS**



|                           |                                            |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Sushil Adhikari .....     | Biosystems Engineering                     |
| Ellen Behrend .....       | Veterinary Clinical Sciences               |
| Art Chappelka.....        | Forestry and Wildlife Sciences             |
| D. Allen Davis .....      | Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures          |
| Virginia Davis.....       | Chemical Engineering                       |
| Oladiran Fasina.....      | Agriculture Biosystems Engineering         |
| Valentina Hartarska ..... | Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology |
| Peter Johnson.....        | Mathematics and Statistics                 |
| Dong-Joo Kim.....         | Mechanical Engineering                     |
| Henry Kinnucan.....       | Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology |
| Yu Lin .....              | Physics                                    |
| Nannan Liu.....           | Entomology and Plant Pathology             |
| Herbert Jack Rotfeld..... | Marketing                                  |
| Lisa Samuelson .....      | Forestry and Wildlife Sciences             |
| Haroldo Toro .....        | Veterinary Pathobiology                    |

# Gary Brown ePortfolio Project



**Mark Dougherty**

Associate Professor,  
Biosystems Engineering,  
Samuel Ginn College of  
Engineering

**Puneet Srivastava**

Professor and Butler-  
Cunningham Eminent  
Scholar, Biosystems  
Engineering, Samuel Ginn  
College of Engineering

**Timothy McDonald**

Professor, Biosystems  
Engineering, Samuel Ginn  
College of Engineering

# Faculty Cohort Award



**Oladiran Fasina**

Department Head and Alumni  
Professor, Biosystems  
Engineering, Samuel Ginn College  
of Engineering



**Sushil Adhikari**

Alumni Professor and  
Director, Center for  
Bioenergy and Bioproducts  
Biosystems Engineering,  
Samuel Ginn College of  
Engineering

# Departmental Award for Excellence in Education



A. Ayayi



M. Bozack



R. Comer



S. Dhar



J. Dong



D. Ennis



M. Fogle



N. Giordano



L. Guazzotto



J. Hanson



G. Hartwell



A. Kolarkar



# Department of Physics



U. Konopka



M. Kuroda



A. Landers



G. Laurent



Y. Lin



K. Lin



D. Maurer



M. Park



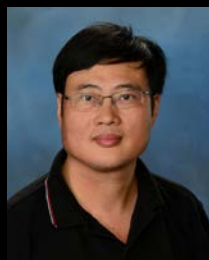
J. Perez



M. Pindzol



E. Thomas



X. Wang



# President's Outstanding Collaborative Units Award



**Terrill "Terry"  
Richard Hanson**

Professor and Extension  
Specialist, Fisheries,  
Aquaculture and Aquatic  
Sciences, College of  
Agriculture

**Tung-shi Huang**

Professor, Poultry  
Science, College of  
Agriculture

**Daniel E. Wells**

Assistant Professor,  
Horticulture, College  
of Agriculture



# Aquaponics Working Group



**Glenn Loughridge**  
Director of Campus Dining

**David Blersch**  
Assistant Professor,  
Biosystems Engineering,  
Samuel Ginn College of  
Engineering

**Jesse Chappell**  
Associate Professor  
and Extension  
Specialist, Fisheries,  
Aquaculture and  
Aquatic Sciences,  
College of Agriculture

# President's Outstanding Collaborative Units Award



**Jacqueline Kochak**

Communications Specialist,  
Food Systems Institute

**Glenn Loughridge**

Director of Campus Dining,  
Dining Services

**Karen Hunley**

Communications Specialist,  
Food Systems Institute

**Savannah Mehren**

Specialist, Contracts and  
Grants, Food Systems Institute



# Food Entrepreneur Working Group



**Patti West**

Outreach Programs Administrator  
Alabama Cooperative Extension  
System Food Safety Team

**Regina Crapps**

Academic Program Administrator  
Food Systems Institute

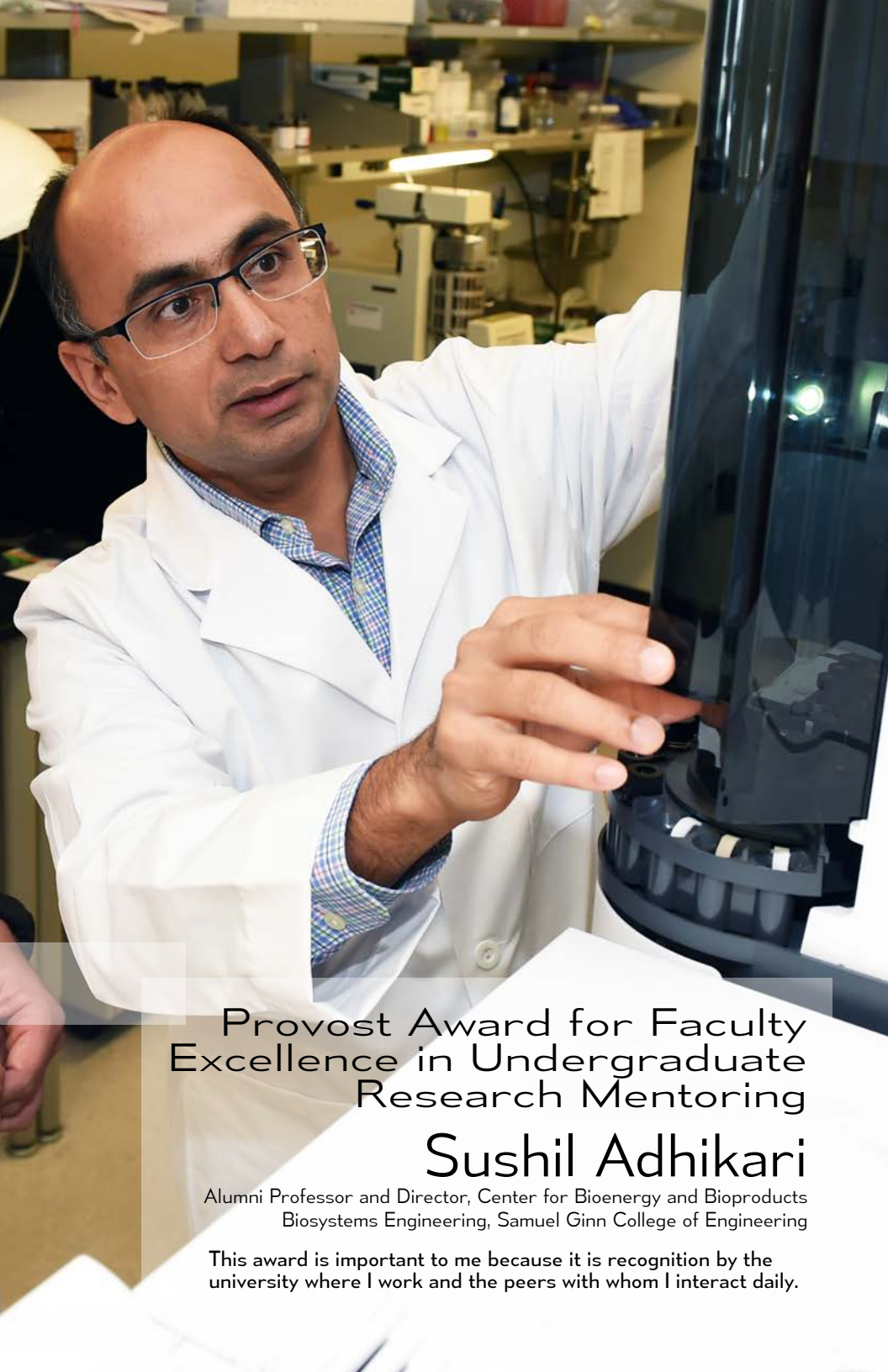
**Christy Bratcher**

Associate Professor  
Animal Sciences, College of  
Agriculture, and Director,  
Food System Institute

**Jean Weese**

Professor, Poultry  
Science, College  
of Agriculture, and  
Associate Director,  
Food System Institute

**Terrill "Terry"  
Richard Hanson**  
(Not Pictured)



Provost Award for Faculty  
Excellence in Undergraduate  
Research Mentoring

**Sushil Adhikari**

Alumni Professor and Director, Center for Bioenergy and Bioproducts  
Biosystems Engineering, Samuel Ginn College of Engineering

This award is important to me because it is recognition by the university where I work and the peers with whom I interact daily.



A portrait of Mona El-Sheikh, a woman with long brown hair and bangs, smiling. She is wearing a black leather jacket over a dark top and a necklace with a circular pendant. The background is dark and out of focus.

## Research Advisory Board Advancement of Research and Scholarship Achievement Award

Mona El-Sheikh

Leonard Peterson & Co. Inc. Professor,  
Human Development and Family Studies  
College of Human Sciences

I am grateful to all of my collaborators, the faculty, administrators, students, and support personnel at Auburn for the innumerable ways they have contributed to my research projects over the years. I am always gratified that when I receive reviews of grant proposals, the "Research Environment" category is one I am always confident will be rated highly.



Creative Research and  
Scholarship Award

**Kenneth M. Halanych**

Alumni Professor and Schneller Endowed Chair, Biological Sciences  
College of Sciences and Mathematics



# Creative Research and Scholarship Award

## Chris Newland

Alumni Professor, Psychology  
College of Liberal Arts

I have been fortunate to have had extraordinary graduate students to work with. They have stretched me in countless ways. I have learned much from every one—all have left an important impression and have made me a better scientist and a better teacher, I like to think. The undergraduates I encounter in class ask questions I would never have thought of. One of my favorite experiences in the undergraduate classroom is to be able to say, "I don't know, let me get back to you." By the time I've answered the question, both of us have learned something important.







Award for Excellence in  
Faculty Outreach

**Donald Mulvaney**

Associate Professor, Animal Sciences  
College of Agriculture



# The Gerald and Emily Leischuck Endowed Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching

## Christy Bratcher

Associate Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, College of Agriculture,  
and Director, Food Systems Institute

This award is so important to me because it has made me realize I am doing exactly what I need to be doing and I am exactly where I need to be. Although I did not seek a career to win awards, I am certainly proud that my contribution to the lives of students was thought of as a worthy contribution to their lives. What I am sure that the students do not realize is that they are quite possibly more cherished by me than I am by them.



The Gerald and  
Emily Leischuck  
Endowed Presidential  
Award for Excellence  
in Teaching

Kelly Dean Jolley

Philpott Goodwin Professor, Philosophy  
College of Liberal Arts

My biggest source of inspiration is my teachers. Some I have only known on the page-Socrates and Wittgenstein. Others I have known personally-Lewis White Beck, James Haden, Kathy Spencer, and Fay Sauer. Their example has meant the world to me, inside the classroom and outside of it.



# Master of Ceremonies Amy Wright

Associate Dean for Instruction and Professor, College of Agriculture



# The Gerald and Emily Leischuck Endowed Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching

**2006**

**JOSEPH KICKLIGHTER**  
HISTORY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**ROBERT LISHAK**  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

**2007**

**PAMELA BOYD**  
CURRICULUM AND TEACHING  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**ROLAND DUTE**  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

**2008**

**DANIEL D. BUTLER**  
MARKETING  
HARBERT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**STEVEN KINCAID**  
ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY  
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**2009**

**MARY MENDONCA**  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

**SUSHIL BHAVNANI**  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

**2010**

**DONNA BOHANAN**  
HISTORY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**ELIZABETH GUERTAL**  
AGRONOMY AND SOILS  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

**2011**

**LEONARD BELL**  
POULTRY SCIENCE  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

**MARK BYRNE**  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING  
SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

**2012**

**ANDREW FREEAR**  
ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN  
AND CONSTRUCTION

**LARRY WIT**  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS

**2013**

**CASEY G. CEGIELSKI**  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
HARBERT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**DAVID A. UMPHRESS**  
COMPUTER SCIENCE AND SOFTWARE  
ENGINEERING  
SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

**2014**

**DEBBIE R. FOLKERTS**  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS

**STUART DAVID LOCH**  
PHYSICS  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS

**2015-16**

**ELAINE COLEMAN**  
ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY AND  
PHARMACOLOGY  
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**JEFFREY KATZ**  
PSYCHOLOGY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**2017**

**ROBERT S. BOYD**  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS

**DAN LAROCQUE**  
THEATRE  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

# Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach

**2006**

**DAVID I. BRANSBY**  
HISTORY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**2007**

**CHRISTA SLATON**  
POLITICAL SCIENCE  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**2008**

**CHRIS RODGER**  
MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS

**2009**

**BARRY BURKHART**  
PSYCHOLOGY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**2010**

**DAVID HINSON**  
ARCHITECTURE  
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN  
AND CONSTRUCTION

**2011**

**NAN FAIRLEY**  
COMMUNICATIONS AND JOURNALISM  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**2012**

**CHERYL MORGAN**  
ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN  
AND CONSTRUCTION

**2013**

**FRANCESCA ADLER-BAEDER**  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY  
STUDIES  
COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

**2014**

**ALLEN LANDERS**  
PHYSICS  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS

**2015-16**

**VIRGINIA A. DAVIS**  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING  
SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF  
ENGINEERING

**2017**

**BARB STRUEMPLER**  
NUTRITION, DIETETICS AND  
HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT  
COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES



# Creative Research and Scholarship Awards

**2006**

**S. DAVIS WORLEY**  
CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

**2007**

**MONA EL-SHEIKH**  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY  
STUDIES  
COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

**ZHANJIANG LIU**  
FISHERIES AND ALLIED AQUACULTURES  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

**2008**

**REX A. DUNHAM**  
FISHERIES AND ALLIED AQUACULTURES  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

**2009**

**MORRIS BIAN**  
HISTORY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**2010**

**GEOFFREY HILL**  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

**PAULA BACKSHEIDER**  
ENGLISH  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**2011**

**BEHZAD NAKHJAVAN**  
ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND  
CONSTRUCTION

**HANQIN TIAN**  
ECOLOGY  
SCHOOL OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE  
SCIENCES

**2012**

**CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS**  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING  
SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

**RUTH CROCKER**  
HISTORY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**2013**

**CONNER BAILEY**  
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND  
SOCIOLOGY  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

**PRADEEP LALL**  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF  
ENGINEERING

**2014**

**BRIAN E. VAUGHN**  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY  
STUDIES  
COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

**F. STEPHEN DOBSON**  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS

**2015-16**

**MARIO RICHARD EDEN**  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING  
SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF  
ENGINEERING

**DONALD R. WEHRS**  
ENGLISH  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**2017**

**MICHAEL S. PINDZOLA**  
PHYSICS  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS

**RICHARD A. HANSEN**  
HEALTH OUTCOMES RESEARCH AND  
POLICY  
HARRISON SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

