



2018

FACULTY
AWARDS

MENU

SALAD

Mixed Green Lettuce, Fire Roasted Butternut Squash,
Candied Pecans, Granny Smith Apples
Light Vinaigrette

ENTRÉE SELECTIONS

Osso Bucco with Parmesan Reggiano Polenta and
Wild Mushroom Ragu

Oven Roasted Grouper with Parmesan Reggiano Polenta and
Balsamic Tomato Confit

VEGETARIAN

Roasted Kobocho Squash Risotto with Parmesan Reggiano and
Braised Brussel Sprouts in Lemon Confit

DESSERT

Trio of Truffles with Fall Berries

AUBURN INSPIRES ME.

Our faculty have a collegial and collaborative spirit, a spirit that is not afraid of pushing boundaries and asking why. They, like Auburn, are not satisfied with the status quo, and their endeavors to connect their research and scholarship efforts with the broader innovation landscape are changing lives and communities. Auburn faculty are making a transformative mark on our future—and that is inspiring.

President Steven Leath



A black and white photograph of a desk. In the top right corner, there is a portion of a keyboard. Below it, a pen lies horizontally. To the right of the pen, a pair of glasses is positioned. The background is a light, textured surface.

2018 FACULTY AWARDS

Auburn faculty are integral to our tradition of innovation and at the core of our land-grant mission. Each year, we recognize extraordinary faculty members who inspire students to engage and lead, innovate through unexpected methods and meaningful solutions, and transform the lives of those they teach and the world around them.

Visit auburn.edu/facultyawards to learn more.

ORDER OF EVENTS

PRESIDING

Amy Wright

Associate Dean for Instruction and Professor, College of Agriculture

DINING

WELCOME

Steven Leath
President

Bill Hardgrave

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONGRATULATIONS

Sarah Newton
Board of Trustees

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE FACULTY LECTURESHIP

*Presented by Gretchen VanValkenburg
Vice President for Alumni Affairs and Executive Director
of the Auburn Alumni Association*

ALUMNI UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING
EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Presented by Gretchen VanValkenburg

NEW ALUMNI PROFESSORS

Presented by Gretchen VanValkenburg

DEPARTMENTAL AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Presented by Bill Hardgrave

PROVOST AWARD FOR FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORING

Presented by Bill Hardgrave

PRESIDENT'S OUTSTANDING
COLLABORATIVE UNITS AWARD

Presented by Steven Leath

RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY BOARD ADVANCEMENT OF RESEARCH AND
SCHOLARSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*Presented by Jennifer Kerpelman
Interim Vice President for Research*

CREATIVE RESEARCH AND
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Presented by Jennifer Kerpelman

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
FACULTY OUTREACH

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

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

Presented by Steven Leath

CLOSING REMARKS

Bill 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 members 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.*

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 community.*

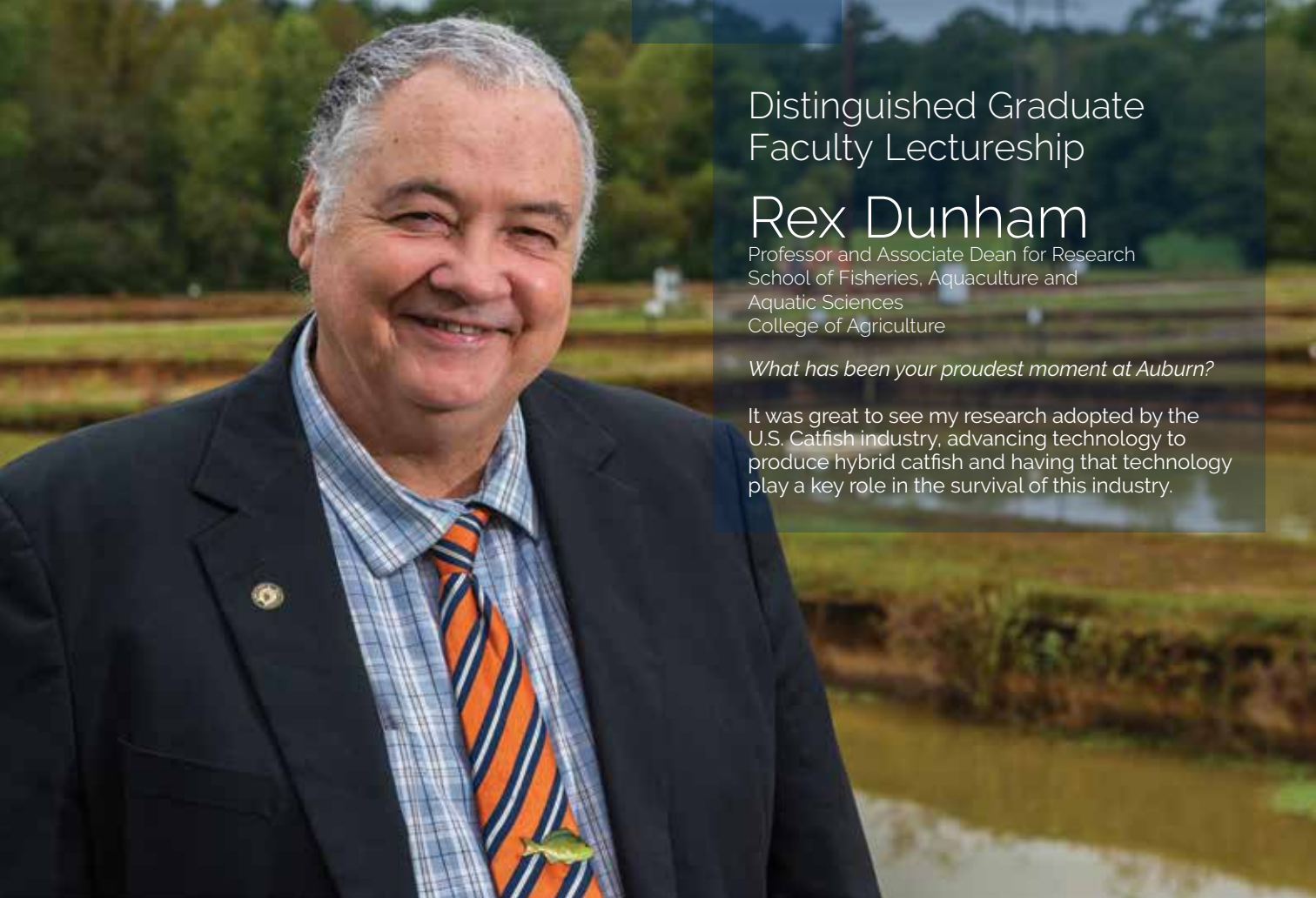
PROVOST AWARD FOR FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORING: *Recognizes sustained efforts to promote excellence in undergraduate scholarship through research.*

RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 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 members who have distinguished themselves through research, scholarly works and 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

Rex Dunham

Professor and Associate Dean for Research
School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and
Aquatic Sciences
College of Agriculture

What has been your proudest moment at Auburn?

It was great to see my research adopted by the U.S. Catfish industry, advancing technology to produce hybrid catfish and having that technology play a key role in the survival of this industry.



Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award

Melanie Duffey

Associate Professor
Interior Design
College of Human Sciences

What do you like best about Auburn?

Our students are the best in the nation, and I love what I do because of them. I believe that our interior design students live the Auburn Creed, especially the line that emphasizes belief in hard work. I can attest that this is lived out daily in our studios!



Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award

Matthew Hall

Assistant Professor
Architecture
School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape
Architecture
College of Architecture, Design and Construction

What does this award mean to you?

This award is especially meaningful to me because it demonstrates the surprising impact I've had on my students. I'm honored to have motivated them, challenged them and collaborated with them to produce responsible, yet critical, design work. This exchange works both ways, and it's both my privilege and my reward to have them as partners in the struggle to refine and advance our profession and the culture we design for.



Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award

James Long

Harbert College Advisory Council Professor
School of Accountancy
Harbert College of Business

What is your most memorable classroom moment?

One of the challenges associated with teaching accounting is to find ways to inspire students to get excited about the subject matter. My colleagues and I are constantly looking for interesting real-world examples to use in the classroom. Several of us were in Destin a few years ago for a conference and had dinner at McGuire's, an Irish pub with a unique tradition: at the conclusion of the meal, restaurant patrons staple personalized dollar bills to the restaurant walls. Over the years, McGuire's has accumulated more than \$1 million in cash, which carries all kinds of interesting legal, tax and financial accounting, and auditing implications. We developed an educational accounting case around this tradition, which our students approach with enthusiasm given the unique facts and circumstances and their own experiences at McGuire's.

New Alumni Professor Dennis DeVries

Professor and Assistant Director for Research Programs
School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences
College of Agriculture

What has been your proudest moment at Auburn?

While I can't point to one single moment, I do have to say that my pride at Auburn comes from watching the success of two particular groups of people: my previous graduate student advisees, who have gone on to a diverse array of successful careers in some impressive places after their graduate tenures at Auburn, and our three children, who all attended Auburn and went on to three very different, but amazing and successful, careers.

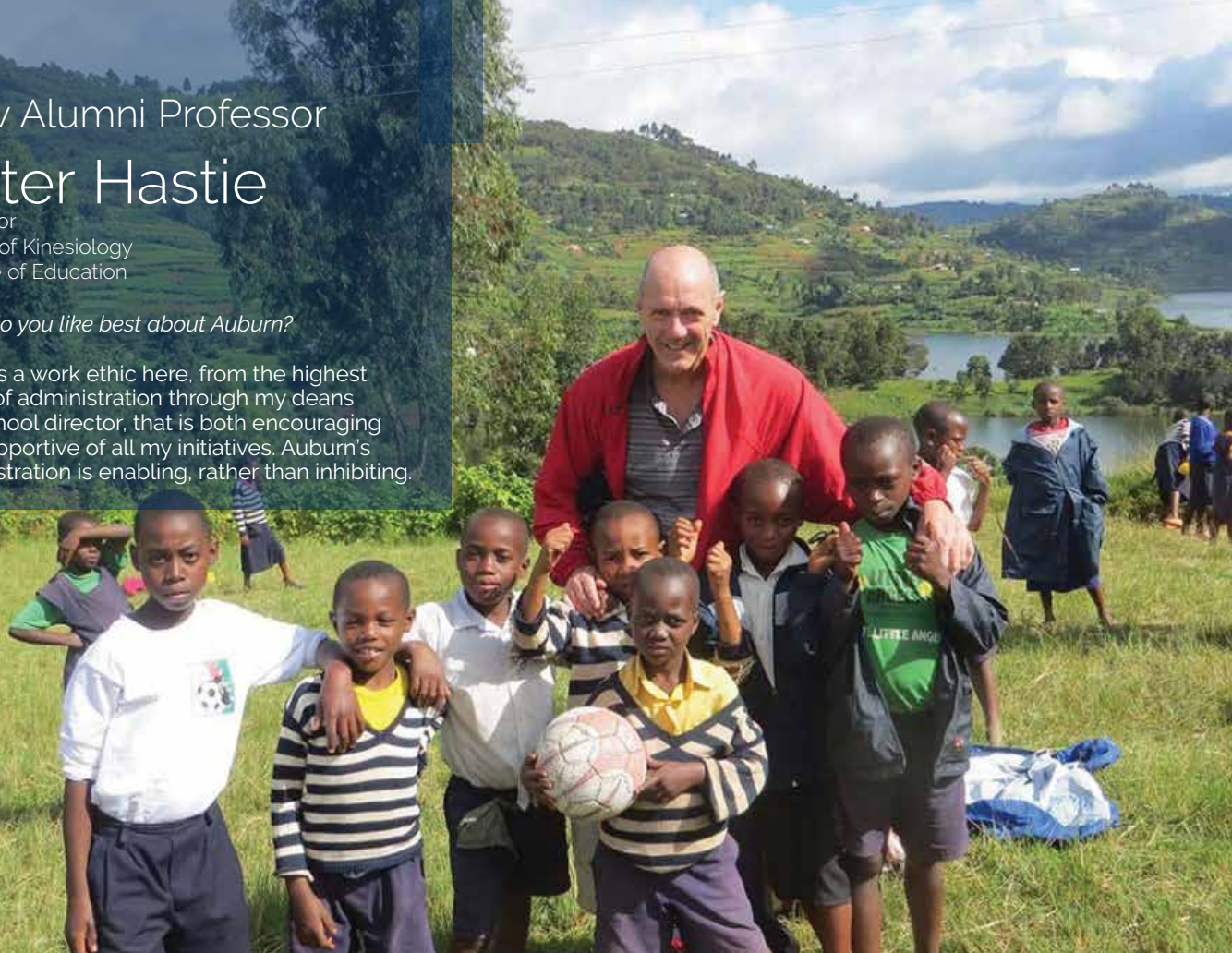


New Alumni Professor Peter Hastie

Professor
School of Kinesiology
College of Education

What do you like best about Auburn?

There is a work ethic here, from the highest levels of administration through my deans and school director, that is both encouraging and supportive of all my initiatives. Auburn's administration is enabling, rather than inhibiting.





New Alumni Professor

Yaoqi Zhang

Professor
School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

What do you like best about Auburn?

Auburn affords you substantial flexibility to conduct the research work you like.



New Alumni Professor

John Rapp

Professor
Psychology
College of Liberal Arts

What has been your proudest moment at Auburn?

My proudest moments as the director of the applied behavior analysis program accrue on a regular basis. Specifically, my pride stems from watching our graduate students present their clinical work and research at professional conferences.

A photograph of Professor Benson Akingbemi, a Black man with glasses, wearing a white lab coat over a white shirt and a teal tie. He is standing in a laboratory setting. In the background, other people in lab coats are working at a table, and a large animal skeleton is visible on a stand.

New Alumni Professor Benson Akingbemi

Professor
Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology
College of Veterinary Medicine

What do you like best about Auburn?

Auburn fosters a brand of collegiality that makes faculty pursue their academic interests largely toward a common, rather than individual, goal.

CURRENT ALUMNI PROFESSORS

Joseph Scott McElroy.....	Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences
Kira Bowen.....	Entomology and Plant Pathology
Prabhakar Clement.....	Civil Engineering
Robert Boyd.....	Biological Sciences
Zhongyang Cheng.....	Mechanical Engineering
Dawn Boothe.....	Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology
Stephen Dobson.....	Biological Sciences
Joseph Kloepper.....	Entomology and Plant Pathology
George Plasketes.....	Communication and Journalism
Sushil Adhikari.....	Biosystems Engineering, Agriculture
Oladiran Fasina.....	Biosystems Engineering, Agriculture
Ellen Behrend.....	Clinical Sciences, Veterinary Medicine
Virginia Davis.....	Chemical Engineering
Lisa Samuelson.....	Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
Peter Johnson.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Valentina Hartarska.....	Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology



Departmental Award for Excellence in Education Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures



Top Left: Anja Werth, Jorge Muñoz, Michel Raby, André Fischer, Gilda Socarrás, David Zuwiyya, Traci S. O'Brien
Center Left: Ari Gutman, Julie Crohas, Lourdes Betanzos, Laura Nüffer, Carolyn FitzGerald, Alicia Almada, Iulia Pittman, Kerri Muñoz
Bottom Left: Rachel Perry, Claudine Chadeyras, Viviane Koua, Meredith Prince, Constanza Holland, Anna Chiafele
Not pictured: Adrienne Angelo, Evelynne M. Bornier, Pedro Cebollero, Rosetta Giuliani Caponetto, Anna Gramberg, Jana Gutiérrez, Alex Holland, Tim McCallister, Makiko Mori, Jordi Olivar, Giovanna Summerfield, Robert Weigel

A photograph of two women standing in a pharmacy. The woman on the left has long, wavy brown hair and is wearing a dark blue top with a stethoscope around her neck. The woman on the right has shoulder-length brown hair and is wearing a white lab coat over a blue top. They are both smiling at the camera. The background consists of tall white shelves filled with various pharmaceutical products, including boxes and bottles of medicine.

President's Outstanding Collaborative Units Award Pharmacy Health Services and Human Resources

Karla McCormick

Associate Vice President
Human Resources

Kimberly Braxton-Lloyd

Assistant Dean of Health Services
Gilliland Endowed Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Pharmacy Health Services, Harrison School of Pharmacy

Provost Award for Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring

Virginia Davis

Alumni Professor
Department of Chemical Engineering
Ginn College of Engineering

What does this award mean to you?

This award is very moving because it recognizes the impact I have had on individuals' lives. The education literature shows the profound effect undergraduate research can have on students' self-efficacy and choice of career pathways, and it is very rewarding to know I have had a positive effect. I am thrilled when former mentees share updates on some knowledge or skill they gained while working with me has positively impacted them and their career. I am very honored and humbled that the committee chose to recognize me with this award when there are so many outstanding undergraduate mentors at Auburn.





Research and Economic Development Advisory Board Advancement of Research and Scholarship Achievement Award Pradeep Lall

McFarlane Endowed Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Ginn College of Engineering

What has been your proudest moment at Auburn?

I've had a few proud moments. I enjoy solving tough problems in ways that benefit society. One such area is additively printed flexible electronics. Most commercial electronic systems are rigid, making them difficult to conform to the body. Fabrication of electronics has traditionally required expensive tooling specific to each design and the support structure of an extensive supply-chain. Usage of additive flexible technologies for electronics makes it feasible to create prototypes or launch full-scale products in a lab environment. I have developed a flexible, wearable biometric band for monitoring vital data of workers in hazardous environments. The LifeSaver App, also written at AU, is installed on the smartphone to continuously monitor for signs of danger and autonomously contact emergency medical services with the GPS location of the operator.



Creative Research and Scholarship Award

Shiwen Mao

Samuel Ginn Endowed Professor
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Ginn College of Engineering

What do you like best about Auburn?

In addition to the nice weather and family-friendly atmosphere, I feel fortunate to have an environment that is very conducive to research, teaching and service due to generous alumni, supportive colleagues and smart and hard-working students. Auburn is a great setting for wireless engineering research and education.

A close-up portrait of Cathleen Giustino, a woman with curly brown hair and blue eyes, smiling. She is wearing a red top. In the background, there are bookshelves filled with books. A white bust of a person is visible on a shelf to the right. A green geometric object is also on a shelf.

Creative Research and Scholarship Award

Cathleen Giustino

Professor
History
College of Liberal Arts

What do you like best about Auburn?

As a member of Auburn's faculty, I have enjoyed both the benefits of living in a small town and the rewards of intensive international research and scholarly exchange. I have been able to care for my son, now a graduate student at MIT, while simultaneously expanding my expertise about the Central European past and refining the tools, including language, needed for sharing knowledge of history and promoting mutual understanding in our contemporary world.

Creative Research and Scholarship Award

Dave Ketchen

Professor and Harbert Eminent Scholar and
Management
Harbert College of Business

What do you like best about Auburn?

The culture at Auburn emphasizes both achievement and collegiality. As faculty, we have the tools and resources needed to excel in our research, including great colleagues that are willing to help us to deliver.



Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach

Kyes Stevens

Director

Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project


Instructor

College of Architecture, Design and Construction

What has been your proudest moment at Auburn?

It is hard to point to a single moment because every student success and achievement is significant for them, which makes it significant for me. For some, it is the first time in their life they've had access to brilliant learning opportunities. For some, it is the first time they have completed a class. And for some, it is maintaining their 4.0 GPA as an Auburn student. When education is part of your core, every single moment a student reaches a milestone or goal, you are proud. I know I am. I am proud that Auburn has supported this work. When we began our credit program in 2017, a student came early to class one day, dressed all in white, with ADOC numbers on his chest, and stood in front of me and recited the Auburn Creed. It was a stunning moment. I was proud of my student and my institution.



A portrait of Kelly Bryant, a woman with long brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a black top and a dark green cardigan. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage.

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

Kelly Bryant

Professor Graphic Design
School of Industrial and Graphic Design
College of Architecture, Design and Construction

What has been your proudest moment at Auburn?

After graduating from Auburn in 1985, my goal was to work professionally as a graphic designer. As a result, I worked for various companies in Birmingham before eventually teaching at a private university for 12 years. However, my proudest moment occurred when I was invited to teach at Auburn in the fall 2000. As a result of that decision, I have been both fortunate and blessed to work alongside an incredible group of faculty and students within the program that I held in such high esteem. The graphic design program is a community where the strengths of each person are challenged and supported simultaneously, a place where you cannot help but be inspired to be more and to do your best. It is a legacy which I am proud to contribute to daily.



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

James Long

Harbert College Advisory Council Professor
School of Accountancy
Harbert College of Business

How does Auburn inspire you?

Auburn inspires me because it is comprised of people who believe in the Auburn Creed and live it out on a daily basis. I am constantly amazed by my students and colleagues and our alumni who exemplify the meaning of the Creed, and serve as shining examples of true Auburn men and women. And because Auburn men and women believe so strongly in work, hard work, education, honesty and truthfulness, a sound mind and body, a spirit that is not afraid, in obedience to law, the human touch, and in my Country, I believe in Auburn and love 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
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
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
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

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

JEFFREY KATZ, PSYCHOLOGY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2016

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

DAN LAROCQUE, THEATRE
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2017

CHRISTY BRATCHER, ANIMAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

KELLY DEAN JOLLEY, PHILOSOPHY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach

2006

DAVID I. BRANSBY, AGRONOMY AND SOILS
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

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, COMMUNICATION 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

VIRGINIA A. DAVIS, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

2016

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

2017

DONALD MULVANEY, ANIMAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

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
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
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**
MARIO RICHARD EDEN, CHEMICAL
ENGINEERING
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
- DONALD R. WEHRS**, ENGLISH
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
- 2016**
MICHAEL S. PINDZOLA, PHYSICS
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
- RICHARD A. HANSEN**, HEALTH OUTCOMES
RESEARCH AND POLICY
HARRISON SCHOOL OF PHARMACY
- 2017**
KENNETH M. HALANYCH, BIOLOGICAL
SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
- CHRIS NEWLAND**, PSYCHOLOGY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2019

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NOMINATIONS OPEN

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019



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