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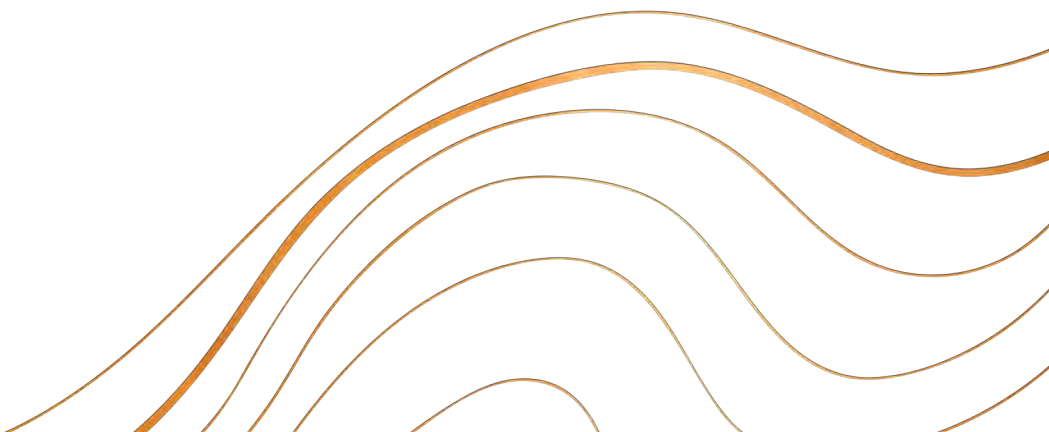
FACULTY AWARDS



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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.

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President

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Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Associate Professor for Academic Affairs

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CLOSING REMARKS

Bill Hardgrave

A man with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a grey blazer over a light blue button-down shirt and dark trousers, stands on an asphalt tarmac. Behind him is a white Piper aircraft with orange and blue Auburn University livery, including the letters 'AU' and the registration 'N787AU'. The sky is clear blue.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award

JAMES BIRDSONG

Lecturer and Program Coordinator
Department of Aviation
College of Liberal Arts
10 Years at Auburn University

Briefly describe how a professor or mentor had a lasting impact on you. How does this experience influence your current work?

Captain Ken Huston, my freshman calculus professor at the US Air Force Academy, provided me a front-row seat to what tireless dedication to students looks like at the college level.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award

KERRY INGER

Associate Professor
School of Accountancy
Harbert College of Business
8 Years at Auburn University

Briefly describe how your work as a faculty member exemplifies The Auburn Creed.

I aspire to exemplify the ideals of the Creed through my role as a faculty member and strive to inspire these ideas in my students. By engaging in service-learning projects, such as tax return preparation for low income families and fostering educational opportunities in under-served communities, embodies the Auburn Creed.



Alumni Undergraduate
Teaching Excellence Award

**JENNIFER
WILLIAMSON STONE**

Senior Lecturer and Course Director
Department of Mathematics and Statistics
College of Science and Mathematics
13 Years at Auburn University

Briefly describe how your work as a faculty member exemplifies The Auburn Creed.

I strive to teach math in such a way that those students who see math as an obstacle will learn, as the Auburn Creed says, by work. By working hard, they can overcome obstacles not only in math, but in all areas of life. For having been given the privilege of teaching math and life's lessons, I love Auburn.



Distinguished Graduate
Faculty Lectureship

JEFFREY C. SUHLING

Quina Distinguished Professor and Chair
Department of Mechanical Engineering
Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
35 Years at Auburn University

Tell us about your most memorable teaching experience at Auburn University.

My most memorable experiences are when I am taught something by one of my students. For example, when a student in one of my classes comes up with a new and better approach to solving an engineering problem, or when one of the Ph.D. students that I am advising demonstrates that he/she knows much more about a topic than I do.

President's Outstanding Collaborative Units Award CREED TO SUCCEED INITIATIVE



Top Row, Left to Right: Frank Newland, Office of Information Technology
Julia Thompson, Institutional Research
Paul Springfield, Biggio Center Tech
Cheryl O'Leary, Biggio Center Testing
Brandon Simmons, Biggio Center Tech
Marisa Singh, Provost Communications and Marketing
Bottom Row, Left to Right: Michael McCay, University Career Center

Katie Boyd, Office of Academic Assessment
Stuart Miller, Office of Academic Assessment
Shawndra Bowers, Biggio Center Auburn Online
Mary Clark, Biggio Center Testing
Not Pictured: Zane Everitt, Office of Information Technology
Amy Krietemeyer, Office of the Registrar
Staci Sarkowski, Provost Communications and Marketing
Charlie Wilder, University Career Center



Departmental Award for Excellence in Education

DEPARTMENT OF ART AND ART HISTORY, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Left to Right:

Annie Campbell, Assistant Professor
Sara Gevurtz, Assistant Professor
Kathryn Floyd, Associate Professor
Charles Hemard, Associate Professor
Lauren Woods, Assistant Professor
Joyce de Vries, Professor and Dept. Chair
Sarah Odens, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Exhibitions and Lectures
Katherine Arpen, Lecturer
Zach Koch, Assistant Professor

Not Pictured:

Barb Bondy, Professor
Noah Breuer, Assistant Professor
Emily Burns, Associate Professor
Wendy DesChene, Professor
Zach Koch, Assistant Professor
Millian Pham, Assistant Professor
Karen Sonik, Associate Professor
Lauren Woods, Assistant Professor



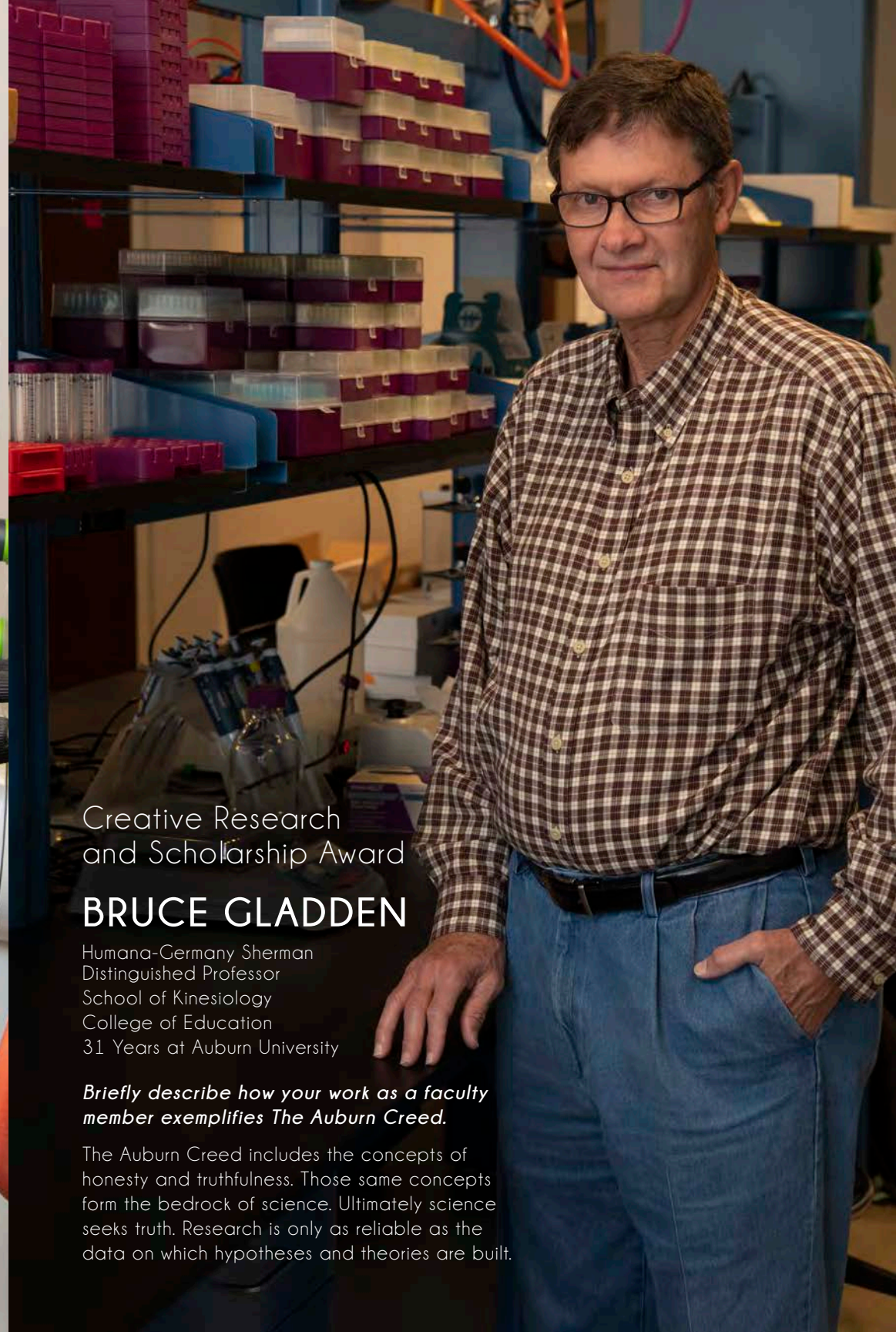
Provost Award for Faculty Excellence
in Undergraduate Research Mentoring

ANGELA I. CALDERÓN

Associate Professor
Department of Drug Discovery and Development
Harrison School of Pharmacy
12 Years at Auburn University

*Briefly describe how a professor or mentor
had a lasting impact on you. How does this
experience influence your current work?*

I remember that I studied the first medicinal plant during my undergraduate pharmacy studies. My undergraduate research mentor sparked my curiosity in pharmacognosy research. Therefore, as a faculty member, I have started a mentorship program for undergraduate researchers in my research group at Auburn University.



Creative Research
and Scholarship Award

BRUCE GLADDEN

Humana-Germany Sherman
Distinguished Professor
School of Kinesiology
College of Education
31 Years at Auburn University

*Briefly describe how your work as a faculty
member exemplifies The Auburn Creed.*

The Auburn Creed includes the concepts of honesty and truthfulness. Those same concepts form the bedrock of science. Ultimately science seeks truth. Research is only as reliable as the data on which hypotheses and theories are built.

Creative Research and Scholarship Award

KENNETH W. NOE

Draughton Professor of Southern History
Department of History
College of Liberal Arts
21 Years at Auburn University

Briefly describe how your work as a faculty member exemplifies The Auburn Creed.

In part, the Auburn Creed says, "I believe in honesty and truthfulness." As a historian, my calling is to tell the truth about our often inconvenient past, as honestly as I can, despite what others might want to hear instead. Sometimes that truly requires "a spirit that is not afraid."



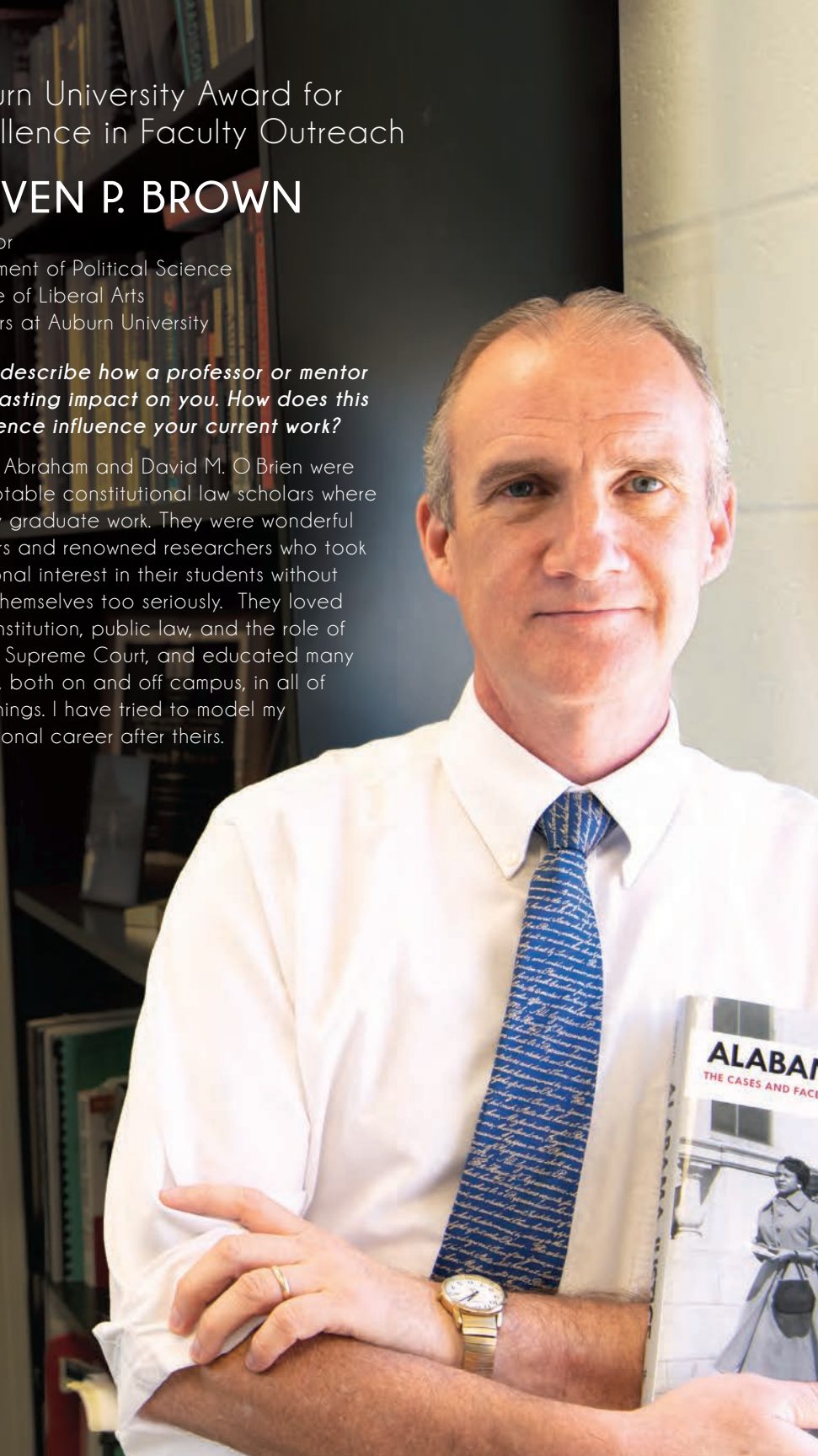
Auburn University Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach

STEVEN P. BROWN

Professor
Department of Political Science
College of Liberal Arts
22 Years at Auburn University

Briefly describe how a professor or mentor has a lasting impact on you. How does this experience influence your current work?

Henry J. Abraham and David M. O'Brien were both notable constitutional law scholars where I did my graduate work. They were wonderful teachers and renowned researchers who took a personal interest in their students without taking themselves too seriously. They loved the Constitution, public law, and the role of the U.S. Supreme Court, and educated many people, both on and off campus, in all of those things. I have tried to model my professional career after theirs.



Gerald and Emily Leischuck
Endowed Presidential Awards
for Excellence in Teaching

KERRY INGER

Associate Professor
School of Accountancy
Harbert College of Business
8 Years at Auburn University

**Tell us about your most memorable
teaching experience at Auburn University.**

Perhaps it is a recency effect, but teaching during COVID-19 has been my most memorable experience! Having to adjust my teaching style and methods has been both a challenge, and a very rewarding experience. Going through the pandemic together has created a unique shared experience that has allowed me to connect with my students in new ways.



Gerald and Emily Leischuck
Endowed Presidential Awards
for Excellence in Teaching

CHRISTOPHER A. LEPCZYK

Professor
School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
6 Years at Auburn University

**Tell us about your most memorable teaching
experience at Auburn University.**

One of my most memorable experiences was when I brought a group of students to the National Tropical Botanical Garden and the director took us all into their climate-controlled library and showed the students a first edition of Darwin's *On The Origin of Species*. The students were shaking with surprise and joy, with one nearly in tears.



FACULTY AWARDS

ALUMNI UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE FACULTY LECTURESHIP

Recognizes faculty for exceptional service in support of graduate education and excellence in research.

PRESIDENT'S OUTSTANDING COLLABORATIVE UNITS AWARD

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

DEPARTMENTAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Recognizes the efforts of departmental faculty for their commitment to improving education at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

PROVOST AWARD FOR FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORING

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

CREATIVE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

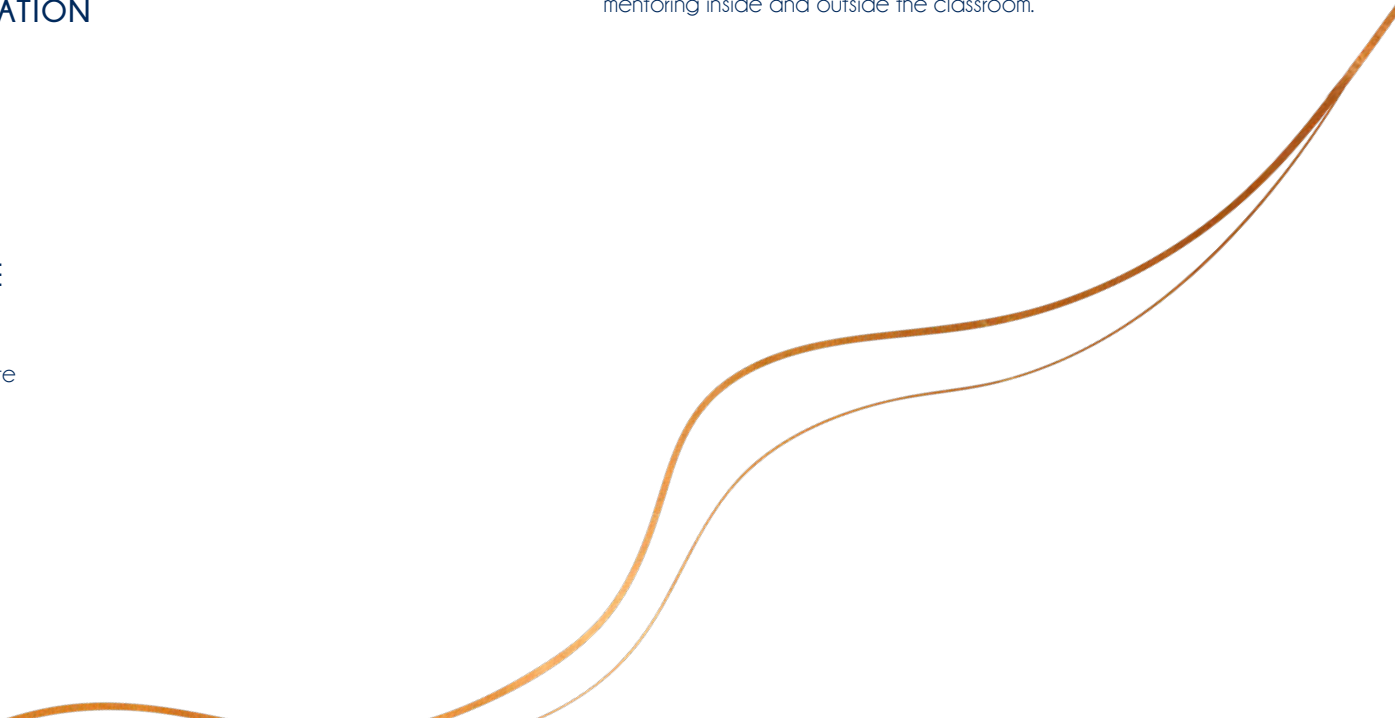
Honors the research achievements and contributions of two Auburn faculty members who have distinguished themselves through research, scholarly works, and creative contributions to their fields.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY OUTREACH

Honors the engagement of faculty members who demonstrate the tremendous impact Outreach has on our community, state, and nation.

THE GERALD AND EMILY LEISCHUCK ENDOWED PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS 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.



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

2015-16

MARIO RICHARD EDEN, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

DONALD R. WEHR, ENGLISH
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2016-17

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

2018

SHIWEN MAO, ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

CATHLEEN GIUSTON, HISTORY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

DAVID KETCHEN, MANAGEMENT
HARBERT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

2019

RUSTY SMITH, ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

HAREESH TIPPUR, ASSOCIATE CHAIR FOR GRADUATE STUDIES
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

2016-17

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

2017

DONALD MULVANEY, ANIMAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

2018

KYES STEVENS, EDUCATION PROJECT
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN
AND CONSTRUCTION

2019

SCOTT KRAMER, MCWHORTER SCHOOL
OF BUILDING SCIENCE
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN
AND CONSTRUCTION

The Gerald and Emily Leischuck Endowed Presidential Awards 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

2015-16

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

JEFFREY KATZ, PSYCHOLOGY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2016-17

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

DAN LAROCQUE, THEATRE
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2018

CHRISTY BRATCHER, ANIMAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

KELLY DEAN JOLLEY, PHILOSOPHY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2018

KELLY BRYANT, GRAPHIC DESIGN
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN
AND CONSTRUCTION

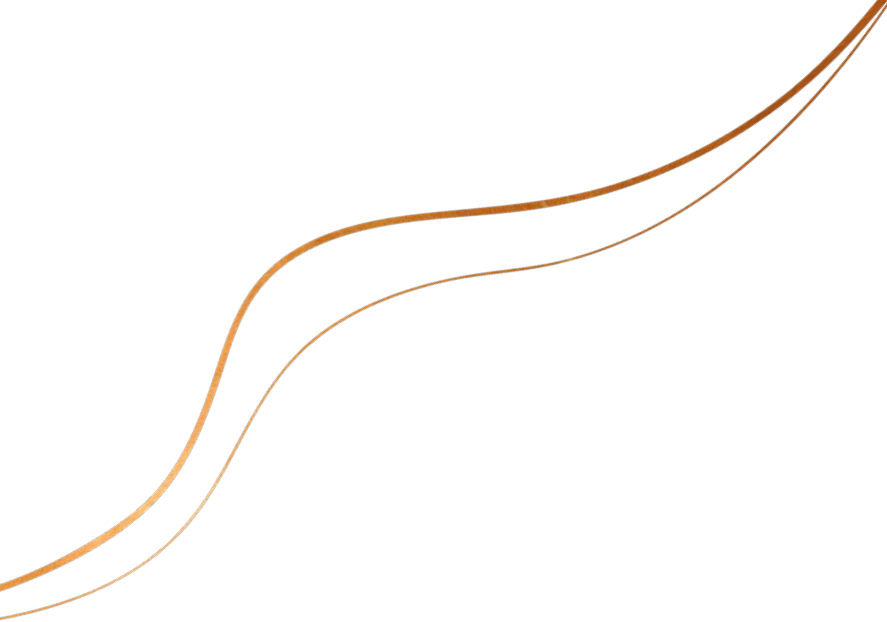
JAMES LONG, ACCOUNTANCY
HARBERT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

2019

CAREY ANDRZEJEWSKI, EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS,
LEADERSHIP, AND TECHNOLOGY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

PAUL COBINE, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS





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