2013 Southeastern Conference (SEC) Faculty Achievement Award Winners

University of Alabama

John E. Lochman is a Professor and Doddrige Saxon Chairholder in Clinical Psychology at the University of Alabama, where he also directs the Center for Prevention of Youth Problem Behavior. Dr. Lochman chaired the College of Arts and Sciences Academy for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities at Alabama from 2009-2012. He is also an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University Medical Center, where he served on the faculty from 1980-1998. His research has been federally funded for the past 29 years. Dr. Lochman served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology from 2005-2012 and is currently President of the Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice of the American Psychological Association. Read more about Dr. Lochman.

University of Arkansas

Gregory J. Salamo is the Joe N. Basore Professor in Nanotechnology and Innovation at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Salamo received a bachelor of science in physics from Brooklyn College, a master of science in physics from Purdue University, and a doctorate in physics from City University of New York & Bell Labs. His many teaching and research awards include being named a Fellow of the Optical Society of America as well as the Arkansas Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Professor Salamo has published 368 papers in top journals, is the co-founder of an online journal, Nanoscale Research Letters, and co-founder of a book series with Springer Publishing. Read more about Dr. Salamo.

Auburn University

Pradeep Lall is the Thomas Walter Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Director of the NSF Center for Advanced Vehicle and Extreme Environment Electronics at Auburn University. He is the author and/or co-author of two books, 13 book chapters, and more than 325 journal and conference papers in the field of electronic packaging with emphasis on design, modeling and predictive techniques. Dr. Lall is a Fellow of the IEEE and ASME. He is a recipient of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering Senior Faculty Research Award, three Motorola Outstanding Innovation Awards, and five Motorola Engineering Awards. He currently serves as the Chair of Congress Steering Committee for the ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress. He holds three U.S. patents and is the founding faculty advisor for the SMTA student chapter at Auburn. Read more about Dr. Lall.
University of Florida

Larry A. DiMatteo is the Huber Hurst Professor of Contract Law and Legal Studies at the University of Florida. Dr. DiMatteo received his JD from the Cornell Law School, LLM from Harvard Law School and PhD from Monash University (Australia). He is the former Chair of the Department of Management at the University of Florida and Editor-in-Chief of the American Business Law Journal. He is the author or co-author of some 50 publications, including seven books and 25 law review articles. Dr. DiMatteo was named the 2011-12 Teacher-Scholar of the Year for the University of Florida. He was also awarded a Fulbright Professorship to visit at Sofia University and the Academy of Science in Sofia, Bulgaria, in the summer of 2012. Read more about Dr. DiMatteo.

University of Georgia

Judith Ortiz Cofer is the Regents and Franklin Professor of English and Creative Writing at the University of Georgia. In 2010 she was inducted into the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame. To date, Ortiz Cofer has published 19 books, including four critically acclaimed novels, several award-winning books of poetry, essays and memoirs. She has twice been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, first for her 1989 novel The Line of the Sun and later for her 1993 prose and poetry collection The Latin Deli. She is the recipient of the Pushcart Prize, the O. Henry Prize and the PEN/Martha Albrand Special Citation in Nonfiction, among other awards. In 2011, she was honored with the Georgia Governor’s Award in the Humanities. Read more about Ms. Ortiz Cofer.

University of Kentucky

Kimberly Ward Anderson is the Gill Eminent Professor of Chemical Engineering at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Ward came to UK in 1987 after receiving her PhD in Chemical Engineering and Bioengineering from Carnegie Mellon University. Her research focuses on biological cell and protein interactions with surfaces with specific applications in understanding cancer metastasis and improving cancer treatment. Her research efforts have resulted in more than 55 publications and more than 100 presentations at regional and national meetings. Dr. Anderson has received the Research Mentor Award from the University of Kentucky Undergraduate Research Program (2012), the Outstanding Chemical Engineering Teacher Award (2011), the College of Engineering Henry Lutes Teaching Award (2011), and the University’s Provost Outstanding Teacher Award (2012). Read more about Dr. Anderson.
Louisiana State University

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University of Mississippi

Jay D. Watson, III is the Howry Professor of Faulkner Studies at the University of Mississippi. Dr. Watson received his BA from the University of Georgia and his MA and PhD from Harvard University. He joined the English department in 1989 and was promoted to Professor of English in 2007. During the 2002-2003 academic year, he served as Visiting Fulbright Professor of American Studies at the University of Turku and Åbo Akademi University in Turku, Finland. From 2009-2012 he served as president of the William Faulkner Society, and in 2012 he became director of the annual Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference. Professor Watson’s publications include Forensic Fictions: The Lawyer Figure in Faulkner (1993), Conversations with Larry Brown (2007), and Faulkner and Whiteness (forthcoming). Read more about Dr. Watson.

Mississippi State University

James C. Newman, Jr. is the W.L. Giles Distinguished Professor at Mississippi State University and the Richard H. Johnson Chair in Aerospace Engineering. Dr. Newman received his PhD in Engineering Mechanics from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1974 and worked for the NASA Langley Research Center for 37 years. He joined the Aerospace Engineering faculty at MSU in the fall of 2001. Dr. Newman received the John W. Lincoln Medal from the U.S. Air Force in 2001. In his career, Newman has published 175 scientific research journal articles, 146 scientific conference papers, and has given 165 presentations addressing stress analysis, fatigue, fatigue-crack growth and fracture of materials used in commercial and military aircraft and rotorcraft fleets in the United States and worldwide. Read more about Dr. Newman.
University of Missouri

Joshua J. Millspaugh is the Pauline O’Connor Distinguished Professor of Wildlife Management at the University of Missouri. Dr. Millspaugh studies animal movements, wildlife-habitat requirements, and how wildlife populations respond numerically and physiologically to human activities. He has published approximately 170 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters and four books. He has won numerous research awards, including The Wildlife Society Best Article Award, and the Missouri Department of Conservation “Outstanding Research Collaborator” award. Dr. Millspaugh has served on editorial boards of top journals and routinely serves on scientific panels for the National Park Service. Dr. Millspaugh’s research has been highlighted on NBC’s Today Show, the CBS Evening News, the History Channel and PBS. In 2008, he was named the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Teacher of the Year. Read more about Dr. Millspaugh.

University of South Carolina

Susan L. Cutter is a Carolina Distinguished Professor of Geography at the University of South Carolina where she directs the Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute. She received her BA from California State University, Hayward and her MA and PhD from the University of Chicago. She has authored or edited 12 books, and more than 150 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Dr. Cutter has led post-disaster field studies on the role of geographic information technologies in rescue and relief operations in the September 11th World Trade Center attack and studies of evacuation behavior. In 2006 she led a Hurricane Katrina post-event field team and the ensuing five-year study to examine the long term recovery along the Mississippi coast. She received the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of American Geographers, one of its highest honors. Read more about Dr. Cutter.

University of Tennessee

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Texas A&M University

John Nielsen-Gammon is a Regents Professor at Texas A&M University and is the Texas State Climatologist. He attended college at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned an SB in Earth and Planetary Sciences (1984), an SM in Meteorology (1987), and a PhD in Meteorology (1990). Dr. Nielsen-Gammon joined the Texas A&M University faculty in 1991. He received a Presidential Faculty Fellow Award from the National Science Foundation and the White House in 1996. In 2012 he was named a Weather Hero by the John C. Freeman Weather Museum and received the Dean’s Achievement Award for Service from the College of Geosciences. He is past President of the International Commission for Dynamical Meteorology. Read more about Dr. Nielsen-Gammon.

Vanderbilt University

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