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Gauthier Named SEC Professor of the Year

Dr. Isabel Gauthier, the David K. Wilson Chair of Psychology and Professor of Radiology and Radiological Sciences at Vanderbilt University, is the 2015 SEC Professor of the Year.

Dr. Gauthier's work focuses on visual object recognition, and she uses a variety of techniques to understand how people detect and identify objects rapidly and effectively. She teaches undergraduate courses in introductory psychology as well as research methods in psychology, and she has mentored several students in honors projects, receiving an excellence in mentoring award.

"The SEC is pleased to bestow the 2015 SEC Professor of the Year award on Dr. Isa-



Dr. Isabel Gauthier has won numerous awards, including the Chancellor's Award for Research at Vanderbilt.

bel Gauthier," said SEC Commissioner Mike Slive. "Her commitment to her students, to her research and to her field are virtually unmatched, and I congratulate Dr. Gauthier on this honor."

The SEC Professor of the Year Award is given annually to one SEC faculty member whose record of teaching, research and scholarship places him or her among the elite in higher education. Winners are selected by the SEC Provosts from among the 14 SEC Faculty Achievement Award recipients.

"Dr. Isabel Gauthier is a teacher, researcher and mentor who embodies the most desirable qualities we seek in the professoriate," said Nicholas S. Zeppos, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University.

The SEC will provide Dr. Gauthier with a \$20,000 honorarium and she will be recognized at the SEC Awards Dinner.

[Read more about the 2015 SEC Faculty Achievement Award winners online.](#)

All 14 SEC Universities To Be Represented At SEC Symposium



LSU's Dr. Nikhil Dhurandhar talks at the 2014 SEC Symposium.

The 2015 SEC Symposium, entitled *Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Driving a 21st Century Economy*, will feature participants from all 14 Conference universities as presenters, moderators and panelists. The SEC Symposium, in its third year, will take place Sept. 20-22 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta.

Topics will range from building relationships in creativity, to the economic impact of university innovation, to building innovation partnerships across disciplines. The SEC Symposium will be divided into five sessions of formal presentations and will include informal breakout sessions intended to foster interaction among participants and attendees.

[Read the full story online at \[SECSymposium.com\]\(http://SECSymposium.com\).](#)

Florida Wins SEC MBA Competition

The University of Florida won the 2015 SEC MBA Case Competition held April 9-11 at the University of South Carolina. The win is the Warrington College of Business Administration's third consecutive at the event.

The Florida team was comprised of Henry Liu, Matt Lukas, Elizabeth Merrick and David Price.

The University of Kentucky finished second, followed by the University of South Carolina and Louisiana State University. [Read the full story online.](#)



The 2015 Florida team and advisors accept the SEC MBA Case Competition trophy.

Franks, Locus Win McWhorter Award

University of Arkansas track and field athlete Nathanael Franks and University of Georgia swimmer Maddie Locus are the 2014-15 Southeastern Conference H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

"Nathanael and Maddie demonstrate the kind of commitment to excellence in the classroom and in competition that reflect the high standards of the Southeastern Conference," said SEC Commissioner Mike Slive.

The two were chosen by a committee of Faculty Athletics Representatives from SEC universities. [Read the full story online.](#)