

Report on the Fourteenth Annual Awards for Excellence in Teaching (2008)

Personnel and Tenure Committee The UNC Board of Governors

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The Board of Governors hosted its Fourteenth Annual Awards for Excellence in Teaching on May 9, 2008 at the Carolina Inn, Chapel Hill in the Hill Ballroom. The Personnel and Tenure Committee provided oversight and coordination for the event. Members of the Committee consisted of Hannah D. Gage (Chair), H. Frank Grainger (Vice Chair), Peter D. Hans (Secretary), Laura W. Buffaloe, Clarice Cato Goodyear, Fred G. Mills, and Pricilla Taylor.

Nearly 200 people attended the event. Each award recipient invited five personal guests. Representatives from the campus community, the O. Max Gardner award winner and six of his guests, and UNC-GA staff and administrators were in attendance. The luncheon was followed by the presentation of awards. Due to personal circumstances, President Bowles was unable to attend the event. Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Harold Martin presented each recipient with an engraved bronze medallion and Chairman Phillips presented each recipient with a stipend in the amount of \$7,500. In addition, the 2007 O. Max Gardner Award recipient, Dr. Myron S. Cohen of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, was recognized for his contributions as one of the world's leading authorities on the transmission and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Emphasizing that teaching is the primary responsibility of each of the sixteen constituent institutions and the constituent high school of the University, the Board of Governors established the Awards for Excellence in Teaching in 1994 (see UNC Policy Manual 400.3.6 and 400.3.6.1 [G]). This year was the first year the North Carolina School of Science and Math participated in the awards. A sum of \$125,000 was allocated to the sixteen University of North Carolina campuses and the constituent high school for campus-based teaching awards. Each institution received \$6,500 with smaller institutions (i.e., ECSU, FSU, NCCU, UNCA, UNCP and WSU) receiving \$9,500 each. Each campus developed procedures to ensure all funds were used for

annual teaching awards, including recognition of tenured and other faculty (i.e., graduate teaching assistants, NTT faculty).

To select recipients of the Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching, each campus created a special committee to oversee the selection process. In accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Board, each campus reported its allocations for the teaching awards as follows:

Appalachian State University: Mark Vogel, Professor of English, was named the 2008 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient. In addition, the following faculty members received awards: \$1,500 to Dr. Nancy Schneeloch-Bingham, School of Music; \$1,000 to Dr. Myra Pennell, Department of History; \$1,000 to Dr. Rahman Tashakkori, Department of Computer Science; \$1,000 to Ms. Marianne Adams, Department of Theatre and Dance; \$1,000 to Dr. Ellen Carpenter, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences; and, \$1,000 to Dr. Jeff Hirst, Department of Mathematics.

Also, on May 6, 2008, Provost Stanley Aeschleman, hosted a congratulatory luncheon for the award winners to honor their accomplishments and presented them with an award certificate. The Office of Public Affairs made an announcement to the ASU campus and the respective departments honored their faculty members. Plans have been made to recognize the recipients at the annual Convocation in September 2008.

East Carolina University: Louis Warren, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, was named the 2008 Recipient of the 2008 Board of Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence. East Carolina University's selection procedures and guidelines for the Board of Governors Distinguished Professor of Teaching Award are based on procedures adopted by the Faculty Senate (Resolution #94-47) on December 13, 1994, and approved by the Chancellor on December 19, 1994. These procedures establish six awards for faculty members, each in the amount of \$1,000. These awards, plus two for graduate teaching assistants (\$250 each), which the Graduate School organizes and administers, constitute East Carolina University's participation in the additional institutional teaching awards program funded by the Board of Governors.

East Carolina honored Dr. Warren at its annual Teaching Awards Ceremony on April 29, 2008, when all university-wide teaching award recipients were recognized and he was the featured speaker at the event. He was also recognized at the College of Education graduation ceremony. Bookmarks with all 2007-2008 award recipients were distributed at Fall Convocation, August 18, 2008, and the ECU Center for Faculty Excellence will invite Professor Warren to participate in its fall programming.

Additionally, the following recipients were chosen for 2007-2008: Dr. Daniel J. Bara; Dr. Carol Goodwillie; Dr. Carl Haisch; Dr. Andrew T. Morehead; Dr. Laura C. Prividera; and, Ms. Karen Vail-Smith. ECU honored these six recipients at its annual Teaching Awards Ceremony. The recipients were also recognized at spring departmental graduations and will be recognized at college meetings at the beginning of the 2008-2009 academic year.

Elizabeth City State University: Edmond Koker, Department of Chemistry and Physics was the recipient of the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award.

The academic year 2007-2008 is the thirteenth year for selection of the Elizabeth City State University's recipient of the annual UNC Board of Governors Awards for Teaching Excellence and the eleventh year for giving departmental awards. Faculty, students, and alumni participated in the nomination of all candidates. The committee consisted of faculty members and the 2006-2007 ECSU recipient of the UNC Board of Governor's Award. Elizabeth City State University's recipients for the 2007-2008 academic year were:

- The Institutional First Runner-Up: Mr. Drusiano Scerbo, Professor, Department of Art . Mr. Scherbo received a plaque and \$1,500.
- The Institutional Second Runner-Up: Dr. Suzanne MacMorris, Professor, Social Sciences. Mr. MacMorris received a plaque and \$1,000.

Departmental Teachers of the Year were: Dr. Jeffrey Rousch, Assistant Professor, Department of Biology; Ms. Melody Gallop Brackett, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences; Dr. Jharna Sengupta, Professor of Mathematics & Computer Science; Mr. Billy Hines, Artist in Residence, Department of Music; Ms. Tonya Blair, Assistant Professor, Department of

History & Political Science; Dr. Mehran Elahi, Associate Professor, Department of Technology; Ms. Guana Dixon, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Physics; and, Dr. Gale J. Isaacs, Professor, Department of Language, Literature and Communication. These recipients received plaques and \$875 each. ECSU also had expenditures of \$2,996 for the awards luncheon, \$206.45 for flowers, \$174.65 and \$21.08 for Federal Express mailing of the portfolio. The total campus expenditures totaled \$12,898.18.

Fayetteville State University: Constance Lightner, Associate Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Management was the recipient of the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award. Fayetteville State University awarded the FSU Teacher of the Year award to Dr. Booker T. Anthony, Associate Professor of English and Foreign Languages, College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Anthony was awarded \$4,000 and a plaque on May 10, 2008 at spring commencement.

The College of Arts and Sciences award went to Dr. Glenn Clingempeel, Department of Psychology. Dr. Clingempeel received \$1,000 and a plaque at the May 13, 2008, End-of-Year Celebration.

The School of Business and Economics awarded Dr. Dorthang Truong, Department of Management, \$1,000 and a plaque at the May 13, 2008, End-of-Year Celebration.

The School of Education awarded Dr. Frederick Smith, Department of Educational Leadership, \$1,000 and a plaque at the May 13, 2008, End-of-Year Celebration.

The Department Teachers of the year were: Dr. Elizabeth DeValve, Department of Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Brenda Hammack, Department of English and Foreign Languages, College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Stanley Johnson, Department of Government and History, College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Wu Jing, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Jonathan Chestnut, Department of Performing and Fine Arts, College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Annie Chavis, Department of Social Work, College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Joan Cezair, Department of Accounting, School of Business and Economics; Dr. Abdoul Wane, Department of Managerial Economics and Finance, School of

Business and Economics; Dr. Dothang Truong, Department of Management, School of Business and Economics; Dr. Frederick Smith, Department of Educational Leadership, School of Education; Dr. Colleen Walker, Department of Elementary Education, School of Education; Dr. Nosa Obonor, Department of Health, Physical Education, and Human Services, School of Education; Dr. LaDell Olion, Department of Middle Grades, Secondary and Special Education, School of Education. The aforementioned recipients received a \$500 award and a plaque at the May 13, 2008, End-of-Year Celebration.

The account balance for the UNC-GA appropriation was \$9,500 plus University Funds totaling \$5,613 for total expenditures of \$15,113. This total sum represents the \$4,000 award to the FSU Teacher of the Year, the three FSU School/College Teacher of the Year Awards of \$1,000 each, the fifteen FSU Department Teacher of the Year Awards of \$500 each, and nineteen plaques for \$613.

North Carolina A&T State University: Jothi Kumar, Professor of Chemistry was the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award recipient.

The following individuals received the Outstanding College/School Teaching Award during the 2007-2008 academic year: Dr. Manuel Reyes, Professor, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Dr. Jothi Kumar, Professor, College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Isaiah Ugboro, Professor, School of Business and Economics; Dr. Trent Larson, Associate Professor, School of Education; Dr. Paul Stanfield, Professor, College of Engineering; and, Dr. Devang Mehta, Associate Professor, School of Technology.

The following individuals received a Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence Award during the 2007-2008 academic year (this was the first year this award was given): Dr. Kenrett Jefferson-Moore, Assistant Professor, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; and, Dr. Stephanie Luster-Teasley, Assistant Professor, College of Engineering.

North Carolina A&T State University received \$6,500 from UNC-GA to recognize individual faculty members for teaching excellence. Each school/college and junior faculty teaching award

winner received a \$1,000 stipend, for a total of \$8,000 in awards distributed to faculty members in 2007-2008.

North Carolina Central University: Karen Dacons-Brock, Associate Professor of Theatre was the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award recipient.

NCCU received \$9,500 to award to the recipients of the 2008 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching. Three recipients were awarded \$3,166: Wendy Rountree of English and Mass Communications; James Osler of the School of Education; and, Kendra L. Harris of the School of Business.

North Carolina School of the Arts: Robert Francesconi, Assistant Dean, Acting and Movement was the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award recipient.

The NCSA faculty selection committee, solicited and reviewed nominations for the North Carolina School of the Arts teaching awards. In November 2007, the selection committee recommended five nominees to receive campus teaching awards and one nominee to receive the Board of Governors Excellence in Teaching Award. The campus teaching awards were awarded to: James Allbritten, School of Music (\$1,900); Dr. Karen Beres, School of Music (\$1,900); Pam Griffin, School of Design & Production (\$1,900); Linda Moore, High School Academic Program (\$1,900); and, Frank Smith, School of Dance (\$1,900).

North Carolina School of Science and Math: Dan Teague, Instructor of Mathematics was the recipient of the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award.

In addition, NCSSM established six Institutional Awards as follows: NCSSM Outstanding Teacher, \$2,500 was awarded to Joe Liles and Ginger Wilson. An award of \$1,125 was given to Don Houpe for Exceptional Contribution for Classroom Innovation; \$1,125 was awarded to Leslie Brinson for Exceptional Contribution in Outreach; \$1,125 was awarded to Marion Brisk for Scholarship; and, \$1,125 awarded to Philip Rash for Service to Students.

North Carolina State University: Richard Spontak, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering and Materials Science & Engineering was the recipient of the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning administered NC State's Board of Governors' Awards for Excellence in Teaching program. A total of \$6,500 was available for this awards program. NC State's ten colleges received nominations at the college-level. Subsequently, one nominee from each college was selected as the winner and received a monetary award of \$650. One hundred percent of the funds were awarded to these ten winners.

The ten winners were: Dr. Maxine Atkinson, Director, First Year Inquiry Program & Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, College of Humanities & Social Sciences; Dr. Lee Craig, Alumni Distinguished Professor, Department of Economics, College of Management; Dr. Jeffrey Joines, Assistant Professor, Department of Textile Engineering, Chemistry & Science, College of Textiles; Dr. Bryan Laffitte, Associate Professor & Department Chair, Architecture, College of Design; Dr. Richard Lancia, Alumni Distinguished Professor & Coordinator, Fisheries and Wildlife; Department of Forestry & Environmental Resources, College of Natural Resources; Dr. Carol Pope, Professor, Curriculum, Instruction & Counselor Education, College of Education; Dr. Stephen Reynolds, Professor, Physics, College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences; Dr. Philip Sannes, Professor, Molecular Biomedical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine; Dr. Richard Spontak, Professor, Chemical & Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering; and, Dr. Lynn Turner, Professor & Undergraduate Teaching Coordinator, Food Science, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

University of North Carolina at Asheville: Kevin Moorhead, Professor of Environmental Studies was the recipient of the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award. The University of North Carolina Asheville funded five awards at \$1,750 each. The remaining \$750 was a supplement to UNC A's Distinguished Teaching Award bringing it to \$2,500. The recipients were:

The UNC Asheville Distinguished Teacher award of \$2,500 went to Steven Patch, Mathematics; \$1,750 went to Brian Hook, Classics for Teaching Excellence in Humanities; Irene Rossell, Environmental Studies received the Teaching Excellence in Natural Sciences; the Teaching Excellence in Social Sciences was awarded to Sarah Mayes, Management and Accountancy; Thomas Meigs, Biology, received the Teaching Excellence by Non-Tenured Faculty; Dennis Lundblad, Humanities, received the Teaching Excellence by Part-Time Faculty.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Kevin Stewart, Professor of Geological Sciences was the recipient of the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award.

UNC-CH received a \$6,500 allocation to support teaching awards at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The \$6,500 plus \$13,500 from University funds provided four Post-Baccalaureate Awards for Distinguished Teaching. The teaching awards committee consisted of: Dr. Jan Boxill, Department of Philosophy; Ms. Jabeen Ahmad, Undergraduate Student; Dr. Chris Armitage, Department of English; Mr. Brock Baker, Undergraduate Student; Mr. Emmanuel Bello, Undergraduate Student; Ms. Anne Berler, Graduate Student; Dr. Stephen Birdsall, Department of Geography; Dr. Inger Brodey, Department of English & Comparative Literature; Ms. Alexis Brown, Undergraduate Student; Dr. Ralph Byrns, Department of Economics; Ms. Angela Callanan, Graduate Student; Dr. Iris Carleton-LaNey, School of Social Work; Mr. Matt Craig, Undergraduate Student; Mr. Tejan Diwanji, Undergraduate Student; Ms. Emily Elliott, Undergraduate Student; Ms. Samantha Estevez, Undergraduate Student; Ms. Shoneca Evans, Undergraduate Student; Mr. Matt Ezzell, Graduate Student; Dr. Lawrence Grossberg, Department of Communication Studies; Dr. Evelyn Huber, Department of Political Science; Ms. Anna Lassiter, Undergraduate Student; Professor Donna LeFebvre, Department of Political Science; Dr. Joe Lowman, Department of Psychology; Dr. Tim Marr, Curriculum of American Studies; Ms. Julie Mikus, Undergraduate Student; Dr. Tim McMillan, Department of African and African-American Studies; Dr. Laurie McNeil, Department of Physics and Astronomy; Ms. Ly Nguyen, Undergraduate Student; Mr. James Norton, Undergraduate Student; Dean Bobbi Owen, Department of Dramatic Art; Mr. Anthony Palermo, Undergraduate Student; Dr. Abigail Panter, Department of Psychology; Professor Robert Porter, Department of African and African-American Studies; Dr. Christopher Putney, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures; Dr. David Reeve, Department of Philosophy; Dr. Gerald Unks, School of Education; Mr. Stephen

Vance, Undergraduate Student; Professor Stacy-Lynn Waddell, Department of Art; Ms. Patty Wang, Undergraduate Student; Ms. Yolonda Wilson, Graduate Student; and, Dr. Julia Wood, Department of Communication Studies.

On April 10, 2008 an awards banquet was held at the Carolina Club and each award winner received a \$7,500 stipend. The awards were received by Dr. Stephen Walsh, Department of Geography, Dr. Della Pollock, Department of Communication Studies, Professor Hiroshi Motomura, and Dr. Ray Williams.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte: Helene Hilger, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering was the recipient of the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award.

The College of Architecture awarded Dr. Emily Makas, Assistant Professor of Architecture \$1,000. The College of Arts and Sciences gave their Lecturer Award to Ms. Mary Frances McDermott-Castro, Lecturer in Languages and Cultural Studies, \$500. The College of Arts and Sciences and Graduate School awarded a Graduate Teaching award of \$500 to Mr. Adam Wood, Graduate Assistant, Social Sciences and Humanities and \$500 to Graduate Assistant Jimin Lee in the Mathematics and Science department.

The College of Education awarded \$1,000 to Dr. Maria Yon, Associate Professor in the Department of Reading and Elementary Education. The College of Computing and Informatics (Undergraduate) awarded \$500 to Dr. Tiffany Barnes, Assistant Professor, Computer Science. The Graduate department of the College of Computing and Informatics awarded \$500 to Dr. Barry Wilkinson, Professor, Computer Science. The Undergraduate division of the College of Health and Human Services awarded \$300 to Mr. Zach Edinger, Lecturer of Nursing. In the Graduate division, \$300 was awarded to Ms. Lisa Wagnes, Lecturer of Nursing and \$300 to Dr. Larissa Bruner Huber, Assistant Professor at Public Health Sciences in the Clinical division of the College of Health and Human Services. Lastly, the Provost's Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching awarded \$1,100 to the Department of Counseling. The total amount to all award recipients was \$6,500.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro: Vidyaranya Gargeya, Department of Information and Systems and Operation Management was the recipient of the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award.

Funding was made available for seven awards, one each from the College of Arts and Sciences, and the six professional schools. The awards in the School of Education, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Joseph M. Bryan School of Business and Economics were shared among two outstanding faculty members. The award recipients were: Dr. David Cardenas, Assistant Professor, Department of Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality Management, School of Health and Human Performance; Dr. Heidi Carlone, Associate Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, School of Education; Ms. Susan Dennison, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, School of Human Environmental Science; Dr. Gavin Douglas, Assistant Professor, School of Music; Dr. William Harden, Associate Professor, Department of Accounting and Finance, Joseph M. Bryan School of Business and Economics; Dr. Matina Kalcounis-Ruppell, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration, Joseph M. Bryan School of Business and Economics; Dr. Jan Rychtar, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts and Sciences; Ms. Lois L. VonCannon, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Community Practice, Nursing; and, Dr. Kelly L. Wester, Assistant Professor, Department of Counseling and Educational Development, School of Education.

University of North Carolina at Pembroke: Mark Canada, Associate Professor of Literature was the recipient of the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award.

The Faculty Awards Committee selected five Outstanding Teaching Award recipients. The Committee, elected by the faculty, is charged with soliciting nominations and making recommendations for the awards and is comprised of faculty from across the University. During the academic year, the Awards Committee publicized the teaching awards process and received letters of nomination from students, faculty, alumni, and staff. Eligibility requirements included at least three years of full-time teaching at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

The Committee selected the following recipients for the 2008 Outstanding Teaching Awards: Ms. Linda Hafer, Mathematics; Dr. Karen Helgeson, English; Dr. Elizabeth Maisonpierre, Music; Dr. James Robinson, Sociology; and, Dr. John Mark Thompson, History. On May 2, 2008, the award recipients were recognized at the Faculty Appreciation Dinner. Provost Charles Harrington presented each recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Awards with a plaque and an award letter for \$1,900.

University of North Carolina at Wilmington: Carole Tallant, Professor of Communication Studies was the recipient of the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award. Dr. Tallant also delivered the Response on Behalf of the Teaching Award Recipients at the BOG luncheon on May 9, 2008.

UNCW received a \$6,500 allocation for establishing or augmenting teaching awards. The funds were used for five Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Awards of \$1,500 each for a total of \$7,500. The \$1,000 in addition to the \$6,500 came from the UNCW Endowment Trust. UNCW also provided institutional resources for teaching awards as follows: Distinguished Teaching Professorship Awards to three recipients at \$500 per year for 3 years = \$4,500; the Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award of \$1,500 and six Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards of \$250 each for a teaching awards total of \$5,550.

Western Carolina University: William Peebles, Professor of Music was the recipient of the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

The allocation of \$6,500 for teaching awards was supplemented with \$1,000 from WCU's budget to accommodate college reorganization. The recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Liberal Studies was Dr. April Tallant, Assistant Professor in Health Sciences. The recipient of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award was Dr. Cynthia O'Halloran, Associate Professor of Hospitality and Tourism.

Five of six academic colleges received \$1,000 each and deans were directed to distribute the funds as they and faculty in the colleges deemed appropriate to recognize and support excellence

in teaching. Even though WCU reorganized to six academic colleges and the \$4,000 remaining was not sufficient to support \$1,000 awards for each college, WCU supplemented the funds to award \$1,000 to five of six colleges. The new Kimmel School of Construction Management will establish a BOG funded teaching award for the 2009-2010 academic year. The funding for these college awards will be revisited to align with the BOG allocation for future awards. The only stipulation to the colleges was that no award be less than \$250 as stated in the Board of Governors' procedures and guidelines for distribution of the funds. Development of selection criteria and guidelines for distributing the awards and responsibility for monitoring the selection process(es) were assumed by the dean and faculty in five of the six undergraduate colleges: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education and Allied Professions, College of Fine and Performing Arts, and College of Health and Human Sciences.

The distribution of funds was made as follows: The College of Arts and Sciences gave \$1,000 for excellence in teaching to Dr. Sloan Despeaux, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science. The College of Business made two awards for their "Creative and Innovative Teaching Award" to Dr. Stephen Jarrell, Professor of Quantitative Analysis and Dr. Jane Zanglein, Assistant Professor of Business Law. The College of Education and Allied Professions awarded \$1,000 to recognize four faculty members for the Board of Governors' Teaching Award with each receiving \$250. The recipients were Dr. Gayle Wells, Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Kelly Kelley, Grant Coordinator for the Development of Human Services; Dr. Mary Jean Herzog, Professor of Educational Leadership and Foundations, and Dr. Alvin Malesky, Assistant Professor of Psychology. The College of Fine and Performing Arts gave \$1,000 to Claire Eye, Assistant Professor Stage and Screen. The College of Health and Human Sciences gave a \$1,000 award for innovation in teaching to Dr. Georgia Hambrecht, Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Winston Salem-State University: Dennis Felder, Associate Professor Sport Management was the recipient of the 2008 Board of Governor's Teaching Award.

The Faculty Awards Luncheon was held on April 26, 2007. Chancellor Donald Reeves and Provost Pedro Martinez presented each award recipient with a certificate of recognition and cash

award. The campus-based awards totaled \$13,500; \$1,000 which was provided from the WSSU Foundation funds (Wachovia Excellence in Teaching Award). The Board of Governors' Award was in the amount of \$7,500. Faculty selected to receive awards were: Dr. Dennis Felder, Board of Governors' Excellence in Teach Award (\$7,500); Dr. Bodiford Stackhouse, Associate Professor of Life Sciences received a Wachovia Award for Excellence of \$1,000 from Wachovia and \$3,500 from WSSU; Wilma Lassiter, WSSU Master Teacher (\$1,500) to Ms. Elizabeth Priest, Instructor of English; The Willie Burke WSSU Master Teacher Award of \$2,000 was awarded to Dr. Sharon White, Associate Professor of Management Information Sciences; The John Foundation Award to WSSU Master Teacher Award in the amount of \$1,500 was awarded to Dr. Azeez Aileru, Associate Professor of Biology; The Wilvera B. Atkinson Distinguished Research Award in the amount of \$2,000 was bestowed upon Dr. Bodiford Stackhouse, Associate Professor of Life Sciences and the Cedric S. Rodney Distinguished Service Award in the amount of \$2,000 was bestowed upon Dr. Cynthia Sheppard Bell, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy.