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# **Communication arts professor Dartt is 2007-2008 winner of Ruffin Cup**

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Gary Dartt, a professor in the Department of Communication Arts at Georgia Southern University, is the 2007-2008 winner of the Ruffin Cup.

Awarded annually by the University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), the cup was endowed by the late David A. Ruffin, who was an English professor at Georgia Southern.

The Ruffin Cup is presented to a CLASS faculty member who exemplifies the goals of the college; has given distinguished service to the University for at least 10 years; and excels in teaching and service to students, in scholarship, and in contributions to the spirit of the liberal arts.

Since joining Georgia Southern's faculty in 1988, Dartt has taught more than 20 different theatre courses. In addition, he has directed more than 15 plays and musicals, and served as the production designer for over 55 plays and musicals. He received the CLASS Award for Distinction in Creativity in 2003.

Dartt has served on the Faculty Senate and a number of University committees, including the Athletics Committee and the Department of Communication Arts Facilities Planning Committee for Fine Arts Phase III.

As the winner of the Ruffin Cup, Dartt will have his name engraved on the cup, which he will retain for a year. He will also receive \$1,000 for use in the enhancement of his teaching and scholarship through travel, the purchase of teaching materials and equipment, or other means.

Prior to arriving at Georgia Southern, Dartt served as an associate professor of theatre at Fordham University and Lycoming College.

Dartt earned a B.S. degree with a major in art and a minor in theatre from Augustana College. He received an M.F.A. degree with a major in theatre design and a minor in film from the University of Minnesota.