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CLASS Honors Two Outstanding Faculty Members with Yearly Awards

August 13, 2015



The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) at Georgia Southern University honored two of its outstanding faculty members at the first college faculty meeting of the year on Wednesday, August 12.

Dr. Curtis Ricker, Dean, presented Dr. Douglass H. Thomson, Professor of English, with the Ruffin Cup and Dr. Laura Stambaugh, Assistant Professor of Music, with the CLASS Award of Excellence at the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall.

Thomson has contributed to numerous publications and books, served as an editor and publisher while maintaining three websites devoted to the study of Gothic Literature. He has also delivered nine conference papers and directed 11 theses since joining Georgia Southern in 1981. He is currently a Professor in the Department of Literature and Philosophy.

Stambaugh has published five articles on music cognition and learning, presented nearly 20 papers or posters at national and international conferences and is a certified evaluator for edTPA. She serves as the Director of Music Education and the Program Coordinator for the Sylvia and William Gretsch Memorial Foundation Boys & Girls Clubs of Bulloch County Music Education Partnership.

The Ruffin Cup recognizes the highest achievement in teaching, scholarship, and service in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. It is awarded annually to a teacher-scholar with at least 10 years of service to Georgia Southern University and who combines excellent teaching with outstanding contributions to the spirit of the liberal arts.

The CLASS Award of Excellence honors outstanding activity by faculty members early in their career. Open to full-time faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the award is presented to tenure-track or non-tenure faculty members who are in their first 10 years of college-level teaching and excel in teaching, scholarship, creative activity, and service.

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Georgia Southern's College of the Creative Mind, offers nearly 20 undergraduate degrees, nine master's degrees, two graduate certificates and one doctoral degree over its nearly 15 departments and five academic centers. CLASS prepares its students to achieve academic excellence, develop their analytical skills, enhance their creativity, and embrace their responsibilities as citizens of their communities, nations, and world.

A photo gallery from the meeting can be viewed at <http://on.fb.me/1IKoYcC>.

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