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ECU PRESENTS INAUGURAL TEAGUE/CRUMPLER LECTURE

GREENVILLE, N.C. (March 24, 2009) — Many professors consider it an accomplishment when their students not only do well in class but retain the information once they have left the classroom. It is an even greater accomplishment to be remembered for your teaching prowess by your former students. Two East Carolina University alumni, Dwain Teague and Judd Crumpler, were so impacted by one of their former professors, retired Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences’ professor of English, Dr. Patrick Bizzaro, that they established the Patrick Bizzaro Creative Writing Lecture Series Fund in his honor.

Now in its inaugural year, the Teague/Crumpler Lecture is being held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in Bate 1031 on the ECU campus. Dr. Art Young, Robert S. Campbell Chair in Technical Communication at Clemson University, will lead the free, public lecture on “Creativity Across the Curriculum.”

During his lecture, Young will discuss the important role creativity plays in writing across the curriculum.

“When students engage academic subject matter with creative expression and production, they often develop new insights, fresh perspectives and personal connections to course content,” says Young. “The goal of students’ creative projects is not to train them to be poets or artists, but rather to provide them with creative opportunities to learn disciplinary content through various forms of creativity – visual images, posters, poetry, music, photography, video and other fascinating genres and media we know our students will generate.”

In conjunction with the Teague/Crumpler lecture, also on April 2, the ECU University Writing Program will host a workshop to address the issues of responding to and evaluating student writing. Drs. Young and Patrick Bizzaro will lead “Response and Evaluation,” at 4 p.m. in Bate 1028. Bizzaro will offer insight into addressing more formal academic papers, while Young will talk about how to respond to discussion boards and other interactive, informal writings.

For additional information on the lectures, contact the University Writing Program at 252.328.2922. Individuals requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should call 252.737.1016 (voice/TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the event.

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Speakers’ Notes:

Art Young has been the Robert S. Campbell Chair in Technical Communication and a professor of English and engineering at Clemson University since 1987. He is the founder and coordinator of Clemson’s Communication Across the Curriculum Program; a university-wide initiative to improved the communication abilities of all Clemson students. He is the author and co-author of several books on writing across the curriculum, and he has served as a consultant on the subject to more than 70 colleges within the US and abroad.
Patrick Bizzaro joined the faculty at Indiana University of Pennsylvania as a professor of English in 2008, after spending 25 years as a professor of English at East Carolina University. At ECU, Dr. Bizzaro founded the university’s Writing Across the Curriculum Program and served as the director of the University Writing Program. He has authored several books on writing in the disciplines and composition pedagogy, as well as many volumes of poetry and criticism.