Technology Systems Faculty Member Receives National Safety Professional of Year Award from ASSE in Las Vegas

Dr. Michael Behm from the East Carolina University Department of Technology Systems was honored with a national award during the Safety 2008 Conference, hosted by the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference is considered the premier professional development event for Safety, Health and Environmental professionals.

Behm, an assistant professor in Occupational Safety at ECU, received the ASSE Academic Practice Specialty’s Safety Professional of the Year award. Academic Practice is one of 14 practice specialties within ASSE and the Safety Professional of the Year award represents outstanding accomplishments in service, scholarship, and education (collectively) both to the profession and to the practice specialty.

“It is a tremendous honor personally and professionally to receive this award,” said Behm. “It really means a great deal to me to be recognized nationally after just four years of academic service here at East Carolina.”

Behm also participated in a Business of Safety panel discussion that included Edwin Foulke, Jr., the Assistant Secretary of Labor with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The panelists shared their insights with conference attendees and responded to questions addressing the key issues and concerns of SH&E professionals on ways that professionals can demonstrate business value to their employers.