Dr. Megan Perry, associate professor of Biological Anthropology and a noted archaeologist, has mentored the bioarchaeology and forensic anthropology related research of 21 graduate students for 11 years.

While her mentorship of students is multifaceted, her primary focus is to provide them with training and experience.

Ever dedicated to her students, Dr. Perry’s involvement with them doesn’t end once they’ve earned their degrees. She supports their various post-MA goals as a mentor and colleague, often pushing them into “uncomfortable intellectual and methodological territories.” Such interaction is welcome and successful because her students trust and respect her.

At ECU since 2003, Dr. Perry received her PhD from the University of New Mexico.
Dr. Michelle F. Eble

PhD

"I am quite honored by this recognition because I know many exceptional faculty members at ECU are doing this important work," says Dr. Eble. "Mentoring often remains invisible and goes unrecognized, yet it is essential to the future of our disciplines, and in many ways, it's the most gratifying aspect of our work. I am especially grateful for the visibility that comes with this award."

As Associate Professor and Director of the PhD Program in Rhetoric, Writing, and Professional Communication and the MA Program in English, Dr. Eble spearheaded the innovative professional development seminars for first year PhD students and has overseen the graduation of 15 students in the past four years. She built an acclaimed mentoring infrastructure in the PhD program and has also helped expand teaching opportunities for PhD students in her program.

Dr. Eble articulates concrete expectations to students, holds them accountable, advises and guides them, and makes their work apparent and essential to the program. Known for her always-open door, her approach combines three deliberate practices: being accessible and available, being willing to learn from students, and creating mutually beneficial opportunities.