

**Jennifer Cole Wright
Psychology**

2014 William V. Moore Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Award



The College's Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Award, established in 2001 and named in 2009 for its first recipient, William V. Moore, honors our colleagues whose contributions exemplify the teacher-scholar model and enrich the intellectual lives of our students. The 2014 recipient is Dr. Jennifer Wright.

Jen arrived at the College of Charleston in 2008. In the past few years, she has proposed five new courses that expanded students' horizons, literally and figuratively. She has offered study abroad classes in Cambodia, Vietnam, and Thailand, and also contributed to the First Year Experience program with a learning community that linked Psychological Science with Women's and Gender Studies, Sociology, and Philosophy.

Jen also developed a unique course on 'Teaching Mentorship' to provide a "behind the scenes" experience for students as TA's. In fact, her new approach was so successful that it has been adopted by the Psychology department.

Dr. Wright is a dedicated mentor and role model. She has provided meaningful and high quality research experiences for our undergraduates; co-authored peer reviewed papers with them; served as head instructor for the McNair program; and reached out to future College students by serving as a senior thesis adviser for high school students. Jen has also been remarkably productive with her own interdisciplinary research on moral development and has fostered an extended collaborative network.

By all accounts, Jen is an exceptional teacher, scholar, and mentor in and beyond the Psychology department. We are pleased to recognize her with the 2014 William V. Moore Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Award.