

## **James Cutsinger: Michael J. Mungo Distinguished Professor of the Year**

James Cutsinger has received the Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award a number of times in his teaching career. But in 2011 he was named the Michael J. Mungo Distinguished Professor of the Year, USC's most prestigious award.



This award is given annually to an outstanding teacher for excellence in teaching in undergraduate courses. A selection committee composed of undergraduates and former winners of the award evaluates the nominations and determines the list of finalists. Members of the selection committee visit the finalists' classes, interview the finalists and the finalists' colleagues, and poll the students in the finalists' classes.

Dr. Cutsinger was joined by family, students, and colleagues to receive the award at the faculty awards ceremony, April 27, 2011 in the Program Room of the Hollings Library on the Columbia campus.

As the Michael J. Mungo Distinguished Professor of the Year, Dr. Cutsinger was invited to give the Convocation address to incoming students in August 2011. This spring the Center for Teaching Excellence asked him to be the speaker at a Power Lunch for teaching faculty, where he will lead an interactive lecture on "The Socratic Method and Critical Thinking."

