Faculty Spotlight

Mary DiBartolo
Dr. Mary DiBartolo (left in photo) has received SU’s inaugural Fulton Endowed Professorship in Geriatric Nursing. DiBartolo worked in long-term care facility administration before joining SU’s faculty in 1995. Certified in gerontological nursing, her areas of interest include Alzheimer’s/dementia and caregiving, Parkinson’s care, and end-of-life issues. “Given the changing demographics, I saw a need to focus on the gerontology aspect of the nursing profession,” she said.

SU’s Fulton Endowed Professorship in Geriatric Nursing was made possible by a $500,000 gift in 2008 from the estate of Charles Fulton (the namesake of SU’s Fulton School of Liberal Arts). Its goal: support SU’s Nursing Department by providing awards to faculty to benefit students, the University and the community, and recognize leadership and dedication in education related to geriatric nursing.

Don Whaley
Whaley taught in SU’s History Department for 34 years, specializing in the history of the South, 19th century America, and U.S. society and culture. In 2002, the former faculty representative for the Alumni Association board received its Faculty Appreciation Award for his lasting contributions to students’ lives. A past Faculty Senate president, he also earned SU’s Distinguished Faculty Award and the Student Government Association’s Outstanding Faculty Award. His critically acclaimed work on director Oliver Stone is included in the Encyclopedia of Filmmakers and Hollywood’s White House: The American Presidency in Film and History. He also was contributing editor of Literature/Film Quarterly and vice president of the Literature/Film Association.

Whaley holds an M.A. in history from Princeton University and a B.A. in philosophy and history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the local representative of the North Carolina-based Whaley Family Foundation, which supports SU’s Fulton School of Liberal Arts and its annual Adventures in Ideas: Humanities Seminar Series. As part of the series, Whaley has taught “Celebrity in America” and will explore “The 1960s at 50” this fall. He resides in Salisbury with his wife, Lee.