

The Distinguished Service Award

The 2011 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) recipient is Michael D. Stewart of the Georgia Institute of Technology. The award is the highest award of merit given by the Engineering Design Graphics Division. It recognizes the significant contributions of the recipient to the Division in terms of leadership, authorship, or support.

The awardee is recognized with a framed citation or plaque, which is presented by the Division Chair or their delegate at the Annual Conference Awards Banquet. Following the presentation, the recipient may address those assembled.

The award description can be found at
<http://edgd.asee.org/awards/dsa/index.htm>

A complete list of awardees list can be found at
<http://edgd.asee.org/awards/dsa/awardees.htm>

[1] EDGD Chair, Timothy Sexton (l) and Jon Duff (r), 2004 DSA recipient, introducing the 2011 DSA recipient. [2] DSA recipient, Michael D. Stewart (l), accepting the DSA; EDGD Chair, Timothy Sexton (c); and Jon Duff (r) presenting the DSA plaque. [3] Stewart being congratulated by Duff.

Photos by Theodore Branoff



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**Michael D. Stewart's DSA Acceptance Remarks
ASEE Annual Conference
Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 28, 2011**

Thank You.

I accept this Distinguished Service Award with a humble and grateful heart. I also accept it on behalf of my wife and family. I would like to thank my wife, Julie and our 6 children, Jennifer, Michelle, Greg, Tabitha, Janell and Brandon for their love, support and encouragement over the years that I have been active in this Division and for their sacrifices during my career.



I would like to thank all of the many EDGD members who over the years have welcomed me into this Division and allowed me to serve this Division through a number of positions which I have been fortunate to have served. I plan to continue my service to the Division as a program chair for the ASEE conference in Atlanta in 2013 and invite all of you to plan now to attend that great event in Hotlanta!!

I have grown so much as a result of what I have learned from the many members of this Division over the last 26 years. My first attendance was at Purdue and I was so amazed at all those people I saw at my first Midyear. As the result of meeting many of the members over these past years I have been fortunate to be mentored by many of the past DSA and Division officers. I have learned so much from so many.

I am sure that I would certainly not be at this point in my life if it had not been for those members who have helped me during these many years. You who are here, thank you, you know who you are.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some people who have especially made a difference in my career. Alida Hall, my high school principal that told me I needed to move on from teaching in junior high and high school. For the University of South Dakota at Springfield for taking a chance on me and hiring me with no experience and only a Bachelor's degree. To Dean Walter Thomas who was my greatest supporter and provider for my many years at the University of Arkansas. Finally to the Chair and Administration of Mechanical Engineering at Georgia Tech who accepted me for what I am and not for what I did not have or wasn't and for supporting me and providing me with the greatest teaching position I could ever imagine having in my lifetime.

I also would be remiss if I did not thank the many people at Autodesk who since 1984 I have had the privilege of working for in learning and training. Many of whom have been very active in our Division, especially Jim Melloy and our own dear departed Rodger Payne.

So thank you members of this Division for this glorious award, I am humbled by the support you have given me and look forward to continuing to work in service to all of you in the years to come.

Michael D. Stewart