

Dean's First Book Award

This year we inaugurate a new award, the *Dean's First Book Award*, recognizing an outstanding scholarly or creative book published by a faculty member in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The book must be the faculty member's first, and it must have been published in the 21st century, that is, since January 1, 2000. The award recognizes outstanding achievement and serves as an encouragement to faculty authors striving to complete their first book. The award is accompanied by a cash prize of \$1,000.

The Dean's First Book Award for 2008 was awarded to Dr. Terri Snyder (Department of American Studies) for *Brabbling Women: Disorderly Speech and the Law in Early Virginia* (Cornell University, 2003).

Honorable Mention was awarded to Dr. Megan Nelson (Department of History) for *Trembling Earth: A Cultural History of the Okefenokee Swamp* (University of Georgia Press, 2005).