

# Homer P. Rainey Award 2012



## The 2012 Homer P. Rainey Award was awarded by the Board of Trustees to Dr. George Diggs



### Homer P. Rainey

Homer P. Rainey was a 1919 graduate of Austin College. He then taught at Austin College from 1919 to 1922. He left to attend the University of Chicago and earned his doctorate in 1924. Later he taught at the University of Oregon and from 1928 to 1952 served presidencies at Franklin College of Indiana, Bucknell University of Pennsylvania, University of Texas, and Stephens College of Missouri.

In 1932 he received an honorary doctorate from Austin College and in 1964 received the college's Founder's Medal. He was named to the Austin College Athletic Hall of Honor in 1966 and received an Austin College Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1973. The Homer P. Rainey Award was established in 1975 by the Board of Trustees to be awarded annually to a member of the faculty or staff for outstanding service to the college.

During his presidency of UT in the mid-1940s, he received nationwide publicity because of his protests over board actions that he believed threatened academic freedom. He was dismissed in 1944 and made an unsuccessful run for Texas governor in 1946 before he became president of Stephens College. From 1956 until his retirement, Dr. Rainey was professor of higher education at the University of Colorado.

### Past Recipients

2011 Karen Nelson and John Williams  
2010 Phyllis Rieser and Dan Setterberg (posthumously)  
2009 Sheryl Bradshaw and Howard Starr  
2008 Cindy Bean  
2007 Bernice Melvin and Larry Caylor  
2006 Lawana Slaughter and E. Don Williams  
2005 Vickie Kirby  
2004 Dub Narramore  
2003 Jack Pierce  
2002 William H. Moore  
2001 Jerry Lincecum  
2000 Sig Lawson (posthumously) and Vicki Abbott  
1999 Roy Melugin  
1998 Shelton Williams  
1997 Richard Tappa and Jay Evans  
1996 Nelda Lambert  
1995 Peter Lucchesi  
1994 Robert Bradshaw (posthumously) and Harry Smith  
1993 Kenneth Street

1992 Paul Thomas  
1991 Goodloe Lewis  
1990 Bruce Lunkley  
1989 Bill Freeman  
1988 Ralph McCord  
1987 Myron Low  
1986 Mike Barry  
1985 Jack Jernigan  
1984 Bob Mason  
1983 Gene Day  
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1981 Carolyn Squires  
1980 Howard McCarley  
1979 Clyde Hall  
1978 Edward Phillips  
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