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## Kilstofte earns Guggenheim; Einstein named CUR Fellow

**MUSIC PROFESSOR** Mark Kilstofte and psychology professor Gil Einstein received major national honors this spring.

Kilstofte was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to support his work on two major compositions, and Einstein was named winner of the Council on Undergraduate Research's Fellows Award for his mentorship of young researchers and for involving undergraduates in his work on human memory.

Kilstofte, who teaches composition and music theory, joined the faculty in 1992. He intends to use the Guggenheim to compose a set of songs for soprano and chamber orchestra featuring poems by Mark Strand, James Merrill, Linda Pastan, Erica Funkhauser and Nancy Willard. The songs will serve as a study for the second part of his project — a chamber opera based on Henrik Ibsen's "Brand," a play whose title character is a clergyman with uncompromising religious beliefs.

The Guggenheim program is designed to provide individuals with blocks of time in which they can work with as much creative freedom as possible. While awards vary, the average grant in 2008 was approximately \$43,200. Kilstofte was one of 10 composers (and 180 scholars, artists and scientists) from the United States and Canada to receive an award out of approximately 3,000 applicants.

No stranger to top honors, Kilstofte previously was awarded the Rome Prize (supporting a year of study at the American Academy in Rome), the Charles Ives Scholarship from the American Academy of Arts and



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Letters, and the Aaron Copland Award. His works have been premiered and performed by such groups as the San Francisco Choral Artists, the New York Virtuoso Singers, the Washington Square Contemporary Music Society, and Moscow's Studio for New Music.

Einstein and Hendrix College chemistry professor Tom Goodwin were selected the 2010 CUR Fellows. Winners have outstanding records of obtaining funding for collaborative research with students and have published research findings with undergraduate co-authors. They incorporate research activities into their courses and lead efforts to institutionalize research on their campuses and across the nation.

Each recipient is awarded a CUR Student Research Fellowship, which goes to a deserving undergraduate at the CUR Fellow's institution.

Einstein, William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Psychology, has taught at Furman since 1977. In 1985 he received the Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching, and from 1990-96 he served on the Board of Governors of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

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**THE DUKE ENDOWMENT** has awarded Furman a \$1 million grant to support the work of the David E. Shi Center for Sustainability.

The Shi Center promotes the study of sustainability both on campus and in the Greenville community. Located in Cliffs Cottage, it is named in honor of Shi, who retired June 30 after 16 years as president of Furman.

According to The Duke Endowment trustees, the gift was made in appreciation of the pioneering role that Furman and Shi have played in promoting sustainability.

"Our founder, James B. Duke, had a vision for the future that he expressed through innovative

philanthropy," said trustee Neil Williams, chair of the endowment's Committee on Educational Institutions. "Furman's sustainability goals echo Mr. Duke's forward-thinking, long-range approach."

Thanks to The Duke Endowment gift, the university has now raised a total of \$2.7 million to endow the Shi Center. In addition to contributions from Furman trustees, other leadership gifts have come from Tom and Becky Edwards '67 Hash, the Graham Foundation, and BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

In all, more than 300 donors have provided support for the Shi Center.

Since 2007, Furman has received \$11.7 million toward its sustainability efforts, including donations for the construction of Cliffs Cottage and a \$2.5 million U.S. Department of Energy grant to install geothermal systems at the North Village apartments on campus.

Furman is one of four educational institutions to receive perennial funding from The Duke Endowment. The Endowment seeks to fulfill James B. Duke's legacy by enriching communities in the Carolinas through higher education, health care, rural churches and children's services.