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## **Audrey Jaeger honored with National Award from NASPA** *Recipient of the Robert H. Shaffer Award for Academic Excellence as a Graduate Faculty Member*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Audrey Jaeger, professor of higher education and alumni distinguished professor at North Carolina State University, has been awarded the Robert H. Shaffer Award for Academic Excellence as a Graduate Faculty Member by NASPA.

Award winners must be a personal inspiration to graduate students, have served on doctoral committees and have distinguished records of scholarly achievement themselves.

Jaeger has built a prominent higher education & student affairs program at NC State while engaging in rigorous research. Earlier this spring, Dr. Jaeger was awarded the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools Outstanding Mentor Award for her outstanding work with teaching and mentoring students. Jaeger has graduated 22 doctoral students, co-authored with her students and former students 60 publications and over 77 research presentations. Her doctoral students have won the most prestigious dissertation awards in the field of higher education.

“Her ability to work successfully with young people is unlike anything I have seen before or since,” says Sean Jenkins, senior assistant to the president at the University of Virginia.

“In addition to her exceptional teaching and mentoring, Dr. Jaeger’s research addresses issues central to the most pressing problems in the 21<sup>st</sup> century higher education, including college completion, access to and completion of graduate school, and the climate and environment in which college students learn,” says Larry Moneta, vice president for student affairs at Duke University. “I know of no one more deserving on this honor!”

Jaeger not only guides students to graduation, she deeply cares about their experience along the way. She has supervised 26 independent studies and 62 internships. She views her role as supporting students from entry to graduation and throughout their careers.

“Students were drawn to her,” says Ryan Lombardi, vice president for student affairs at Ohio University. “I recall countless stories from my peers about their reliance on her for guidance, counsel and discipline. She took the time to invest in all of us, not just those who were under her formal guidance.”

Jaeger’s scholarship and research focuses on areas of access, completion, engagement, transition and agency. She pays specific attention to issues of gender and race. She currently serves as the associate editor of *Research in Higher Education*. She was recognized by the National Panhellenic Conference in 2013 as the Women in Higher Education Achievement Award winner.

Jaeger and the other National Award winners will be honored in March at the 2015 NASPA Annual Conference in New Orleans, La.

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