

BIANCHI AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER

It is time for applications to the third annual Bianchi Excellence Award. The award, named in honor of the Founder of the Emeritus College, Eugene Bianchi, Professor Emeritus of Religion, is funded largely by his own very generous bequest to Emory, as well as by contributions from many of his retired colleagues.

The Award is meant to advance the interests of the Emeritus College by providing its membership with financial support for ongoing intellectual activities by means of small, strategic grants to cover expenses incurred in pursuit of a broad range of activities, including, among others: research and writing, lecturing, training, development of teaching materials, and presentations at academic conferences. The Award will foster continuing professional development and thus play a significant role in building a vibrant emeritus community at Emory.

In the past two years, the Bianchi Excellence Fund was able to support at least two Awards each year in amounts ranging up to a maximum of \$2000 for a twelve-month term starting September 1st – the start of the normal academic and fiscal year.

The application process is open to all retired members of the EUEC.

Applicants should submit the following:

- 1) A letter of application (limit to 2 pages) that describes in some detail the project to be undertaken – its purpose, the means of achieving its goal, and its relevance to the applicant's own personal and professional development;
- 2) a simple budget (1 page) that estimates costs and explains how requested funding would be employed; and
- 3) an up-to-date *curriculum vitae* (limit to 2 pages) that specifically highlights activities undertaken since retirement.

The criteria for selection will include:

- The relationship of the proposed project to the applicant's demonstrated qualifications
- The projected value of the project to the applicant's field or discipline
- The feasibility of completing the project within the term of the Award
- The pertinence of the project to resources readily available to the applicant
- The potential the project shows for promoting the public good

Fellowship recipients will be asked to agree to the following conditions:

- Submission of a written report to the Awards and Honors Committee after completing the term of the Award, but no later than September 30th of the year following the award.
- Formal acknowledgment of the Bianchi Award and the Emory University Emeritus College in any published work that results

Submissions will be reviewed by the Awards and Honors Committee of the EUEC. Preference will be given to those who have not been previous recipients of the Bianchi Award.

Applications should be mailed to The Awards and Honors Committee of the Emory University Emeritus College at The Luce Center, 825 Houston Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30329

Applications must be received by **May 25, 2017**.