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Dr. Helen M. Grady Receives the Jay R. Gould Award for Excellence in Teaching Technical Communication

Arlington, VA – Helen M. Grady, Associate Professor at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, has been selected to receive the Jay R. Gould Award for Excellence in Teaching Technical Communication. The award is given annually by the Society for Technical Communication (STC) and will be presented at the annual conference in Las Vegas in May, 2006.

The Jay R. Gould Award was initiated to:

- Acknowledge the importance of academic programs to the science and practice of technical communication.
- Encourage excellence in the academic community by honoring those who have made an outstanding contribution to teaching the body of knowledge in this area.

Grady was nominated, and is one of five recipients, because she possesses the following characteristics:

- Fifteen years' experience designing, developing, and teaching in the Department of Technical Communication at Mercer University.
- Authored articles and a book chapter on technical communication, instructional design, and distance education strategies.
- Quality teaching and innovation in the classroom as evidenced by consistent student evaluations and teaching awards.

Grady, associate professor in the Dept. of Technical Communication at Mercer University, teaches undergraduate and graduate technical communication and engineering courses. She directs Mercer's master's degree program in technical communication management and founded the Center for Excellence in Engineering Education.

The Society for Technical Communication is the world's largest professional organization in its field, with more than 17,000 members in 130 chapters worldwide. Information about STC and its programs can be found at www.stc.org.

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