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**WINNERS OF THE 2008 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
ANNOUNCED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER**

GAINESVILLE – The University of Florida International Center (UFIC) announced today the recipients of the 2008 International Educator of the Year Award:

Dr. Charles H. Wood, Senior Faculty

Professor of Sociology and Latin American Studies

Center for Latin American Studies

Dr. Juan Carlos Molleda, Junior Faculty

Assistant Professor of Public Relations

College of Journalism and Communications

The International Center has established this award to recognize outstanding international endeavors by UF faculty members, in order to support UF's strategic goal of internationalizing the campus and curriculum. A committee was established to judge nominees for the award. Each college was asked to nominate two candidates in the categories of tenured and untenured/recently tenured. Each college was free to develop their own review process, but nominations were endorsed by the deans. Consideration was given to three main factors: research, teaching, and service.

The Awards Reception will take place on Nov. 21, 2008 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Keen Faculty Center. Provost Joe Glover will present the awards to the campus winners, as well as the college winners.

For a brief profile of each winner, please visit <http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/iea.htm>

If you need additional information, please contact Mabel Cardec.

Dr. Charles H. Wood

Dr. Wood, Professor of Sociology and Latin American Studies, has made significant contributions to the internationalization of the university through his scholarship, teaching and mentoring, and program development activities. Director of the Center for Latin American Studies from 1996 to 2004, he led the Center in a period of rapid growth in external funding for its research and graduate student training programs which raised the visibility and prominence of the Center both nationally and internationally. His career has been marked by his uncanny ability to identify emerging issues of global importance, whether

deforestation of the Amazon in the 1980s or the impact of crime and violence on economic and political development in the Americas in the current decade, and to translate these themes into innovative, interdisciplinary programs grounded in collaboration between U.S. and Latin American scholars. He also contributed greatly to the internationalization of UF by enhancing the breadth and depth of Latin American expertise on campus through the development of joint appointments with units throughout the university.

Dr. Juan Carlos Molleda

Dr. Molleda has developed a ground breaking research agenda on international public relations during his tenure at UF, which has resulted in 25 peer-reviewed publications, 12 invited publications, 26 research papers presented at national and international conferences, 38 lectures or speeches at national and international professional events, and two teleseminars. Since his first academic year in his position (2000-2001), he has conducted international research in Brazil (2001, 2007); Colombia (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008); Mexico (2003, 2004); and Panama, Venezuela, and Nigeria (2004). He incorporates results of his international research in the classes he teaches, transferring this up-to-date knowledge to his undergraduate and graduate students. Students from other universities also have had the opportunity to hear him discuss his research: Central University of Venezuela (July, 2007), University of Turabo, Puerto Rico (September 2005), University of Miami (November 2004), National University of Central Peru (October 2004), University of Havana (April 2003), University of Medellin in Colombia (July 2002, March 2005, July 2008), University of Costa Rica (May 2002), National Chengchi University in Taiwan (May 2002), and Faculdade de Comunicação Social Cásper Líbero in Brazil (May 2001). In September 2005, he was honored with the International Award for Excellence in Research and Education from the Association of Public Relations of Cuba.

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