

## Clayton State Welcomes Two New Foreign Exchange Students

By John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University welcomed two foreign exchange students to campus last week with an informal reception in the University's Office of International Programs.

Zsofia Terek and Mariam Chubinidze are studying at Clayton State for the fall semester pursuant to the University's bilateral agreements with University of Pannonia (Veszprem, Hungary) and Georgian American University (Tbilisi, Georgia). According to Director of International Programs John E. Parkerson, Jr., although Clayton State has previously had all kinds of foreign students attend the University, Terek and Chubinidze repre-

sent a first for Clayton State -- the first foreign exchange students pursuant to a formal bilateral exchange process.

Both Terek (from the University of Pannonia) and Chubinidze (from Georgian American University) are full-semester exchange students, and undergraduate business majors.

Parkerson, along with 15 additional Clayton State faculty and staff and several other students, hosted the reception for Terek and Chubinidze on Aug. 24. Attending were the University's Rotary student from Sweden, Freja Fornander, deans, study abroad course directors, past

exchange professors, and representatives of the University's School of Graduate Studies.

"This was an opportunity, not just to meet these two foreign exchange students, but also to learn more about their countries and their universities," notes Parkerson. "Pannonia already has an active faculty exchange program with Clayton State, and Georgian American University wants to engage in faculty exchanges as well.

"They (Terek and Chubinidze) were so touched and grateful to the faculty and

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## College of Arts and Sciences Announces Annual Faculty Award Winners

by Erin Fender, University Relations

The Clayton State University College of Arts and Sciences recently announced its second annual Gene Hatfield Scholar and Teacher of the Year Award winners. Dr. Todd Janke, an associate professor of Philosophy, was honored as Teacher of the Year. Dr. Joe Johnson, an associate professor of Foreign Languages, was awarded the Scholar of the Year.

Selected separately by faculty committee, each recipient received a plaque and a check for \$500. The awards are funded by Dr. Gene Hatfield, retired chair of the Department of Social Sciences at Clayton State.

Janke received his B.A. from St. Olaf College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Georgetown University. He also received special recognition this past spring as the winner of the 2010 Alice J. Smith Faculty Award.

In addition to teaching Philosophy, Janke also teaches Critical Thinking (a course focusing on skills essential to effective critical thinking in both aca-

demically and general use) and has also taught the University Foundations course that helps new students make a successful transition to Clayton State University.

Janke has said the most rewarding part of his time at Clayton State is making philosophy come alive for students, and that he enjoys watching students transform each semester and really learning how to grapple with really dense text.

Johnson is currently serving as interim chair for the Department of Humanities. He received his B.A. from The Citadel, M.A. from the University of South

Carolina, and Ph.D. from the University of Florida.

Johnson teaches both French and Spanish courses. He is a frequent translator of French-language comic books and graphic novels for publication in the United States and Canada. He is currently working on the translation of *The Three Musketeers* for the Classics Illustrated series. He has also edited a classroom edition of the 18th Century French novel *Manon Lescaut* by the Abbé Prévost, with a similar edition of Denis Diderot's *La Religieuse* currently on press. ■



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