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## **Eastern Professor Wins Connecticut State University System's Top Research Award**

**Willimantic, Conn.** – Dennis Canterbury, associate professor in the department of sociology, anthropology and social work, has been named the recipient of the Connecticut State University (CSUS) Trustees Research Award for 2009. Wendi Everton, associate professor in the department of psychology, won a university-level Trustee Award honoring her teaching. The awards were presented by the CSUS Board of Trustees during its meeting on March 12 at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain.

Canterbury was honored for his contributions in advancing the field of sociology related to development and globalization, encompassing issues of sustainable development, good governance, African and Caribbean development and development theory, alternative development theory, neoliberal globalization and international economic partnerships. Three other CSUS scholars received university-level Trustees Awards in recognition of the caliber of their research, one for each of the other universities in the CSUS System.

Everton was recognized for her teaching innovation, effective instructional approaches and research supervision, and for her continuous participation in collegial work, including curriculum development and the enhancement of teaching. She was one of four CSUS professors, one per university, to receive a teaching award.

“The quality of teaching and level of research throughout the university system is truly remarkable, and the scholarship by these faculty members is both inspiring and significant,” said Board Chairman Lawrence D. McHugh.

“These awards provide a means of recognizing the exemplary work of the highest promise being done by our up-and-coming faculty. They are all demonstrating an impact on their academic field, our students and our state,” added John A. Doyle, chair of the Trustees’ Academic Affairs Committee.

“I am very proud of Professors Canterbury and Everton for receiving the CSU Board of Trustees research and teaching awards this year,” said Eastern President Elsa Núñez. “The scholarly work and impassioned teaching they perform each day make them very worthy of these awards. To win the statewide award in research is a double honor for Dr. Canterbury, attesting to the field research he has done in the Caribbean and West Africa in the areas of labor, political economics and development. Both these professors empower their students to think critically and engage in the spirited discourse needed to maintain our democracy, which is the foundation of a liberal arts education at Eastern.”

CSUS faculty who have “distinguished themselves as outstanding teachers for at least five years and have a minimum of two years track record of promoting instructional improvements for their programs or departments are eligible for the Trustees Teaching Award.” The Trustees Research Award can be granted to faculty who are conducting “research work of exceptional promise.” Nominees are expected to demonstrate substantive contributions or achievements and scholarly activities in their academic field of study during the past five years. Each of the recipients’ universities will receive an award of \$1,000, with the system-level recipient receiving an additional \$1,000 award for their university.

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Eastern Connecticut State University is part of the Connecticut State University (CSU) system and is the state's public liberal arts university. ECSU serves more than 5,000 students each year on its Willimantic campus.

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