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Ansello Wins AGHE's Tibbitts Award

The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) — the educational branch of The Gerontological Society of America — has chosen Edward F. Ansello, PhD, of Virginia Commonwealth University as the newest recipient of the Clark Tibbitts Award.

This distinguished honor, named for an AGHE founder, was established in 1980 to recognize individuals who and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of gerontology as a field of study in institutions of higher education.

The award presentation will take place at AGHE's 37th Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference, which will be held from March 17 to 20, 2011, in Cincinnati, OH. This meeting is the premier national forum for discussing ideas and issues in gerontological and geriatric education. Educators, clinicians, administrators, researchers, and students share their experiences, expertise, and innovations regarding teaching and learning about aging and older persons. Visit www.aghe.org for further details.

Ansello is the director of the Virginia Center on Aging and a professor in the Department of Gerontology at Virginia Commonwealth University. His work in the field of aging spans more than 30 years, with focuses that include elder caregiving, aging with lifelong disabilities, pre-retirement planning, geropharmacy, coalition building, and the humanities, media, and aging.

He was named Distinguished Academic Gerontologist by the Southern Gerontological Society in 1990 and received the Distinguished Teaching Award from AGHE in 2001. He is a past president of both organizations. Ansello also is a fellow of AGHE and The Gerontological Society of America.

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The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) is the educational branch of The Gerontological Society of America, the nation's oldest and largest interdisciplinary organization devoted to research, education, and practice in the field of aging. AGHE seeks to advance gerontology as a field of study at institutions of higher education through conferences, publications, technical assistance, research studies, and consultation with policy makers. It is currently the only institutional member organization dedicated to gerontology and geriatrics education worldwide.