



# 2012 SCOLT TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD



**Congratulations to the  
recipient of the 2012  
Post-Secondary Teacher  
of Excellence,  
Dr. Aurora Fiengo-Varn**

- Associate Professor of Spanish at Mississippi Valley State University
- M.A. and Ph. D. in Comparative Literature from the University of South Carolina
- Member of ACTFL, SCOLT, African-American Linguists Association, MLA, AATSP, MFLA, Sigma Delta Pi – Spanish Honor Society: Honorary Member
- Published Articles in Valley Voices, Latino History and Culture Encyclopedia, *Revista de Filología y Lingüística*, *Chicurú*
- 2010 recipient of MVSU Humanities Teacher of the Year
- Best of SCOLT 2010
- Vice-President of MFLA and MS Chapter of AATSP

*Dr. Fiengo-Varn's contributions have always been informed, open-minded, objective and, more than anything else, in consideration of the good of the university. She is humble in spirit and demeanor, proactive in teaching, respectful of authority and lovely to work with.*  
Dr. Emmanuel N. Ngwang, Professor of English

*A leader in incorporating Afro-Latino culture into the Spanish classroom...*  
Joshua Nave, VP of Programs, MFLA

*In classrooms across America, the teachers who stand out above all others are those who take a genuine interest in the education of their students. Dr. Aurora Varn is one of those teachers who shines above the rest. With the majority of the students being African-American, [she] finds ways to create student interest by making connections between Spanish and African culture, especially in the areas of music and dance.*  
Jeffery B. Johnson, student