Cadets select Heiser winners Drs. LeLoup and Carlisle picked by Class of 2012

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Dr. Jean LeLoup from the Department of Foreign Languages and Dr. Martin Carlisle from the Department of Computer Sciences won the Academy's 2012 Heiser Awards. The awards were presented to the winners by Cadet Wing Commander Ben Barringer and Wing Academic NCO Joshua Harnisch at a dean's call May 1.

First-class cadets selected the two instructors from more than 190 eligible senior professors. Cadets voted for the instructor who contributed the most to their personal and intellectual development by inspiring them to work harder. In addition, seniors were asked to consider the extent to which instructors continually demonstrated and promoted the Air Force's Core Values: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.

Dr. Carlisle earned a PhD in Computer Science from Princeton University. His research interests include computer security, programming languages and computer science education. He is currently the Deputy for Academics in the Computer Science department.

In addition to teaching core and majors' computer science courses, he also coaches the USAFA Cyber Competition Team, which won the 2012 NSA inter-service cyber defense exercise and won 2nd place at the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition.

In the fall, he will take over as director of the Academy Center for Cyberspace Research.

The Heiser Award, named after Professor Emeritus Dr. William H. Heiser, is the only Dr. LeLoup earned her PhD in second language acquisition and foreign language education from Ohio State University. Her research interests include the incorporation of culture and the use of technology in the foreign language curriculum. In addition, she is a nationally recognized proponent of target language immersion in the classroom. Dr. LeLoup is the co-founder and co-moderator of FLTEACH, an online discussion forum for foreign language professionals with over 5500 members from the United States and over 80 other countries.

She served as Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Foreign Languages Department from 1995-96 and 2007-09 before retiring as professor emerita of Spanish from SUNY Cortland, where she received the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching and in Faculty Service.

award selected by the graduating class. In 2010 Dr. Heiser was elected honorary fellow for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics alongside former Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Sheila Widnall.