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Dr. Mueller holds the Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies, Mershon Center, and is professor of Political Science, at Ohio State University where he teaches courses in international relations.

He is currently working on terrorism and particularly on the reactions (or over-reactions) it often inspires. His book on the subject, *Overblown: How Politicians and the Terrorism Industry Inflate National Security Threats, and Why We Believe Them*, was published in November 2006 by Free Press.

Mueller is also the author of *War, Presidents and Public Opinion* and *Retreat from Doomsday: The Obsolescence of Major War* which deals

with changing attitudes toward war. In a front page review of this latter book, McGeorge Bundy commented, "Mueller makes you think, and his method of argument combines fresh insights with trenchant prose in a way that makes thoughtful reading agreeable." Mueller has also published *Policy and Opinion in the Gulf War*, *Quiet Cataclysm: Reflections on the Recent Transformation of World Politics and Capitalism, Democracy, and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery*. Mueller's book about international and civil wars, *The Remnants of War*, was awarded the Leggold Prize for the best book on international relations in 2004.

Mueller is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, has been a John Simon Guggenheim Fellow, and has received grants from the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities. He has also received several teaching prizes.



**Dr. Gary L. Wells**

## *Gary L. Wells*

Dr. Wells (Ph.D. from Ohio State University, 1977) is Professor of Psychology at Iowa State University and holds the title of Distinguished Professor. Wells is also Director of Social Science Research at the American Judicature Society's Institute of Forensic Science and Public Policy in Greensboro, N.C. He is an internationally recognized scholar in scientific psychology and his studies of eyewitness memory are widely known and cited.

With over 150 articles and chapters and two books to his credit, Wells has served as an expert for the defense, prosecution and plaintiffs in criminal and civil cases across the U.S. and Canada. His conclusions about eyewitness identification have received national media attention in such places as the *New Yorker* magazine, *Time* magazine, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Los Angeles Times* and the *New York Times*. He has made appearances on CBS's *48 Hours*, the *NBC Nightly News*, *CNN's Newsnight*, Court TV and NBC's *Today Show*, among others.

## *2006 Cheney Distinguished Professor Award*



**Dr. Merry King**

**DR. MERRIE KING** is the recipient of the 2006 Chaney Distinguished Professor Award, which goes to a faculty member who best represents the vision of the university to be a “premier teaching institution.” Dr. King joined the faculty at Belmont in 2001. She teaches classes in Child Development, Human Development and Instructional Programs for Young Children. She is also the Montessori Program Director. Dr. King has over 30 years experience in education at the pre K-12, university and adult levels. Prior to coming to Belmont, she served as Director of Ithaca Montessori, a preschool in Franklin, Tenn., for children ages 2½ - 6. She founded the school in 1985.

Dr. King completed her Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instructional Leadership at Vanderbilt in 2003, her Master of Arts in Teaching in Linguistics - Teaching English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education from Georgetown University and a B.S. in English Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In addition, she has earned three Montessori diplomas: AMI Ages 0-3, AMI Ages 2½ - 7 and AMS Ages 6-9. Dr. King is also a national facilitator through the Center for Teacher Formation for Parker Palmer’s *Courage to Teach Work*.

## *2006 Presidential Faculty Achievement Award*



**Dr. Robbie Clifton Pinter**

**DR. ROBBIE CLIFTON PINTER** is the recipient of the 2006 Presidential Faculty Achievement Award, given each year to a professor who has made outstanding contributions to student life outside the classroom. Dr. Pinter is professor of English at Belmont University. She enjoys teaching writing that involves the community, especially using writing to teach about the environment and other community issues. In both, she works with students to give them real life writing practice. Dr. Pinter began teaching at Belmont in 1984. She began the computer-assisted writing program at Belmont and worked for ten years as Director of Writing. In 1991, she was nominated for the Virginia M. Chaney Award, and in 2003, won Belmont’s Tower Award

for Exceptional Contribution to Campus Life. Dr. Pinter is a member of NCTE, MLA and the National Assembly for the Expanded Perspectives in Learning. She publishes about life writing in the *JAEPL* journal, and she enjoys publishing outside of academia in various publications that connect writing to life. In 2004, she published “For This Child I Prayed” a memoir that tells the story of open adoption.