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Owston

BECKLEY — **Mountain State University** administrator **James M. Owston**, a senior academic officer in distance education, recently won a second research award for his doctoral dissertation.

Owston's doctoral dissertation is the 2009 winner of the **Alice L. Beeman** Dissertation Award for Outstanding Research in Communications and Marketing for Educational Advancement. Last year, Owston received the 2008 **Leo and Margaret Goodman-Malamuth** Outstanding Dissertation Award for Research in Higher Educational Administration.

Owston's dissertation, "Survival of the Fittest? The Rebranding of West Virginia Higher Education," was completed in the leadership studies program at **Marshall University** in November 2007.