

Martha Comer Chair for Teachers of Language



Martha Howard Comer (1898-1988) studied at Agnes Scott College, Columbia University, and the University of Georgia. She taught Latin in Tate County, at the Lucy Cobb Institute (1920-1923), then at Athens High School (now Clarke Central HS) from 1927-1969. The *Martha Comer Chair for Teachers of Language* was endowed in 1989 by Frances Comer (sister of Martha Comer and a long-time educator) and was first presented in 1991. Originally titled the *Martha Comer Chair of Foreign & Classical Languages*, in 2006 teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages were also made eligible for this award. The Chair is presently given in odd-numbered years, for a two-year term.