The 2011 SWDSI Outstanding Educator Award recipient is Dr. Fred Kitchens from Ball State University. His doctoral degree is from the University of Mississippi.

For the past ten years, Dr. Kitchens has a record of excellence in teaching 30 different courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels in subject areas such as Systems Analysis and Design, Project Management, Knowledge Management, and Business Information Systems as well as Study Abroad courses and the Information Systems Capstone course. Dr. Kitchens has demonstrated a continued interest in being an excellent teacher as evidenced by being awarded over $95,000 in educationally related grants and financial support from eight sources for projects such as the Cluster Computing Research Project. He is the recipient of the SWDSI Innovative Education Award, was honored by Computerworld Magazine for a student project entitled “Disaster Recovery and Network Security Project for the City of Muncie,” received the “Student Chapter Outstanding Performance Award” by the the Association of Information Technology Professionals, and awarded annual support for his students to participate in the International Business Informatics Challenge in Europe.

During his tenure, Dr. Kitchens’ students have won seventeen awards including one master’s level award, and ten student-authored articles. Two of his student projects resulted in patent applications. He has published six journal articles and twenty seven conference proceedings related to pedagogy.