

Spiro Center Hosts First Annual KEMET Innovation Forum



KEMET Vice-President John Warner, Spiro Center Director Caron St. John, Harvard Business School Professor Clayton Christensen (speaker), KEMET President Jeff Graves, COBBS Dean Bruce Yandle.

The first *KEMET Innovation Forum* was held on October 25th at the Westin Poinsett Hotel in downtown Greenville. Harvard Business School professor Clayton Christensen, world-renowned for his work on innovation and disruption, spoke to a packed room of 200 attendees. Clemson officials, including President Jim Barker, Provost Dori Helms and COBBS Dean Bruce Yandle, joined KEMET President Jeff Graves in hosting Dr. Christensen. Christensen is the author of the bestselling books The Innovator's Dilemma (1997), which received the Global Business Book Award for the best business book published in 1997, and The Innovator's Solution (2003), which appeared in the Business Week best-seller list. His forthcoming book, Seeing What's Next, will be published in fall 2004.

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