



## Wayne State University

### School of Social Work Teaching Awards

Each academic year, the School of Social Work will recognize one full-time and one part-time instructor for their outstanding contributions to undergraduate and/or graduate social work education with an unrestricted cash award of \$ 1,000 **and an engraved award plaque**. These awards are intended to recognize individual faculty for teaching that stimulates intellectual curiosity in students, inspires departmental colleagues, and makes students aware of significant relationships between the School and the world-at-large.

The nomination process and selection criteria are described below. In order to be selected for this award, it is necessary to have a sustained record of excellence in undergraduate and/or graduate education, which may be demonstrated through the candidate's accomplishments in one or more of the following areas:

- A strong commitment to students and to teaching and learning
- Excellence in teaching, as evidenced particularly by the use of effective teaching strategies and notable methods of assessing student learning
- Innovations in teaching and learning
- A strong commitment to working effectively with a diverse student body
- A demonstrable impact on students' intellectual and professional development and on their lives.

Please read the following guidelines carefully as you put together nomination packets.

Nominations may be submitted by any currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate social work student.

These awards recognize and reward outstanding faculty who devote their attention to providing an excellent learning experience for Wayne State University SSW students. Nominations must be submitted via electronic attachment no later than **Wednesday, March 29, 2017** to **[sswteachingawards@lists.wayne.edu](mailto:sswteachingawards@lists.wayne.edu)**.

# ***Nomination Guidelines***

## ***Purpose of the Award***

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## ***Eligibility and Selection Criteria***

All full-time and part-time faculty members aside from those who have received a teaching award within the last five academic years, and who have a sustained record of excellence in undergraduate and/or graduate education are eligible for nomination. Recent award recipients (who are therefore not eligible for nomination) include the following faculty members:

2016	Richard Smith (Full-time)	Norma Schropshire (Part-time)
2015	Tam Perry (Full-time)	Sharonlyn Harrison (Part-time)
2014	Richard Smith (Full-time)	David Allasio (Part-time)
2013	Debra Patterson (Full-time)	Brenda Romanchik (Part-time)
2012	Fay Martin Keys (Full-time)	

Nominees should meet one or more of the following selection criteria:

- A strong commitment to students and to teaching and learning

For example: Undertaking activities to advance the quality and practice of teaching and learning at a variety of levels: e.g., classroom, and/or field practicum; across the curriculum or discipline; and/or across disciplinary domains; as an advisor for the Brehler Awards Competition; direction of student research projects; involvement in directed studies and tutorials at the masters or doctoral level; direction of masters essays and/or theses; direction of doctoral theses; participation in masters or doctoral guidance committees within the SSW.

- Excellence in teaching

For example: Using effective teaching strategies and notable methods to assess student learning.

- Innovations in teaching and learning

For example: Using innovative pedagogical approaches (such as instructional technology, problem-based learning, experiential learning), being significantly involved with inter-disciplinary and boundary-

crossing teaching projects, being engaged with undergraduate/graduate research or community service learning, or mentoring colleagues, formally or informally, on pedagogy.

- A strong commitment to working effectively with a diverse student body

For example: Using effective pedagogical and administrative approaches to increase and retain students from underrepresented groups, contributions to course and curriculum development designed to include diverse perspectives, support and mentoring of student organizations on campus that focus on the needs of students from underrepresented groups.

- A demonstrable impact on students' intellectual and professional development and on their lives

For example: Helping students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and/or global and multicultural understanding, and being committed to advising and/or mentoring students.

***Nomination Requirements and Process – Please read carefully.***

Nominations may be submitted **only by students currently enrolled in either the undergraduate or graduate (MSW or PhD) social work programs.**

**Each nomination packet should include the following additional item only:**

1. **A letter from the student nominator** that addresses how the nominee has achieved a sustained record of excellence in undergraduate and/or graduate education by meeting one or more of the selection criteria.

**Nominations and supporting letters should be delivered to the Office of the Dean and addressed to the Chair, Teaching Awards Committee. The Teaching Awards Committee will also request and consider other materials in order to make its final recommendations to the Dean for each year's awards. This additional information will consist of:**

2. **A list of all graduate and/or undergraduate courses taught by the nominee in the past six terms** (to be obtained through the Dean's Office).
3. **Copies of the nominee's SET scores from the last two academic semesters, current curriculum vitae, and professional record form** (to be obtained through the Dean's Office).

***Additional Information***

A special Teaching Awards Committee, consisting of three faculty members (two full-time and one part-time) and three currently enrolled students (one each from the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral social work programs) shall be convened in the winter semester of each academic year to review all

nominations for these faculty awards. The Committee shall be chaired by one of the two full-time faculty members. Full-time faculty shall be nominated and elected by the faculty-at-large, the part-time faculty member appointed by the Dean, and student members appointed through the usual OASS process (undergraduate and masters) or in consultation with the Director of the doctoral program (doctoral). Those faculty members (both full and part-time) who have previously been the recipient of a SSW Teaching Award and who have demonstrated strong teaching are especially encouraged to serve on the Teaching Awards Committee. The Committee shall make its recommendations to the Dean, who will present the Teaching Awards at the final faculty meeting of the academic year.

***Submission***

Nominations should be submitted electronically as an attachment to the following email address:

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