

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

## TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS DUE: February 11, 2022 5:00 pm

Send applications and nominations to [rsca-socialsciences@sjsu.edu](mailto:rsca-socialsciences@sjsu.edu)

The College of Social Sciences presents two awards for teaching excellence—one to a tenured/tenure-track faculty member and one to a lecturer faculty member. Awardees will have demonstrated excellence in teaching and mentoring at the graduate and/or undergraduate levels in the opinion of their peers and students. In addition, these faculty members have contributed to teaching beyond their individual classes to have an impact on students, colleagues, or their professions, resulting from years of service in a career.

Applications and nominations are solicited from College of Social Sciences faculty in consultation with the Department Chair. Candidates will be reviewed by a committee of at least three faculty members including previous *Teaching Excellence Award* recipients. The final awardees will be approved by the Dean of the College. Awardees receive \$1000 at the College of Social Sciences Awards Ceremony.

**Eligibility:** To be considered for the Teaching Excellence Award, faculty must have a minimum of three years teaching experience in the College of Social Sciences at SJSU. Tenured/tenure-track faculty must have a minimum 0.8 teaching/administrative assignment and lecturers must have a minimum 0.2 teaching appointment in the College at the time of the nomination.

Successful candidates should demonstrate the following:

- Commitment to the quality of instruction as evidenced by student and peer evaluations;
- Creative use and/or combination of teaching strategies, as illustrated by teaching materials or student testimony emphasizing student learning;
- Impact beyond the classroom on student lives, colleague's pedagogical styles or the profession.

### Nomination Materials:

- 1) Letter of application or nomination. The letter will be no longer than two pages and will provide evidence of distinguishing responsibilities and accomplishments in teaching and mentoring. Evidence could include information about:
  - Summaries of student;
  - Summaries of peer observations;
  - Newly developed courses, including syllabi;
  - Curriculum development (initiatives, leadership, contributions);
  - External grants, directly related to the enhancement of teaching and student learning;

- Student supervised or mentored, such as through independent studies, design projects, theses, graduate committees;
- Letters from students speaking to the contribution of the faculty member;
- Demonstration of active participation in assessment, creation of learning teams, or other pedagogical efforts connected student learning;
- Demonstration of Incorporation of service learning, experiential learning and/or co-curricular opportunities in teaching;
- Participation and leadership in workshops, seminars, and publications related to the improvement of teaching;
- Scholarly publications/presentations directly related to teaching responsibilities in the College.

- 2) CV for the nominee, current to the date of the application.
- 3) Support letter from the Department Chair, if the Chair did not write the nomination letters

### Previous Recipients

- 2012 Kenneth Peter, Political Science
- 2013 Anne Marie Todd, Communication Studies
- 2014 Sean Laraway, Psychology
- 2015 Scott Myers-Lipton, Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
- 2016 Marco Meniketti, Anthropology  
Jennifer Anderson, Anthropology
- 2017 Charlotte Sunseri, Anthropology  
Sara Benson, Political Science
- 2018 Stephanie Coopman, Communication Studies  
Viviana Sanchez-Chopitia, Anthropology
- 2019 Valerie Carr, Psychology  
Ninos Malek, Economics
- 2020 Oona Hatton, Communication Studies  
Allison Katsev, History
- 2021 Soma de Bourbon, Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences  
John Marlovits, Anthropology