

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**  
**College of Social Sciences**

# **TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

**NOMINATIONS DUE: February 6, 2017 - 5:00 pm**

**Send nominations via Email to Associate Dean Ron Rogers  
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**Purpose:** The College of Social Sciences will present two awards for teaching excellence—one to a tenured/tenure-track faculty 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. 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. Nominations are solicited from College of Social Sciences faculty in consultation with the Department Chair. Awardees receive \$1000 at the College of Social Sciences Awards Ceremony in April.

**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.

Nominees 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 nomination from the faculty wishing to be considered for this award or a nomination letter from a colleague. 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 summaries/lists of:
  - Newly developed courses;
  - Curriculum development (initiatives, leadership, contributions);
  - Grants, directly related to the enhancement of teaching and student learning;
  - Student supervision /working with students, such as independent studies, design projects, theses, graduate committees;
  - Summaries of student and peer evaluations;
  - Active participation in assessment, creation of learning teams, or other pedagogical efforts connected student learning;
  - 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 letter.

**Selection Process:** Nominees will be reviewed by a committee of at least three faculty members composed of previous *Teaching Excellence Award* recipients. The final awardees will be approved by the Dean of the College.

**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 and  
Jennifer Anderson, Anthropology