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University Award for Excellence in Teaching

Minoo D. Adenwalla, Professor of Government and Mary Mortimer Professor of Liberal Studies

"Minoo Adenwalla, student and practitioner of political philosophy, professional commentator for your Indian homeland, interpreter of Locke and reader of Krishnamurti, you have invested your life in Lawrence and its students. We hope that the returns to you have been as substantial and as dependable as your investments in the stock market. In all aspects of your life of teaching and writing--whether in Poona, London, or Appleton--you have exemplified Edmund Burke's adage, which you have cited in your own writings: 'Only those who know how to conserve really know how to change.'

Students may sometimes feel that in Constitutional Law you draw out their opinions as one who lures an ant out of a crack in order to smash it, and students may not always be certain that you distinguish yourself from the Philosopher-King when lecturing on Plato, but that is just your point. In your every effort--from Freshman Studies to Constitutional Law, from the History of Political Thought to your seminars on Gandhi--you teach that every experience can instruct us in the practical science of politics. We salute you in all your personae: as Dr. Adenwalla feared for your provocative erudition, as political commentator on American Life in The Commerce (Bombay's equivalent to the Wall Street Journal), as an aristocratic Parsi known for your gentlemanly care and concern, and as an adviser and friend with reputation for both gracious advice and firm, paternal guidance.

Minoo, we are delighted to honor you today with the 1991 Excellent Teaching Award."

Citation read by President Richard Warch at Commencement, 1991