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Young Teacher Award

Allen Gimbel, Assistant Professor of Music

"Allen Gimbel, few music educators bring to the classroom your uncompromising standards of excellence as a composer, scholar, and teacher, your devotion to the art of speculative thought and discourse, and your deep and abiding fondness for the finest in life, be it music, literature, or gourmet cuisine.

In the words of your students, your immense knowledge and dedication, your intellectual integrity and rare imagination, and your inspirational enthusiasm and unwavering high expectations each contribute to intensely challenging, yet effective and entertaining learning. They credit you with a desire to push students to their highest potential and creativity, and with placing the welfare of students at the forefront of your interaction with them. Your dynamic and passionately romantic spirit and your philosophical attitude have set for students a mission of commitment, as Matthew Arnold would have it, 'to make the best that has been thought and known in the world current everywhere' that they may become 'true apostles of equality.'

Allen Gimbel, we are delighted to honor you as an outstanding young teacher of the Lawrence faculty."

Citation read by President Richard Warch at Commencement, 1990