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## **Excellence in Creative Activity Award**

### **David McGlynn, Assistant Professor of English**

“David McGlynn, your outstanding accomplishments in the areas of fiction, non-fiction creative writing and scholarship mark you as a person of exceptional ability. Your imagination, sense of empathy, and mastery of the craft of writing enrich the lives of all who read your work.

Your fiction writings address difficult moral dilemmas with a sense of the complexity of life and the heartbreaking decisions that people often must face. Your treatment of the characters in your works is described as showing “compassionate dispassion,” and your writing is characterized as “natural and seemingly effortless.” Your works have been published in such major literary quarterlies as *Mid-America Review*, *Shenandoah*, *Northwest Review*, *Alaska Quarterly Review* and *Black Warrior Review*, as well as in your own highly acclaimed book, *The End of the Straight and Narrow*. You ask hard questions about human existence, and provide us with inspired ideas about these questions.

Your talents as a writer of essays are also highly praised for their sensitivity. Here, as in your fiction, you examine moments of crisis and grief, and help us as readers understand ourselves and sharpen our ideas about the nature of the human condition.

Finally, your scholarship in the areas of literary analysis is remarkable for the care with which you analyze the ideas of other authors, the context in which they express their ideas, and the connections between their writings and those of others. You have written on the work of both George Eliot and Frank Norris in essays that have appeared in prestigious journals and make it clear that you are not only a wonderful creative writer but are also an excellent literary scholar.

Your exceptional accomplishments in three major areas show you to be a person of talent and ability. Your work is a source of joy and pride for everyone in the Lawrence community.

In recognition of your accomplishments, I am extremely pleased to present you with the 2009 Award for Excellence in Creative Activity.”

*Citation read by President Jill Beck at Commencement, 2009*