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2012 AWARD FOR EXCELLENT TEACHING
YOUNG TEACHER AWARD
Samantha George

Since becoming a member of the faculty in the Conservatory of Music in 2008 you have had great success as an inspiring, brilliant, and thoughtful, teacher. Your success in working with violin students has led them to describe you as “amazing”, “fantastic”, and “incredible.”

A key part of your success is your ability to create a unique learning experience for each student. You are able to understand how each individual thinks and feels, and you work to develop just the right lesson to bring out the best in that individual. You give students multiple practice strategies for working on new techniques and difficult passages. You are regarded as highly organized, with a clear idea of what you wish to hear in each lesson and a willingness to be direct with suggestions for improvement. At the same time, you are personable, caring, and, as one student puts it, “fun.” You also provide a great model for your students through your own performances, which are consistently outstanding and a source of joy for everyone. Your experience as a soloist and Associate Concertmaster of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra allows you to give excellent advice on solo repertoire and orchestral music. Simply put, your teaching is outstanding.

In honor of your teaching accomplishments, I am pleased to recognize you today with the 2012 Award for Excellent Teaching by a Young Faculty Member at Lawrence.