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2012 UNIVERSITY AWARD FOR EXCELLENT TEACHING
THOMAS RYCKMAN

Since coming to Lawrence in 1984, you have consistently demonstrated excellence in teaching. The hallmark of your success has been your focus on ensuring that students not only learn the material you present to them, but also become skillful independent learners capable of mastering anything new. Sometimes you accomplish this with humor, sometimes with direct but appropriate prodding, and sometimes with thoughtful personal attention. At all times, your classes are well organized and the material is presented with clarity. Students are grateful for the concern you show them and are often surprised at how much they are able to learn and by the extent to which they develop new interests. In your time at Lawrence, you have taught a variety of courses including logic, the philosophy of language, epistemology, the philosophy of art, and introductory philosophy. You have contributed to the Freshman Studies program as both an instructor and Director of the program. Your excellence in teaching was recognized early in your Lawrence career when you were presented with the Young Teacher Award in 1986. In all of your activities, you have remained dedicated to the ideal of liberal education. That dedication has benefitted our students for over 25 years.

For your achievement in contributing so successfully to the education of our students, I am pleased to honor you today with the 2012 University Award for Excellent Teaching