

2014 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP OR CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Monica L. Rico

Monica Rico, since joining the Lawrence faculty in 2003 after earning a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Arts and a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, you have demonstrated consistent excellence and brilliance as a scholar. Through a series of articles and professional presentations, you have examined a number of important issues in American history, with a special focus on the themes of masculinity, empire and class in the developing American West. These themes are analyzed and synthesized in your book, *Nature's Noblemen: Transatlantic Masculinities and the Nineteenth Century American West*. This book, published by the Yale University Press, examines the lives of men ranging from William Cody, also known as Buffalo Bill Cody, to the English cattle rancher Moreton Frewen, and their conceptions of themselves. The

book has been widely praised for its erudition and freshness. Your devotion to history and its power to understand the human condition has led you to study many other topics, notably the history of travel to Africa. You have used your knowledge to provide support for colleagues in a variety of areas. You also delved deeply into the scholarship of community-based engagement while serving as the Pieper Family Chair of Servant-Leadership. It is clear that you are a person of great intelligence and thoroughness who will continue to devote yourself to insightful scholarship for many years to come.

In honor of your many achievements, I am pleased to present you with the 2014 Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship or Creative Activity.

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