

2014 AWARD FOR EXCELLENT TEACHING  
YOUNG TEACHER AWARD

*Stephen M. Sieck*

Since coming to Lawrence in 2010 you have done an outstanding job as teacher, conductor and colleague. You have worked with the Cantata Women's Choir, the Concert Choir and the Viking Chorale, and somehow found time to teach a course in conducting. You have been extremely successful with each. Students find you to be wise, funny, talented, competent and organized. One student stated, "He is a wonderful teacher and conductor who understands students and wants them to succeed." Another commented that you "want what is best for your students and are willing to work patiently with us both inside and outside of class."

At the heart of your success is a wonderful combination of passion, an insistence on high standards of achievement, and care for your students. The praise for your choral groups and the

affection of those groups toward you are powerful evidence for the effectiveness of this combination. As one faculty colleague stated, "Steve gets extraordinary results from the choral groups he works with, challenging the best Lawrence singers to perform at the very highest level while drawing efforts out of less experienced singers that amaze audiences and peers." Colleagues also praise your generosity and admire you for the culture of artistic accomplishment you help create. You clearly are a part of making the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music a world-class musical institution.

In honor of your teaching accomplishments, I am pleased to recognize you today with the 2014 Award for Excellent Teaching by a Young Faculty Member at Lawrence.

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