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2015 AWARD FOR EXCELLENT TEACHING
YOUNG TEACHER AWARD

Sara Gross Ceballos

Since coming to Lawrence in 2008 with a Ph.D. in Musicology from the University of California at Los Angeles, you have been extremely successful as a passionate, knowledgeable and inspiring teacher. Students frequently remark on the enthusiasm that you show for the materials you teach, and several have said your clear excitement about music history has generated in them great interest in the topic.

In addition to “knowledgeable” and “passionate,” a word that often occurs when students describe you is, “challenging.” You set high standards for the quality of their work, and they appreciate the substantial improvements in their abilities that result from your insistence on excellence.

In addition to courses with such intriguing titles as *National Identity and the American Musical*,

Spanish Sacred Music of the Golden Age, and *Music and Power Under the Sun King*, you have been an effective contributor to Lawrence’s *Freshman Studies* program, where you have adopted creative techniques for enhancing students’ ability to write. You encourage students to work together to improve their writing, establishing the class as a “Community of Writers.” You also encourage each student to develop as an individual, creating ideas that are unique and following a distinctive, personal path to scholarship and understanding.

In honor of your teaching accomplishments, I am pleased to recognize you today with the 2015 Award for Excellent Teaching by a Young Faculty Member at Lawrence.

June 14, 2015