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2015 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP

Arnold Shober

You arrived at Lawrence in 2006 after earning a Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. You immediately demonstrated the ability to engage in extensive, careful scholarship at an impressive rate that shows every sign of continuing for many decades.

Your interest in public policy, particularly higher education and K–12 education has led you to publish two books and a large number of articles. Your first book, *Splintered Accountability: State Governance and Education Reform*, published in 2010, is described as “an important contribution to the education policy literature.” Your second book, *The Democratic Dilemma of American Education: Out of Many, One?* published in 2012, received even higher praise for being a “wonderful and broad overview of the forces shaping American education policy.” You are now working on a third book, a study of the policies

and politics surrounding the Common Core. If the trend continues, you will end up publishing more than a dozen books on education policy, each one with higher accolades than its predecessor.

It is not surprising that you are often called upon to comment on political policy in the media, including Wisconsin Public Radio and network television stations. Your focus on education policy is of extreme importance to Lawrence, to the future of the academy and to society in general. We all look forward to important contributions for many years to come.

In recognition of your outstanding scholarly contributions, I am extremely pleased to present you with the 2015 Award for Excellence in Scholarship.

June 14, 2015