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## 2017 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP

### *Jake Frederick*

Since arriving at Lawrence in 2006, you have established yourself as an outstanding scholar of colonial Latin America, with a specialty in Mexico. Your interests started while you were working on your Ph.D. at Pennsylvania State University, which you completed in 2005. You have given many professional presentations during the past 11 years, including “Fire Power: Public Safety and State Control in Colonial Mexico,” “Elements of Iniquity: Fire and Water in New Spain” and “Burning Questions: Fire and Eighteenth Century Mexico City.” Your work focuses on how fire has become a vehicle for political and legal modernization. Your most recent work in the area is as a guest curator at the John Carter Brown Library of Brown University of an exhibit titled *Fire*. We all trust that your future interest in this topic does not include the study of any local events at Lawrence or in Appleton.

Your current scholarship involves two books on other topics. In fall 2016 you published a book entitled *Riot! Tobacco,*

*Reform, and Violence in Eighteenth-Century Papantla, Mexico*. Then, in the spring of 2017, you published with Tatiana Seijas, *Spanish Dollars and Sister Republics: The Money That Made Mexico and the United States*. The latter book addresses the important and timely topic of the shared history of Mexico and the United States, told through the vehicle of coined money. This is a wonderful example of how knowing history can help us understand the present and overcome significant biases in our beliefs. It is remarkable that both books have been published this year. If the publication function is linear, you will publish about 50 more books during your career on the faculty at Lawrence. You are truly a skilled, prolific and engaged scholar whose work helps make Lawrence an outstanding institution.

In recognition of your outstanding scholarly contributions, I am extremely pleased to present you with the 2017 Award for Excellence in Scholarship.

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