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2017 AWARD FOR EXCELLENT TEACHING
BY AN EARLY CAREER FACULTY MEMBER

Alison Guenther-Pal

Since coming to Lawrence in 2007, you have been an outstanding teacher, helping our students to achieve the goal of becoming liberally educated. Your passion for the concept of liberal education as liberating education, as an experience that sets us free by developing the power of the mind, has had a profound effect in both the German and the film studies programs. Your students appreciate your emphasis on critical dialogue in class discussions and your careful feedback on their writing. As one student stated, "I absolutely enjoyed working with Professor Guenther-Pal this term. My writing has changed so much over just 10 weeks. She provides intelligent and precise feedback. The discussions we had in class were stimulating and I always walked away with something new after every class." The focus on development of intellectual skill is reflected by the statement of another student that "the experience has helped me a lot in my writing ability and the ability to think critically." Your drive to make students think critically is combined with

great support and compassion. You insist on setting high expectations, but you are also supportive and kind. One student comments that "outside of the classroom she is even more of a professor with depth and love." You treat each student as an individual deserving of care and consideration.

One of your distinctive strengths is your ability to create the quality of self-direction in your students. You not only teach them, you give them the power to teach themselves. This is the highest achievement we could ask for in a faculty member, and is greatly admired by colleagues and students.

In honor of your teaching accomplishments, I am pleased to recognize you today with the 2017 Award for Excellent Teaching by an Early Career Faculty Member at Lawrence.

June 11, 2017