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## 2018 UNIVERSITY AWARD FOR EXCELLENT TEACHING

### *Karen A. Hoffmann*

Since your appointment to the Lawrence University English Department in 1998, you have distinguished yourself as one of our finest teachers, dedicated to bringing out the best in your students as thinkers, writers, and readers with an appreciation for the great beauty and variety of literary expression.

In your time at Lawrence, you have developed contributions to the English and Ethnic Studies curricula on the *Literature of the Harlem Renaissance*, *Modernist British Fiction*, *African American Writers*, and *Gender and Modernist British and America Fiction*. Throughout, students praise your clarity, fairness, and consistency in establishing criteria for graded work; your skills as a leader of rich, nuanced discussion; and, above all, your empathy and dedication to meeting students where they are and bringing them forward to a new level of skill and understanding.

“This class has really helped me to understand concepts of race, such as double consciousness, that I never would have

discovered on my own,” wrote a student in your *African American Writers* class. “The e-mails which were sent after heavy topics in class were much appreciated,” wrote another student in the same course, “as well as the e-mails of praise after good discussions to lead students on the right track. It really made me want to continue working hard and showed that she noticed my efforts.”

“Professor Hoffmann is one of the best professors at Lawrence University,” another student observed. “I have never met a teacher or instructor who cares so much about a student’s success. . . . I feel like I was able to reach my full academic potential because of Professor Hoffmann.”

In 2010 you received the *Freshman Studies* Teaching Award. It gives me great pleasure to see how your dedication to your students has continued to grow, and to recognize you today with the 2018 Award for Excellent Teaching.

June 10, 2018