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Terry Gottfried

TERRY GOTTFRIED, since coming to Lawrence University in 1986 you have made many important, transformative contributions to our curriculum—not only in Psychology, your home department, but also in Linguistics, Gender Studies, Cognitive Science, and *First-Year Studies*. Over the years, your joyful commitment to inter- and cross-disciplinary study have helped reveal and expand the depth and range of intellectual and artistic growth possible at an institution that features both a music conservatory and a liberal arts college.

After receiving a B.A. *summa cum laude* in French and Psychology at the University of Minnesota, you elected to remain in Minneapolis to pursue graduate studies in Psychology, writing a dissertation on the perception of French and American English vowel sounds and receiving the Ph.D. in 1982. You came to Lawrence four years later, following faculty appointments at the State University of New York College at Purchase and at Northeastern University. Courses you offered in those early years, which you continued to offer throughout your career, include Cognitive Psychology and Psychology of Language, subjects closely related to your graduate research.

It did not take you long to branch out. In 1988, recognizing the connection between linguistic and musical perception and eager to explore that connection further in Lawrence's music-intensive environment, you first offered Psychology of Music—a course you have taught 18 times since. Shortly thereafter you collaborated with faculty colleagues from English, Anthropology, French, History, and other

departments to create the Gender Studies interdisciplinary area, and in 1990 you taught the first iteration of Introduction to Gender Studies. You helped develop a second interdisciplinary area in Cognitive Science, partnering with colleagues in Philosophy and Computer Science. Last, but by no means least, you worked with faculty in Classics, Anthropology, and Philosophy to develop a program in Linguistics. Today Lawrence University offers majors in Gender Studies and Linguistics, and Cognitive Science has grown from an interdisciplinary area to a minor—thanks in no small degree to your energetic efforts.

Other service you have generously rendered include a term as the director of *First-Year Studies*; in 2013 you received the *First-Year Studies* teaching award. You also have served as chair of the Psychology department, and you have been a steadfast presence on several university committees, including major service on the Curriculum and Tenure committees.

Your scholarship on the perception of speech sounds and music has produced more than a dozen publications, many with student co-authors; several grant awards; and fellowship appointments at distinguished universities in Canada, Norway, and Denmark, including a 2014 appointment as Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Brain, Language, and Music at McGill University.

Terry, in recognition of your many contributions to Lawrence and its students, I am pleased to award you the degree of Master of Arts, *ad eundem*, on the occasion of your retirement from the faculty.

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