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Excellent Teaching by an Early Career Faculty Member Award Citation for Nancy Lin

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2022 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING
BY AN EARLY CAREER FACULTY MEMBER

Nancy Lin

Nancy, you came to Lawrence in 2016, one year after receiving your Ph.D. in Art History from the University of Chicago. With your specializations in early 20th century Japanese and Korean Art, you introduced new topics of study to the college, providing many students—and not a few of your faculty colleagues—with their first sustained engagement with the glorious history and traditions of East Asian art.

Your curricular contributions have extended beyond your areas of specialization to include the complete revision of Art History 101, producing a more inclusive and engaging introduction to the discipline. You have also played a leading role in shaping the Senior Seminar. But your many positive contributions to our community extend well beyond these tangible transformations in core Art History courses, important as they are. Again and again, students and colleagues praise your kindness, thoughtful patience, and uncanny ability to balance empathy with rigor to help students achieve their best work.

"Nancy's approach to pedagogy is one of the more admirable that I have had the good fortune to encounter," one colleague writes. "She leads by example, always being thoroughly prepared. She has a gentle touch and brings a great deal of humor to the classroom. And she consistently seeks student feedback both informally and formally to help her adapt to the needs of individuals and groups. All of this combines with an impressive ability to articulate what is important."

In the words of a student, "Professor Lin exemplifies excellence in teaching . . . not only nurturing her students but pushing them to think critically and creatively. Through the courses I have taken with Professor Lin, I have grown in confidence as not only an art historian, but a liberal arts student . . . The welcoming environment Professor Lin creates for her students fosters deep thinking and interdisciplinary connections."

Nancy, it gives me great pleasure to formally recognize the admiration and appreciation of your colleagues and students by presenting you with the 2022 Award for Excellent Teaching by an Early Career Faculty Member.

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