

April 8, 2009

Dear Directors,

The **AGLSP Annual Faculty Award** (formerly the National Faculty Award) is offered each year by the Association to honor an outstanding faculty member who teaches within graduate liberal studies (GLS). The award was established by the Association's Board of Directors in 1991 to recognize outstanding faculty who exemplify the qualities of interdisciplinary, liberal learning and who have participated significantly in teaching or advising students and/or have actively participated in other faculty service in a graduate liberal studies program.

We encourage you to nominate one of your faculty for the 2009 AGLSP Annual Faculty Award. It is a prestigious recognition of an individual associated with a Full Member program, who has made a considerable contribution to interdisciplinary liberal studies teaching and advising. The recipient will receive a plaque and \$1,000 cash award at this year's annual conference in Orlando, and will make a brief presentation upon receiving the award. (Recipient's conference registration and lodging are provided by the Association; the recipient's home program is responsible for transportation and any additional expenses.) The award with presentation remarks also will be published in *Confluence: The Journal of Graduate Liberal Studies* and posted on the AGLSP Web site.

Criteria for the Award

- The nominee must be affiliated with the GLS program offered by a Full Member AGLSP institution.
- The nominee must have been active in the institution's GLS program for at least three years in a faculty-student relationship.
- The nominee must possess a commitment to the philosophy of GLS programs and must have demonstrated an attitude and behavior that is interdisciplinary in nature.

Primary consideration given the nominee will be the quality of his or her teaching of interdisciplinary courses and advising of graduate liberal studies students. Other services to the program, such as advisory committee involvement and program advocacy, will be considered. Finally, the nominee should have a record of excellence in scholarship and/or professional service and activity.

Nomination Process and Deadlines

- **Monday, June 1:** Submit nomination materials **electronically** to the Association Office (as email attachments to info@aglsp.org), to include:
 - A nominating letter from the program director. The letter should detail how the nominee meets the award criteria and include the following information: the nominee's full name, degree, position, academic field, and number of years the nominee has been associated with the GLS program; nominator's full name and title; program and institution names.
 - The nominee's most recent *cv*.
 - One syllabus from an interdisciplinary GLS course taught by the nominee within the past three years.

- Supporting letters from the following individuals:
 - the dean or associate dean,
 - a faculty colleague familiar with the nominee's GLS work, and
 - one or two students who recently completed a GLS course taught by the nominee.
 - The awards committee may request additional information on those nominees who are finalists.
 - Be sure to advise the nominee to set aside the dates of the AGLSP annual conference (October 22-24, 2009 in Orlando), in the event your nominee is selected.
- **By August 1:** Recipient and program director will be notified.

Selection Process

An awards committee, appointed by the AGLSP president, reviews nominations and selects the award recipient. The president will notify the award recipient and his or her AGLSP institutional representative.

Nominees not selected for the award may be renominated in a subsequent year by submitting again all requested materials to the Association Office by the stated deadline.

Presentation of Award

The president of the Association and the awards committee will present the award during the annual conference. The recipient will make a 10-minute presentation at the Saturday breakfast on a topic of choice, such as a presentation of a recent GLS class, some aspect of the recipient's current scholarship in relation to GLS, or reflections on the rewards of working with GLS students. Following the conference, an announcement of the award will be posted on the AGLSP Web site, along with a copy of the recipient's remarks and a photograph. In addition, the recipient's remarks will be published in *Confluence*.

Again, I encourage you to nominate a deserving member of your faculty to be recognized by this prestigious honor.

Sincerely,



James Pappas
President

Enclosure

Please send all nominating materials together and electronically as attachments in an email to the Association Office: info@aglsp.org