

## Arts and Sciences Faculty Engagement Award

Beginning in Fall 2011, the College of Arts and Sciences launched an annual award recognizing two faculty members for excellence in engagement. The concept of engagement for the purpose of this award arises from the report of the *National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges* entitled "Renewing the Covenant: Learning, Discovery, and Engagement in a New Age and Different World."

In this new covenant, engagement incorporates and enlarges the notion of "service" that has been a traditional part of the work of a university professor. The larger concept of engagement is needed because so much of the professional life of a university professor cuts across the boundaries of research, teaching, service, classroom, outreach, library, laboratory, and community. Although the university makes awards recognizing research and teaching, there has been relatively little recognition of excellence in engagement.

We hope to recognize faculty members whose work connects students, scholarship, and community. Some examples of award-worthy excellence in engagement might include the following, though this is hardly an exhaustive list:

- Promoting student engagement in academics and the community in innovative and effective ways;
- Creating community partnerships or other connections that apply university expertise and draw upon community resources for mutual benefit;
- Elevating the undergraduate experience by facilitating undergraduate research and creative endeavor or engaging students in community partnerships;
- Exhibiting exceptional and productive support for student academic achievement and community involvement;
- Inventing and implementing policies and procedures that enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the academic enterprise.

All full time faculty members holding appointments in the College of Arts and Sciences are eligible (tenured, tenure-track, special instructor, full time adjunct). Part time faculty (lecturers and special lecturers), research professors, visiting faculty, and honorary adjuncts are not eligible.

Any faculty member, full or part time, or any administrator connected with the College of Arts and Sciences, is invited to make nominations. A nomination consists of a narrative limited to two printed single-spaced pages. A nomination may be endorsed by the signatures of other nominators.

The award will include a \$1,000 expense account to support the faculty member's engagement activities and will be presented at the annual open meeting of the College Assembly in October 2012.

Send nominations to Laura Schovan ([schovan@oakland.edu](mailto:schovan@oakland.edu)) at the College of Arts and Sciences. The deadline for receipt of nominations is September 19, 2012.