



BETTY COFFEY AWARD

The Women's Studies Coordinating Committee seeks nominations for the 2008 Betty Coffey Award. Created in 1986, the award recognizes a faculty or staff member who demonstrates outstanding achievement in incorporating women's perspectives in the curriculum or developing academic programs that contribute to the elimination of persistent barriers to the success of women on campus. The award also honors the memory of Betty Coffey, a faculty member in Engineering from 1977 to 1984, for her considerable contribution to faculty development, teaching excellence, and women's equity at MSU.

Nominating Criteria

The Betty Coffey Award rewards two kinds of activities:

1. Research and scholarship leading to the creation of a new course or the substantial alteration of an existing course in order to provide a focus on women's issues and/or feminist theory. It is expected that the new or revised course will reflect new insights gleaned from feminist scholarship that challenge the ways in which knowledge has been presented in the past. Highest priority in selecting a recipient will be given to courses that include material on previously invisible women, such as minority women, disadvantaged women, or simply women of all races and classes whose lives have been erased from history.
2. The development of an academic program that results in the elimination of barriers to the success of women on campus. Research leading to programs designed to enhance the participation of women in a discipline or field should reach a significant number of students or show potential for continuing impact.

Deadline for nominations—Monday, March 3rd, 2008. Individuals who are nominated for the award will be contacted later for more information. Nominations should be sent to Mary Murphy, Department of History and Philosophy (mmurphy@montana.edu).