

February 17, 2009

TO: College of Letters & Science Department Heads and Faculty

FR: Melody Zajdel, Associate Dean

RE: L&S Outstanding Teaching Awards, Call for Nominations

Since 1989 the college has recognized excellent teachers with the College of Letters & Science Outstanding Teaching Awards. One award will be given to a tenure-track faculty member and one to a non-tenure-track instructor or lecturer. These awards honor outstanding teachers and reaffirm our commitment to excellent teaching. The dean will present these awards at the Letters and Science Annual Awards Ceremony on April 28, 2009.

The award to a non-tenure-track faculty member recognizes the critical role these teachers play in our college. This category includes full-or part-time lecturers, instructors, and adjunct professors. We especially encourage you to nominate non-tenure-track faculty who have been teaching in the college for some time. As far as we know, this is the only award that recognizes this group of faculty for excellent teaching.

Please deliver letters of nomination to the dean's office by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 27, 2009. These initial nominating letters may be brief (and emailed if preferred); you will have an opportunity to include a more detailed letter in the nominating packet. Once I receive your nominations, I will request additional information from faculty who have been nominated and from their department heads. A faculty committee will select the award recipients.

Please distribute copies of this announcement to faculty members who may wish to nominate a colleague. If you have questions or need additional information about the L&S Teaching Awards, please call me at x4288 or email me at zajdel@montana.edu. Thank you.