

October 24, 2016

Humanities Undergraduate Students
Humanities Graduate Students

Re: The Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award

I write to solicit nominations of Humanities faculty¹ for the Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award. This award recognizes Humanities faculty for their commitment and effectiveness in transformative teaching in the liberal arts as well as effective mentoring of students, both undergraduate and graduate. Faculty recipients of the award receive a grant and designate a student from a Humanities program to receive a scholarship that recognizes academic accomplishment. The award bears the name of John Dizikes, Professor Emeritus of American Studies, whose powerful ability to inspire and engage students has been acclaimed by generations of alumni.

AWARD CRITERIA

Current students and recent alumni are invited to nominate faculty for consideration for the award.

Nominations should address the faculty member's ability to arouse curiosity in students, to encourage high standards, and to stimulate students to original and rigorous work through guidance and mentoring. Other criteria include creating an inclusive learning environment that is open and encouraging to all students, relating the subject to other fields of knowledge and making the learning relevant to experience outside the academy.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION

1. Nominations consist of an application form and a brief narrative (maximum one page) describing the impact and effectiveness of the nominee's teaching.
2. Nominations are submitted to the faculty member's home department. The department will review the nominations and forward an endorsed nominee file to the Dean's office.
3. The Dean will select the award winner based on the nomination narrative and department endorsement file.

Nominations are due to the faculty member's home department by **Monday, February 6, 2017**.

The awardee will be announced by early April, following the Dean's contact of the winner. Both the faculty recipient and the student honoree are expected to contribute a statement about their experience as teacher/learners in the Humanities and to attend the award presentation event if at all possible.

¹ Both senate and continuing non-senate faculty are eligible for the award.

The award and scholarship presentation will occur during the annual Humanities Awards celebration on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

For more information, please send an email to Blanca Rodriguez at brodri12@ucsc.edu.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tyler Stovall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "S".

Tyler Stovall
Dean of Humanities

Enclosure: Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award nomination form

Cc: Humanities department chairs and managers