

The  
**Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching**  
recognizes a teacher who embodies a commitment to excellence in their ability to  
communicate and inspire. This award is  
presented to

**Ann Kelleher**  
**Professor of Political Science**

A student writes that “meeting Professor Kelleher during my junior year of high school was a leading factor in my decision to attend Pacific Lutheran University.” Another student writes that “during my time at PLU, no professor has made me appreciate my educational experience as much as Professor Kelleher.” And a former student, writing of his study away experience with Ann, and of the many other ways she assisted his career, tells us that “Dr. Kelleher has made the largest impact on my life as a student, as a young scholar, and as a person working in the field of conflict resolution.”

Most PLU faculty who know Ann are well aware of her legacy as a member of our faculty. It is a legacy that lives on in the lives of those students whom she helped bring to PLU, whose lives and careers she shaped while they were here, and who remember her years after graduation as a source of inspiration in their lives.

Ann’s two most recognizable traits as a teacher are, first, very high expectations, and second, her absolute honesty with her students as to whether they have met or failed to meet those expectations. But these students know that her expectations are not arbitrary. As a colleague writes: the demands she places on her students “stem from her deep commitment to student learning, and from her genuine affection towards her students...her outer toughness encloses a heart of gold and an extraordinarily generous spirit.”

Ann, thousands of our alumni are better citizens of the world for you having been here for them. You have embodied our university’s mission that we educate students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership, and care – for other persons, for their communities, and for the earth. Thank you for all you have done!

For the pedagogical insights she brings to her courses and the inspiration she provides for her students, Pacific Lutheran University bestows on Ann Kelleher the  
2011-2012 Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching.