

The
Faculty Excellence Award in Mentoring
recognizes the efforts of a faculty member who serves as a personal or professional guide to students or colleagues, and who makes a profound difference in the lives of others as a role model, confidant, critic, friend, or co-learner. This award is presented to

Beth Kraig
Professor of History

“She makes me feel as though all my goals can be accomplished” is how one student describes Beth Kraig’s impact on her life. A former student writes “she always encouraged me to live my commitments, follow my passions, and cultivate the aspects of who I am that make me a unique individual.” Another former student writes that “Beth really helped me define my moral compass...I am eternally grateful for her wisdom and dedication.”

As we think of the many ways our faculty affect the lives of our students, being a mentor – a personal or professional guide – can be a difficult role to play. But the testimony of current and former students, as well as her colleagues, makes it clear that Beth Kraig is among the best. A former student, now herself a history professor at another university, writes “I still measure myself against the example that Professor Kraig set as a teacher.”

Beth’s colleagues are beneficiaries of her wisdom as well. One colleague writes how Beth has continued to make her a better teacher; another colleague writes of how she has turned to Beth numerous times over the years to help with problems and concerns in the classroom.

Our students and our faculty have benefited from the wise and careful mentorship of Beth Kraig.

For her dedication, and for her example as a role model of collegiality and respect for students and faculty colleagues alike, Pacific Lutheran University bestows on Beth Kraig the 2011-2012 Faculty Excellence Award for Mentoring.

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