PLU sponsors Faculty Excellence Awards to recognize outstanding accomplishments of the faculty in five areas of faculty work: teaching, advising, mentoring, research, and service. The recipients have been nominated and selected by their peers, signifying their high regard among those who know them well. Over the years, Humanities faculty have an impressive record of garnering these awards!
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

To recognize a teacher who embodies the qualities of excellent teaching, as measured by such skills as the ability to communicate knowledge effectively, to inspire in students a love of learning, and the willingness to go “above and beyond” in working with students in and outside of class.

2009 – Lisa Marcus (English)
2007 – Roberta Brown (French)
2003 – Tom Campbell (English)
EXCELLENCE IN ADVISING

To recognize a faculty advisor who embodies the qualities of effective and caring concern for student academic progress, as measured by skill at helping students plan their academic schedule, navigate the challenges of college life, and make well-chosen life and career decisions. Nominations for this award should come from faculty and students.

2007 – Paloma Martinez-Carbajo (Hispanic Studies)
2005 – Keith Cooper (Philosophy)
K. T. TANG AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

The awards recognize faculty scholars who have made significant contributions to their disciplines through dissemination of rigorous, substantial, and on-going research activities.

2010 – Rick Barot (English)
2010 – Rebecca Wilkin (French)
2007 – Douglas Oakman (Religion)
2006 – Samuel Torvend (Religion)
2004 – Patricia O’Connell Killen (Religion)
2002 – Erin McKenna (Philosophy)
EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

To recognize a faculty member who embodies the university mission of “service, leadership, and care,” by demonstrating academic leadership and influence in the life of the university through service in the areas of faculty governance, the university generally, our academic community, and community and profession beyond the university.

2011 – Erin McKenna (Philosophy)

2005 – Paul Menzel (Philosophy)
AWARDS FOR OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT

Prior to 2001, Faculty Excellence Awards were given to faculty who exhibited excellence in all three of the main areas of faculty performance: teaching, scholarship, and service. Faculty who received these awards were thus singled out by their colleagues for an admirable excellence in all areas of academic performance.

2000 – Roberta Brown (French) 1997 – Sharon Jansen (English)
1995 – Charles Bergman (English) 1995 – Nancy Howell (Religion)
1993 – Jack Cady (English) 1993 – Doug Oakman (Religion)
1990 – Patricia Killen (Religion) 1989 – Robert Stivers (Religion)
1986 – Paul Menzel (Philosophy)