The **K.T. Tang Faculty Excellence Award in Research**
recognizes faculty scholars who have made significant contributions to their disciplines through dissemination of research findings related to the discovery, integration, or application of knowledge. This award is presented to

**Michael Bartanen**  
Professor of Communication

His research career began with his undergraduate senior thesis on the public debate over Medicare and “socialized medicine” in the 1960’s, continued with analyses of Ronald Reagan as a political speaker and the anti-nuclear power movement, and has now spanned a 35-year career at PLU. In addition to his work to resurrect the history of forensics at PLU – a history that had been lost, his recent book *Forensics in America: A History* (2014) offers a comprehensive social and intellectual history of forensics and its position in the broader scope of American education. Co-authored with Robert Littlefield, this book has been described by a professional colleague as “an audacious work of scholarship, the first of its kind in the field, and one that will not be equaled in many years.” Dr. Bartanen has been recognized as one of the most influential forensic leaders in America, having held leadership positions in national associations, with service as the editor of *The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta*. He is the recipient of numerous national awards including the L.E. Norton Award for Scholarship and the E.R. Nichols Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Furtherance of the Forensic Discipline (both from Pi Kappa Delta), and the Brownlee Award for Excellence in Education, Scholarship and Leadership (from the Cross Examination Debate Association).

For excellence in research, we offer our congratulations to Michael Bartanen.

On behalf of the Faculty of Pacific Lutheran University, we offer our congratulations to Michael Bartanen on being a 2014-2015 recipient of the K.T. Tang Faculty Excellence Award for Research.

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