The **Faculty Excellence Award in Service**

is meant to recognize a faculty member who demonstrates academic leadership and who influences the life of the university through service in areas of faculty governance, the university generally, our academic community, and the community and profession beyond the university.

This award is presented to:

**Anna Leon-Guerrero**  
**Professor of Sociology**

It is quite remarkable that Anna agreed to serve as department chair as an untenured assistant professor in the late 1990’s. It was a sign of things to come, of a willingness to take on leadership challenges when times came a calling, and it came at an important time in the history of the department. Likewise with her service as chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee nearly a decade ago - a term of service that changed the conversation around budgeting and planning for the university - followed by her service as Vice-Chair and then Chair of the Faculty from 2008 to 2012. Anna contributes in significant ways to her community and to her profession, including service to the Pacific Sociological Association, the American Sociological Association, and in particular the Washington State Institutional Review Board, where she has served for 20 years. A few years ago she was elected as the regional representative to the Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, where she now serves as Vice President.

For her record of service to her university and to her profession, we offer our congratulations to Anna Leon-Guerrero.

On behalf of the Faculty of Pacific Lutheran University, we offer our congratulations to Anna Leon-Guerrero on being the 2014-2015 recipient of the Faculty Excellence Award for Service.