

**The Faculty Excellence Award in Service** recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates academic leadership and who influences the life of the university through service in areas of faculty governance, our academic community, the university, and the community and profession beyond the university. This year we honor:

**Dr. Keith Cooper, Associate Professor of Philosophy**

Faculty, staff, and students who have worked with Keith can attest to his keen attention to detail, remarkable institutional memory, and impeccable knowledge of university procedure and faculty legislation. He offers this expertise in a spirit of kindness and support. We appreciate his professional advice and wisdom, and the way in which he upholds the highest respect for colleagues and their views while not shying away from useful debate. He is reliable, fair, and trustworthy.

While Professor Cooper's most visible role this year has been as co-chair of the Faculty Joint Committee, Keith's extensive service record includes numerous stints as chair of the Philosophy department, Educational Policies Committee, the University Dispute Resolution Committee, Faculty Athletics Representative, and Presidential Scholarship Committee member, among other roles. He's also the former Faculty Secretary and Dean of Humanities. Off-campus, Keith actively participates in the life of his faith community at Trinity Lutheran, visiting Trinity's daycare to read stories to children, shopping for supplies and food for the school, and serving as the congregation's treasurer.

A colleague wrote of Keith's service that "it is his steadfastness and dependability, the quality of thought that he brings to everything, and the eclectic range of his contributions" that makes his record so impressive. It is not just the number and responsibilities and roles he has held, it is the breadth of his service to the university that is commendable.

Another colleague wrote, "When I think about service at PLU, Keith is the first person I think of. PLU works because of people like Keith who are willing to devote their time and talents to our governance structures, our students' and colleagues' lives, and to our community."

For his record of service to the university and our community, we honor and thank Keith Cooper.