

**The Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching** recognizes a member of our faculty who embodies a commitment to excellence in their ability to communicate with and inspire students. The 2017 Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching is presented to:

**Dr. Zachary Lyman, Associate Professor of Music**

Zach is an exemplary teacher in every respect. Students and colleagues alike use words like “joyful”, “playful”, and “energetic” to describe Professor Lyman. His enthusiasm is contagious and he teaches with an easy rapport that sustains a classroom climate of trust, good humor, and collaboration.

Professor Lyman is thoughtful and challenging, but he is also extremely helpful, offering support and constructive feedback on an ongoing basis. Colleagues describe the way he takes complicated subjects and makes them clear, while students recognize Zach’s commitment to their learning, such as the student who observed in a course evaluation that, “Dr. Lyman is very aware of the needs of each student and he focuses on those needs to make sure everyone progresses, even the more advanced students.”

The word “mistake” is not allowed in Professor Lyman’s classes; instead, they are “Fabulous Learning Opportunities.” Likewise, Professor Lyman has a “Step one: don’t panic!” method, easing students into difficult material.

Professor Lyman supports his instruction with his strong personal work ethic and his own expertise on the trumpet. His recitals leave his students stunned by his abilities and inspired by his artistry. A student observed on a course evaluation that “Dr. Lyman is a wizard when it comes to trumpet *and* teaching.”

For his excellence in practicing the craft of teaching, we offer our congratulations to Zach Lyman.