

The Faculty Excellence Award in Advising recognizes a faculty advisor who embodies the qualities of effective and caring concern for student academic progress. This year we honor:

**Dr. Priscilla St. Clair, Associate Professor of Economics and
Chair of Global Studies**

A colleague describes the role of advising for Global Studies students as being particularly challenging, insofar as the advisor must not only assist students with meeting their requirements from across many departments at the university, but also evaluate international programs to assess their fit for PLU students. Professor St. Clair promotes students' global education experiences through her thoughtful and adept advising.

A hallmark of Professor St. Clair's advising is her accessibility; students know she is there for them. As one advisee wrote, "Priscilla is always available, whether through email, office hours, or drop-ins to help me work through scheduling issues and my detailed four year plan."

Students describe Professor St. Clair as being an engaged listener who practices active outreach and unwavering support as an advisor. An advisee of Priscilla's shared that, "One aspect of being an excellent advisor is being able to tell a student when self-care should take priority. Priscilla gives advice on top of academic advising, and I wouldn't have taken the time I needed for myself without Priscilla's guidance." Another advisee said, "during my senior year, Professor St. Clair became my center of support for all things academic and vocational, not to mention emotional. What astonishes me about Professor St. Clair is that her primary focus is consistently on PLU students and their well-being."

For her excellence in advising, we honor Priscilla St. Clair.