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Appalachian State University  
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Dear Awards Committee,

Professor Lippard is the consummate university teacher. As one of his faculty advisors I have watched with awe his transition from novice teacher to university professor par excellence. What separates the outstanding instructor from one who is truly a star in the classroom is the rare individual who is able to blend perfectly and seamlessly their research, the most up to date classroom materials, a pedagogical approach that challenges students and a willingness to address topics that are timely, intellectually inspiring and thought provoking fashion. Professor Lippard is that person. He is without reservation worthy of this most prestigious teaching award from the Board of Governors.

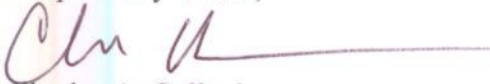
It is apparent from his teaching evaluation that that he routinely an outlier, scoring in the upper percentile in how he is evaluated by students at Appalachian State University. Professor Lippard has a keen ability to present complicated material to his students in an understandable fashion. As evidenced by his evaluations he is a stellar teacher who engages and challenges his students. He is, quite simply, an excellent teacher who makes full use of the "sociological imagination" to coax his students into examining the ways in which they construct their worldview. It should be noted that the classes Professor Lippard teaches are often classes that faculty wish to avoid teaching because those classes deal with controversial issues like race, racism, sexuality, gender and social class. These classes address topics that are quite frankly explosive. It takes a master teacher to navigate the line between the visceral, emotionally charged responses that can emerge in a class discussion about race, sexuality or civil liberties and the need and ability to reframe and refocus students' energies back to the empirical facts.

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The majority of classes Professor Lippard teaches reflect an intimate knowledge of the subject material because of the research he does. He is immersed in the most current literatures because this is what his research requires. If one looks at his syllabi there is a "theory as praxis" facet to his classroom as he teaches on topics that are part of his scholarship. Race, immigration, gender and work, occupations; all these topics are core parts of the classes he teaches and his areas of research. His research experiences and publications brings to life the readings and theories that are discussed in class. Professor Lippard research and teaching are part of a wonderful pedagogical loop where one informs the other. This feedback loop is most evident in the work he has done in the ASU study abroad program. As we all know preparing a study abroad curriculum, attending to the many logistical issues and taking students out of their comfort zone is exceptionally difficult. The educational and experiential payoffs are however huge. It is this calculated risk taking so students can expand their intellectual horizons is what makes Professor Lippard such an outstanding teacher and a faculty member truly worthy of this honor.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Charles A. Gallagher', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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