

2013 THOMAS P. MADDEN AWARD

The Thomas P. Madden Award recognizes exceptional teaching of first-year students.

This year's recipient is well-known on campus as an exceptional teacher and internationally as a historian of the highest order. The author of books that have transformed our understanding of early modern European history and the intellectual culture of the West, he is one of Notre Dame's most gifted instructors, bringing all that he knows as a scholar into the classroom. What makes him such a wonderful teacher is the way he embodies the very values that sustain Notre Dame; in a word, he loves his students. He loves them as persons and as thinkers, as young men and women who have an obligation to shape a broader culture, and he uses all in his power to draw out the best in them. Often this means expecting things of them that they do not expect of themselves. He encourages, pushes, cajoles, and comforts. He demands excellence. He is, in short, a model mentor. Most recently, he has been named director of Notre Dame's Institute for Advanced Study, a perfect venue for someone of his abilities and sensibilities. His unbounded enthusiasm for the life of the mind is his greatest gift to our students.

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the 2013 Thomas P. Madden Award to

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