

2015 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

The Presidential Award recognizes distinguished service to the University over an extended period of time. Since joining the faculty in 1998, this year's winner has embodied our lofty ideals for teaching and learning as much as anyone at Notre Dame. He engages his students both as an instructor and as a collaborator, bringing his professional work into the classroom and inviting them to be his creative partners outside of it. A recipient of the Notre Dame Alumni Association's Rev. Anthony J. Lauck, C.S.C, Award for outstanding accomplishments as a practicing artist, he and the students who take his course "Design for Social Good" use their graphic design skills to serve people and causes in the local community and abroad. They have teamed with organizations ranging from the Juvenile Justice Center and the Center for the Homeless in South Bend to the Kgosi Neighbourhood Foundation in South Africa, where they created campaigns to fight xenophobia and HIV/AIDS. One of his former students said: "I took his classes to become a better designer. But what I didn't realize until later [is] that he was making us better people."

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the 2015 Presidential Award to

Robert P. Sedlack

Professor of Art, Art History, and Design