

2016 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

The Presidential Award recognizes distinguished service to the University over an extended period of time. Foremost among the many contributions this year's winner makes to the Notre Dame community is his dedicated action toward enhancing educational outcomes for his students and others. Co-editor of the award-winning volume *Making Race Visible: Literacy Research for Cultural Understanding*, he co-founded and then spent 10 years directing the interdisciplinary minor in Education, Schooling, and Society, or ESS. His idea was to give undergraduates the opportunity to study education through the lens of the social, historical, psychological, cultural, and economic influences that impact children and communities. Colleagues, students, and alumni alike say he is the embodiment of kindness and the holistic, human approach to mentorship and learning that characterizes ESS. Whether helping first-generation students navigate the university landscape, travelling with students over break to explore difficult course material in real life, or hosting dinner for students who cannot go home for Thanksgiving, he is a tireless advocate for social justice who creates spaces where those who might otherwise feel at the margins are known and valued for precisely who they are.

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the 2016 Presidential Award to

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