Call for Nominations

The Center for the Study of Writing (CSW) is now accepting nominations for the CWRU Excellence in SAGES Writing Instruction Award. This award will be given annually to an instructor in the SAGES program who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to and success in teaching academic writing to CWRU undergraduates. Nominees may be at any rank, from graduate student writing instructor through tenured full professor, but they must have provided substantial writing instruction as part of one or more SAGES seminars during AY 2009-2010.

The Nomination Process:

Nomination for the CWRU Excellence in SAGES Writing Instruction Award involves two steps:

Step 1. Nomination Letter:
A one-page nomination letter must be sent to the selection committee (see address below). Any current faculty member, student, instructor, or lecturer in any one of the colleges, schools, or departments of Case Western Reserve University may submit this nomination letter. Self-nominations are also welcome. The letter, which will become a major part of the nominee’s evaluation packet, should clearly outline the specific qualities and activities that make this particular nominee an excellent candidate for the award.

These one-page letters do not require additional signatures, but other indications of support (e.g., from department chairs or other colleagues) are welcome, as appropriate.

Deadline for Nominating Letters: Friday, March 5, 2010. (See address below)

Step 2: Teaching Materials:
All nominees will be contacted by email on Monday, March 8, 2010, and asked to submit a selection of supporting materials (a single PDF file or one hard copy, printed on only one side). These materials should consist of teaching- or mentoring-related documents that bear witness to the nominee’s commitment to writing instruction in the SAGES program.

For example, the nominee may send course syllabi, class handouts, writing assignments, URLs to active course or mentorship websites, letters from students or colleagues, and/or other self-generated resources that demonstrate the nominee’s commitment to improving student writing.

The collection of materials is limited to 20 pages total.

In addition to these materials, a cover letter (2 page maximum) should be included to contextualize the material and provide a statement of the nominee’s philosophy of writing instruction.

Deadline for Teaching Materials: Monday, March 22, 2010. (See address below)

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The Selection and Announcement Process:

A committee convened by the Center for the Study of Writing will review all nomination materials at the beginning of April. The award recipient will be honored officially at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Guilford Parlor/Dining Room (First Floor).

Send all nomination materials and address all questions to: writing@case.edu

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