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Siobhan Senier, professor of English, named 2019 Lindberg Award winner in COLA

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SIOBHAN SENIER

[Siobhan Senier](#), professor of [English](#), has been selected as the 2019 recipient of the Lindberg Award, given annually to the outstanding teacher-scholar in the College of Liberal Arts.

Appointed to the faculty in 2000, Senier focuses on Native American literature, women's studies, sustainability and environmental studies, disability studies, and digital humanities. Her books include "Dawnland Voices: An Anthology of Indigenous Writing from New England" (University of Nebraska Press, 2014), which serves as a model for community-responsive scholarship and establishes Senier as one of the most authoritative scholars on Northeast Indigenous writing. The book's innovative digital companion, dawnlandvoices.org, is both a literary magazine and an archive of Native American literature from New England.

“Professor Senier’s scholarship reflects a passionate commitment to and advocacy for regional Indigenous communities,” says Michele Dillon, interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Senier is currently finishing “Sovereignty and Sustainability: Indigenous New England Literary Stewardship in the 20th and 21st Centuries,” to be published by University of Nebraska Press, a book that unites Indigenous studies with ecocriticism and sustainability.

In the classroom, Senier is extremely skilled, teaching a wide range of courses. Students routinely praise the passion, knowledge, and skill that produce “unforgettable class discussions.” Expressing respect and admiration, they say she is a role model, not only as a teacher and scholar, but also as a person.

Senier will deliver the annual Lindberg Lecture later this year.

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