UNH Sociology Professor Wins Lindberg Honor

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Sally Ward, professor of sociology at the University of New Hampshire for more than 20 years, has been awarded the annual Lindberg Award for her achievements as both an outstanding scholar and teacher in the College of Liberal Arts.

Following tradition, last year's recipient of the Lindberg Award, Charles Simic, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and professor of English at UNH, will present his address later this spring.

"Throughout her career, Sally has been a pioneer in forging new links between UNH research, training and public service," says Lawrence Hamilton, chair of the university's sociology department. "Her efforts, excellent in each domain, have reinforced each other with their common purposes and themes."

Ward is known for her ability to balance an active research program with a strong commitment to students and to the welfare of the UNH community at large. She served as associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts for two years and will take over as chair of the sociology department. Her recent research includes evaluations of the International Research Opportunities Program (IROP) at UNH and the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund. In 2000 she co-edited "Program Evaluation and Family Violence Research."

"Professor Ward's scholarship on poverty and welfare in urban and rural America, on the consequences of adolescent childbearing, and on acquaintance rape on college campuses, exemplifies the very best bridging of applied and scientific aims and thus provides an important model of sociology for students and colleagues alike," says colleague Linda Blum, associate
professor of sociology and women's studies.

Sharyn Potter, UNH assistant professor of sociology, notes that in her undergraduate classes, "Ward has the ability to relate research methodology to real life examples. Professor Ward is able to convey the importance of sociology as a tool for understanding the changing dynamics in our global universe. She challenges her students to think in an unfamiliar framework."

The annual Lindberg Award was established by the College of Liberal Arts in 1986 in memory of Professor Gary Lindberg of the Department of English. Professor Lindberg was an exceptional scholar and outstanding teacher whose dedication and service to UNH as well as the wider community exemplified the highest academic standards and ideals.

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