

Barbara Jago Receives Women's Commission 2016 Faculty Award

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Each year, the UNH President's Commission on the Status of Women recognizes the commitment of its faculty, staff and students in making the University a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for women.

[Barbara Jago](#), associate professor and social science division chair at UNH Manchester, received this year's Women's Commission Faculty Award for her contributions on both the Manchester and Durham campuses.

As an associate professor of [communication arts](#), Jago is committed to educating and challenging her students to become stronger, braver and more thoughtful.

"She has empowered me to stop saying 'I'm sorry' for no reason, and she's inspired me to be more than just a powerful woman," said one of Jago's students. "She has made me want to be the best version of myself that I can be."

A colleague of Jago's calls her "a force" at UNH Manchester.

“She has helped to found and craft the [communication arts](#) curriculum, where she teaches Gender, Language and Social Interaction,” the colleague said. “I have watched how her classes change the way people interact. “

On the Durham campus, Jago worked with the ADVANCE Grant GEARUP committee to develop [Power Play](#), an applied theater-based training aimed at helping UNH faculty recognize and overcome the influences of implicit bias in the hiring process.

“[Jago's] insights, based on her teaching and research in gender and communication, kept the group focused on the seminar’s goals of demonstrating problematic behavior and language,” said one nominee.

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