



Gina Dent Receives Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award

Gina Dent, Associate Professor of Feminist Studies, has been selected as the 2018-19 recipient of the Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award in Humanities.

Named in honor of Professor Emeritus John Dizikes, the award recognizes the pedagogical expertise and exceptional mentorship of faculty and supports students' commitments to academic excellence and serious inquiry.

Students and colleagues offered high praise for Associate Professor Dent's ability to inspire and engage students since her appointment in 2002, and for creating an inclusive learning environment that both challenges and encourages all students. Having taught essential graduate and undergraduate courses in departments across the Humanities and Social Sciences Divisions, Associate Professor Dent's teaching is characterized as "life changing" and rigorous. One student speaks of having written the paper "I am most proud of in my academic career," for a course taken with Associate Professor Dent. Another comment, "This was one of the most influential classes I took at UCSC."

Associate Professor Dent will be presented with the Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award during the Celebrating the Humanities/Spring Awards event on Wednesday, June 5th at the Cowell Ranch Hay Barn. The awards ceremony takes place from 4:00-5:00 pm; the celebration continues until 7:00 pm.

Past Award Recipients:

2002 Bruce Thompson – Lecturer in History
2003 Gail Hershatter – Professor of History
2004 Jocelyn Hoy – Lecturer in Philosophy and Feminist Studies
2005 Gildas Hamel – SOE Lecturer in Languages
2006 Jaye Padgett – Professor of Linguistics
2007 Chris Connery – Professor of Literature
2008 Jody Greene – Associate Professor of Literature
2009 Cynthia Polecristti – Associate Professor of History
2010 Daniel Selden – Professor of Literature
2011 Jorge Hankamer – Professor of Linguistics
2012 Alan Christy - Associate Professor of History
2013 Donka Farkas - Professor of Linguistics
2014 Wlad Godzich - Professor of Literature
2015 Catherine A. Jones - Associate Professor of History
2016 Pranav Anand - Associate Professor of Linguistics
2017 Bettina Aptheker - Distinguished Professor of Feminist Studies
2018 Jim McCloskey, Professor of Linguistics