



MEMORANDUM

TO: AYSPS Faculty

FROM: Mary Beth Walker, Dean

DATE: February 27, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017 AYSPS Excellence in Teaching Award

The Dean's Office in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies will make an award for outstanding teaching. The award will be given to someone who has distinguished themselves by their teaching effectiveness, as evidenced by student evaluations, innovation in the classroom, demand for their courses, commitment to curriculum development, development of teaching methods adopted by other faculty, distinguished advising, and the like. These contributions could have taken place over the past three years.

The winner will be selected each year by the Andrew Young School's Executive Committee. The award will be \$5,000 (less mandatory withholding) and you will be recognized at an AYSPS event, on the AYSPS website and in AYSPS publications. No one can win more than once in a three year period. The last three year's winners are: 2016 – Nicholas Forge, School of Social Work; 2015 – Michael Shapiro, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology; and 2014 – Leah Daigle, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. Both tenure track and full-time non tenure track teachers are eligible. Limited Term Faculty, Graduate Teaching Assistants, and Part-time Instructors are not eligible.

Candidates are to be nominated by students during the fall and spring semesters via a call put out to all registered Andrew Young School of Policy Studies students. The nominees supporting evidence will include:

- Two nomination letters: one from a faculty member and one from a student. Student nomination letter(s) can be from the student nomination process,
- A statement from the nominee,
- Student testimonials (optional, can be drawn from evaluations)
- Other evidence that might be relevant.

Nomination letters, candidate statements, and supporting evidence must be received in the Dean's Office, care of Avani Raval, by the end of business, Monday, **March 6, 2016**. Electronic submissions are preferable.