

Michèle Dominy Award for Teaching Excellence

The Michèle Dominy Award for Teaching Excellence was established in 2015 by the faculty and administration of the College to honor Professor Dominy's fourteen years of service as dean of the college.

This award honors outstanding teachers who exemplify Bard College's commitment to distinction in undergraduate liberal arts and sciences education. The annual award recognizes demonstrated intellectually rigorous and challenging teaching, creativity in course design and the application of innovative teaching concepts and methods, and energetic engagement within and outside of the classroom. Previous recipients include Matthew Deady (2016), Laura Battle (2017), Yuka Suzuki (2018), Christian Crouch (2019), Eric Trudel (2020), Li-hua Ying (2021), Franz Kempf (2022), Susan Merriam (2023), Dinaw Mengestu (2024), and Katherine Boivin (2025).

All full-time, tenured members of the faculty with at least five years of service are eligible for the annual award. Due March 15 each year, nominations are invited from students, faculty, and alumni. The selection is made by the president upon the recommendation of the dean of the college, the faculty fellows of the Center for Faculty and Curricular Development, and the prior recipient. The recipient receives an award of \$2500, which is announced at the final faculty meeting of the year.
