

**TO:** The Northeastern Illinois University Community

**FROM:** Dr. Lawrence P. Frank, Provost

**DATE:** October 11, 2011

**RE:** The Recipient of the 2011 Audrey Reynolds Distinguished Teaching Award

It is my pleasure to announce that the recipient of the 2011 Audrey Reynolds distinguished Teaching Award is Shelley Bannister, Professor of Justice Studies and Women's Studies.

Dr. Audrey Reynolds, Professor Emerita, Linguistics, established this award to be given annually to a tenured member of the Northeastern Illinois University faculty who best demonstrates distinguished teaching.

Of this year's nominees, the Reynolds Award Committee selected two finalists after careful consideration of nomination letters submitted by colleagues, as well as other members of the Northeastern Community. The finalists were April Nauman, Reading and Shelley Bannister, Justice Studies and Women's Studies.

The finalists demonstrated evidence of excellence in teaching, and in each of the dossiers we found evidence of innovation, high standards, and a positive impact on students at the university. After careful review, the committee recommended Professor Bannister as this year's recipient of the award. The award will be formally presented at the December 2011 Commencement Ceremony.

As the Audrey Reynolds Distinguished Teaching Award recipient, Dr. Bannister will receive \$5,000. She will make a presentation regarding teaching during the Spring 2012 semester.

Please join me in celebrating the accomplishments of our finalists and of the 2011 Audrey Reynolds Distinguished Teaching Award recipient, Shelley Bannister.