

TO: The Northeastern Illinois University Community

FROM: Dr. Lawrence P. Frank, Provost

DATE: October 28, 2010

RE: The Recipient of the 2010 Audrey Reynolds Distinguished Teaching Award

It is my pleasure to announce that the recipient of the 2010 Audrey Reynolds distinguished Teaching Award is Denise Cloonan, Foreign Languages and Literatures.

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 three finalists after careful consideration of nomination letters submitted by colleagues, as well as other members of the Northeastern Community. The finalists were Suzanne Benson, Human Resource Development, Denise Cloonan, Foreign Languages and Literatures and Jane Peller, Social Work.

All of 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 Cloonan as this year's recipient of the award. The award will be formally presented at the December 2010 Commencement Ceremony.

As the Audrey Reynolds Distinguished Teaching Award recipient, Dr. Cloonan will receive \$5,000. She will make a presentation regarding teaching during the Spring 2011 semester.

Please join me in celebrating the accomplishments of our finalists and of the 2010 Audrey Reynolds Distinguished Teaching Award recipient, Denise Cloonan.