
COLLEGE OF ASIA & THE PACIFIC

CAP Teaching Awards Portfolio Workshop
26th September 2008, 12pm
Lecture Theatre 2, Hedley Bull Building

Speakers:

- **Dr Gerlese Akerlind**, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Educational Development and Academic Learning
- **Professor Kent Anderson**, Chair of the CAP Education Committee
- **Professor Kathryn Robinson**, Recipient of 2008 Carrick Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning
- **Dr George Quinn**, Recipient of 2007 CAP Teaching Award for Excellence in Language Teaching and 2007 Vice Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence

Dr Gerlese Akerlind

Why should you apply for a Teaching Award?

- Provides the opportunity to reflect on your teaching in a different way
- Someone has been impressed enough with your teaching that they have gone to the effort of nominating you
- Provides the opportunity to participate in a process that highlights the importance of good teaching at the College level; and
- Provides candidates for Teaching Awards at the Institutional and National levels

Advice on the Teaching Portfolio:

Selection Criteria

- Try to address each criterion equally
- Each paragraph should be a persuasive argument on its own including evidence of:
 - What you are trying to achieve
 - What you actually do
 - Signs that you are successful (eg. Comments or emails from Colleagues or Students)
- Each paragraph should flow together as a whole to make a persuasive argument

ANUSET Evaluations

- Include your own summary page of your ANUSET evaluation summaries, presenting the figures in the best way to support your argument
- Individual ANUSET users are able to get an indication of how students' responses to their teaching and courses compare to students' responses to comparable teaching across the university by looking at the Ratings Interpretation Guide at:
<http://www.anu.edu.au/cedam/teachingandlearning/setdata/index.php>

Professor Kathryn Robinson

- Encouraged colleagues to take the time and effort to apply for the awards
- Recommended working with Dr Gerlese Akerlind and Dr Linda Hort to put together a portfolio if nominated for the Vice Chancellor's and Australian Teaching and Learning Council Awards
- Include examples of concrete, objective evidence
 - How have your students been successful? What percentage?
 - How many of your students have received prizes or scholarships
 - Comments from the Acknowledgements page of theses
 - Student comments or feedback
- Try to show your personal style and approach through your portfolio

Dr Kent Anderson

- Congratulations on being nominated – it is a great compliment that a student or colleague has thought so much of your teaching that they have nominated you for an award.
- Three types of Teaching Awards, requiring increasing amounts of effort:
 - College Teaching Awards
 - Vice Chancellor's Teaching Awards
 - Australian Teaching and Learning Council Teaching Awards
- College Teaching Award Application Process has been simplified and will not require a great amount of time to prepare the supporting portfolio. Therefore it is hoped that all nominees will apply

Dr George Quinn

Tips for a successful portfolio

- Be Communicative – the portfolio should not read as would an academic paper
- Hit each one of them – Answer each criterion, and each component of the criterion, equally
- Be inspirational & distinctive – Not scholarly or serious
- Don't be bombastic – Back your claims up with substance, have third-party back-up
- Be brief, succinct & interesting
- It is not a seminar paper – theory/methodology form a part of it, but not the whole
- Let your personality and passion come out in the overview
- Examples
 - Motivational teaching tricks you use and how they are successful
 - Favourable reviews of resources which you have developed
 - Creative/innovative use of technology
 - Publications featuring student interviews can be examples of how you develop students as individuals
 - Scholarly accomplishments could be being part of a local syllabus committee or developing overseas partnerships and programs

Why should you apply?

- Prestige as individuals, for the College and for ANU