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**RICHARD SAUERZOPF
2005 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD FOR FULL-TIME FACULTY**

The Awards Committee of the College of Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs is pleased to grant the Excellence in Teaching Award to Richard Sauerzopf in order to recognize his curricular development, innovative methods and commitment to the education of his students.

Richard Sauerzopf has taught in the Department of Geography and Urban Planning since 1998, during which time he also served as Interim Director of the Urban Studies Co-Major. His Ph.D. (2002) is in Political Science, from the State University of New York, Albany.

Professor Sauerzopf's nomination and the many letters written by students attest to his dedication. Called "a man of great intellect," he is cited for his extensive knowledge and expertise, a multi-disciplinary approach that appeals to a variety of students, and a lecture style that is at once humorous and passionate. One student claimed to have "learned more academically [in his class] than I ever have," while another professed that he "increased my quest for knowledge by the example he has been to myself and other students." He extends teaching beyond the traditional classroom walls, however. Most noted are his famous "Woodward Corridor" walking tours that provide a concrete example of Urban Studies theories, but he is also beloved for the individual attention he provides the legion of students known to line up outside his door well after office hours. One claims that he was "the most influential, supportive and important figure in my undergraduate career," another that he "raise[d] my level of confidence for my studies and has even encouraged me to continue past my original goal of obtaining a Bachelors degree." Finally, Professor Sauerzopf is commended for serving as Interim Director of the Urban Studies co-major, while researching and completing a proposal for an Urban Studies major. For all these reasons, and because, as colleague Laura Reese wrote in her letter of support, he "truly believes in this College's and University's urban mission," Richard Sauerzopf is well deserving of this award.

For all of his outstanding contributions to Wayne State University in the realms of teaching, advising, and scholarship, the College of Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs is proud to present Richard Sauerzopf with the 2005 Excellence in Teaching Award for Full-time faculty.