

Dr. Norman A. White Award for Engaged Scholarship and Service Faculty Senate of Saint Louis University

The Dr. Norman A. White Award for Engaged Scholarship and Service is an expression of our community's deep gratitude for the life and work of Dr. Norm White. Dr. White embodied Saint Louis University's commitment to collaborative academic-community partnerships that seek to "alleviate ignorance, poverty, injustice and hunger; extend compassionate care to the ill and needy; and maintain and improve the quality of life for all persons¹," through engagement, dialogue, reflection and action.

Norm White came to SLU in 2004 as an Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice. A scholar-activist, Norm dedicated himself to helping vulnerable children and youth in the St. Louis region flourish in the face of poverty, violence and oppression. He was a principal architect of SLU's *Overground Railroad to Literacy Project* and *Shut it Down: Closing the School to Prison Pipeline*, projects whose aims are to promote racial equity, to promote access to high-quality education as a fundamental public good, and to dismantle systemic racism.

Purpose of the Award

- To honor and recognize a faculty member who exemplifies community-engaged scholarship and service at Saint Louis University.

Eligibility

- Full-time tenured, tenure-track, and non-tenure track faculty at the assistant professor level or above.
- Minimum of four years full time-time employment at Saint Louis University

Criteria

A record of engaged scholarship and service through university-community partnerships that is focused on any of the following:

- Promoting healthy individuals, families, schools, organizations and communities.
- Alleviating poverty, violence, injustice, illness, and inequity.
- Advocating for social justice through policies, programs, and practices that focus on dismantling systems of oppression and increasing inclusion, well-being, and empowerment of vulnerable populations.

Process for 2021 Nominations

1. The Award Committee will accept nominations and supporting materials through **April 23rd, 2021**. Self-nominations will be accepted.
2. Nominations should include: (1) A nomination letter summarizing the qualifications of the nominee; (2) Current curriculum vitae of nominee; and (3) up to 3 letters of additional support further detailing the nominee's fulfillment of the above criteria.
3. Once nominated, a faculty member will be eligible to receive the award for a period not to exceed three years. The Committee will accept updates to nomination materials during this time.
4. Email nominations and supporting materials to Michael Mancini, Award Committee Chair (michael.mancini@slu.edu; 977-2736).
5. The Award Committee will review the submissions and may make up to two awards.
6. The award is presented at the Faculty Senate Kickoff Event in the Fall.

¹ Saint Louis University (2017, Dec. 8). Saint Louis University Mission. Retrieved from: <http://www.slunews.org/about/catholic-jesuit-identity/mission.php>