

2013 DISTINGUISHED  
TEACHING AWARD

Dr. Carolyn West, Associate Professor  
*Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences*

Carolyn West has been involved with curriculum development for the psychology program, including making psychology a major at this campus. Her research informs her teaching as it is focused on domestic violence and sexual assault. As she stated, "My primary goal is to create research that can be applied to real life problems." Campus-wide she has worked to establish the Rape Aggression and Defense (R.A.D) training program and helped students organize the event "Dawgs Against Domestic Violence". She has conducted more than 30 undergraduate research projects, independent studies, and internships. Comments from her nomination also reflect her excellence in teaching and mentoring students. For example, "I have found Carolyn's courses to be different and more informative than any other criminal justice based violence course or sexual abuse psychology course I have been a part of. She is truly always on the leading edge of scholarship in this field."

