



Dear Jeremi Suri,

April 20, 2009

Congratulations! You've been selected as an Honored Instructor by students in the Chadbourne Residential College (CRC). This spring, 43 instructors were nominated for this honor by undergraduates living in our community. Kudos to you for being a part of this elite group that has made such a positive impact on undergraduate education here at UW-Madison.

Student comments about your teaching indicate that your approach to pedagogy encourages not only learning and intellectual development, but also student engagement and connectedness. Here is an example of why CRC residents thought you should be honored:

"Although he is ridiculously smart and well versed, he remains approachable, teaching highly intellectual information and giving conceptual gifts to minds that may not know what they've been given yet."

We're hoping you can join us for a "CRC Tea" on Friday, May 1st from 3-5pm, at which your selection will be celebrated. We'll meet in the casual atmosphere of the Chadbourne Main Lounge, where you can socialize with us and with our students—some of whom have nominated you—eat some good food, and enjoy our community along with our other honored guests. We look forward to meeting you and acknowledging your contributions to our students publicly.

The Honored Instructor project is designed to recognize professors, TA's, and lecturers who make a significant impact on one or more students. Instructor and student interaction has been shown to increase student success along many factors, including student retention, satisfaction, and goal attainment.

In CRC, we work with faculty and staff to enhance positive interactions with students. The Chadbourne Residential College is a partnership between University Housing and the College of Letters and Science. We aspire to be a vibrant community of students, staff, and faculty committed to interdisciplinary learning and civic engagement for the purpose of developing responsible, invested citizens in our local and global communities.

We thank you, we welcome you, and we hope sincerely that you will join us at the Tea on May 1st.

Sincerely,

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