RUSSELL CHAIR IN PHILOSOPHY AND EDUCATION

Every two years a member of the USM faculty is appointed as holder of the Walter E. Russell Chair in Philosophy and Education for a two-year period. The distinction carries the responsibility of presenting one or more public lectures on issues in education and/or philosophy during each of the two years. The holder of the Russell Chair receives an honorarium of $2,000 for each of the two years. S/he also receives $500 for each of the two years to support fulfillment of these responsibilities.

Lenny Shedletsky, Professor of Communication, held the 2009-2011 Russell Chair. Professor Shedletsky convened a series of four discussions titled “The Quality of Discussion Online versus in the Classroom: Where do you stand?” Professor Shedletsky is currently published a book on this topic and plans to engage a number of its contributors in this ongoing dialogue, either in person or on-line.

Sandra Wachholz, Associate Professor of Criminology, will receive equivalent support from the Fannie Gray Fund to carry out a series of presentations related to teaching and learning about environmental sustainability and climate change. Professor Wachholz has for several years co-chaired the Maine Watersheds Project and regularly co-facilitates faculty development workshops on integrating environmental topics into course content.

For more information on the Russell Chair, please call the Provost office at 780-4485.

Previous Holders of the Russell Chair:

Dr. Lenny Shedletsky, Professor of Communication and Media Studies, 2009-2011
Dr. George Caffentzis, Professor of Philosophy, 2007-2009
Dr. Lynne Miller, Professor of Education Leadership, 2005-2007
Dr. Charles Colgan, Professor of Public Policy and Management, 2005-2007
Dr. Robert Schaible, Associate Professor of Arts and Humanities, 2001-2003
Dr. E. Michael Brady, Professor of Human Resource Development, 1999-2001
Dr. Katherine I. MacPherson, Professor of Nursing, 1997-1999
Dr. Kenneth Rosen, Professor of English, 1994-1996
Dr. Nancy Gish, Professor of English, 1992-1994
Dr. Jeremiah Conway, Professor of Philosophy, 1990-1992
Dr. Willard Callender, Jr., Professor of Philosophy, 1988-1990
Dr. Libby Cohen, Professor of Education, 1986-1988
Dr. William Gavin, Professor of Philosophy, 1984-1986
Dr. Draper Hunt, Professor of History, 1982-1984
Dr. Gloria S. Duclos, Professor of Classics, 1980-1982