

~ MARK YOUR CALENDAR! ~

**SCHOLARS ON THE HILL**

**Thursday, December 5, 2019**

**1839 Room, 2:30 – 4:00**

Faculty who received CELTSS funding in AY2018-19  
will share their scholarly and creative work.

**JANUARY DAY**

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

**McCarthy Center, 8:30 – 2:30**

Faculty members present their pedagogical theories and innovative  
teaching practices, along with ideas to enhance student advising.

**SPRING LYCEUM LECTURE**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

**Alumni Room, 5:00 – 7:00**

Dr. Alexander Hartwiger presents Rethinking the Global Citizen at  
Framingham State University



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**STRENGTHENING  
THE COMMUNITY**

**A Celebration of the  
2019 Distinguished Faculty Awards**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

**MCCARTHY CENTER, FORUM**

**5 – 7 P.M.**

**CELTSS** *Center for Excellence in Learning,  
Teaching, Scholarship, and Service*

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- 5 p.m. RECEPTION**
- 5:15 p.m. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**  
Dr. Jon Huibregtse  
Director, CELTSS
- 5:30 p.m. PRESENTATION**  
Dr. Catherine Dignam  
Department of Chemistry & Food Science
- 5:45 p.m. PRESENTATION**  
Dr. Suzanne Neubauer  
Department of Food & Nutrition
- 6:00 p.m. PRESENTATION**  
Dr. Erika Schneider  
Department of Art & Music
- 6:15 p.m. PRESENTATION**  
Dr. Robert Donohue  
Department of Psychology & Philosophy
- 6:30- 7 p.m. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**

# STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY

Distinguished Faculty 2019



**Dr. Catherine Dignam**

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Dr. Catherine Dignam has taught at Framingham State University since 2005. She has made a directed effort to become a better teacher and to better understand the types of students that attend FSU. Her training has allowed her to better understand the stress students' experience, therefore reducing the number of "high-stakes" assignments, quizzes, and tests that are administered. Dr. Dignam successfully submitted a grant application to the prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Institute that resulted in a \$1 million award to FSU aimed at removing obstacles to student success in the sciences for underrepresented students. Her leadership in terms of first-year programming, student career development, and mentoring of students is profound and has been recognized by her science faculty peers nationwide.



**Dr. Suzanne Neubauer**

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADVISING/MENTORING

Dr. Suzanne Neubauer had been a professor at Framingham State since 1978, and has directed the Coordinated Program in Dietetics since 1984, until her retirement last spring. Dr. Neubauer developed and maintained a program with extraordinarily high student outcomes. She provided mentoring throughout the supervised practice process, helped students, faculty supervisors, and preceptors navigate complicated issues. Dr. Neubauer taught some of the most challenging courses in the Department of Food and Nutrition. Earlier this year, she was recognized with the Outstanding Dietitian of the Year award by the MA Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for her commitment to educating and mentoring dietetic students over the past 40 years.



**Dr. Erika Schneider**

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP & CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Dr. Erika Schneider has been teaching at Framingham State University since 2007. She is widely recognized as an active scholar in the field of Art History. She was recently awarded a Fulbright-Terra Foundation Grant in the History of American Art, which allowed her to travel to the Netherlands to teach at Radboud University. Her travel fostered many opportunities on site in Europe, but also led to several opportunities to present to our students and the local Framingham community. Dr. Schneider's considerable travel and research has been beneficial to our students as she incorporates her real-world active art observation into her Art History courses as well as into the oversight of the Museum Studies program here at FSU.



**Dr. Robert Donohue**

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Dr. Robert Donohue has been teaching at Framingham State University since 1996. Dr. Donohue has been elected by his peers as President of the FSU faculty and library union for the past 10 years. During this time, he has been known for his collegial, inclusive leadership. He has also been elected Vice President of the statewide Massachusetts State College Association for the past five years. His colleagues credit him with always keeping the best interests of students in mind in his work as head of the union. Faculty credit Dr. Donohue with helping them succeed at their job, as he spends many hours assisting junior faculty members as they seek to rise to the rank of tenured faculty. Dr. Donohue's work is grounded in concern for equity, fairness, and the well-being for all members of the academic community.