2008 Distinguished Faculty Teaching Awards

Kathleen Lacey
College of Business Administration Professor of Legal Studies in Business
Faculty Director, Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership

Each year, California State University, Long Beach recognizes the best and the brightest of its faculty who have excelled in teaching or research. In 2008, three faculty members were announced as recipients of the 2008 Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award. Among them was Kathleen A. Lacey, College of Business Administration Professor of Legal Studies in Business and Faculty Director of the Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership.

Professor Kathleen A. Lacey is known to students and colleagues throughout the College of Business Administration (CBA) for her dedication and devotion to teaching, concern and care for student learning and superb instructional performances. Her efforts to create a positive, interactive learning environment based on communication and rapport with students, and to foster their critical thinking and ethical reasoning skills, has made her one of the highest-ranked instructors in the College, with ratings between 4.6 and 4.9 on a 5.0 scale.

Lacey began teaching at CSULB in 1994. In 2005, when the Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership opened, she was named Associate Director of the Center and later became its Faculty Director. In addition to her roles as Professor and Faculty Director, Lacey has been instrumental in the college’s efforts to develop new courses in business ethics and ethical leadership. She has developed and teaches Business Ethics (CBA400I) and Ethical Leadership (CBA401A and CBA401B) and helped implement Ethics at the Beach, a half-day ethics certification program for students. Lacey also teaches an innovative, two-semester leadership course (CBA495) offered through the Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership that enables students to engage with CEOs and other business professionals in top companies like Toyota, Mattel and The Boeing Company on ethical issues in business.

Lacey is a national leader in her field. She currently serves as President-elect of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business, a national academic organization of business law faculty. Her published research in corporate governance and business corruption enhances her teaching of business law and business ethics. She participates in pedagogical and business law and business ethics symposiums, seminars and panels in order to enhance her knowledge of business law and ethics and maintain best practices in teaching.

The CBA is extremely proud of Professor Lacey. She has joined the elite list of CBA faculty who have achieved similar recognitions in the past. We congratulate her on this honor and on being recognized for her outstanding achievement in teaching.