The Jocelyn Armstrong Merit Award

AWARD AMOUNT: $250

Every Spring, the outstanding undergraduate freshman or sophomore student enrolled in Anthropology 152 (Culture & Humanities) during the previous Spring and Fall semesters will be nominated for the Jocelyn Armstrong Merit Award in Anthropology. NOTE: Students do NOT apply for this award. The faculty teaching ANTH 152 will make the nomination on the basis of:

1. Outstanding scholastic achievement in Anthropology 152
2. Demonstrated commitment to anthropology.

Dr. Armstrong is a research anthropologist in the Institute for Research on Human Development and in the Division of Rehabilitation Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research, which she conducts in New Zealand, Malaysia and the Midwest, focuses on ethnicity, gender and age, and their relation to health and well-being.

From 1974 to 1985, Dr. Armstrong taught in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Hawai‘i as well as in the Freshmen Seminar Program and the Honors Program. While teaching Anthropology 200, Dr. Armstrong was impressed by the fact that students from many majors and programs took the course, not just anthropology majors. In establishing her award, she wishes to acknowledge the professional and personal enrichment she gained from working with such a broad cross-section of the University’s undergraduate community. She hopes that present and future students will be encouraged to continue considering cultural anthropology as an important component of their education and wants to recognize commitment to academic excellence among those who do.