Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award

The 2021/22 awardee is Yolanda Moses, Professor of Anthropology

Professor Moses has been teaching for over 30 years and been in the Department of Anthropology since 2003 where she researches the origins of social inequality, runs nationally funded projects on understanding race and has authored multiple books on race and education. She is highly respected in her field having served as the President of the American Anthropological Association and the President of the American Association for Higher education with visiting research appointments at George Washington University, Washington DC and as Professor of Anthropology at the City University of New York Graduate University. However, as someone who received her BA in San Bernardino, her Masters and PhD here at UCR, and who has taught undergraduate and graduate students for many years, she is particularly knowledgeable about the UCR student body. Professor Moses was nominated for the Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award by current and former students and faculty that have witnessed her mentorship over many years. These letters attest to her consistent, responsive, and genuine support of not only her own graduate students but many to whom she sat on committees or met in corridors within and out with the Department of Anthropology. Her students have gone on to be successful in their own right, and attest to her ongoing mentorship and advice that has helped them gain this success. Faculty describe Professor Moses as bringing her students into "broader intellectual communities" including involving them in national and international collaborations and have witnessed her honesty and compassion as an educator. The Graduate Division and the Academic Senate would like to congratulate Professor Moses on an outstanding career of mentorship and thank her for her continuing emotional and intellectual support of so many graduate students.