Golden Apple Fall 2008 Course List: Professors Nominated for the Golden Apple Award

AF. American Studies 116 (Taylor, M 10-12): Slavery and African American Life before 1865
"Professor Taylor is a true history genius. When she speaks of the happenings of histories past, they literally come to life...I've never seen anyone teach history with such energy."

AF. American Studies 142AC (Cohen, MW 2 - 4): Race and American Film
"I wish half of my professors would be as passionate about his material as Professor Cohen. For myself, Professor Cohen represented everything I hoped for and envisioned in a CAL professor."

American Studies 10 (Moran, TT 1230-2): Work in America
Recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award
"Prof. Kathleen Moran is unfailing in her enthusiasm, intelligence, and warmth. She is a phenomenal lecturer."
"This professor captivates classrooms with her high energy and intelligent humor about serious issues."

American Studies C112A (Groth, TT 11 - 1230): American Cultural Landscapes, 1600 to 1900
"He constantly invigorates personal stories and research, and reminds us to look for signs of the culture of the people who live in specific areas by looking at the landscape and architecture."

Anthropology 3AC (Hubbard, TT 11 - 1230): Intro to Social/Cultural Anthropology
"Hubbard makes me feel like she is the cruise director leading her students on a a pleasurable trip through Anthropology."

Astro 160 (Quataert, TT 11-1230): Stellar Physics
"Professor Quataert is an amazing lecturer, both passionate and knowledgeable...I have not yet encountered another professor who can answer complicated questions on almost any topic so clearly."

Astro 10 (Filippenko, MWF 3-4): Intro to Astronomy
Recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award
"Professor Filippenko is amazingly dedicated to teaching. He gives the most organized, and clear lectures I've ever seen. His love for the subject is evident in every lecture and class once you have heard him. You cannot help but feel moved and inspired by the topic. In a world where such inequalities persist, he lectures in a way that makes her students care. She inspires us to question the very institutions we associate with combating global poverty."

Earth & Planetary Sci. 115 (Alvarez, TT 2-330): Stratigraphy and Earth History
Nominated Spring 2008

East Asian 105 (Wallace, TT 930-11): Dynamics of Romantic Core Values in East Asian Premod. Lit and Cont. Film
"I don't think I have ever had another professor who cared so much about each and every student."

Econ 100B (Wood, TT 3-30 - 5): Macroeconomics
Nominated Spring 2008

Education C116A (Berrick, Tu 3-5): Young Child in Society
"Professor Berrick is an amazing teacher who really makes her lectures interesting with humor, interactive group activities, and real-life examples...She's an amazing teacher and person."

Education 140AC (Hull, TT 11-1230): Literacy
"Every time I leave her class, I feel more energized and positive about going to college generally. The originality of her class has been a refreshing and reinvigorating experience for me this semester."

Education 186AC (Shaiken, TT 2-330): The Southern Border
"Always shows interest and knowledge of the subject material...Very likable person who never shows indifference about teaching."

EECS 141 (Aloon, TT 3:30-5): Digital Integrated Circuits
"Professor Elad Aloon is the most energetic, instructive, inspiring, helpful, passionate and considerate professor that I have ever known through all the years."

EECS 20N (Ayazfar, TT 1230-2): Structure & Interpretation of Systems and Signals
"Has passion for the topic. Lectures help tremendously in terms of surviving the course. Has humor, very approachable."

Engineering 45 (Gronsky, MWF 12 - 1): Properties of Materials
"He gave the most organized, and clear lectures I've ever seen. His love for the subject is evident in every lecture and class once you have heard him. You cannot help but feel moved and inspired by the topic. In a world where such inequalities persist, he lectures in a way that makes her students care. She inspires us to question the very institutions we associate with combating global poverty."

Environ. Econ. and Policy 161 (Fisher, TT 330 - 5): "He appreciates your attendance and there is just a genuine sincerity in his teaching and the way he carries himself."

Ethnic Studies 10A (Saragoza, MW 4-530): History of Race
See Chicano Studies 50

Film Studies 25A (Fabe, TT 12-30 - 2): The History of Film
Film Studies 151 (Fabe, TT 3-30 - 5): Hitchcock
Nominated Spring 2008

Film Studies 100 (Taylor, W 12-10): History of Film Theory
"Linda is incredibly passionate about film...She is one of the most influential film theorists of our time...Just sitting in the lecture hall is enough to inspire you as to why she has a cult following...She is simply amazing!"

Film Studies 108.2 (Whissell, MW 12-130): Women's Film
Recipient of the Arts & Humanities Distinguished Teaching Award
"She makes history fun and interesting to learn."
"Prof. Whissell listens when you have problems...One on one, she is dynamic. Prof. Whissell is a wonderful teacher and person."

Film Studies 108.3 (Gutterriez, TT 2-330): The Hollywood Fantastical
"Prof. Gutterriez is genuinely devoted to his students' learning of the material he is teaching. He is patient, has great rapport and attitude, and takes his time explaining the complex material of his class...and he ROCKS IT!"

Film Studies 140 (Moses, MW 11-1230): Bible as Cultural Object
Film Studies 151 (Moses, MWF 2-330): Antonion
"Never have I seen a professor more in love with what he teaches and, more importantly, willing, to educate others on film, Italian history and basic plot summary writing...This man loves what he does and is good at it!"

History 155 (Kozol, TT 330-5): From the Late Empire to the Investiture Conflict
"Prof. Kezel has an infectious way of making even the most obscure topics in medieval history come alive. He's absolutely brilliant...He has a great sense of humor and an awe-inspiring amount of energy."

History 4A (Noren, MW 4-530): Ancient Mediterranean World
Recipient of the Arts & Humanities Distinguished Teaching Award
"Her lectures are honest and informative, keeping us laughing and interested in the world of Roman history...He was energetic, insightful, and downright right awesome...His dedication and commitment to his students is evident to us all."

Int. Biology 24 (Hayes, W 5 - 6): "Biological, the Study of Life"
"He truly inspired me - and others - to make a difference as we start our journey in the real world."

Int. Biology C107 (Spect, TT 1-2): Plant Morphology
"While many professors I have had at Cal have been influential, Assistant Professor Chelsea Spect has far exceeded all others in igniting my academic passion...she has touched our lives in very positive and permanent ways."

Int. Biology 117 (Carlson, T 5 - 7): Medical Ethnobotany
"He is the perfect example of one who understands the differences and diversity of the humankind and promotes the acceptance of them."

Int. Biology 217 (Lehman, MW 9 - 10): Motor Control
"His teaching style is perfect: one will not fall asleep in his lectures and he is both facile with thousands questions."

Italian 11 (Di Carlo) Elementary Italian
"Prof Di Carlo is a very inspiring professor. He makes friends with his students and uses many strategies to help improve their language skills."
"He is truly passionate about his subject."

See East Asian 105
L & S 20D (Moran, MW 4-5): Ang: Lee, James Schama, and American Film Genre
See American Studies
L & S 120B (Whisel, MW 12-130): The Woman's Film See Film Studies 108.2
Legal Studies 189 (Abrams, TT 9:30 - 11): Feminist Jurisprudence
"She encouraged us to engage with each other's work and taught us how to be very constructive in our criticism."

Linguistics C104 (Lakoff, TT 2-330): Mind, Lang., & Politics
"George Lakoff is an energetic, clear, and passionate instructor...Professor Lakoff's class on Politics, the Mind and Language changed the way I look at the world in true Berkeley style."

Math 1B (Bergman, MW 3-4): Calculus
Math 110L (Bergman, MWF 1-2): Linear Algebra
"I was convinced that every course should be taught the way this professor teaches, or at least every math course should."

Math 113 (Mok, MW 10 - 11): Intro to Abstract Algebra
Math 115 (Mok, MWF 12 - 1): Intro to Number Theory Nominated Spring 2008


Math 160 (Wu, TT 1230-2): History of Math
"Prof. Wu is always available to students. His lectures are very organized and easy to follow. His homework problems are challenging but double and interesting."

MCB C62 (Presiti, TT 330-5): Drugs and the Brain Winner, 2006 Golden Apple Award
"Although the class I am in has hundreds of students, I feel very special and wanted here. "I'm a rockstar among professors...I'm so passionate and full of energy!"

MCB 908 (Forte, Th 11-12): Blood, Guts, & Plumbing: The Human Body
"He has so much enthusiasm and passion for what he teaches...UC Berkeley has some of the best professors ever, but professor Forte is one of the greatest!"

MCB 908 (Scheman, T 3-4): Insulin as a Window on Discovery in Biology
"He is well versed in cellular biology and he's not afraid to show it."

MCB 140 (Urrnow, MWF 11-12): General Genetics
"Prof. Urrnow is an excellent lecturer with a strong command of Genetics - both theory and current research. I have never encountered another individual who can speak so quickly, clearly, and precisely, while conveying the logic of arguments."

"He places students first; when my roommate could not attend lecture for two weeks due to health reasons, he immediately went out of his way to give me copies of lecture notes he missed and expressed sincere hope that the student gets better."

Near Eastern Studies 10 (Hayes, MWF 9-10): Intro to Near East
"He is a great teacher...Professor Haynes shows the epiphenomenon of an excellent teacher - thoughtfull, well informed, and always ready to help"

PACS 94 (Azevedo, W 1-2): Meditation, Theory & Practice Nominated Spring 2008

Philosophy 2 (Slaga, TT 930-11): Ind. Morality & Soc. Justice
"He does not just teach and relate facts, he relates himself and his focus on energy making it so enjoyable for us...He is personally the most influential professor I've ever had the pleasure of knowing and being his student."

Philosophy 12A (Fitschen, MWF 12-1): Intro to Logic Philosophy 142 (Fitschen, MWF 3-4): Philosophical Logic
"Unsuppressed energy and enthusiasm for the subject, great methods of making a dense subject accessible for the student to understand at a high level of humor, and always around to help when needed! All in all, one of the best professors ever!"

Philosophy 178 (Warren, TT 2-330): Kant
"Daniel Warren is the most insightful teacher I have ever met. His profundity amazes me even today, and I consider his courses to have been the most enlightening among the many I have taken at Cal."

Philosophy 6 (Dreyfus, TT 330-5): Mind, God, & Society
Recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award
"It is very inspiring to work with the utmost authority on a subject, especially in an introductory class. The feeling of being in a professor office hours and being surrounded by books written by your professor is indescribable...He is without a doubt the professor I most admire at Berkeley."

Physics C10 (Muller, 9:30 - 11): Phys. for Future Students
Recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award
"Each morning was indeed an adventure into the myths, economics, and politics of science and how a clever, altogether straightforward and simple, knowledge of physics can help one decipher the truth from the lies, the good from the bad, and the worthwhile from the irrelevant."

Plant & Microbial Bio C107 (Sneath, TT 1-2): Plant Morphology
See Int. Biology C107

Poli Sci 122A (Ziegler, TT 11 - 1230): Politics of European Integration
"The depth of his knowledge is clear in the thoughtfulness of his answers to students' substantive questions."

Poli Sci 147G (Levy, TT 330-5): The Welfare State Professor Levy is just the right balance between true humor, dorkiness, and academic excellence...I don't think anyone could have made more post-war European politics more interesting and engaging than he did."

Poli Sci 149E (Zook, MWF 4-5): Politics of SE Asia Winner, 2005 Golden Apple Award
"This is the best class I have taken so far at Berkeley and Professor Zook certainly is the reason of that. Professor Zook is very passionate and you can see his dedication on every lecture, he is always finding ways to keep us interested in the topic. He truly seems to love teaching and especially makes sure we get every idea clear."

Poli Sci 157A (Silverstein, TT 11-1230): Constitutional Law
"He has a grasp his subject, and the overall study of Political Science, that few can match...Professor Silverstein arrives at class every day with the smile of someone who honestly wants to be in a room full of undergraduates."

Portuguese 135 (Martinho, M 10-12, M 2-4): Luso-Brazilian Lit
"No matter what question a student has, this teacher has the answer and with a smile. She is understood and dynamic at the same time and provides a fresh and balanced look at Portuguese culture, history, and language. I would recommend any of her classes to all students at Berkeley."

Psych C161A (Berrick, Tu 3-5): Young Child in Society
"Professor Berrick is an amazing teacher who really makes her lectures interesting with humor, interactive group activities, and real-life examples...She's an amazing teacher and person."

Psych 140 (Gopnik, M 11-12): Developmental Psychology
"Alison makes learning psychology interesting. Her teaching style is not just unique, it reflects her interest in the material in a way that is her own rather than repeating what the book says. She is a joy to have as a professor."

Psych 156 (Keltner, MW 2-3): Human Emotion
"He is an inspiring, enthusiastic, personable person who he makes her lectures interesting with humor, dorkiness, and academic excellence...I don't think anyone could have made more post-war European politics more interesting and engaging than he did."

Public Health 162A (Buehring, 8-930): P. Health Microbiology
"She is really the most passionate professor I've had here at Berkeley...I can't think of anyone else who even compares in wit and obvious intelligence. For such a tiny woman, she's very impressive."

Rhetoric 10 (Carries, TT 5-630): Intro to Rhetoric
"Dale is the most intelligent and wonderful teacher at Berkeley. In the lecture hall he continually delivers phenomenal speeches that usually leave me in tears (I am a theater major fulfilled with inspirational joy. He is hilarious! He is my favorite and taking his classes is what I will miss the most about Berkeley when I graduate in the spring."

See Film Studies 108.2

Rhetoric 124 (Freeman, TT 330-5): Rhetoric of Poetry
"Her dedication or quirky love for poetry is quite inspiring. Her professionalism and encouragement for students to pursue their own creativity is also quite remarkable. I never felt intimidated by the coursework and it was fun, though challenging at times."

Rhetoric 152AC (Perrus, TT 3-5): Race and Order in the New Republic
"By choosing to not simply lecture the conventional way, Nad encourages me to think critically about how pieces of media are really artifacts of our history and culture."

Scandinavian 123 (Lindow, MWF 12-1): Viking & Medieval
"He is a brilliant teacher who is always willing to take the time to help you...He tells it to you like it is. I really enjoyed the enthusiasm in his classes and the knowledge that he brings to the field."

Slavic 140 (Muza, TT 2-330): Perf. Arts in Russia & E. Europe
"Professor Muza is one of the most knowledgeable and eloquent instructors that I have ever had the privilege of learning from. She is passionate and insightful."

Sociology 3AC (Kelby, TT 8-9:30): Principles of Sociology
"Her teaching style is not one of giving students a semester of information to be later forgotten she gives us tools that can be actively used to think about our lives."

Sociology 101B (Stockinger, TT 5 - 630): Sociological Theory Nominated Spring 2008

Stats 2 (Olser, TT 2-330): Intro to Stats
"I honestly hate math, but Hank is able to teach stats in a way that makes it interesting and easy to understand. He's very fun and energetic and understands that he can joke with us to make class more interesting...He's a great teacher."

Stats 20 (Adhikari, MWF 10-11): Intro to Stats
Stats 134 (Adhikari, MWF 12-1): Concepts of Probability
Recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award
"She's exciting, captivating, and charismatic. She is very funny, and she knows her shit. She is tough, but compassionate and fair."

Theater, Dance, & Perf. Studies 121 (Cole, TT 1230-2): Performance and Culture
"I took this class for a requirement but ended up being more passionate about theater than any other classes, mostly because Professor Cole is an engaging and dynamic teacher."

UGBA 100 (Perez-Reyes, M 4-6): Bus. Communications
"He is a very knowledgeable and passionate lecturer, often sharing his amazing stories with us as part of lecture."

UGBA 107 (Ross, M 12-2): Business Ethics
UGBA 175 (Ross, TT 11-1230): Legal Aspects of Management
"Alan Ross is a highly enthusiastic professor who is willing to go above and beyond to improve the education of students."