The College of Charleston’s Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award was recently established in January 2014 to honor those adjunct faculty members who are outstanding among the College’s many exceptional teachers. We are pleased to recognize Reba Parker as the first recipient of this award.

Reba Parker has been an adjunct instructor for the Sociology program since 1999. During her time here, Reba has taught nearly 100 classes. In fact, over the past 5 years, she has taught 5 classes per semester for her department and it is the quality of those courses that makes her distinctive.

Reba’s aim in teaching is to inspire the next generation into action by applying their sociological knowledge. Her students praise her for teaching interesting and engaging classes. She strives to show students through empirical evidence and case studies that social change is possible, is happening, and with new innovative means, can be pursued by every student regardless of their major. Reba transforms the learning process by grounding her approach in practical application. Introducing her students to the world beyond the College, Reba provides her students with invaluable experience.

Reba has also published a number of scholarly chapters on the Sociology of Peace, and she is the founder of the non-profit Charleston Peace One Day.

Through a combination of scholarship, activism, and exemplary teaching, Reba is having a profound effect on her students’ intellectual and emotional development. In turn her students are affecting cultural change for the College and the broader Charleston community. We are pleased to honor Reba Joy Parker with the College’s Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award.