



2017 Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award

Simon Lewis

The College of Charleston is home to many outstanding professionals who work diligently on behalf of our community. Today, we have the opportunity to recognize the lengths to which one of our colleagues has gone to make the College a better place to live and work. This year's Distinguished Service Award goes to Dr. Simon Lewis from the Department of English.

Simon has been a tireless and talented public servant for more than two decades at the College. He has served as Associate Dean in the School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs since 2013, spearheading the school's interdisciplinary efforts as their Divisional Diversity Liaison. This leadership has led to summer research grants, as well as the establishment of the Global Awareness Forums that include lectures, performances, exhibitions and screenings across the College. He is also the director of the College's African Studies program, and has served as interim director of our African American Studies program.

Simon may be best known for directing the Program in the Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World (CLAW) for nearly two decades. He has supervised countless conferences, lecture series, faculty seminars and teacher workshops, along with a number of one-time events, while also bringing in thousands of grant dollars. A book series with the University of South Carolina Press now boasts more than 20 published titles, and more recently, a major National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant will support the 2017 Public History Conference and a proposed series of projects to attain a Reconstruction Constitutional Convention marker.

We are pleased to recognize Dr. Simon Lewis' service to the College of Charleston with the 2017 Distinguished Service Award.

