The Eugene M. Lang '38
Visiting Professorship for Issues of Social Change

The professorship is intended to bring to the College "an outstanding social scientist, political leader, or social activist who is eminently qualified and authoritatively recognized for his/her scholarly, and/or political, and/or professional commitment to and sustained engagement with major issues, causes, actions, and programs that are directly and variously concerned with social justice, civil liberties, human rights, and democracy. The teaching and campus involvement of the Professor must add appreciably to the socially significant content of the College's academic program and a better understanding of the objectives of a changing society."

Lang Visiting Professors must be appointed for at least one academic year and are expected to teach the equivalent of a half-time teaching load as well as to be a visible presence on campus by interacting with faculty, staff, and students in additional venues. The hosting department or program provides support to the Lang Visiting Professor for curricular and social purposes, while the Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility provides an office and staff support. Lang Visiting Professors receive on-campus housing, full salary as negotiated with the Provost, health care benefits, and other benefits regularly provided to College faculty and that are appropriate to the circumstances of the visiting appointment. Support funding is available for round-trip travel to Swarthmore at the beginning and end of the appointment, student assistance to support the professor’s teaching and scholarly work, a fund for computer costs, books and materials, and faculty travel allowance for attending professional meetings.

Nomination Process

To submit a nomination, please write a letter providing information about the candidate’s professional biography and your expectations of their good fit with the College. Please include a copy of the candidate's curriculum vitae. A hosting department must be identified in the nomination and it must provide written support of the nomination. Related departments or programs might benefit from the presence of this candidate and can provide letters as additional support for your nomination. Keep in mind that visiting professorships may be determined multiple years in advance, in order to allow sufficient time for plans and arrangements to be made. Nominations for Lang Professorship should be sent to the Executive Director of the Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility, Joy Charlton (jcharlt1).

A list of previous Lang Professors is available on the Lang Center website at http://www.swarthmore.edu/x16110.xml.