

Kimberly Ellis-Hale
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Professor Kimberly Ellis-Hale has been a valued member of the Department of Sociology for many years, teaching more than 150 courses at Laurier since 2001. An expert in social gerontology, research methods, and the sociology of health and illness, she has taught a wide variety of required and elective courses in these areas. As one of our frequent instructors of Introduction to Sociology, Kimberly is one of the first faculty members students see when they begin our program; she introduces them to our discipline with skill and passion. As a departmental expert in social statistics, Kimberly has helped countless students clear the hurdle of our required course in that area; in the process, she has helped our majors to see that numbers are not to be feared but instead are to be appreciated as instrumental in understanding the world around us.

Kimberly's dedication to students and her commitment to continual pedagogical improvement are well-known both within and outside our department. She regularly attends and presents at teaching and learning workshops and conferences and has been recognized with an Accessible Learning Faculty Recognition Award. Her innovative teaching practices, such as her "selfie project", her Op-Ed assignment, and her public infographic presentations have engaged students, bolstered their confidence, and garnered attention across and beyond Laurier.

Congratulations Professor Ellis-Hale on achieving this incredible milestone in your career!

Submitted by: Dana Sawchuk