



University Achievement Awards

California State University, Long Beach

Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award

Dr. Kelly Young

Biological Sciences

Dr. Kelly Young brings unbridled enthusiasm and scholarly pedagogy to her teaching. Although she teaches high enrollment courses, her student evaluations have consistently been near perfect.

For Dr. Young, teaching doesn't end once students leave the classroom. An expert in reproductive biology, she holds an NIH SCORE grant, and has mentored 18 undergraduate and two graduate researchers in her lab. She has published nine papers in high quality journals while at CSULB, five with undergraduate students as authors and two with a graduate student as an author. Dr. Young has been asked multiple times to speak to students about research and being a successful CSULB student. In addition, she is the Co-Director for the Biomedical Art Program at CSULB where she serves as a mentor and guide for art majors seeking to earn the Biomedical Art Certificate. Dr. Young also serves in a leadership role for the Human Anatomy program, and has served as the Curator of Cadavers/Coordinator of Laboratories.



Dr. Young continues to perfect her craft. She keeps up with current biology literature and continues to learn about new developments in teaching and learning. She has been invited to speak at the winter and summer Institutes of Teaching and Learning as well as at the new faculty orientation. She also has traveled beyond CSULB to present biology to elementary and junior high students. In order to gain a larger perspective on teaching and learning, she joined the Departmental Assessment Committee in 2006, and has chaired the committee since then. She believes that CSULB is an ideal balance of teaching and scholarly research and is proud to teach at such an institution.