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The 2005 Wilson-DeBlois Award

The Sheridan Center was deeply honored this spring when the Graduate Student Council voted to give the 2005 Wilson-DeBlois Award to Associate Directors Janet Rankin and Laura E. Hess. Below is the citation read by Robin McGill, *Classics*, President, Graduate Student Council at the Graduate School Commencement on May 29, 2005.

"The Wilson-DeBlois Award is named in honor of George Grafton Wilson and Austen K. DeBlois, the first two recipients of Doctorate degrees from Brown in 1889. The Graduate Student Council, on behalf of all Brown graduate students, bestows this award annually to honor individuals for their outstanding commitment and exceptional contributions to the graduate student community.

On behalf of the Graduate Student Council, I am honored to present the 2005 Wilson-DeBlois Award to two extraordinary individuals, Dr. Laura Hess and Dr. Janet Rankin. Many of you have sought their guidance and support in their capacity as Associate Directors of the Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning.

Both Laura and Janet have demonstrated a profound commitment to the excellence of graduate students as teachers, scholars, and individuals. Laura Hess with her openness and experience, and Janet Rankin with her warmth and humor, dedicate themselves to the personal and professional development of graduate students.

Together they have created dynamic programs and seminars to help us connect with our students in the classroom. Meanwhile, each of them has been more than willing to provide individual attention and feedback to us as we prepare for the future.

The Graduate Student Council is deeply grateful for their years of genuine concern and inspiration to Brown graduate students.

Janet and Laura, I have the great pleasure of being able to recognize your contributions and thank you for your service to the graduate student community. Many congratulations as the joint recipients of this year's Wilson-DeBlois Award! "

