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2022 Influential Teaching Award Recipient



Rosario Lozada

Florida International University College of Law

The Board of Directors of the Legal Writing Institute (LWI) is thrilled to announce that Professor Rosario Lozada is the recipient of the 2022 Influential Teaching Award. She is a Professor of Legal Skills and Values and Director of Well-Being in Law at the Florida International University College of Law, currently serving as a Faculty Fellow in the FIU Provost's Office for Faculty Leadership and Success.

The Influential Teaching Award recognizes our colleagues in the legal writing academy who are outstanding teachers and who have influenced the teaching of legal writing beyond their individual classrooms. With this award, LWI acknowledges its continued commitment to excellence in teaching and advances in legal writing pedagogy. Rather than a lifetime award

coming at the end of a career, the Influential Teaching Award seeks to celebrate new or mid-level professors who have yet to be recognized in the national legal writing community. Professor Lozada's recognition rests upon her innovative work incorporating mindfulness into legal education, particularly in the legal writing classroom. In an effort to teach law more humanely, she encourages and teaches faculty how to

- help students reach their potential as legal writers by addressing well-being;
- enhance their commitment to excellence in the classroom by encouraging students to be healthy people; and
- become more effective and resilient teachers by practicing self-care.

Professor Lozada is also an incredible influence as a mentor. She is an active participant in ALWD's Leadership Academy and participated in the 2020 AALS Annual Meeting Discussion Group on the topic of mentorship. Her unwavering commitment to well-being has been recognized by FIU, where she was named its new Director in Well-Being in Law. In addition, she has been elected as the chair of the AALS Section on Balance in Legal Education.

In short, Professor Lozada embodies the tenets of the Influential Teaching Award. Her work empowers us all to be kinder teachers, students, and lawyers — to know our limits and care as much for ourselves as we do for others.

The LWI Board appreciates the work of the LWI Awards Committee in identifying nominees and making recommendations to the Board. The Committee includes Chair Brenda Gibson, and members Andrew Carter, Janet Dickson, Kathryn Mercer, Samantha Moppett, Dyane O'Leary, Suzanne Rowe, and Mark Wojcik.

The Influential Teaching Award will be given at the 2022 LWI Biennial Conference at Georgetown University Law Center. Stay tuned for details on this event.

