Faculty members honored for outstanding teaching and advising

Twelve distinguished Cornell faculty members were honored during a special dinner on campus March 11 for their outstanding teaching and advising. Winners of the annual Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellowships were awarded along with recipients of the Robert and Helen Appel Fellowships for Humanists and Social Scientists, the Kendall S. Carpenter Memorial Advising Awards and the Robert A. and Donna B. Paul Awards for Excellence in Advising.

Cornell Vice Provost Isaac Kramnick, who welcomed the guests and introduced the program in Trillium of Kennedy Hall, said: "It was true in 1917 when E.B. White came to Cornell and it is true for the Class of 2004: Professors still transform students' lives, and we are here tonight to honor 12 such faculty." President Jeffrey Lehman followed with remarks, and Provost Biddy Martin made the presentations of the award winners.

The university's new winners of Weiss Fellowships, which recognize excellence in teaching, advising and outstanding efforts toward instructional improvement and development, are: Louis D. Albright, professor, Department of Biological and Environmental Engineering; Geraldine K. Gay, professor, Department of Communication; and Kenneth A. McClane Jr., the W.E.B. Du Bois Professor of Literature, Department of English. The awards — $5,000 for five years for each tenured faculty member — are named for Stephen H. Weiss '57, emeritus chair of the Cornell Board of Trustees, who endowed the program. Appointed fellows are selected by Cornell's institutional policy committee.