

**Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
2002 Idaho Professor of the Year
Dr. Todd Shallat**

Boise State University history professor Todd Shallat has been named the 2002 Idaho Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Boise State University professors have been recipients of this award for the past five years, with Professor Shallat being the 7th winner over the past 10 years.

Todd has been teaching at Boise State since 1985. Winners from 45 states and the District of Columbia were selected from 422 faculty members nominated by colleges and universities throughout the country.

He is known for taking students outside the classroom for a hands-on look at history. By getting his students out where they can see and feel the impact of history, they learn to appreciate its ties to the present. It also leads to further thought, he says — “A visit to a desert homestead sparks debate over cattle grazing; a tour of Idaho’s territorial penitentiary opens a teachable moment to talk about the history of prison reform.”

Todd has been praised for his involvement in environmental issues and passion for teaching. Peter Buhler, history department chair, noted that there is a magic in Shallat’s classroom that he has rarely witnessed. “He teaches students not so much a reverence for what we know as scholars as an appreciation for what we can yet learn despite what we might think that we already know.”

He was honored as a Top Ten professor in 1995 and with the U.S. Department of the Interior Outstanding Service Award in 1988. His six books and more than 30 articles on technology and the environment have received several writing awards, among them the Abel Wolman Book Award, the Henry Adams Prize, and an Idaho Library Association honorable mention. This past February he presented the University of Maryland’s Distinguished Lecture in Civil and Environmental Engineering, funded by the National Academy of Science.

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