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## Steve Sider wins the Laurier Residence Academic Partner Award

WATERLOO – **Steve Sider**, assistant professor in Wilfrid Laurier University’s Faculty of Education, is the recipient of the winter 2015 **Residence Academic Partner Award**.

Sider served as a valuable expert for Laurier’s Residence Education team in the establishment of a “Glocal” (global and local) [Residence Learning Community](#) (RLC) – a residence community for first year students focused on shaping learning experiences that explore the relationship between global and local issues.

Throughout the semester, Sider worked alongside **Genelle Martin**, a don for the Glocal Residence Learning Community, and contributed his time and expertise to the students, exploring how seemingly small acts have a much larger impact in an increasingly interconnected world.

“It has been a pleasure to work with the Glocal Residence Learning Community this past year,” said Sider. “I was thrilled to interact with Genelle Martin and the students, many of whom had extensive experience as learners and activists.”

Sider is also part of the co-curricular group [Glocal](#), run in Laurier’s Faculty of Education to help educators blend global and local realities. Sider says he was thrilled to engage these first year students with the Bachelor of Education upper-year students from the Glocal community. He plans to continue his involvement with the Glocal Residence Learning Community by bringing international opportunities to first year students.

“Sider’s commitment to the first year residents of the Glocal Residence Learning Community highlights the kind of person he is – an invested, caring and deeply engaged teacher that is interested in learning on a personal and professional level,” said **Dave Shorey**, associate director of Residence Education.

The Residence Academic Partnership Award is bestowed on one faculty member each term to recognize faculty who support academic initiatives within the university’s residences. Previous recipients include: **Louise Dawe**, assistant professor in the Faculty of Science; **Laura Allan**, assistant professor in the School of Business & Economics; **Jane Newland**, assistant professor of French; **Sofy Carayannopoulos**, associate professor of Policy; **Bob Sharpe**, associate professor of Geography; **Julie Pong**, an academic advisor in the Faculty of Arts, and **Mercedes Rowinsky-Geurts**, associate professor in the Languages & Literatures Department.

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