2017/18 Diversity & Social Justice Award Recipients

These awards provide faculty with either a $6000 award or a one-quarter course release to actively undertake the development of educational practices that support and enhance diversity and social justice in and beyond the classroom at WWU, or to engage in social justice projects that will result in the significant advancement of their professional development and field of research, scholarly or creative work.

2017-18 Award Recipients:

Dr. Kate Darby, Environmental Studies:  
Co-Creating an Interdisciplinary Environmental Justice Minor

Dr. Nabil Kamel, Environmental Studies:  
Strategies for the Integration of Social Justice and Equity in University Structure and Mode of Operation

Dr. Michael Karlberg, Communication Studies:  
Truth and Reconciliation in Bellingham and Whatcom County: Constructing an Online Public Memory of Racial Policy and Practice

Dr. Anna Lees, Elementary Education:  
Developing Indigenous Pedagogies and Curriculum for Early Childhood Education through Site Embedded Professional Development

Dr. Geoffrey Matthews, Computer Science:  
Introducing Opportunities in Computer Science at Western to the Hispanic Community

Chris Vargas, MFA, Art and Art History:  
Transgender History in 99 Objects (exhibition series, catalog, and performance)

Dr. Verónica Vélez, Secondary Education:  
Building and Sustaining Justice-Producing Academic Initiatives: A Case Study of an Undergraduate Education and Social Justice Program