



*Sarah Buchanan, 2014–15 Distinguished Teacher
Morse-Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Award*

Sarah Buchanan is an extraordinary teacher and adviser who has inspired great numbers of students with her research in Francophone literature and film. A former student describes her as “tout feu, toute flamme”—“all fire, all flame.” A colleague of Buchanan puts it this way: “In the classroom and outside it, she displays such enthusiasm and energy that few can resist.”

Buchanan has been a leader in teaching French at the University of Minnesota Morris.

“The French program was shrinking when Sarah became a professor at UMM,” says a former student who’s now a professional in the field of international studies. “She built bridges to French high school programs across the state, and helped students learn how they could add a

French minor or double major and still graduate on time.”

By fostering her students’ critical thinking and curiosity, Buchanan challenges them to be global thinkers and citizens. She also helps them discover how creative works deliver powerful social critiques. A colleague who has worked with her in designing learning abroad experiences expresses “gratitude and amazement at the acuity and value of her feedback.”

Another colleague says, “If I had to choose one model to emulate, it would be Sarah Buchanan.” And yet another student declares: “I can say with confidence that Professor Sarah Buchanan is the finest educator and adviser I had during my time at the University of Minnesota Morris.”

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“I strongly believe that almost anyone can find languages and literature fascinating when they are presented in a dynamic and intellectually stimulating fashion.”

