

# Mullen Memorial Teaching Award

## Michael Goldsby

*Associate Professor*

*Politics, Philosophy, & Public Affairs*

To effectively teach a wide variety of courses, and in a variety of sizes, requires versatility and commitment: Mike Goldsby successfully meets and exceeds that demand.

Mike regularly teaches philosophy classes of up to 300 undergraduates from across the University in courses ranging from biomedical ethics to epistemology, philosophy of science, and introductory and advanced logic. In each class, he demonstrates not only passion for the subject matter but also a contagious sense of curiosity and a commitment to individual student success.

In daily lessons, Mike guides his classes in discussion and deftly elicits students' points of view, using humor and empathy to encourage critical thinking and intellectual growth. He openly engages with students in and out of the classroom and welcomes diverse perspectives while challenging students to consider other viewpoints. He intentionally utilizes technology and designs assignments to enable assessment of individual learning at multiple levels.

A frequent mentor for undergraduate researchers, he coaches the Ethics Bowl team and is the WSU Philosophy Club's founding director.

Through his exemplary teaching and mentoring of students, Mike is delivering on the WSU promise of a transformative educational experience.

