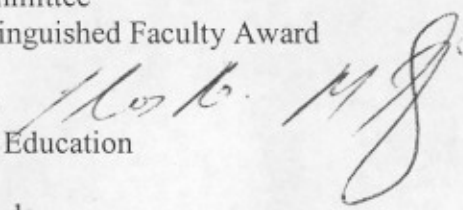


March 30, 2006

To: Nomination Committee
Earl Brown Distinguished Faculty Award

From: Carlos Martinez 
Dean, School of Education

RE: Dr. Twyla Miranda

It is my pleasure to recommend Dr. Twyla Miranda for the Earl Brown Award. Dr. Miranda serves as Director of Graduate Studies in Education and teaches graduate core courses in education and reading. Her academic preparation includes a Ph.D. in Elementary Education, minor in Reading, as well as training and practice in facilitation and consultation. She has consistently received strong ratings in all her evaluations and her encouragement toward scholarly work in the graduate education programs is felt by both faculty and students. Recently, she helped to re-establish the *Wesleyan Graduate Review*. She has worked on numerous research grants, book reviews, and articles, as well as presented papers and presentations locally, nationally and internationally. Dr. Miranda remains committed to Texas Wesleyan and its programs as she is pursuing a grant to study leadership development of aspiring principals, and another grant that would fund transformative professional development at Wesleyan. Her writing plans for this year include two children's novels, an article on leadership, and a textbook proposal on the topic of mentorship. It is my opinion that Dr. Miranda is an excellent candidate to receive the Earl Brown Award this year.