The Office of Undergraduate Research recently awarded Dr. Hugh Shapiro the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award for 2010. With support from the Office of the Vice President for Research, this award aims at recognizing the dedication and enthusiasm of faculty who include undergraduate researchers in their research projects. More information about the award is posted at:

http://environment.unr.edu/undergraduateresearch/mentors/outstanding-mentor.html

Dr. Shapiro is an Associate Professor in the Department of History and Graduate Advisor. In building Asian Studies at UNR largely from scratch over the past fifteen years, Dr. Shapiro has mentored dozens of research students in myriad ways, and in the process has helped launch their careers in academics, public service, and other fields. Hugh Shapiro’s philosophy as a mentor seems simple but requires immense work: awaken students to their own potential, then give them the tools and support necessary to achieve that potential. Most of his research students never imagined they would learn Chinese or Japanese and use that knowledge to pursue projects of their own design--and then professional careers drawing upon the potential first tapped by this extraordinary mentor.