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SUBJECT: 2012 United Methodist Scholar/Teacher of the Year Award

Each fall, a distinguished member of the Boston University faculty is recognized for his or her “dedication and contributions to the learning arts and to the institution” with the United Methodist Scholar/Teacher of the Year award. This is a special honor established and endowed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church. The embrace of this dual role, as scholar and as teacher, is at the heart of Boston University’s mission. It is modeled each day across our campus by the hundreds of outstanding faculty members who lead by example, not only in their respective fields of research, but in their classrooms as well.

After a robust nominating process and a series of truly exceptional candidates, I am delighted to announce that the winner of this year’s United Methodist Scholar/Teacher of the Year award is **Professor Alice Cronin-Golomb**, of the Department of Psychology. Professor Cronin-Golomb is Director of the Vision & Cognition Laboratory and Co-Director of the Center for Clinical Biopsychology at Boston University. For 22 years, Professor Cronin-Golomb has been passing on to students her passion for neuropsychology and for finding solutions to the visual and visuospatial cognitive challenges that often afflict seniors through the aging process or through neurodegenerative disorders such as Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s diseases. Professor Cronin-Golomb’s groundbreaking research and her celebration by students as a gifted teacher, mentor, influence and champion of their own efforts make her an outstanding selection this year.

This coming Wednesday, October 26, 2011, we will present Professor Cronin-Golomb with her award at the Faculty Assembly. The assembly is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Tsai Performance Center. I hope that you will join us there in congratulating Professor Cronin-Golomb for her achievement and to take part in what promises to be a substantive and productive meeting.