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## **Simmons College Computer Science Professor Nanette Veilleux Honored for Exemplary Teaching**

BOSTON (June 13, 2017) – Simmons College Professor Nanette Veilleux was recently honored with the fifth annual Toby Sloane Award for Student Centeredness. The award is presented to a Simmons College professor who demonstrates extraordinary enthusiasm for and dedication to teaching at the undergraduate level.

“It is an honor to be recognized with the Toby Sloane Award for Student Centeredness,” said Dr. Veilleux. “I think student centeredness stems from respect and understanding for the whole person, who just happens to be my student. I try to consider students’ academic goals and learning styles as well as their temperament, their tone, and the way they make meaning of the world. It helps in teaching and mentoring, but it also adds deeper dimension to the collaboration.”

“Dr. Veilleux embodies student centeredness in her teaching,” said Dean Eileen Abels of the Simmons School of Library and Information Science. “She is exactly the kind of teacher this award envisions.”

The award was established by Carl Sloane through a gift made to Simmons in honor of his wife, Simmons Trustee Toby Sloane, who graduated from the college in 1960. The award supports student centeredness by providing an annual award of \$10,000 to the faculty member who makes the most significant contribution to the student experience in a particular year. Dr. Veilleux was honored during Simmons’ Faculty Recognition Celebration held on May 18.

A resident of Cambridge, Dr. Veilleux received her Ph.D. in systems engineering and her master’s degree in electrical engineering at Boston University and her bachelor’s degree in biophysics at Brown University. She joined Simmons as an assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science in 1999. She became an associate professor in the Department of Computer Science and Information in 2006, and was promoted to professor in 2014. She also serves as the Director of Computer Science and Informatics. This summer, Professor Veilleux will serve as an advisor to Science Club for Girls, an organization that connects girls in grades K-12, especially those in unrepresented groups, to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programming and female mentors in those fields.

“I have always considered the relationships I have developed with students to be the most rewarding aspect of my job,” said Professor Veilleux. “This award is a tremendous surprise and a terrific honor.”

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