Kevin Rader, G4, Biostatistics

Kevin Rader is an exemplary, influential teacher whose enthusiasm and dedication is an inspiration to his peers and to faculty colleagues in the Department of Statistics.

As the leader of large, popular sections of the department's core undergraduate courses, and as a key contributor to the pedagogy course for first-year graduate students, Kevin has touched every aspect of the department's teaching program. He is as effective in the classroom as he is as a mentor to other teachers.

Students call him a "natural-born teacher" and praise his gentle, calming manner and his ability to guide students through difficult problems — not by giving them the answers, but by giving them the tools to reach the answers on their own, in their own way. He listens, and he cares.

His organizational skills and course management expertise are exceedingly rare; his ability to recruit, train, and mentor new TFs is one of the reasons that the Stat 104 course was able to double its enrollment each semester — from 250 to approximately 500 — without a hitch. He has supervised more than 100 TFs during his time at Harvard, in the process producing beautifully crafted section materials that all TFs can draw on.

Kevin, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences is pleased to present you with the Derek C. Bok Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching of Undergraduates.

Congratulations!