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### Sharp Named LCC Distinguished Adjunct Faculty

Parsons, KS- Labette Community College recently announced that Jason Sharp, of Columbia, MO was named the 2014 Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award Recipient. Sharp, formerly of Parsons, is an adjunct instructor and teaches online criminal justice courses.



Photo: l to r: Jason Sharp, is pictured with LCC Dean of Instruction Mark Watkins, when he received the 2014 Distinguished Adjunct Faculty of the Year during in-service activities on Thursday evening.

The Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award at LCC was developed on the premise that faculty members who have performed in an exemplary manner should be publicly recognized and rewarded. The criteria areas for the award are: teaching effectiveness, college service, involvement with students, and community engagement. All adjunct faculty who have completed at least four years of teaching service to LCC are eligible for the award and there is a three-year interim before a recipient is eligible to be selected for the award again. Faculty may be nominated by full-time employees, adjunct faculty, and students.

Sharp, formerly a detective in the Parsons Police Department and began working on his Criminal Justice degree as a non-traditional student graduated in 2000. After earning his degree from LCC, Sharp went onto earn his bachelors and masters from Washburn University. He graduated from the Law enforcement academy in 2005. He has taught on-ground at the LCC main campus, until his job moved him to Missouri when he began teaching on-line. Sharp also developed, free of charge, on-line criminal justice courses for LCC and continues to teach as an adjunct on-line. Jason is now in Columbia, MO doing law enforcement training. Sharp serves on numerous criminal justice advisory boards, actively recruits for the criminal justice programs, serves as a fire arm instructor, and leads drug prevention seminars in high schools.

Sharp was nominated by staff and students at LCC. The following are comments from former students:

“He will help you in anything you have trouble doing, is always available for you to ask him anything, even though he is an extremely busy guy,” said one student. “Mr. Sharp is always very prompt in responding to questions via email and is willing to explain concepts further if needed. He always has his coursework information and gradebook up to date and does his very best to communicate while being strictly an online instructor.”

Another student said, "Mr. Sharp teaches many different classes at once, this alone is hard work, so he deserves to be recognized for his hard work!"

For more information regarding LCC's Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award or this year's recipient, Jason Sharp, please contact Janice George at (620) 820-1234 or by e-mail at [JaniceG@Labette.edu](mailto:JaniceG@Labette.edu).