

**Sheila Jaswal**

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“Dr. J. avoids giving answers and instead encourages personal growth through inquisitiveness...she provides the environment for brilliant independence complemented by a support net available to all,” according to one of Sheila’s students. Others wrote of the ways in which she excels as a teacher and mentor in the classroom, lab, and office hours; how much her care and support mean to them; and their appreciation for her efforts to build community. “Sheila and her student and faculty collaborators have made Amherst a leader in inclusive science pedagogy,” a faculty colleague wrote when nominating Sheila for the award. “Her Human in STEM initiative has received national recognition, evidenced by its adoption in numerous other institutions and by Sheila's invited lectures around the country introducing it... I think that even those outside of the sciences can learn from her vision about how to teach in more inclusive ways.” At Amherst—and beyond—the depth and breadth of Sheila’s impact as a teacher has been exceptional.