

**Introductory Remarks Delivered by Prof. Vin Steponaitis (Archaeology and Anthropology)
at the Presentation of the Thomas Jefferson Award to Prof. Lloyd Kramer (History)
at the Faculty Council Meeting of September 3, 2021**

I am honored to introduce my colleague Lloyd Kramer, Professor of History, as the recipient of this year's Thomas Jefferson Award.

Since arriving at UNC as an assistant professor in 1986, Lloyd has compiled an extraordinary record of achievement as a scholar and university citizen, in ways that have exemplified the ideals of Thomas Jefferson in promoting democracy, public service, and the pursuit of knowledge:

* To begin with, Lloyd is a distinguished scholar who has authored or edited nine books and many articles dealing with modern European history. He is particularly known for his book called *Lafayette in Two Worlds* (UNC Press, 1996), which won multiple prizes and is considered a definitive work on the American Revolutionary War general from France who was Jefferson's contemporary.

* Lloyd has also been an exceptionally active campus citizen, volunteering his abilities and time to countless university committees. In 2019, he was asked (unexpectedly) to step in as Chair of the Faculty and served in that role with distinction at a particularly critical time.

* Lloyd has a long record of administrative service, including stints as associate director and acting director of the Institute for the Arts and Humanities and two terms as chair of the History Department. In these various roles he has been an articulate and tireless advocate for humanistic scholarship and teaching.

* More recently, he has been a transformative leader of Carolina Public Humanities, one of our main public-outreach units connecting the broader community with UNC scholars in effective and innovative ways.

* And last, but not least, he has been the recipient of several of the university's most prestigious teaching awards and remains one of the History Department's most beloved teachers.

Given Lloyd's enviable record of scholarship, service, public engagement, and teaching, one would be hard pressed to find anyone on our faculty more deserving of this award.