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Dear Professor Enright:

On behalf of the Executive Council of the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, I am pleased to announce that you have been selected for the **2008-2009 Dick Ringler Distinguished Peace Educator Award**. This award is named in honor of Professor Dick Ringler, our first Executive Director and one of the founders of the organization. It is presented annually to a "Wisconsin faculty or staff member who has made an outstanding contribution to teaching or studying war, peace, and/or global cooperation."

We honor you for your commitment to research and teaching on forgiveness and the role that forgiveness can play in building peace, both in individuals and in communities. Your willingness to share your research and insights through publication, teaching, and public speaking reminds us of the Wisconsin Institute's mission to "promote an informed understanding of peace, justice, and conflict." As educators, we also commend you for the curriculum developed from your work and its farreaching applications.

With this award, we join many others who recognize your contributions to the broader field of peace studies. Your life is a model for young scholars who wish to use their learning for the pursuit of humane ends. I look forward to seeing you at our fall conference at Marquette University held in conjunction with the annual conference of the Peace and Justice Studies Association and to presenting you with the award certificate. We can determine an appropriate time closer to the date. The Institute plans to host a session and a reception on Friday, October 9th, either of which may be a good time if you will be there that day. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Deborah Buffton

Executive Director, 2008-2009

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