A Few Words From This Year’s Winners...

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“What has helped you to sustain your passion for teaching?”

My passion for teaching comes from two aspects. Firstly, when I was a student myself, I felt inspired by some great teachers. Nonetheless, they all taught in very different ways. Some were fantastic narrators; some were very caring; some asked intriguing questions which got me and my peers to think more deeply and critically about issues; and some were simply extremely knowledgeable. Keeping alive all their various ways of teaching still inspires my own teaching today.

Secondly, the present-day experience of seeing students get hooked on a problem or question, of getting students interested in ideas that defy convention or mere practical application, and of witnessing students being able to show at the end of a semester that they have grown as people (even if sometimes in unexpected ways!) gives me the feeling that my teaching matters one way or the other. It is finally this element of immaterial satisfaction that keeps my passion for teaching alive.