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The award aims to reward the efforts of teachers who have gone above and beyond to create a better learning environment. Candidates are nominated by staff and students with over 65,000 votes cast from universities last year.

Dr Libich joined the School of Economics and Finance at La Trobe University in July 2005. He is a Senior Lecturer teaching Central Banks and Monetary Policy, Macroeconomics, Macroeconomic Theory and Managerial Economics.

Jan is passionate about teaching and uses a number of innovative techniques to motivate students to engage. This includes policy simulation games and online aids to make the material more interesting and relevant from a real world perspective. Jan's lectures are highly interactive with debates continuing beyond the classroom on the student Learning Management System (LMS). He also organises regular student competitions with book and chocolate prizes, online chat-times for last minute questions before exams and exam 'reflections' for students to learn from their experience.

Jan, in his 'tongue in cheek' style admits he attempts to make economics rewarding and fun for his students but is kept 'down to earth' by teaching evaluation forms where one student noted, 'Jan is a great guy, only sometimes does he not realise that the students are laughing at him, not with him.' He professes, 'I'll keep trying.'

Congratulations Dr Libich for your dedication to quality learning.

Professor Jane Hamilton appointed to prestigious post

Professor Jane Hamilton from the Regional School of Business, Bendigo has recently been appointed to the editorial board for *Issues in Accounting Education* – one of the three primary publications of the American Accounting Association journals.

The association selects and appoints board members on the basis of their publications and international standing. The *Issues in Accounting Education* journal is highly ranked within the academic world, considered one of the brightest and best journals in accounting education. The journal publishes research, commentaries, instructional resources and book reviews that assist in teaching accounting in addition to addressing important issues in accounting education.

Congratulations to Jane on her appointment to this prestigious post.