

Students who nominated her for this award have said:

“Ferry’s greatest gift to me has been her ability to gently push me and my intellectual development beyond my comfort zone. She is an intellectual powerhouse, someone who could easily live in the ivory tower and not be concerned about her students. Instead her dedication to her students makes us stronger, if not always comfortably.”

“Even in our large lecture class of 50, with all ages and experiences from first years to graduate and PhD students, discussions were animated and participation was broad. Professor Ferry would always ask for differing opinions and facilitate debate and disagreement. She always pays attention to who has not spoken and invites them to join in as well as provides time for smaller group discussions. I got to know the people in the class because there was a large opportunity for students to build off of the ideas Professor Ferry introduced and that is what made the experience most valuable for me.”

“I really admire her for her brilliance and enthusiasm and approachability. She is one of the best professors I’ve had at Brandeis so far and I’m so thankful to her for all the help and inspiration she gave me.”

“She not only teaches us, but helps us teach each other and ourselves.”