# Convocation 2016 - Trent University: Dr. Joel Baetz, 2016 Symons Award for Excellence in Teaching

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>> JOEL BAETZ: My name is Joel Baetz. I am an assistant professor in the department of English Literature and I was lucky enough to be the Symons Award Winner this year for an excellence in teaching.

I'm feeling – I'm feeling tremendously lucky, fortunate to be here today to be here to address convocation. I feel very fortunate to receive the Symons Award. There are lots of careers that you could have that don't allow for that sort of recognition. You could go an entire lifetime not knowing whether you're good or whether you make a difference and so I feel fortunate to be part of a system that allows for that. I've had great colleagues. I have great students. I'm just feeling a whole lot of good fortune right now.

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