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### **Kathryn Ellis wins 2006 Richard Borden Excellence in Sermons Award**

Meadville Lombard Theological School is pleased to announce that Kathryn Ellis, a student in our Modified Residency Program, is one of four theological students to win the 2006 Richard Borden Excellence in Sermons Award.

Ellis's sermon, "[Contemporary Slavery: You Can Make a Difference](#)," is a challenge to educate people about the realities of modern-day slavery and to inspire them to take action against this atrocity. "While globalization plays a part in the increasing of human slavery," Ellis says, "it also creates opportunities and tools for opposing slavery....May we be inspired by the courage of those who give so much to bring freedom and dignity to those who have been denied human rights. Let us work together for the day when slavery is truly abolished."

The award has typically been open to all ordained UU ministers as well as theological students, but the 2006 contest was restricted to Unitarian Universalist theology students who had aspirant or candidate status prior to January 1, 2006. According to the UUA website, the rules were changed "in order to better support the next generation of Unitarian Universalist ministers as they complete their theological studies and embark upon their ministry."

Each of the four winners received a certificate and a cash prize of \$8,000. For more information on the winners and to read the winning sermons online, go to the [UUA](#) website.