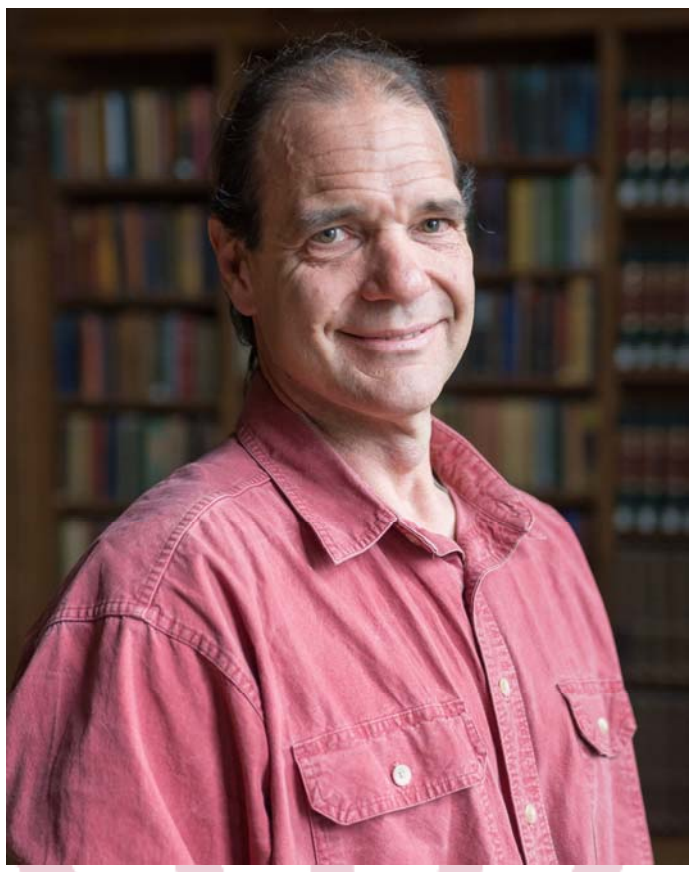
# Presidents' Good Steward Award



## Terry Osborne

### Senior Lecturer

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Professor Terry Osborne has taught at Dartmouth College for 16 years and currently instructs courses in Environmental Studies and the Institute for Writing and Rhetoric where he models an ethic of community respect through his use of community-based learning.

Professor Osborne has taught "COVER Stories: Community building and the Environment" for several years. This course partners with a local not-for-profit, COVER, in White River Junction, VT, which builds community and fosters hope through home repair projects. Professor Osborne 's course explores the conscious construction of community, helping students understand activism in new ways that emphasize storytelling and partnership with the local community. What is truly unique about Professor Osborne's community-based learning work is his insistence on the true, reciprocal partnership with COVER. He has included partners at COVER in all aspects of his course development, an ethic that serves as a model of community building for his students. He does this despite the extra work and time involved because he believes it is what is best for his students' learning. In his own words "Community-based learning ups the ante of academic engagement, brings real-world consequences to it. The organization is depending on the students, the homeowners appreciate their work, and the students feel that. The experience makes learning vivid, deep, and rich. The course is a gift for the students; by the end of the term they understand that, so they want to give back." (quoted from https://writing-speech.dartmouth.edu/terry-osbornes-cover-story)

Professor Osborne 's outstanding work on this course is why he is this year's Presidents' Good Steward Award recipient for Dartmouth College.

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