

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

# MARY LYON AWARD 2013

PRESENTED TO



*Jennifer W. Kyker '02*

**JENNIFER W. KYKER, CLASS OF 2002**, the Alumnae Association is pleased to present to you the Mary Lyon Award. It honors an alumna who graduated no more than fifteen years ago and who has demonstrated sustained achievement in her life and career consistent with the humane values that Mary Lyon exemplified and inspired in others.

Jennifer, you have dedicated your life to exploring the connections among music, culture, and social justice in Zimbabwe. You are a talented musician and performer, a recognized expert on traditional African instruments including the marimba (wooden xylophone) and the mbira (thumb piano). You are also an accomplished ethnomusicologist, scholar, and professor. In addition to your career as a musician and professor, you are an active humanitarian.

In 2003, you cofounded the nonprofit organization Tariro to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS by educating young women and girls. Each year, Tariro provides funds for tuition, schoolbooks, and health care to more than sixty students who have lost one or both parents to illness or poverty.

In recognition of your exceptional early achievement, and in anticipation of your continued extraordinary work for the education of girls and women in Zimbabwe, the Alumnae Association presents you with the Mary Lyon Award.

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