Sue Dinitz, over the last 38 years, since earning your PhD at Ohio State University, you have been an indispensable leader for both the Composition Program and the UVM Writing Center.

In 1980, you joined the English Department as a lecturer. Your many contributions to foundational writing included mentoring graduate teaching assistants and developing and teaching sections of Introductory Composition courses for students participating in the TRiO program. As Writing Center director from 1983 to 1988 and from 1999 to 2018, you developed and taught the two-semester, six-credit course in Writing Center Theory and Pedagogy that is taken by all undergraduate tutors and that is hailed as a national model. Under your stewardship, the Writing Center has grown to employ more than 50 peer tutors, writing-in-the-disciplines mentors, and Global Gateway writing partners. Through your advocacy, the UVM Writing Centers now serve undergraduate and graduate students in a newly renovated and welcoming space in the Bailey Howe Library. You were promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2003, and through United Academics you have labored to create a professional, equitable climate for all lecturers.

Your contributions have been recognized with a 1995 Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Award and a 2017 President’s Distinguished Senior Lecturer Award. In 2004, you were named Vermont Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation, and in 2007 you received the Ron Maxwell Award for distinguished leadership in peer tutor education from the National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing. Your widely cited articles continue to advance writing-center practices nationally, and by bringing peer tutors each year to regional and national conferences, you have nurtured a new generation of Writing Center scholars.