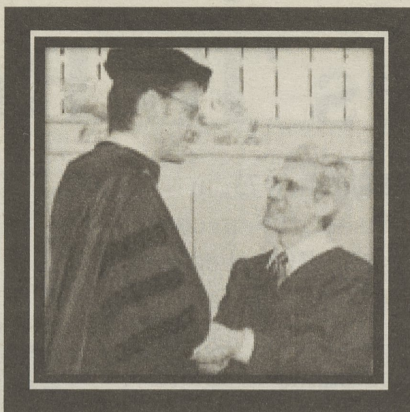


# Eye On Campus

## PSU BRANDYWINE'S DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

Quality teaching is a hallmark of Penn State Brandywine (formerly Delaware County), and the Penn State Brandywine Distinguished Teacher Award seeks to honor and recognize teaching excellence and contributions to the Penn State Brandywine campus community. Full-time faculty of Penn State Brandywine, including librarians, are eligible for nomination.



### Nomination Criteria

- excellence in teaching ability
- scholarship
- academic advising
- career guidance and enthusiasm
- continuing commitment to our campus

### DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS

MAY 9, 2008 AT 5 P.M.

The winner will be announced at the Fall 2008 Honors Convocation.

Submit your nomination today by visiting

[http://www.de2.psu.edu/academics/distinguished\\_teacher](http://www.de2.psu.edu/academics/distinguished_teacher)

## Spring

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# Dudkin Wins Prestigious Atherton Award

### Special to The Lion's Eye

Elizabeth A. Dudkin, associate professor of biology at Penn State Brandywine, was one of four Penn State faculty members awarded the University's 2008 George W. Atherton Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The University-wide award, named after Penn State's seventh president, honors excellence in teaching at the undergraduate level.

Dudkin was recognized for her ability to teach, motivate and inspire students at all levels. She teaches introductory and upper-level biology, in lectures and labs, on topics ranging from mammalian anatomy to neuroscience.

"Elizabeth's students, as well as her colleagues, have long

admired her ability to teach, motivate and inspire," said Sophia T. Wisniewska, chancellor at Penn State Brandywine. "She is well deserving of this prestigious award."

Named the Campus Distinguished Teacher of the Year for 2005, she supplements her classes with virtual lectures and podcasts, allowing students to go through explanations to complex biological processes step by step, and to learn at their own pace.

Dudkin, who earned her undergraduate degree from Drexel University and her master's and doctorate degrees from Temple University, said of the honor: "This award is very meaningful because it comes from strong recommendations submitted by my students." She has taught full-time at Penn State Brandywine since 2000.



Dr. Elizabeth Dudkin (photo courtesy of Penn State Brandywine)

# YFE 211 More Than Just College Credit

### Special to The Lion's Eye

Penn State Brandywine has expanded its offerings of YFE 211, and it is calling to you! What is this course, you may ask? The department of YFE (Youth and Family Engagement) lists an innovative course on the Foundations of Civic and Community Engagement. OK, let's take one step back... what is civic engagement?

According to Dr. Laura Guertin, scholar Thomas Elrich says that "Civic engagement means working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference."

In essence, Guertin explains, civic engagement is what this country was founded upon. YFE 211 provides students a background in public scholarship, civic engagement, and the relationship between learning and democratic practices.

The course will introduce the student to a range of ways that citizens can participate in democratic decision making, and you will be able to put into practice

some of these forms. Finally, students learn about models and opportunities to be engaged at Penn State.

YFE 211 is required for students completing the academic minor in Civic and Community Engagement (CIVCM). The course has now been approved as GS/US/IL, beginning this summer and it is ideal for students that have a passion for volunteering but want to learn how to take their passions for service to the next level.

By taking this course, students can better understand how to take content knowledge and skill set to create a sustained change and how to give a voice to a target population that has difficulty being heard.

Guertin says that students who take YFE 211 will be able to better find his or her inner-leader and start making a change at the local to international level. And, she adds, students may begin the minor at our campus and take the YFE 211 course here before transferring to University Park to complete their major and CIVCM minor.

Beyond the academic standpoint, YFE 211 is also a lot of fun and can reward students on an extra-curricular level

## Mark Your Calendars Upcoming Service Events!



Monday, April 21 - Bell Seminar on the TreeVitalize program (LCR, 6:00PM).

Sunday, May 4 - Team Brandywine at the MS Walk in Philadelphia (see campus flyers for more information)



as well.

"It is a course where you will learn much about yourself and gain the confidence you need to go out and make a difference," says Guertin.

YFE 211 is being offered Summer and Fall 2008 by Dr. Barbara Gottlieb and Spring 2009 by Dr. Kimberly Blockett.

YFE 211 is required for Penn State's intercollege minor in civic and community engagement.

For information about the minor, please visit <http://community.de.psu.edu/civcm/> and contact minor coordinator Dr. Laura Guertin ([guertin@psu.edu](mailto:guertin@psu.edu)).