

Eye on Campus

University Professor Receives Prestigious Award

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Penn State Brandywine Geology Professor Dr. Laura Guertin will be recognized as the recipient of the Bigg's Earth and Science Teaching Award in late October at a ceremony in Portland, Oregon. The award, presented by the Geological Society of America, recognizes an undergraduate professor in his/her first ten years of teaching who has made significant contributions in the fields of earth science and bringing the subject of earth science to their respective campus. Dr. Guertin has been selected for the award based on her work here on the Brandywine campus, specifically in her teaching methods for various classes and her efforts around campus to raise awareness of not only geology but the sciences in general. In addition to the prestige, Dr. Guertin will receive a plaque, a monetary award, and a place in the Geological Hall of Fame.

When asked about outside influences, Dr. Guertin gave credit to her Geology mentor; Dr. Heather Macdonald. Coincidentally, Dr. Macdonald is the first person from Pennsylvania to receive the Bigg's Award. In addition to Dr. Macdonald's accomplishment, Dr. Guertin received assistance from other professors and students on campus, all of whom

contributed to her application.

The application process for the Bigg's Award entails a combination of many factors. It includes a one page teaching philosophy, several pages of teaching examples and methods, and letters of recommendation from students, professors, faculty, and even recommendations from the executives at University Park. The entire process took several weeks to complete.

All of the work that Dr. Guertin and Co. put into the application was rewarded when Dr. Guertin received the news of her selection. When asked how she had thought she would fare when she applied, Dr. Guertin replied, "I honestly never thought I had a chance...be competitive, but never actually win (the award)." Her achievement in receiving such a prestigious award is a reflection not only of the Brandywine campus, but Penn State University as a whole. The university boasts the seventh ranked geology program nationally, with a number three ranking in earth sciences (take that football team). Dr. Guertin's success is an example of devoted hard work, quality teaching, and scholarly studying finally being appreciated.

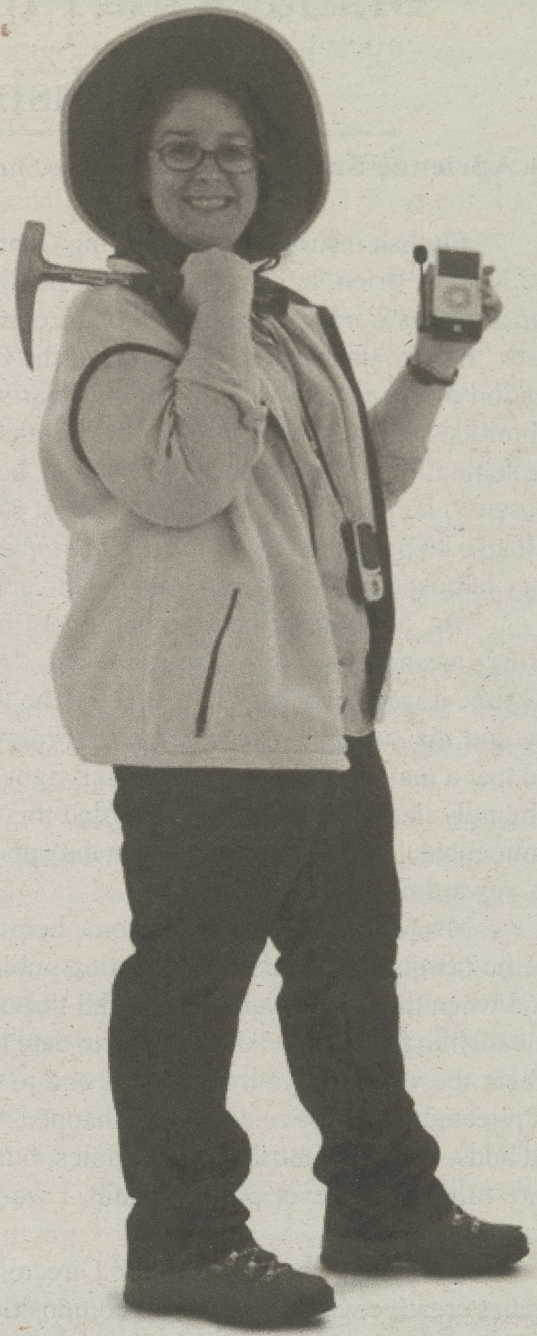


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<http://www.personal.psu.edu/uxg3/blogs/guertin/>

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Full-time PSU students, friends and family are all welcome. This amazing opportunity affords students the chance of expanding upon their worldview, conquering new challenges and setting new goals. An information meeting—regarding both current and future trips—was held on Thursday, August 27 during common hour in the Vairo library.

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Courses for London, England (Thanksgiving break) are:

- AM ST 105: British Roots of American Popular Culture, Alita Kelly
- Comm299: Popular Music of Great Britain from 1960 to Present, Karrie Bowen



- Earth 150H: Dinosaur Extinction & Other controversies, Laura Guertin
 - FIN 399 and FIN 456: Foreign Studies: International Capital Markets, Don Taylor
- Courses for Vienna/Prague are:
- InArt 1/ArtH 100: The Arts in Vienna and

Prague, Paul Greene

- CMLIT 153: Vienna-Prague through Literature & Film, Alita Kelley
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