

**AU professor , graduate win honor**

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Dr. David Earl, an alumnus and assistant professor of ceramic engineering and materials science in the School of Engineering at Alfred University, and Mushtaq Ahmed, who received his M.S. degree in ceramic engineering from AU in 2002, were awarded the John Marquis Memorial Awards at the fall conference of the American Ceramic Manufacturers Association meeting in Mansfield, OH. The annual award is presented by the American Ceramic Society Materials and Whitewares Division for the published paper "of greatest value to the members and to the industry." Earl and Ahmed co-authored the winning paper, "Characterization of Glaze Melting Behavior with Hot-Stage Microscopy," which was published in the Ceramic Bulletin, 81 (3) 47-51 (2002). Earl, who won the John Marquis Memorial Award in 2000 as well, has been invited to join the Technical Program Committee for the 4th World Congress on Microwave and Radio Frequency Applications, scheduled for November 2004 in Austin, TX. A 1985 graduate of AU with a B.S. in ceramic engineering, Earl received his master's and Ph.D. degrees in ceramic engineering from the University of Florida.