

AU Professor to Appear in 'Who's Who Among America's Teachers'

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Alfred, NY -- Robyn Goodman, assistant professor of communication studies at Alfred University, will appear in the 2000 edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Goodman was nominated by Connie Ebinger, a returning student who spent some years "raising a son and working at any job I could find" before enrolling in AU to finish her degree. The only way a teacher can get into Who's Who is via nomination from a student who has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. "She's an excellent teacher. I've taken several of her classes and talked to her a lot," said Ebinger, who started as a fine arts major but switched to communications with Goodman's encouragement. "She really opened the door for me. She was the first person at AU who was completely positive about my abilities. She built my self-confidence." A native of California, Goodman has been an assistant professor at AU since 1995. Earlier she taught various journalism and mass media at Michigan State University, and from 1988-90 she taught similar subjects at schools and universities in Beijing and Moscow. She also works in journalism, serving as a guest essayist for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on US-China relations, a free-lance correspondent for California's Orange County Register, and an intermittent contributor to other newspapers and journals on subjects ranging from the repression of Bulgarian journalists to the First Amendment views of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. In addition to her listing in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Goodman will be included in the eighth edition of International Who's Who of Professional and Business Women, to appear in mid-2001. Goodman lives in Geneseo.