

## **Earl appointed director of AU research center**

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Dr. David Earl, assistant professor of ceramic engineering and materials science in the School of Engineering at Alfred University, has been appointed director of the AU Center for Environmental and Energy Research. "Dr. Earl brings to the position a wealth of experience in managing, as well as conducting, research," said Dr. Alastair N. Cormack, interim dean of the School of Engineering. Earl has been director of quality assurance for CEER, which is a multi-disciplinary research center at AU, drawing upon faculty expertise in mechanical, electrical and ceramic engineering, materials science, chemistry, economics and environmental science. Faculty and students work with industrial sponsors as well as state and federal sponsors on research and educational projects to promote technology that results in environmental and energy sustainability. CEER has received more than \$4 million in funding from the Environmental Protection Agency. Earl is a 1985 graduate of Alfred University with a B.S. in ceramic engineering. He earned his master's and Ph.D. degrees, also in ceramic engineering, from the University of Florida. Twice in the past three years, Earl has been awarded the John Marquis Memorial Award from the American Ceramic Society's Materials and Whiteware Division for a published research paper "of the greatest value to the members and to the industry."