

## **Mitchell receives Abigail Allen Award**

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Dr. Linda Mitchell, professor of history at Alfred University, is this year's recipient of the Abigail Allen Award for service to women. She was honored as an "active teacher and scholar of women's issues, a tireless advocate for women on campus and an important role model." The award is presented annually at AU's Honors Convocation to a faculty or staff member who has done much to advance women's issues on the University campus. "With her expertise in women's history, she has created specialized courses on women in the ancient and medieval worlds and incorporated women and family as a vital part of her teaching," said Dr. Susan Strong, who presented the award to Mitchell. "As author, editor, and reviewer, her output is stunning. She has published three books, including *Family Life in the Middle Ages* and *Portraits of Medieval Women*, and has three more books in progress. She has published numerous articles, over 40 book reviews, and made more than 30 presentations in medieval history. "She has shared her scholarship in numerous roundtables and Bergren Forums, often commemorating Women's History Month (which she helped organize, in her first years at AU)." Strong cited Mitchell's numerous contributions to the University community: senior editor of *Historical Reflections* journal; co-director of the Medieval and Renaissance Studies minor; director of the First-Year Experience program and the Critical Discourse minor; leader of study courses to Rome; and ballet teacher. "In these and countless other ways, Linda has been a visible model of a woman with intelligence and convictions," said Strong. Known to students and faculty as a dedicated mentor, Mitchell has supervised numerous honors theses; guided many students through their graduate school applications; and won an Excellence in Teaching Award. She has also been an important mentor for junior faculty, providing encouragement, support, and humor. "For seventeen years, Linda has generously shared her unusual breadth of talents as dancer, editor, historian, scholar, teacher and mentor with Alfred's students, and for this we are pleased to recognize her today with the Abigail Allen Award," said Strong. Mitchell is leaving Alfred University at the end of the current academic year; in recognition of her extensive scholarship, was recently appointed Distinguished Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.