

## **Lakin receives 'Abigail Allen Award'**

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Pamela Lakin, an assistant librarian at Herrick Memorial Library and director of Alfred University's Study Abroad Program, is this year's faculty recipient of the Abigail Allen Award, presented each year in memory of one of AU's "Founding Mothers." Lakin was selected for her work in "building an outstanding collection of research materials in women's studies at Alfred University; supporting young women in seeking diverse internships and studies abroad; aiding faculty and students in pursuing research in women's studies; and encouraging women of all ages to participate in political issues by advising the Women's Issue Coalition. Her dependable and trustworthy work, semester after semester, has helped this campus become an outstanding institution for co-education." Lakin received the award during Honors Convocation at Alfred University. The award is considered to be one of the highest bestowed by the University, which is the oldest co-educational institution in New York, and second-oldest in the nation. Abigail Allen, wife of one of Alfred University's early presidents, Jonathan Allen, "dedicated her life's work to advancing the cause of co-education and encouraging women to pursue higher education. In doing so, she contributed immeasurably to improving the quality of women's lives on our campus and in the wider community." The Abigail Allen award is presented each year to a faculty or staff member who "has contributed to our campus and our community by improving the quality of women's lives today and whose exceptional efforts deserve recognition in this vein." Previous award winners include: Carol Burdick, professor emeritus of English, 1999; Dr. Karen Porter, professor of sociology and former director of the Women's Studies Program, 2000; Dr. Sharon Hoover, professor emerita of English, 2001; and Dr. Gail Walker, professor of psychology, 2002.