

George C. Hoffmann Award for Faculty Excellence

Linda A. George, Ph.D.

LINDA A. GEORGE is a professor in the Department of Environmental Science and Management. Professor George's research and teaching interests are in modeling and measuring urban air pollutants, and the intersection of environmental justice, gender, and class as these factors influence policy in air quality and climate science. Professor George received her Ph.D. in environmental sciences and resources/chemistry from Portland State University in 1991 after earning her B.S. in chemistry from Loyola University of Chicago.

Professor George has mentored 25 graduate students, numerous undergraduates, and several high school teachers in her interdisciplinary urban air pollution research program. She also directs the Sustainable Atmosphere Research Lab at PSU. Her research programs have garnered over \$9 million in external funding from organizations, including the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Agency for International Development, and private foundations. Her research has resulted in over 30 publications and received regional and national media attention.

Professor George has long been active in shared governance, serving on many faculty and Faculty Senate leadership committees. She served as a program director for the National Science Foundation's Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences division.

Additionally, she acted as an associate editor for the journal *Science of the Total Environment*. "Linda George is a perfect candidate for the Hoffmann Award, because she is a dedicated and effective teacher, a master at creating curriculum, and a rainmaker for education grant support," says retired PSU professor John Rueter.

"As I have pursued my endeavors as a young woman of color in the environmental field, Dr. George has had an extraordinary impact on my self-confidence and success so far as a scientist," adds undergraduate student Summer Dean.

The Hoffmann Award is given annually to a faculty member in recognition of distinguished contributions to the University in the areas of instruction, university service, and scholarship, which are done in the spirit of humanism, civility, and collegiality, with particular dedication to students and loyalty to the University. These values were especially cherished by the late George C. Hoffmann, a distinguished dean and professor of history at Portland State University.

