

Jane Selverstone Honored for Promoting Women in Science

Albuquerque, NM (February 1, 2012) – The New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering (NMNWSE), in partnership with the NM Commission on the Status of Women, honors **Dr. Jane Selverstone of Albuquerque** with the ***Fifth Annual IMPACT! Award***.

The award is given to a New Mexico woman for her extraordinary efforts in encouraging and helping women enter and succeed in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, as well as promoting networking and communication among women in these careers.

“Dr. Jane Selverstone is an internationally known and respected Earth scientist, recently named a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union,” states Prof. Les McFadden, professor and former UNM Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences Chair. “Dr. Selverstone has had a highly positive impact on many female students considering the sciences as a career, accomplishing this both through her mentoring of graduate and undergraduate students and inspired teaching. In recognition of her outstanding teaching skills, she received two of the highest teaching awards conferred for excellence in teaching at UNM: the Gunter Starkey Teaching Award from the College of Arts & Sciences and the University of New Mexico Teacher of the Year Award.”

“Ultimately, Jane Selverstone has been an unselfish mentor to all women in Earth science,” continues Prof. Les McFadden. “As one of our female faculty members put it: ‘She has been my primary role model as a woman scientist and educator and I enthusiastically recommend her for this award.’ “

The NMNWSE began in 1975 with a core group of faculty and staff from UNM wanting to reach out to women in science as a group. Since then, the Network has worked to encourage and help women enter and succeed in science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers and promote networking and

communication among members by providing regularly scheduled meetings, talks and other local activities.

The NM Commission on the Status of Women was created by state statute to increase the knowledge of the rights, responsibilities and interests of women and girls in New Mexico and to preserve women's history and contributions to our state.

For further information on NMNWSE or the IMPACT! Award, please visit www.nmnwse.org .