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Benz Award

Photo: Judith Benz and Deb Roney

Dr. Judith Benz of the Huntingdon Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has been awarded the AAUW-PA Special Honoree Award. Candidates are nominated by branches and the state president selects the winners. This year as one of the two awardees, Benz from the Huntingdon branch was recognized for her efforts on behalf of her work to support a small branch and make it more successful.

Specifically, as the new finance officer, Benz moved the branch into the electronic age and then began to motivate branch public policy action, collaboration with new groups, and membership growth among young professionals. These efforts have increased the vitality of the branch. She has been a member of the branch since 2013.

Benz is an Associate Professor of German at Juniata College and came to the college in 2008 from Ithaca College. She earned a bachelor's degree in 1997 from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. Before finishing her education at William and Mary, she studied German history and literature at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany. She went on to earn a master's degree from Yale University in 1999 and a doctoral degree in German literature from Yale University in 2007.

AAUW is committed in advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin and disability. Call Pat Croissant for further details on membership, 643-0606.