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Summary: Jennifer Goodnough, associate professor of chemistry, is a 2013 recipient of the all-University John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising.

(March 13, 2013)-Jennifer Goodnough, associate professor of chemistry, is a 2013 recipient of the University of Minnesota John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising. The Tate Awards not only call attention to the contributions academic advising and career services make in helping students formulate and achieve intellectual, career, and personal goals, but also celebrate the role that academic advising and career services play in the University's educational mission.

By acknowledging professionals for their outstanding commitment to students, the Tate Awards serve to recognize and reward high-quality advising at the University of Minnesota. First awarded in 1986, the John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising is named in honor of John Tate, professor of physics and first Dean of University College. Goodnough was one of only four recipients in 2013. She is the seventh recipient from Morris.

"Professor Goodnough was always a source of encouragement and empowerment," says Laura Thoma ’09. “Thanks to her great advice and guidance I entered graduate school well-prepared and ready to tackle any of the new challenges that come my way.”

Goodnough received a PhD in analytical chemistry from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and a BS in chemistry and mathematics at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. Her area of expertise includes the study of hydrogen bonded liquids via a semi-empirical method.

"I was humbled and flattered that my colleagues chose to nominate me for the award," says Goodnough. “I feel that winning wasn't just a personal accomplishment, but also a recognition of the value in the [Morris] culture of faculty advising. I've been fortunate to have mentors who modeled excellence in developmental advising and even more fortunate to have had an opportunity to work with fantastic students."

Goodnough will receive the awards at a luncheon during the John Tate Advising Conference on Thursday, March 14, at University Commons Hotel.

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