

## **1999 Romeo L. Moruzzi Young Faculty Award for Innovation in Undergraduate Education Recipient**

**Stephen W. Pierson**

WPI is pleased to present the first Romeo L. Moruzzi Young Faculty Award for Innovation in Undergraduate Education to Professor Stephen W. Pierson of the Department of Physics. The Moruzzi Young Faculty Award is presented in memory of Romeo L. Moruzzi, a dedicated professor and a founder of the WPI plan.



Professor Pierson's innovative contributions to undergraduate education at WPI exemplify the best of the WPI plan. In the spirit of the Plan, he initiated five Interactive Qualifying Projects with the Union of Concerned Scientists. He displayed ingenuity in explaining WPI to the Union of Concerned Scientists and enthusiasm for the innovative task of joining the interests of the Union of Concerned Scientists with the goals of the IQP. Stephen's energy and originality helped the Union of Concerned Scientists generate innovative IQPs that have provided WPI students with a valuable experience of working with a remarkable and world-renowned group of scientists.

These IQPs are one of several innovative educational projects undertaken by Professor Pierson. He has also initiated a project that bridges a Physics course and an Electrical and Computer Engineering course, and incorporated active learning techniques into his Physics courses. With the awarding of the first Romeo L. Moruzzi Young Faculty Award for Innovation in Undergraduate Education to Professor Stephen W. Pierson, WPI gratefully acknowledges his innovative improvements to the educational experiences of WPI undergraduates.