

## 2005 Denise Nicoletti Trustees' Award for Service to Community

### Professor Holly K. Ault

Professor Holly Ault has been actively involved providing improved housing in poverty stricken areas for more than 25 years. She has actively organized and managed housing improvements conducted by church and youth groups in rural and urban areas throughout the northeastern United States and as far west as Ohio. Each year she typically helps to organize, and participates in, two one-week "work camps": one for high school age youth and one for adults. These groups generally partner with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity or other similar regional or local agencies. Professor Ault works to make young people aware of the impact of problems of poverty, homelessness, and social injustice. The groups which Professor Ault organizes and works with labor at construction sites during the day and usually sleep and cook in churches. Projects may include new construction or rehabilitating older buildings. Holly Ault is not only an active participant in the "work camps" but is also involved in logistics and advanced planning of these endeavors. Over the course of a year, she commits a significant amount of time to these activities. Her commitment to improving housing opportunities for the less fortunate is both heartfelt and exemplary. WPI is fortunate to have Holly Ault as both activist and exemplar. Her commitment to social action, to raising the levels of awareness of the ills facing our society, and to the involvement of young people in social service sets an example to which others can aspire. Holly Ault's generous and unselfish service to others make her a worthy recipient of the 2005 Denise Nicoletti Trustees' Award for Service to Community.

