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The Eastern Division of Society of Women in Philosophy has named University of Dayton philosophy professor Peggy DesAutels as Distinguished Woman in Philosophy for 2014.

DesAutels is being recognized for her scholarship in the areas of ethics, medical ethics, moral psychology, feminist philosophy and cognitive science as well as her leadership in advancing women

and other under-represented groups in philosophy.

She chaired the American Philosophical Association's Committee on the Status of Women and through her leadership founded the committee's Site Visit Program that works with college and university philosophy departments to improve overall diversity and the climate for women.

"She exemplifies all of the sorts of qualities that this position represents: excellent and original philosophical scholarship...and leading activism on behalf of diversity and justice in the profession," according to the nomination.

DesAutels said, "I am deeply honored to receive this award. I wish to thank those who have collaborated with and supported me along the way. I will continue to do what I can to help make the philosophy profession more inclusive for all."

She joined the University of Dayton faculty in 2001 and was promoted to full professor in 2012.

DesAutels will be honored with a panel discussion focusing on her work at a December meeting of the division.

The Society for Women in Philosophy was created in 1972 to support and promote women in philosophy.