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Ruth Varner, associate professor in the Institute of Earth, Oceans and Space and the department of Earth sciences, has received the 2016 Outstanding Associate Professor Award.

Varner is also director of the Joan and James Leitzel Center for STEM education. Her research is in greenhouse gas emissions and how they are being emitted from different ecosystems.

“Really, my teaching philosophy is focused on getting students really interested and being hands-on in their work,” Varner says, adding that taking students out in the field helps them understand how to collect data and gives them the chance to sample the kinds of tools scientists use.

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