

2008 ATA Outstanding Service Award Winners

The ATA presented two ATA Outstanding Service Awards at the August 4, 2008 luncheon in Pasadena, California. The awards were presented to Fran Ayres and Amy Dunbar.

Fran Ayres

The 2007-2008 ATA Outstanding Service Award was presented to Dr. Frances L Ayres, Director of the School of Accounting and the John W. Jr. and Barbara J. Branch Professor of Accounting at the University of Oklahoma. Fran received her Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. Her teaching interests are in the areas of financial accounting and the interaction between tax and financial reporting. Fran has been actively involved in ATA for 20 years. She has served on the Research Methodologies Committee, the ATA/PWC Doctoral Dissertation Award Committee, the JATA Editorial Board, and the Publications Committee. She has chaired the Research Resources and Methodologies Committee, the Tax Manuscript Award Committee, the Graduate Assessment and Accreditation Issues Committee, the Nominations Committee, the Annual Meeting Program Committee, the Mid-year Meeting Program and Mid-year Meeting Site Selection Committees. She has served as Trustee, Vice President, President and JATA Editor. Fran has made significant contributions to the ATA and is well deserving of the outstanding service award.

Amy Dunbar

The 2007-2008 ATA Outstanding Service Award was presented to Dr. Amy Dunbar, Associate Professor at the University of Connecticut. Before moving into the academic world, Amy worked as an IRS Revenue Agent in Denver. Since earning her doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin she has taught undergraduate and graduate tax courses at University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Iowa before joining the University of Connecticut. Amy has been active in ATA committees for sixteen years. She has served on the JATA Editorial Board, the Research Resources and Methodologies Committee, the ATA Doctoral Consortium, the Teaching Resources Committee, and website committee. She has chaired the ATA/E&Y Graduate Tax Student Manuscript Award committee, the Publications Committee, the Technology Resources committee, the mid-year meeting program committee, and site selection committee. She has served as Trustee, Vice President, and Webmaster. One of the letters nominating her stated: "During her term as ATA Webmaster, she redesigned the ATA website so that it has become an amazing resource and archive for the ATA. I have been greatly impressed by the magnitude and quality of her work." The ATA is grateful to Amy for her years of service, especially for the long hours she spent improving the website. Amy's selection as a recipient of ATA's outstanding service award is a well-deserved honor.