Full time Nominee:

Prof. Julie Trachman

Prof. Julie Trachman has been teaching as an assistant professor in the Department of Natural Sciences since 2004. Her teaching specialty is microbiology (which, in recent semesters, she teaches as a writing intensive course), but she also teaches anatomy & physiology and other biology courses.

A native New Yorker, Prof. Trachman obtained her baccalaureate at Cornell University, and did her graduate work, both for the masters and doctorate, at the Sackler Institute of Biomedical Sciences at the NYU School of Medicine.

At Hostos, she demonstrates tireless determination to help her students grasp the often difficult content matter of her courses, without watering down that content. She frequently meets with groups of students for hours on days, nights, and weekends to offer help and guidance.

In addition to her commitment to teaching, Prof. Trachman is very active in many other aspects of the life of the college. For example, she has been participating actively in the Women’s Studies and Women’s History Month Committee’s, helping to make sure that science is included in the events of those committees, and has also been quite active on the Sexual Harassment Awareness and Intake Committee, and the College Senate Committee on Disability Issues. She took part in the Book of the Semester initiative on several occasions.

Prof. Trachman is also very much involved with participation in the initiatives of her own department, such as the Earth Day and Natural Sciences Open house events, and mentoring and advisement for science and forensic science students.

Despite often putting in 12 or 13 hour days at Hostos, she still manages to find some time to do research and to publish in her fields; recent projects have been as diverse as the study of toxins produced by \( E. coli \), atherosclerosis, the bacteria found on the surface of spiders, and science pedagogy. She currently is working on an awarded COBI project entitled, ‘To get buds, you need to nourish the roots and STEM.’

In the words of another faculty member of the Department of Natural Sciences, “Prof. Julie Trachman represents the spirit of Magda Vasillov, taking into consideration her constant willingness to mentor both students and junior faculty. Her constant dedication to teaching and to service to the department and the institution deserves strong recognition.”