

## Deborah Thurston Receives Gutgsell Endowed Professorship

On April 22, Deborah Thurston, was recognized for her dedication toward promoting faculty development, and work toward ensuring high achievement. Professor Thurston joined the University of Illinois in 1987, is a Professor in the Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, Co-Director of the Hoeft Technology and Management Program, and Director of the Decision Systems Laboratory. She earned the M.S. (84) and Ph.D. (87) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After obtaining the B.S. (78) in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota, she worked for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for four years.

Her research on multi-attribute decision making integrates environmental impacts, cost and quality into concurrent design and manufacturing engineering. Her work helps designers make rational choices when faced with overwhelming complexity. The designer can then anticipate and prevent environmental impacts while simultaneously improving overall product quality. Her research has been funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Environmental Protection Agency, Chrysler, General Motors, Ford, Motorola, and a number of other industries. Congratulations, Professor Thurston!  
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