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AMBI Faculty Lisa Campo-Engelstein is being honored with the "Bridge Builder Award" by the Capital District Feminist Organizations Holding Our Own & the Women’s Building. This award goes to individuals who are transformational leaders whose work is defined by creating connections between and amongst different communities, issues and/or organizations. They are marked by a willingness to work with feet in multiple worlds, often “belonging” to none or to all. Bridge Builders create the connections that make feminist community and movement building possible. They can be mediators, listeners or advocates. They might have initiated collaborative actions or efforts, convened representatives / participants from multiple communities or issue areas, and opened dialogue to facilitate healing and understanding. Bridge Builders are visionaries whose work challenges us to remember that we are more powerful together than separate. Their effectiveness as connectors and conduits of communication often comes with great personal sacrifice.

Below is the description AMBI Faculty Evelyn Tennenbaum submitted to nominate her for this award:

Dr. Campo-Engelstein started the Capital District Feminist Studies Faculty Consortium, which had its first informal social meeting in August and has already scheduled an academic meeting for January. The consortium brings together feminist scholars from many academic institutions in the Capital Region. She continues to serve as an organizer and listserv manager for this group. Dr. Campo-Engelstein also started the Junior Women’s Faculty Group at Albany Medical Center in January 2012. They meet monthly to connect junior faculty women and to discuss the issues of importance to them. She has also networked with other academic institutions and nonprofit organizations to make connections among those dedicated to feminism.

For example, she has collaborated with faculty and students from a variety of different disciplines to co-write papers on feminist topics. She has guest lectured at several academic institutions and she has created the Capital District Feminist Studies Faculty Consortium and scheduled its events.

Dr. Campo-Engelstein has also added feminist topics to “Health, Care and Society,” a required course for all medical students. These new feminist topics include: LGBT health, disability, reproductive rights, vulnerable groups, sexual assault, intersex, medicalization of childbirth, genetic testing, altruism, human rights, and stem cells.

She consistently uses her considerable enthusiasm and energy to bring feminist issues and awareness to the public and to create bridges between feminist scholars and activists to further feminist agendas.