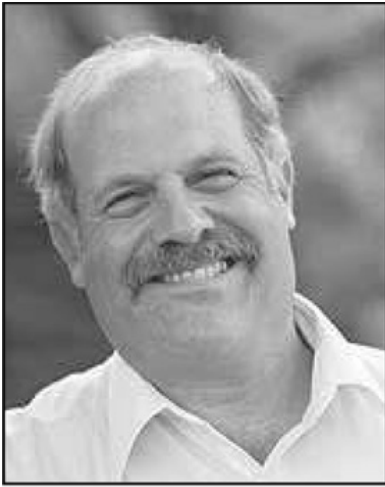


Odum Award



The Eugene P. Odum Award for Excellence in Ecology Education recognizes an ecologist for outstanding teaching, research, and mentoring activities, and for demonstrated ability in relating basic ecological principles to human affairs.

The 2010 recipient of the Odum Award is **Kenneth Klemow**, Professor of Biology and GeoEnvironmental Science at Wilkes University.

Dr. Klemow received his Ph.D. in plant ecology at the State University of New York – Syracuse in 1982 and began his career that year at Wilkes University, in Wilkes-Barre, PA, where he has mentored hundreds of undergraduate students into appreciating ecology starting with their first introductory biology course at the university. He has directed over sixty students in a variety of topics pertaining to wetland ecology and mapping, revegetation of mined sites, assessment and remediation of sites impacted by abandoned mine drainage, plant community ecology, biology education and medicinal attributes of plants. His work on real world problems of mitigation of acid mine drainage and land reclamation has not only inspired his students but had a positive impact in the ways that local and higher governments manage resources.

Dr. Klemow also plays a crucial role in community education in Wilkes-Barre, including organizing displays at the local Riverfest and Earth Day events. He involves Wilkes students in the events, which provide ecological education to K-12 students and the general population. His idea for a digital trail guide became the Kirby Park Natural Area Podcasts (navigate to the podcasts through: <http://www.wilkes.edu/pages/1829.asp>). These set a fine standard for quality electronic new media resources needed to engage the general public in the appreciation of natural wonders and environmental problems.

On the national stage, Dr. Klemow played a key role in organizing the Education Section of Ecological Society of America and served as its first chair from 1987 to 1989. As you all know, this is now one of the most active sections in ESA in organizing workshops and symposia. Dr. Klemow has been chair of the Steering Committee of the ESA digital library of ecological teaching materials, as well as closely involved with the Bioscience Educational Digital Library, the BEN project, for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).