

## AE HONORS



**Natalie Bryner ('09 BAE/MAE)** was the recipient of the first Alumni Society of Architectural Engineering (ASAE) Early Career Impact Award. Dr. Jonathan Dougherty, ASAE President, presented the Award to Natalie on Friday, May 2, 2014, as part of the AE Senior Thesis Awards Banquet. (photo left)

The award was made possible through a grant from of the Penn State Engineering Alumni Society (PSEAS). The ASAE Early Career Impact Award was established to annually honor and recognize an alumnus of Penn State's Department of Architectural Engineering in the early stages of his or her career.

Eligibility for the award includes: having received a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in Architectural Engineering from Penn State within ten (10) years of the nomination date; demonstrated outstanding technical expertise in the AEC industry; showing outstanding potential for continued success in their field; and having made a significant contribution to the field of Architectural Engineering. The winner is selected through a nomination process by a Review Committee consisting of: the AE department head, 2 AE faculty members, the Chairperson of the ASAE Development & Awards Committee, the 2014 AE IPAC Chairperson, and the Chairperson of the ASAE Education & Outreach Committee (a designee of the ASAE President).

This award allows ASAE to continue its mission of encouraging the sustained interest and professional development of all graduates of the AE department, while specifically highlighting the significant contributions of young alumni. The hope is that these young alumni will remain engaged with the AE department and ASAE. By focusing the award on Career Experience & Industry Leadership; Community Service & Involvement; Service to the AE Department; and Potential for Continued Success, this is a broad reaching and significant award. Prior to the establishment of this award, the AE department did not have a mechanism to recognize young alumni, and this award bridges that gap.