

Ming-Wen An
Student Feedback

The following comments are taken from student-nominations for Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Teaching Assistant Recognition Award, for which I was nominated in 2005 – 2006 and 2006 – 2007. In 2006 – 2007, I was selected as one of the two award recipients.

2005 – 2006

- I really missed Ming-Wen third term. She was lead TA for Biostats 140.621-622. When she was given a break from her TA duties 3rd term, I wondered how I was going to get through the class without her! She inadvertently helped me through 3rd term anyway, because with her help I went into the class with a strong grasp of the concepts from the first two classes! How did she help me so much? It was not that she spent extra time with me outside class, but that she was just a really good teacher. In lab sessions, she was able to keep us focused and interested in the lesson. When people had questions, she really had a knack for understanding what it was they were missing that was leading to confusion. It seemed like with just one or two sentences she was able to help a person get right back on track.

There are a lot of charismatic and memorable people involved with 140.621-623, but Ming-Wen brings a unique poise to the classroom. Her mastery of the subject matter allowed her to answer the advanced questions from the “curious minds” in the class. But she also has a special skill for helping students who are missing a key point. All around she is a great TA and will hopefully continue to teach throughout her career!

- Ming was truly dedicated for the first 2 terms of biostats. she answered questions at all hours of the night, and had dozens of emails a day—from students needing help. She always answered them promptly...and no doubt because of her approachable and kind nature—more students flooded her with email questions. especially the night before problem sets were due—

and she still always answered them. she really enjoyed TAing, but more importantly, helping students understand biostats and respected the students. she was always very patient and understanding, and clear in her explanations.

2006-2007

- Just a few words about Ming and I'll rest my case. Ming is amazing. She is an effective communicator with extraordinary patience and generosity. She is the future Marie Diener-West. If only there were more Ming's to go around, the world would be a better place...
- Ming goes above and beyond to ensure that the students understand the concepts. She'll even help students out on the shuttle as she commutes! She is an amazing TA, and a truly kind and sweet person. She deserves this award!
- Ming! She's the TA everyone emails or calls when they get stuck... she's the TA who brings smiles to students faces when they come into W2008 and see that she's leading lab... she's the TA who knows students names and stops to chat when she sees students in the hall. She's brilliant and, more importantly, knows how to translate that brilliance into teaching. She's patient and polite in lab - in addition to answering everyone's questions, she always thanks students for their insight and participation. She's sincere and kind... she's amazing!