



## Naomi Bernstein, PE

**Naomi Bernstein, PE**, is the recipient of the 2023 PEI Professional Engineer of the Year award for outstanding contributions to the development and promotion of the professional engineering exam and environmental protection through technical design, installation, documentation.

Bernstein is currently an academic technology project manager at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In this role, she manages multiple projects and a technical portfolio that creates bridges between academics and technology to support student success in complex academic spaces. Her current role utilizes the skills she honed as a private consulting engineer. Her engineering work specializes in the areas of natural resources and environmental systems, education, outreach and professional development as well as plant, animal and facility systems.

Bernstein completed over 150 comprehensive nutrient management plans for agricultural operations which led to many environmental improvement projects, both cost-shared by USDA-NRCS and privately funded. She has assisted landowners with confined animal operations to obtain new or renewed compliance certificates. She has designed waste storage facilities, stormwater and erosion control features, feed storage, and barnyard runoff control for a spectrum of landowners in Wisconsin who needed assistance for design and permitting. Her work as a liaison between producers and regulatory agencies in Wisconsin has earned her praise on both sides of issues. Bernstein served as a technical reviewer of multiple Wisconsin USDA-NRCS conservation practice standards. Bernstein is an occupational expert for the O\*NET data col-

lection program, providing expertise concerning the occupation of agricultural engineer to the US Department of Labor.

A 22-year member of ASABE, Bernstein has been very active in ASABE in multiple leadership roles including serving on the Society Board of Trustees, Young Professional Community Executive Board, and EOPD-414. She has been recognized as the ASABE New Face of Engineering Recipient and the Young Engineer of the Year from the Wisconsin Section of ASABE. She frequently contributes to the Inside ASABE newsletter on the PE exam and general promotion of professional licensure.

Bernstein has authored or coauthored the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Exam Supplied Reference Handbook in addition to four other publications. She has received several awards, including the 2010 Outstanding Alumni award from the UW – Madison Association of Women in Agriculture. She is also a member of the Professional Engineering Institute and the Madison Curling Club. Bernstein has been married to her partner Andy “Bernie” Bernstein for 12 years and has two daughters who inspire and challenge her every day.