Dr. Sherryl Broverman is an associate professor of the practice in the Department of Biology and the Duke Global Health Institute, and is the adult recipient of the 2016 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award from Duke University. This award seeks to perpetuate the excellence of character and humanitarian service of Algernon Sydney Sullivan by recognizing and honoring such qualities in others.

Her nominator writes… “Dr. Broverman’s commitment to selfless service and integrity is absolutely unparalleled among her peers…”

As an educator, Dr. Broverman has consistently demonstrated the highest level of global citizenship. She has focused her time and talent to develop unique international research service learning collaborations and connections with universities and non-governmental organizations, which have expanded the boundaries of learning both inside and outside of the classroom. One such collaboration is an HIV/AIDS education program, which she helped develop with university partners in Kenya, South Africa, and Uganda.

At Duke, Dr. Broverman oversees the Undergraduate Global Health Certificate program. Among her many projects, Dr. Broverman has focused her energies on implementing a linked curricula on HIV/AIDS with Egerton University in Kenya; developing international research service learning in the sciences; and determining how the inclusion of civic issues, international connections, and social engagement alters the cognitive and affective responses of non-major science students to science education. She is a committed faculty member who inspires students to think both critically and civically and has advised dozens of independent studies, theses, and post-graduate plans for gap years.

In addition to her work with students at Duke, Dr. Broverman has spent the past 10 years laying the groundwork for WISER International, an NGO and community development organization with an aim to empower young women through education and health. Her nominator writes “Since the time of its founding, when no girl in Muhuru Bay had ever been accepted to a university, WISER has graduated two full classes of girls, and over two dozen are now in a full-time university. Many of these girls not only managed to graduate, they graduated with full-scholarships, and some are even attending universities in the US through the MasterCard program”.

For her many contributions to the Duke and global community and continued impact beyond, Duke University is proud to name Sherryl Broverman, PhD as the adult recipient of the 2016 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award.