

Awards & Honours

Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering

Professor **Cristina Amon**, dean of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering, has received the 2011 Society of Women Engineers Achievement Award, the highest award given by the society, for her outstanding contributions to the field of engineering over more than 20 years.

Professor **Jean Zu**, chair of the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, has won one of the 2011 CPAC Professional Achievement Awards organized by the Chinese Professionals Association of Canada and the Education Foundation of CPAC. The awards are designed to recognize and celebrate the achievements of professionals who immigrated to Canada and achieved outstanding status in their professions.

John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design

North Design Office, the firm founded by Professors **Pete and Alissa North**, won third prize in the design competition CLOSE THE GAP: Envisioning the East River Greenway for 21st Century New York. Their winning proposal entitled 'Edge Effect' was assisted by **Stephanie Cheng**, MLA'12. The international design competition, sponsored by Transportation Alternatives and d3, invited architects, landscape architects, urban designers and engineers from across the world to broaden the dialogue of alternative solutions for sustainable urban living.

Professor **Mason White** and his firm Lateral Office won the Holcim Awards Gold 2011 for North America. The project by Lateral Office, based in Toronto, enables a better distribution of local foods, serves as a series of bases for the reinforcement of traditional hunting and also establishes new foundations for a sustainable, more independent economy.

Professors **Jane Wolff** and **Elise Shelley**, along with their colleague Derek Hoferlin from Washington University in Saint Louis, received an ARCHIVE award for their collaborative project *Gutter to Gulf*.

Faculty of Arts and Science

On Nov. 10, the University of Victoria bestowed an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree on Professor **Emeritus C.C. "Kelly" Gotlieb** of computer science. Gotlieb received this honour in recognition of his pioneering work in computer science, including his founding of the first computing centre in the country. UVic describes its honorary degree as "the highest honour the university can bestow for distinguished achievement in scholarship, research, teaching, the creative arts and public service."

Charles Hostovsky, lecturer in the Department of Geography and Programme in Planning, won the CMHC 2011 Excellence in Education Award for Promotion of Sustainable Practices. Hostovsky's department chair and many of his students nominated him for this award. The award honours outstanding educational contributions to sustainable practices in the fields of architecture, planning, landscape architecture, urban design, geography, engineering and environmental studies.

Professor **John Kloppenborg**, Department for the Study of Religion, has been awarded an honorary degree by the University of Lethbridge. "The University of Lethbridge takes pride in honouring individuals who have made substantial contributions to society. Your knowledge and research into ancient Christian texts makes you a most worthy academic candidate for this honour... This prestigious award places you among a distinguished group of citizens, leaving a legacy that we can all be proud of."

Professor **Michael Lettieri**, Italian Studies, Faculty of Arts and Science, was awarded the American Association of Teachers of Italian (AATI) Distinguished Service Award at the American Council on Teaching of Foreign Languages Convention (ACTFL). The AATI Distinguished Service Award recognizes Lettieri's outstanding merits as a scholar and teacher in the field of Italian studies, as well as his academic leadership.

Professor **Amira Mittermaier**, Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations, has won second place in the 2011 Victor Turner Prize Competition for ethnographic writing for her book, *Dreams that Matter: Egyptian Landscapes of the Imagination* (University of California Press).

University Professor **Geoffery Ozin**, Department of Chemistry, has been inducted into the Royal Society of Chemistry, honouring his outstanding contribution to chemistry. The Royal Society of Chemistry is the largest organization in Europe for advancing the chemical sciences.

Luis Seco, a mathematics professor and director of RiskLab at the **University of Toronto**, was given Spain's prestigious Caballero de la Orden del Merito Civil award Dec. 1. Seco was honoured for his application of mathematics to foresee economic cycles, a model that has been useful in a number of other countries, including Spain.

Faculty of Medicine

Dr. Robert Buckman, who passed away mid-October, was the recipient of the American Medical Writers Association (AMWA) Medical Book Award for 2011 for the Books for Health Care Professionals - physicians category. The AMWA is the leading professional organization for written medical information. The book awards were established more than 30 years ago to acknowledge exceptional fictional and non-fictional medical writing.

The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) named Professor **Angela Colantonio** of Occupational science and occupational therapy a Fellow of the ACRM in recognition of her significant contributions to the field of medical rehabilitation and to the ACRM. Fellows of ACRM have made sustained contributions of national significance

to the field of medical rehabilitation through clinical practice, research, education or administration and have demonstrated exemplary service to the ACRM.

Dr. John H. Dirks, Dr. John James Rickard (J.J.R.) Macleod, and Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui are 2012 inductees to the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame. Dr. Dirks has made huge impacts in every field he has touched, including scientific and academic achievements in nephrology (kidney function and disease). Dr. Macleod is now recognized for collaborating in one of the most important breakthroughs in medicine, sharing the 1923 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine with Dr. Frederick Banting. Dr. Tsui has made extraordinary contributions to science through his discoveries and is a leader in developing the field of genomics in Canada and throughout the world.

Dr. John Floras, Department of Medicine, has been selected as the 2011 Canadian Cardiovascular Society Research Achievement Award recipient, one of the most prestigious honours bestowed by the CCS. This award is in recognition of Dr. Floras' contributions to research in Canadian cardiovascular health and care. Dr. Floras received the award at the CCS Awards Ceremony held at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress in October 2011.

Professor **Avrum Gotlieb** is the recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award 2012 from the Society for Cardiovascular Pathology. This International Society was established in 1985 and is devoted to the advancement of the study of cardiovascular disorders, especially with respect to pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Bart Harvey, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, received the Eric W. Martin Award for Excellence in Medical Writing in the professional (intended for a medical audience) writing category from the American Medical Writers Association (AMWA). The AMWA is the leading professional organization for written medical information.

Dr. Gillian Hawker from the Department of Medicine was awarded the prestigious Distinguished Investigator Award, the highest honour from the Canadian Rheumatology Association. The honour recognizes the impact of her research in clinical practice.

Professor **Mary L'Abbe**, chair of the Department of Nutritional Sciences, received the Hypertension Canada Certificate of Excellence in October 2011. The Hypertension Canada Certificate of Excellence is presented to individuals or organizations in recognition of their outstanding efforts and contributions in Canada through increased public awareness, prevention or control of hypertension.

Dr. Lawrence Leiter, Departments of Medicine and Nutritional Sciences, has been elected for a two-year term as the president of the Canadian Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism (CSEM). CSEM is a professional organization bringing together clinical endocrinologists, educators and researchers engaged in providing healthcare, training and research within the broad domain of endocrinology.

Dr. Steven Narod, a professor in the Department of Medicine, a senior scientist at Women's College Research Institute and a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Breast Cancer, was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Pomeranian Medical University in Poland. The honour recognizes his longstanding and influential contribution to hereditary breast cancer research, in particular through his collaboration with the university's International Hereditary Cancer Center.

Dr. Norman Rosenblum, Department of Pediatrics, has been awarded the Kidney Foundation of Canada's 2011 Medal for Research Excellence for his internationally recognized research in the area of pediatric nephrology, his outstanding role as a clinician scientist and his leadership in mentoring Canada's next generation of kidney researchers. Each year, the Kidney Foundation presents the Medal for Research Excellence to a Canadian researcher whose work is deemed by peers as having improved the treatment and care of people living with kidney disease.

Mladen Vranic, Professor Emeritus, Department of Physiology and Medicine, is getting the academic title of Honorary Doctorate from the University of Zagreb (Doctor Honoris Causa Universitas Studiorum Zagrabienis). He is the third Canadian to get this award. The previous honorary doctorates from Canada were given to Charles Best and Northrop Frye, both connected with U of T as well.

Two undergraduate medical students, **Victoria Leung** and **Erica Merman**, are the winners of the 2011 Ivey Global Health Conference Student Video Contest. The purpose of the contest was to stimulate students to be creative and develop an innovation to improve health-care systems. Their video focused on the need for individuals to be aware of proper hand hygiene and the need to improve compliance with hand hygiene best practices. Victoria and Erica were invited to attend the Ivey Global Health Conference in November 2011, where the video was presented.

Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing

Erica Cambly and **Sean Clarke** are winners of the faculty's Creative Teaching Award. This award recognizes excellence in teaching that challenges, stimulates critical thinking in students and fosters scholarship in nursing. This award is peer-nominated.

Professor **Alix Duck** is the faculty's senior-year Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award winner. This award recognizes excellence in clinical teaching as demonstrated by outstanding professionalism and role modelling; exceptional approach to clinical learning that is supportive, respectful, creative, enthusiastic, evidence-based and student-centred; and effectiveness in fostering critical thinking and problem solving skills. Awarded to a clinical instructor directly engaged in supervising undergraduate students during a clinical placement in the senior year.

Dr. Denise Gastaldo and **Dr. Karima Velji** are the winners of the faculty's Teaching Excellence Award. This award recognizes excellence in teaching as demonstrated by superlative communication skills, mastery of subject area, ability to stimulate enthusiasm and critical/analytic thinking in students and the development of innovative teaching approaches. This award is student-nominated.

Maki Iwase is the winner of the faculty's Teaching Assistant Award. This award recognizes effectiveness in bridging the gap between instructor and students: for example, through the support of students preparing papers and through the provision of constructive feedback through grading. The award is both course instructor- and student-nominated

Dr. Lianne Jeffs has won the faculty's Excellence in Precepting: Graduate Award. This both peer- and student-nominated award recognizes excellence in precepting as demonstrated by outstanding professionalism and role

modelling; exceptional approach to clinical learning that is supportive, respectful, creative, enthusiastic, evidence-based and student-centred; and effectiveness in fostering critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Willi Kirenko is the winner of the faculty's Excellence in Online Teaching Award. This is a peer-and student-nominated award that recognizes excellence in teaching using virtual modalities as demonstrated by the ability to stimulate student engagement, innovation, enthusiasm and critical thinking in online courses or online components of courses.

Joanna Louis and **Pam Walker** are winners of the faculty's Sensitivity to Equity & Diversity Award. This peer-nominated award recognizes exceptional sensitivity to equity and diversity that enhances classroom teaching, curriculum design and the student experience.

Professor **Linda McGillis Hall**, associate dean (research and external relations) in the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, was awarded the Excellence in Nursing Research Award from the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing. The award recognizes individual accomplishment in the research arena, acknowledging contributions to the growth of nursing as a scientific discipline.

Jason Ross and **Claire Steer** are the faculty's entry-year Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award winners. This award recognizes excellence in clinical teaching as demonstrated by outstanding professionalism and role modeling; exceptional approach to clinical learning that is supportive, respectful, creative, enthusiastic, evidence-based and student-centred; and effectiveness in fostering critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Senior Lecturer **Francine Wynn** has won the faculty's Mentoring Award. This is a peer-and student-nominated award that recognizes an outstanding contribution to enhance both student and faculty experience beyond usual activities through mentoring, availability for questions and consultations, and collegial involvement in scholarly activities.

The Rotman School of Management

Dean **Roger Martin** and Adjunct Professor **Don Tapscott** of the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management were named to the list of the top 50 management thinkers in the world. The Thinkers50 is a bi-annual ranking of global business thinkers, developed and owned by Des Dearlove and Stuart Crainer. Martin placed sixth on the list while Tapscott came in at ninth.

Professor **Oded Berman** of the Rotman School of Management was named a Fellow of INFORMS for his outstanding lifetime achievement in operations research and the management sciences and for demonstrating exceptional accomplishments and making significant contributions to the advancement of OR/MS during his academic career. He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from INFORMS's Section on Location Analysis. The award is given every three years to a researcher who has made significant lifetime contributions to location analysis research.

School of Continuing Studies

School of Continuing Studies instructor **Rabindranath (Robin) Maharaj** has recently been awarded the Toronto Book Prize for his novel *The Amazing Absorbing Boy*. Earlier this year he also won the Trillium Book Award for the same novel, which has garnered praise for creating a multicultural comic book hero for the city. His 2005 novel, *A Perfect Pledge*, was the finalist for both the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize and the Commonwealth Writer's Prize.

Alexander Levy, U of T alumnus

Alexander Levy, MyVoice Inc., is a two-year Martin Walmsley Fellowship recipient. Thousands of Ontarians need to use technology to communicate due to disorders caused by stroke, autism and neurodegenerative diseases. Toronto-based MyVoice Inc. has developed a modern, portable, easy-to-use smart phone application designed to provide users with the words they need quickly and easily.

University of Toronto Students' Union & the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students Teaching Awards

Each year, undergraduate students have an opportunity to nominate instructors whom they feel have demonstrated teaching excellence. Five undergraduate instructors at the University of Toronto are then selected and recognized for their outstanding teaching with an award for teaching excellence:

Paul Sander Langeslag, Department of English at the St. George campus, for the course, ENG240, "Old English Language & Literature"; Professor **Wendy Wong**, Department of Political Science at the St. George campus, for the course, POL412, "Human Rights and International Relations"; Professor **Paul Gries**, Department of Computer Science at the St. George campus for the course, APS106, "Fundamentals of Computer Programming"; **Deborah Knott**, New College, St. George campus, for the course, NEW209 "Paradigms and Archetypes, Stories: Constructs of Knowledge"; and Dr. **William Ju**, Human Biology Program, St. George campus, for the courses HMB300 "Seminar in Human Behavioural Biology" and HMB420 "Human Behavioural Biology."

UTM

Professor **Robert R. Reisz**, UTM, Biology, was honoured by the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology with an honorary membership award. The Society of Vertebrate Paleontology is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes with the object of advancing the science of vertebrate paleontology.

Professor **Varouj Aivazian**, UTM, Management, has won the Best Paper in Corporate Finance Prize at the Financial Management Association annual meeting in Denver, Colorado. The FMA is a global leader in developing and disseminating knowledge about financial decision-making.