

## **Faculty, Staff and Student Awards & Honour Governing Council Meeting May 19**

### **Faculty Awards & Staff Awards**

**Professor Jutta Brunnee** is the winner, with co-author Stephen Troope of the University of British Columbia, of one of the American Society of International Law's three certificates of merit for 2011, given for a pre-eminent contribution to creative scholarship, for their book *Legitimacy and Legality in International Law*. The mission of the society, founded in 1906, is to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice. The award was presented March 25 during the society's annual meeting.

**Professor David Brennan** of the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work is the recipient of an OHTN (Ontario HIV treatment Network) Scholarship Award, intended to afford a new investigator the opportunity to develop and demonstrate his or her ability to independently initiate and carry out a program of HIV/AIDS research in an academic environment. Brennan's research seeks to examine variables associated with the health and well-being of men who have sex with men (MSM) who are at risk for HIV and other health disparities and who are marginalized due to individual and intersecting factors such as sexual orientation identity, HIV status, age and socio-economic status.

**Professor Tom Chau** of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering and **Professor Avrum Gotlieb** of laboratory medicine and pathobiology have been selected to receive 2010-2011 Graduate Faculty Teaching Awards. Gotlieb is the winner of award for sustained contribution to excellence in graduate teaching, recognizing sustained contribution(s) to any aspect of graduate teaching including a course, curriculum development, graduate program administration, graduate student supervision or academic role modelling. Chau won the award for graduate student mentorship, recognizing sustained (more than five years) contribution to graduate student mentorship. Early career excellence awards were also presented to **Professors Richard Bazinet** of nutritional sciences and **Evelyn Lambe** of physiology. The award recognizes outstanding contribution to the training and experience of graduate students as evidenced by excellence in teaching, supervision or mentorship and dedication to students. Winners received their awards at the annual Education Achievement Celebration April 26.

**Professor Leah Cowen** of molecular genetics is the winner of the American Society for Microbiology Merck Irving S. Sigal Memorial Award, recognizing excellence in basic research in medical microbiology and infectious diseases. Cowen is described as "an emerging leader in the field of medical mycology, who continues to break new ground in understanding the mechanisms of fungal drug resistance and pathogenesis," by her nominator Professor Susan Lindquist of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cowen received the award during the society's annual meeting May 22 to 24 in New Orleans, La.

**Professors Mitchell Halperin** and **David Mendelssohn** of medicine are the inaugural recipients of the Canadian Society of Nephrology (CSN) clinician award and outstanding service award. Halperin is the recipient of the CSN Award for Outstanding Clinical Nephrology Teaching,

presented to a teacher who is recognized locally, nationally and/or internationally for outstanding and inspirational teaching relevant to the clinical practice of nephrology. Mendelssohn is the winner of the CSN Award for Outstanding Service in recognition of his consistently high standards in the practice of nephrology and facilitation of the mission of the society. The awards were presented during the society's annual meeting April 7 and 8 in Vancouver .

**Professor Brian Hodges** of psychiatry is this year's recipient of the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) President's Award for Exemplary National Leadership in Academic Medicine. The award recognizes the recipient's outstanding leadership on national collaborative activities that provide frameworks for curriculum in health education, establish guidelines for faculty on teaching approaches or recruitment and student support, faculty affairs and advocacy for excellence in medical education. Hodges received the award May 9 during the Canadian Conference on Medical Education, hosted this year by U of T's Faculty of Medicine.

**Professor Eric Jennings** of history received the medal of Chevalier dans le'Ordre des Palmes Ccadémiques April 7 from Jérôme Cauchard, consul general of France. The decoration has its origins in an award first made by Napoleon in 1808 and rewards extraordinary contributions to teaching and the development of knowledge about France. The Ordre des Palmes Académiques comprises three grades: Commandeur (commander) — medallion worn on necklet; Officier (officer) — medallion worn on ribbon with rosette on left breast; and Chevalier (knight) — medallion worn on ribbon left breast.

**Professor Chan Ka Nin** of the Faculty of Music is the winner of a 2011 New Music for Young Musicians creation award, presented during Ping! the Canadian Music Centre-Ontario's annual celebration of New Music for Young Musicians, held this year on April 5 at the Royal Conservatory of Music. Thanks to a generous multi-year investment from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, CMC-Ontario was able to offer five commissions for new educational works this year. Ka Nin will create a six-movement work for intermediate string orchestra, designed to encourage good intonation, listening across the ensemble and reinforcement of both good ensemble playing and strong string technique, while also being fun to rehearse and perform.

**Professor Christopher Kennedy** of civil engineering is a recipient of a Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation 2010 Excellence in Education Award for his work in sustainable planning and practices. Kennedy created a new graduate course in which students design infrastructure for low-carbon cities, designed to motivate students to create their own visions for sustainable cities and to provide them with the tools to make quantifiable improvements to sustainability. The award honours outstanding education contributions to sustainable practices in the fields of architecture, planning, landscape architecture, urban design, geography, engineering and environmental studies.

**James Lau**, assistant director of the Division of Teaching Labs, is the winner of the 2010-2011 David Keeling Award for Administrative Excellence, presented annually to an administrative staff member in the Faculty of Medicine who has made a sustained contribution of excellence over many years or, in a shorter time period, has made a transformative contribution. Lau is well known and respected by faculty and students alike for his collaboration in creating lab courses and experiments to enhance the students' knowledge base; his dedication to ensuring the division

has the best and most up-to-date technologies available; and his sincere and caring approach to ensuring that everyone has as positive an experience as possible while interacting with the division .

**Professor Roger Martin**, dean of the Rotman School of Management, won second prize in the 2010 McKinsey Awards for his article Age of Customer Capitalism that appeared in the *Harvard Business Review*'s January-February 2020 issue. The article argues that the current era of shareholder value capitalism should be abandoned and we should move to customer-driven capitalism. The annual McKinsey Awards, judged by an independent panel of business and academic leaders, were established in 1959 to recognize practical and groundbreaking management thinking by determining the two best articles each year in the *Harvard Business Review*.

**Professor Cynthia Menard** of radiation oncology is one of nine recipients Abbott Oncology's ACURA Uro-Oncologic Radiation Awards. Recipients were selected by a committee of members of the Canadian Association of Radiation Oncology from a field of 34 applicants. The program provides a highly valued source of seed funding for basic science, translational, clinical and population-based prostate cancer research. Menard is developing a new PET scan for patients with prostate cancer that will help to guide and tailor radiation treatments based on the oxygen properties of each patient's cancer.

**Beth Savan**, director of the sustainability office, is a recipient of a Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation 2010 Excellence in Education Award for her innovative work in teaching sustainable practices. The inaugural director of the office, Savan has been responsible for establishing the office, managing its staff, engaging students in sustainability activities on campus and overseeing the energy and resource conservation programs. The award honours outstanding education contributions to sustainable practices in the fields of architecture, planning, landscape architecture, urban design, geography, engineering and environmental studies.

**Professor Michael Sefton** of chemical engineering and the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering is the winner of the Society for Materials' (SFB) Acta Biomaterialia Gold Medal, recognizing excellence and leadership in biomaterials research and practical applications. Sefton, regarded as a pioneer in tissue engineering and a leader in biomaterials, biomedical and regenerative medicine, received the award April 15 during the society's annual meeting April 13 to 15 in Orlando, Fla. SFB is a professional society that promotes advances in all phases of materials research and development by encouragement of co-operative educational programs, clinical applications and professional standards in the biomaterials field.

**Professor Andre Simpson** of physical and environmental science is this year's winner of the W.A.E. McBryde Medal of the Canadian Society for Chemistry, presented annually to a young scientist working in Canada for a significant contribution in pure and applied analytical chemistry. Simpson is best known for his research developing nuclear magnetic resonance-based methods to study the structure and interactions of complex environmental mixtures. Simpson will present an award lecture at the Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition June 5 to 9 in Montreal, Que.

## **University of Toronto**

**Augmented Reality**, a web page containing an augmented reality experience with internationally acclaimed writer and U of T alumnus Malcolm Gladwell (1984) discussing his time at U of T and how it continues to influence his work, has been selected as an official honouree for the school/university category in the 15th annual Webby Awards. With nearly 70 categories, website entries make up the majority of Webby Awards winners, nominees and honourees. Of the more than 8,000 entries submitted to the 15th annual awards, fewer than 15 per cent were distinguished as an official honouree, an honour signifying an outstanding calibre of work.

## **Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering**

**Professors Sean Hum** of electrical and computer engineering and **Jim Wallace** of mechanical and industrial engineering are the winners of this year's faculty teaching awards. Hum received the Early Career Teaching Award, recognizing an instructor in the early stages of his or her career who has demonstrated exceptional classroom instruction and teaching methods. Wallace received the Faculty Teaching Award, presented to a teacher who demonstrates outstanding classroom instruction, develops and uses innovative teaching methods and goes above and beyond to ensure the best possible learning experience for students. Hum's students credit him with contributing not only to their academic success but to their professional development as well. As chair of mechanical and industrial engineering, Wallace spearheaded the creation of the mechatronics and information engineering programs and developed the teaching mentor program for new faculty.

**John Macdonald**, engineering technologist in civil engineering, is this year's winner of the Agnes Kaneko Citizenship Award, named for a valued staff member, recognizing staff who have served with distinction and made contributions to the faculty's mission above and beyond their job descriptions. The Quality of Student Experience Award, recognizing a staff member who has made significant contributions to the quality of student experience in the faculty went to two recipients this year: **Lesley Mak**, student success specialist and Track One liaison, and **Annie Simpson**, assistant director of the Institute for Leadership Education in Engineering and co-ordinator of the Engineering Leaders of Tomorrow. **Ryan Mendell**, manager of mechanical and industrial engineering's machine shop, is the recipient of the 2011 Emerging Leader Award, honouring a staff member who leads by example and demonstrates potential to assume a more senior leadership role. The Influential Leader Award, given to a staff member who demonstrates exemplary support for the faculty's endeavours, has made significant and sustained contributions to the faculty and inspires others to realize their potential, was awarded to **Nelly Pietropaolo**, director of student services and external relations for civil engineering. The team of **Bruno Korst**, manager of the hardware teaching labs group in electrical and computer engineering, **Steve Miszuk**, faculty director of facilities and infrastructure planning, and **Joe Wong**, senior applications developer in electrical and computer engineering, was the winner of the Innovation Award, given in recognition of staff who have developed an innovate new method, technology or system, made innovative improvements to an existing technology or system or created an innovative solution to a problem. Winners of the teaching and staff awards were honoured April 27 during the annual Celebrating engineering Success event.

## **Faculty of Arts & Science**

**Professor Aneil Agrawal** of geology, **Charly Bank**, a senior lecturer in ecology and evolutionary biology, **Professor Alissa Trotz** of the Women and Gender Studies Institute and Caribbean studies and **Professor Victoria Wohl** of classics are this year's winners of the Faculty of Arts and Science Outstanding Teaching Awards, created in 1993 to highlight the great value the faculty places on excellence in teaching. The awards recognize teaching excellence in undergraduate education in classroom instruction; course design; curriculum development; and innovative teaching methods. Agrawal is cited in his nomination letter as "a most passionate, enthusiastic, reflective, caring and accessible teacher," while Banks is noted for the effort he devotes to the 299/399 Research Opportunity and Independent Experiential Study programs, among other achievements. Trotz is lauded by one student as "absolutely outstanding, one of my favourite teachers this year because of her enthusiasm and the amount of time dedicated to student participation in class." In her nomination letter it is noted that "the high proportion of students eager to retake a course or to take further courses with Professor Wohl is also striking." An awards ceremony was held April 9.

**Angela Choi**, departmental manager of astronomy and astrophysics and the Dunlap Institute, is the winner of this year's Outstanding Administrative Staff Award, given to an administrative staff member who has earned the respect of her or his administrative colleagues and whose outstanding contributions to administrative service have made a positive impact on teaching, research or general administration; **Maria Gomes**, divisional financial officer in the dean's office, and **Rosinda Raposo**, business officer and office manager of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, are the recipients of the Dean's Distinguished Service Award, presented to a non-academic staff member who has, over the course of her or his years of service, distinguished herself or himself in ways that are beyond the expectations of administrative peers, academic colleagues and students; the Dean's Student Life Award, given to an administrative staff member who has improved the quality of the student experience in the faculty, went to **Eileen Lam**, manager and project officer at the Asian Institute. **George Kretschmann**, engineering technologist, is this year's winner of the Dean's Technical Service Award, presented to a technical staff member who has made an outstanding contribution to technical services and as a result had a direct impact on improving teaching and/or research. The Outstanding Staff Awards were presented by Professor Meric Gertler, dean of the faculty, April 28.

## **Student Awards**

**Jemy Mary Joseph**, a graduate student working with Professor Vivek Rao of the Institute of Medical Science, is a 2011 recipient of the Skills for Change New Pioneer Award. Skills for Change is a non-profit Toronto-based agency whose mission is to provide learning and employment-focused training opportunities for immigrants and refugees to access and fully participate in the workplace and their communities. Focusing on the importance of cultural diversity, the New Pioneer Award recognizes the outstanding contributions to the Toronto community. Recipients were honoured March 31 at the New Pioneers Awards gala, organized by Skills for Change as an annual event that celebrates the accomplishments of remarkable immigrants.