

Faculty, Staff and Student Awards & Honours
April 17 to May 22, 2007

Faculty and Staff Awards

Andy Anderson of OISE/UT is the recipient of a North American Society Fellowship Award, given by the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD) in recognition of his exceptional leadership in helping to shape the present and future healthy lifestyle practices of children and youth. CAHPERD is a national voluntary-sector organization whose primary concern to influence the healthy development of children and youth by advocating for quality school-based physical and health education. Anderson received the award May 11 during the association's national conference in Moncton, N.B.

Irene Andrulis of medical genetics and microbiology was honoured April 19 by the Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF), Toronto Chapter, as a Woman of Action for the advances she has made in breast cancer research. The fund's Women of Action recognizes the achievement of outstanding women in the business, health sciences and philanthropy sectors. ICRF was founded in 1975 by a group of American and Canadian medical researchers, oncologists and lay people committed to the growth and development of Israel and to combating the worldwide scourge of cancer.

Zubin Austin, who holds the Ontario College of Pharmacy Professorship in Pharmacy Practice, is the recipient of the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC)-AstraZeneca New Investigator Research Award, given in recognition of outstanding research achievements and contributions of the junior members of the academic staff of faculties, colleges or schools of pharmacy in Canada. Austin will present his work at the association's annual conference and receive the award at the AFPC banquet June 1.

George Baird, Barry Sampson and Larry Richards of architecture, landscape and design were winners of Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) Awards of Excellence. Richards received the Award of Excellence in the advocate for architecture category while Baird and Samson's firm, Baird Sampson Neuert Architects, won the Award of Excellence for architectural firm. Baird Sampson Neuert was also the winner of two Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) awards for Design Excellence. Winners of both the RAIC and OAA awards were honoured May 22 during the OAA/RAIC Conference and Festival of Architecture at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel.

Ross Baker of health policy, management and evaluation is the winner Filerman Prize for Innovation in Health Services Management Education, given in recognition of his significant and outstanding contributions to the field and the example he has set in the field of health administration education. Baker will receive the prize, established to honour Gary Filerman, the first president of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration and administered by the association, May 31 during the 2007 annual meeting in Orlando, Fla.

Jagdish Butany of laboratory medicine and pathobiology has been installed for a second one-year term as president of the Society for Cardiovascular Pathology. Established in 1985, the society is an international group of cardiovascular pathologists and scientists dedicated to promoting research, education and clinical care in cardiovascular disease.

David Conn of psychiatry is the winner of an Excellence in Leadership Award from Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, given in recognition of an ability to take command of a project or situation and/or the ability to provide exceptional direction guidance and instruction to achieve a stated goal. Conn received the award primarily for his work as co-chair of the Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health.

Miriam Diamond of geography has been named the 2007 Canadian Environmentalist of the Year by *Canadian Geographic* magazine. In 2006 the magazine's editors decided to start singling out the valuable work of Canada's environmental scientists, with the winner being chosen based on the relevance and importance of the research in addressing current environmental problems as well as the reputation of the recipient. Diamond is featured in the May/June issue, the magazine's annual environmental issue.

Tom Einarson of the graduate department of pharmaceutical sciences has been selected to receive the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC)-Pfizer Research Career Award, given to stimulate and foster the development of research programs in all areas of pharmacy by recognizing research excellence of members of the academic staff of faculties, colleges or schools of pharmacy in Canada. Einarson will present his work at the AFPC annual conference and receive the award at the association's banquet June 1.

Avrum Gotlieb of laboratory medicine and pathobiology has been elected to a three-year term as vice-president for science policy of the Federation of Societies of Experimental Biology effective July 1. The federation, consisting of 21 societies and over 80,000 members, advances biological sciences through collaborative advocacy for research policies that promote scientific progress and education and lead to improvements in human health.

Sajeev John of physics has been selected to receive the Quantum Electronics Award of the Lasers and Electro-Optics Society, a member society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc. (IEEE). Awarded annually for exceptional and outstanding technical contributions that have had a major impact in the fields of quantum electronics and lasers and electro-optics, the award is given for truly excellent and time-tested work in any of the fields of interest of the society. John received the award during the Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics held in Baltimore, Md., May 6 to 11.

Shana Kelley of pharmacy and cross-appointed to biochemistry is the winner of the 2007 Pittsburgh Conference Achievement Award, given in recognition of her contributions to electrochemical biomolecular detection. Kelley received the award Feb. 26 during the Pittsburgh Conference. Presented annually by the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh and the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh, the conference features

cutting-edge technical programs, informative short courses, an extensive exposition of laboratory equipment and more, all designed for those in the laboratory sciences.

Jennie Lalor, an early childhood educator who has worked at U of T Scarborough's N'Sheemaehn Child Care Centre since it opened 17 years ago, is the inaugural recipient of the Doreen Evelyn Award, to be given annually by Umbrella Central Day Care Services to an early childhood educator who pursues continuing education in the early childhood education field, who is involved in the community and who demonstrates professionalism and teamwork in her teaching. All early childhood educators at the 350 daycare centres in the Greater Toronto Area affiliated with Umbrella were eligible. Lalor received the award at the annual Umbrella conference March 3.

June Larkin, a lecturer and undergraduate co-ordinator of the Women and Gender Studies Institute, is the winner of the Community-Based Research Award of Merit, recognizing principal investigators who have demonstrated exemplary academic participation in the field of community-based research. Larkin won as principal investigator of the Toronto Teen Survey, a city-wide survey that gathered information on assets, gaps and barriers in sexual health and education for diverse urban youth to inform the development of a city-wide youth sexual health service strategy. Larkin received the prize, sponsored by the Centre for Urban Health Initiatives, the Wellesley Institute and University College, at the awards ceremony April 13.

Richard Pancer, a senior lecturer in computer and mathematical sciences at U of T Scarborough, is the winner of the Cecil Graham Award of the Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society, recognizing an outstanding PhD thesis in the field of applied mathematics defended at a Canadian university during the 2006 calendar year. Pancer successfully defended his thesis, entitled The Parallel Solution of ABD (Almost Block Diagonal) Systems Arising in Numerical Methods for BVPs (Boundary Value Problems) for ODEs (Ordinary Differential Equations), last summer.

Richard Peltier of physics will receive an honorary doctor of science degree from the University of Waterloo during convocation ceremonies June 13. Regarded as the world's top geoscientist for his scientific achievements, his citation states, Peltier has made landmark research contributions to earth geophysics as well as to the area of global ice ages, including human-induced changes to climate variability.

Janet Rossant of medical genetics and microbiology is the co-winner of the U.S.-based March of Dimes Foundation's 2007 March of Dimes Prize in Developmental Biology. The award is given to investigators whose research has profoundly advanced the science that underlies our understanding of birth defects. Awarded annually since 1996, this is the first time the prize has been shared by two women, both of whom delivered the annual March of Dimes Prize lectures during the Pediatric Academic Societies annual meeting May 5 to 8.

The **University of Toronto** is the recipient of an Employee Assistance Society of North America (EASNA) Corporate Award for Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Excellence, developed to acknowledge corporations that exemplify the practice of strong, effective employee assistance services that demonstrate creativity and cutting-edge service delivery while reflecting best practices of the industry. The award also recognizes these corporations' successful integration of EAP as part of their overall business strategy of achieving healthier and productive individuals and organizations. The award was presented during the annual EASNA Institute May 9 to 11 in Atlanta, Ga.

Student Awards

Jason LeBlanc, Kelly Buffey and April Wong, graduate students in architecture, landscape and design, are winners of Ontario Association of Architects Awards of Excellence. LeBlanc won in the concepts and presentations category (artifacts) for his project Living Light: Bioluminescent/Solar Hybrid Panel, developed in Brent Corder's fall 2006 option studio, Biomimcry. Buffey and Wong won in the concepts and presentations category (proposals/concepts) for their project entitled Skin. Winners were honoured May 22 during the OAA/RAIC Conference and Festival of Architecture at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel.

Jessica Chase, a graduating student at OISE/UT, is the recipient of the Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association 2007 Helen G. Mitchell Award, granted to one graduating student in each faculty of education who has achieved excellence in both academic and practicum programs in the pre-service years and demonstrated attributes of a potentially outstanding French as a second language teacher at the senior level.

Jiang Liu, a PhD candidate at the Institute of Medical Science, and **Krupa Patel**, a graduate student and U of T Mississauga, are winners of 2007 American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)-Aflac Scholar-in-Training Awards. With the support of Aflac, a major U.S.-based health insurance company, the award is granted to associate members of AACR whose research is significant and promising. Winners received their awards during the association's centennial conference held in Los Angeles, Calif., April 14 to 18. Liu won for his abstract entitled "A novel trans-lymphatic drug delivery system effectively controls lymphatic metastasis in orthotopic colon cancer model", while Patel won for "The influence of expression of P-glycoprotein and its inhibitors on penetration of doxorubicin in solid tumours."