

Faculty, Staff and Student Awards & Honours
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Faculty & Staff Awards

Susan Abbey of psychiatry is the 2006 winner of the Canadian Psychiatric Association's Paul Patterson Award. First awarded in 1998, the prize is presented annually to a psychiatric educator who, responding to change or leading in new directions, makes a significant contribution to undergraduate, postgraduate or continuing professional education or to public education.

Ravin Balakrishnan of computer science and **Deborah Zamble** of chemistry join an impressive list of 116 rising stars as this year's winners of a prestigious Sloan Fellowship, given to the very best young faculty members in seven specific fields of science. Balakrishnan, a Canada Research Chair in human-centred interfaces, is exploring human-computer interaction and interactive computer graphics while Zamble, a Canada Research Chair in biological chemistry, is working in the field of bioinorganic chemistry where the principles of inorganic, organic and biological chemistry are applied to study metals in biological systems. The fellowships were announced Feb. 20 by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

Sylvain Baruchel of pediatrics has been selected to receive the 2006 Prix du civisme by the Canadian section of l'Ordre national du Mérite (the French National Order of Merit). Each year the Canadian section of the order awards the prize to an organization or individual who has made an outstanding contribution for the betterment of society in a community in Canada. Baruchel is being honoured as the founder of the first Canadian wilderness adventure therapy program, which he initiated 10 years ago specifically for teenagers living with a diagnosis of cancer. The award will be presented in a ceremony in Toronto in April.

Paulette Collet of French at St. Michael's College has been named Chevalier dans l'ordre des Palmes Académiques by the French minister of education. Collet was invested into the order Feb. 21 by Philippe Delacroix, consul general of France in Toronto, for her considerable contributions to French literature and theatre. The order was created on March 17, 1808, by Napoleon Bonaparte as awards for devotion and accomplishment in the areas of teaching scholarship and research. In 1955 l'ordre des Palmes Académiques was officially raised to the status of a ministerial order and three ranks were created: Commandeur, Officier and Chevalier.

Stéphane Côté of organizational behaviour and human resource management and **François Derrien** of finance are co-winners of the Roger Martin and Nancy Lang Award for Excellence in Research while **Ramy Elitzur** of accounting and **Doug Hyatt** of business economics receive the Roger Martin and Nancy Lang Award for Excellence in Teaching. The awards were established in 1999 by a generous donation to the Rotman School of Management by Dean Roger Martin and his wife, Nancy Lang. The purpose of the awards is to recognize and encourage excellence in the research and teaching activities of the school's faculty members.

Sheril Hook, co-ordinator of instructional services at the Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre at U of T Mississauga, is co-winner of the Ilene F. Rockman Publication of the Year Award, presented by the Association of College and Research Libraries' Instruction Section. Hook, along with co-author James Elmborg of the University of Iowa, won the prize for *Centers of Learning: Writing Centers and Libraries in Collaboration, Publications in Librarianship #58*. The award will be presented during the 2007 American Library Association annual conference in Washington, D.C., June 24.

Masahiro Kawaji of chemical engineering and applied chemistry has been elected a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineering, a promotion within the organization recognizing significant engineering achievements and contributions to the engineering profession. With more than 125,000 members, the association's vision is to be the premier organization for promoting the art, science and practice of mechanical engineering throughout the world.

Lewis Kay of biochemistry and medical genetics and microbiology is the recipient of the 2006 Dales Award. Established in 1991 by the U of T life sciences committee to acknowledge sustained excellence in medical research, the prize is given annually to a senior U of T investigator of outstanding calibre whose research has had a substantive impact in the areas of clinical, community or basic health research. Valued at \$50,000, the award may be used towards the direct costs of research over a period of three years.

John Kingdom of obstetrics and gynecology and **Ivy Oandasan** of family and community medicine have each been selected to receive a 2007 Canadian Association for Medical Education Certificate of Merit Award. The aim of the awards is to promote, recognize and reward faculty committed to medical education in Canadian medical schools. The certificates will be presented during the association's annual meeting May 5 to 9 in Victoria, B.C.

Christina Kramer of Slavic languages and literatures is the recipient of a 2006 Book Award from the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and Eastern European Languages for best contribution to language pedagogy. Kramer received the prize Dec. 28 during the association's annual meeting in Philadelphia for her book *Macedonian = Makedonski jazik: A Course for Beginning and Intermediate Students*.

Eileen La Croix and **John Teshima** of psychiatry are winners of a 2006-2007 Nancy C.A. Roeske, MD, Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education. The award, given by the American Psychiatric Association's committee on medical student education, is presented annually to APA members and fellows who have made outstanding and sustaining contributions to medical student education. The awards will be presented during the association's annual meeting May 19 to 24 in San Diego, Calif.

Kenneth Lantz of Slavic languages and literatures is the winner of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and Eastern European Languages' (AATSEEL) award for Outstanding Contribution to the Profession. Lantz received the award Dec. 28 during the association's annual meeting in Philadelphia. Founded in 1941, AATSEEL exists to

advance the study and promote the teaching of Slavic and east European languages, literatures and cultures at all educational levels.

Lynne Magnusson of English was one of 10 to win new Killam Research Fellowships, announced by the Canada Council for the Arts Feb. 22. Among Canada's most distinguished research awards, the fellowships allow Canada's best scientists and scholars to devote two years to full-time research and writing. Magnusson plans to use her fellowship to write a book on the English letter from 1535 to 1635, developing a range of reading strategies for close analysis of early modern letters and networks of correspondence.

Bruce Pollock of psychiatry has been elected present-elect of the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP). He will serve as president-elect for a year beginning in March at the conclusion of the association's annual meeting in New Orleans March 1 to 4, becoming president next March for one year; he is the first Canadian to be elected to the position. Founded in 1978, AAGP is dedicated to promoting the mental health and well-being of older people and improving the care of those with late-life mental disorders.

Robert Reisz of biology at U of T Mississauga is among the 449 members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to be inducted as a fellow, an honour recognizing scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science and its application. Cited for more than 35 years of research excellence, Reisz has discovered the oldest known dinosaur embryos and the oldest known reptile that stands on two legs. The new fellows were inducted Feb. 17 at the Fellows Forum during the AAAS annual meeting in San Francisco, Calif. Reisz is also a winner of an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Humboldt Research Award, recognizing lifetime achievements in research. Awardees are invited to conduct an original research project in close collaboration with a colleague in Germany over a period of six to 12 months. The award amounts to 60,000 euros.

George Steiner of medicine has been named a distinguished fellow of the International Atherosclerosis Society, a distinction given to those who are considered outstanding specialists within the international cardiovascular community. Steiner was honoured for his many years of exceptional contributions to the field of arteriosclerosis and related diseases.

John Teshima of psychiatry is the winner of the Canadian Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry 2006 Excellence in Education Award. Presented at the annual general meeting of the academy, the award is given to a psychiatric educator who has made a significant contribution in undergraduate, postgraduate, continuing professional education or public education in child and adolescent mental health .

Michael Tribilcock is one of this year's recipient of recipients of the David W. Mundell Medal for excellence in legal writing. Announced Feb. 6, the medal is presented annually by the attorney general of Ontario to an Ontario writer on legal or professional matters who has made a distinguished contribution to law. The medal was established in 1986 to

honour the late David Mundell, a pre-eminent constitutional lawyer and for many years counsel in the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Tamara Trojanowska of Slavic languages and literatures received an honourable mention from the Centre for Polish Language and Culture for Foreigners, called “Polonicum,” at Warsaw University. On the occasion of the centre’s 50th anniversary, the university established the Polonicum Award and honourable mentions to be given to scholars involved in Polish studies abroad. They were presented Nov. 17 during a full-day ceremony at Warsaw University celebrating the anniversary of the Polonicum.

Jennifer Whiting of philosophy is the winner of the Konrad Adenauer Research Award, given to an internationally recognized Canadian scholar in the humanities and social science. Granted by Germany’s Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the award was created to promote academic collaboration between Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany and is awarded to honour the scholar’s entire academic record. The recipient is invited to carry out a research project of his or her choice in Germany in co-operation with German colleagues for a period of up to one year.

Order of Canada

Five prominent faculty members are among the 87 distinguished Canadians to be appointed to the Order of Canada, this country’s highest honour for lifetime achievement. Named officers of the order, the second highest designation after companion, were **Dorothy Pringle** of nursing, a dynamic force at the vanguard of the introduction of nurse scientists into the healthcare sector; **Dennis Smith** of dentistry and the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, founding director of the Centre for Biomaterials, one of Canada’s truly international research programs in biomaterials; and **Douglas Wigle** of medicine, an internationally renowned cardiologist, teacher and scientist. Appointed members of the order were **Timothy Murray** of medicine, whose clinical studies have enhanced understanding, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis; and **David Young**, an instructor in the Faculty of Music, one of Canada’s premier bassists.

Student Awards

Michelle Hilscher, now completing her master’s degree in psychology, and recent PhD **Igor Juricevic** are winners of prestigious awards from the American Psychological Association’s Division 10, the Society for the Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity and the Arts. Hilscher won the Frank X. Barron Award, a new award given to a student who reaches great achievements in the fields of the psychology of esthetics, creativity and the arts while Juricevic won the Berlyne Award, given to an individual who demonstrates superior quality in doctoral work or post-doctoral work within 10 years of receiving a PhD.

Candace Maracle, a fourth-year arts and science student at Victoria College is this year’s recipient of the undergraduate President’s Award for Outstanding Native Student while **Yvonne Morrison**, who completed a MEd degree from OISE/UT in the curriculum, teaching and learning department, was this year’s graduate recipient. The awards, presented Feb. 6 at First Nations House, honour exemplary aboriginal students who have

not only made their mark at the university but who are also known and recognized for their contributions to the native community.

Alana Thomas, a U of T Mississauga student and a member of the Ontario team at the Canada Winter Games, skied her way to two medal-winning performances and two additional top-five finishes. Thomas earned a bronze medal in the women's 10-kilometre cross-country ski race and a silver as a member of the relay team. She also placed fourth out of a field of 50 in the 7.5-kilometre race and finished fifth in the sprint-racing finals.

The anti-trafficking work group, part of the Faculty of Law's international human rights program, is a winner of the Future Group's Sevey-Rattan Freedom Award, recognizing one individual and one group each year that has committed great efforts and passion in the prevention of human trafficking, the protection of trafficking victims and the prosecution of traffickers and commercial sexual abusers. The group was recognized for its contributions in countering human trafficking last year and received the award March 8 at the Faculty of Law. The Future Group is a leading Canadian non-partisan, non-governmental organization that specializes in combating human trafficking and has worked with victims in Southeast Asia, west Africa and Latin America.

Varsity Blues

The **Varsity Blues women's swim team** won its seventh consecutive Ontario University Athletics (OUA) team title at the Feb. 11 provincial meet in Guelph while **Varsity Blues men's side** collected its sixth title in seven years. The women downed the competition by more than 200 points while the men trounced all comers by more than 400 points. Among the individual female stars were **Gillian Bryan** with four medals, including gold in the 200-metre backstroke; **Orlagh O'Kelly** with a gold in the 200-metre butterfly; and **Jen Porenta** with gold in the 100-metre freestyle. Men's stars included **Martyn Forde** with a gold in the 100-metre freestyle and **Josh Berry** with gold in the 50-metre breaststroke. The Blues also shone in the team events, winning gold medals in the men's and women's 400-metre freestyle relays and the men's 200-metre medley relay.

Varsity Blues distance runner **Megan Brown** and pole-vaulter **Susanne Fish** were honoured March 8 when Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) presented its track and field individual major awards for the 2006-07 season. Brown was named the Tissot, female athlete of the year (track). As the reigning CIS championship female MVP and gold medalist at the 2006 CIS cross-country championships, she has not lost a race in Canada or the U.S. in 2007. Fish, who was presented with the CIS Female Student-Athlete Community Award, tied the OUA pole vault record and broke U of T's record at the conference championships with a leap of 3.90 metres. Fish is as active in service work as she is in athletics, devoting any spare time she has to writing reports with the Umuchinshi Initiative international human rights working group on the activities of Canadian multinational corporations working in developing countries.