

FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENT AWARDS AND HONOURS

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FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS

Professors Dimitri Anastakis of surgery, **Julie Maggi** of psychiatry and **Vicky Steriopoulos** of psychiatry have been selected to receive Canadian Association for Medical Education Certificate of Merit awards. The aim of the award is to promote medical education in Canadian medical schools and to recognize and reward faculty commitment to medical education. Winners will receive their certificates during the association's annual general meeting May 3 to 7 in Montreal.

Professor Alan Bernstein of molecular genetics is this year's winner of the prestigious Gairdner Wightman Prize, recognizing a Canadian who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in medicine and medical science. Bernstein, who heads the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, a major federal agency responsible for funding health research in Canada, was awarded the prize for his outstanding contribution to Canadian health research as a scientist, research institute director and as the inaugural president of CIHR.

Josie Chapman-Smith, graduate unit administrator/business officer for the Institute of Medical Science, is the winner of the 2007-2008 David Keeling Award for Administrative Excellence. Cited as exemplifying excellence qualities of an academic administrator, including strong organizational and leadership skills, Chapman-Smith is being recognized for her sustained and excellence contributions to the Faculty of Medicine including her many recent accomplishments. She will receive the award at the annual education achievement celebration May 20.

Professor Amy Cheung of psychiatry is the recipient of an Ontario Mental Health Foundation Career Scientist Award to support her work in health services research in relation to adolescent mental health. Cheung is one of the few researchers in the country with a focus on mental health services for this age group. The foundation aims to promote the mental health of people living in Ontario, to prevent mental illness and to improve diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation.

Professor Miriam Diamond of geography has been appointed co-chair of Ontario's toxics reduction scientific expert panel. Made up of representatives from the scientific and medical communities, the panel will advise which toxics should be the focus of immediate attention, action and reductions as the new toxics reduction strategy and legislations are developed. A member of the science advisory board of the International Joint Commission, Diamond's research focuses on chemical contaminants, tracing their concentrations and behaviour from emission through to environmental transport and finally exposure and potential health effects in humans.

Professor John Dick of molecular genetics is the winner of the American Association for Cancer Research's G.H.A. Clowes Memorial Award, given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to cancer research. Dick was recognized for his work on leukemia pathogenesis and anti-neoplastic therapies, which have provided a better understanding of the biological origins and development of human leukemia. Dick received the award April 15 during the annual meeting of the association in San Diego .

Professor Stephen Hockema of information studies and **Jutta Treviranus**, senior research associate and director of the Adaptive Technology Research Centre, are winners of the highly competitive 2008 IBM Corporation Faculty Award. The award will support their Adaptive Technology Research Centre research. The award, totalling more than \$71,000, recognizes ATRC's importance to the industry, the quality of the program and the researchers' achievements. The awards are given annually and are renewable.

Professor Gary Latham, Secretary of State Professor of Organizational Effectiveness, at the Rotman School of Management, was named president of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology at the group's annual meeting April 10 to 12 in San Francisco; he is the first Canadian to be elected president and will serve a one-year term. The society is a division within the American Psychology Association and its mission is to enhance human well-being and performance in organizational and work settings by promoting the science, practice and teaching of industrial-organizational psychology.

University Professor Janet Rossant of molecular genetics, a recognized leader in mammalian developmental biology and genetics, is among the 18 foreign associates elected to the National Academy of Sciences April 29 in recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievement in original research. Election to the academy is considered one of the highest honours accorded to a U.S. scientist or engineer. With the election of the 72 new members and 18 foreign associates the total number of active members rises to 2,041

Professor Andre Sorensen of social sciences has been named a fellow of the University of Tokyo's Faculty of Engineering in recognition of his contribution to the study of urban planning in Japan. He is the only Canadian among the 20 fellows named. Sorensen lived for eight years in Tokyo and is the author of *The Making of Urban Japan*, which chronicles the history of Japan's urban development and the role of planning and the state in shaping urban change .

Professor Njoki Wane is among the 13 recipients of the Harry Jerome Award, given by the Black Business and Professional Association to celebrate excellence in the African-Canadian community. Named for Olympic medallist Harry Jerome, the award honours similar role models who are effecting change in their communities. Wane researches equity and diversity issues, particularly African indigenous knowledge and black Canadian feminism; she received the award at a gala dinner April 26 in Toronto.

Professor Barry Wellman of sociology and the Centre for Urban and Community Studies is the winner of the International Communication Association's award for Communication Research as an Open Field, given to a researcher who has made important contributions to the field of communications from outside the discipline of communications. It rewards and supports dialogue with other fields in which vital new understandings of the communications environment and public sphere are being produced. The award will be presented during the association's annual meeting May 22 to 26 in Montreal.

President's Teaching Award

Four University of Toronto professors who are passionate about teaching have been selected as recipients of the 2008 President's Teaching Award and accompanying membership in the U of T Teaching Academy. **Professors Zubin Austin** of pharmacy, **Helen Batty** of family and community medicine, **Yu-Ling Cheng** of chemical engineering and applied chemistry and **Claire Hasenkampf** of life sciences at U of T Scarborough are being recognized for their career commitment to teaching excellence.

The four award recipients were recommended by a seven-person committee chaired by the provost and populated by experts in pedagogy and former PTA winners. Their appointments to the Teaching Academy were approved by Academic Board at its April 24 meeting. As members, they will be called upon periodically to discuss teaching-related matters and to advise the vice-president and provost and the Office of Teaching Advancement. They may also be asked to deliver an annual public lecture or a convocation address. The awardees will also receive stipends of \$10,000 a year for five years to further their work.

Faculty of Arts & Science Outstanding Achievement Awards

Larry Avramidis of physics, **Elizabeth Leesti** of the faculty registrar's office, **Tamar Mamourian** of cell and systems biology and **Anna Sousa** of Near and Middle Eastern civilizations are this year's recipients of the Outstanding Staff Awards. Avramidis won the award for technical service, Leesti received the award for distinguished service, Mamourian garnered the award for administrative service while Sousa took home the award for student life. The awards recognize and celebrate outstanding performance by administrative staff in support of the faculty's mission of teaching and research excellence

Don Boyes, as senior lecturer in geography, **Professor Peter King** of philosophy, **Karen Reid**, a lecturer in computer science and **Professor David Welch** of political science are this year's winners of the Outstanding Teaching Awards. Created in 1993, the Outstanding Teaching Awards highlight the great value the faculty places on excellence in teaching. The awards are made on the basis of excellence in teaching and contributions to undergraduate education during the academic year.

American Academy of Arts & Science membership

Two of U of T's prominent faculty members have been elected honorary foreign members of the American Academy of Arts and Science, one of the oldest and most prestigious honorary societies and independent policy research centres in the United States.

The election of **Professor Emeritus John Dirks** of medicine, an internationally known nephrologist, and **University Professor Ernest Weinrib** of law, an outstanding scholar and Cecil A. Wright Professor of law, was announced April 28. They join 20 other foreign honorary members and 190 new fellows who hail from 20 states and 15 countries and range in age from 37 to 86. Members of the academy are often asked examine the pressing issues of the day and help provide solutions.

"The academy honours excellence by electing to membership remarkable men and women who have made pre-eminent contributions to their fields and to the world," said Emilio Bizzie, president of the academy. "We are pleased to welcome into the academy these new members to help advance our founders' goal of 'cherishing knowledge and shaping the future.' "

Killam Prize

Two of U of T's most respected research innovators -- **University Professors Peter St George-Hyslop** of medicine and **Michael Sefton** of chemical engineering -- are winners of prestigious Killam Prizes. The \$100,000 prizes, administered by the Canada Council for the Arts, are Canada's highest recognition for outstanding career achievement in engineering, natural sciences, health sciences, social sciences and the humanities.

St George-Hyslop, director of the Centre for Research in Neurodegenerative Diseases, was cited for his transformative research into the causes and mechanisms of neurodegenerative diseases. His work has dramatically increased our understanding of the molecular mechanisms underlying Alzheimer's disease.

Sefton, former director of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, is a pioneer in the field of tissue engineering -- the practice of combining living cells with synthetic substances to create artificial organs and tissues. His work today focuses on the creation of cardiac muscle to treat heart failure and pancreatic tissue to treat diabetes.

Premier's Innovation Awards

University of Toronto researchers were in the spotlight as they took home four of the prestigious Premier's Innovation Awards April 29. The awards support and promote ideas and discoveries that build on Ontario's innovation strengths.

Professors Stephen Scherer of molecular genetics and the Hospital for Sick Children and **Frances Shepherd** of medicine and the University Health Network and Princess Margaret Hospital took home the two Summit Awards for Medical Research, which honour internationally recognized leaders in medical research with \$5 million each over a five-year period. The Province of Ontario funds the awards with matching by the host institution.

Professors Lewis Kay of biochemistry and **Stuart Foster** of medical biophysics and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre won Premier's Discovery Awards in the Life Sciences and Medicine and Innovation Leadership categories, respectively. Worth \$500,000, the Discovery Award celebrates Ontario's most accomplished researchers by highlighting the impact of their work and its contributions to Ontario's economy and society, and the extent of their international recognition.

Awards of Excellence (U of T Alumni Association)

Professor David Clandfield of French is the winner of the Ludwik and Estelle Jus Memorial Human rights prize, recognizing positive and lasting contributions to education and action in the fight against discrimination; **Professor Greg Evans** of chemical engineering and applied chemistry won the Joan E. Foley Quality of Student Experience Award for significant contribution to improving the quality of academic or extracurricular student life on campus; **Professors Meric Gertler** of geography and **David Wolfe** of political science both received the Carolyn Tuohy Impact on Public Policy Award, recognizing excellence in teaching, research and the impact of scholarship on public policy; **Professor Martin Osborne** of economics is the recipient of the Faculty Award, recognizing excellence in teaching, research and professional endeavours; **Professor Paul Stevens** of English won the Northrop Frye Award, recognizing distinguished achievements in linking teaching and research; and **Mary-Ellen Yeomans** of the Rotman School of Management and **André Tremblay** of OISE/UT are the recipients of the Chancellor's Award, given for outstanding contributions by an administrative staff member. Each year the U of T Alumni Association celebrates excellence among members of the U of T community.

Rotman School of Management

The Rotman School of Management is the winner of an International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) 2008 Gold Quill Award of Excellence in the electronic and digital communications management for its website. The Gold Quill Awards are the mark of global distinction and is the highest level of professional acknowledgment within business communication today.

STUDENT AWARDS

Anh Nguen of psychology at Trinity College is the winner of the Faculty of Arts and Science Outstanding Student Leadership Award, recognizing an arts and science student who has played a significant leadership role in his or her extracurricular activities and in so doing has had a demonstrable impact on improving the quality of the student experience at U of T. The award was presented at the annual Outstanding Achievement Awards ceremony May 7.

Daniel Rabin, a master's student in the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design, is the winner of the 2008 Cohos Evamy Scholarship, given in honour of Michael Evamy, a founding partner instrumental in building Cohos Evamy's practice from 1966 to 1993, by Cohos Evamy intergratedesign™ and the Michael Evamy board of trustees. The award provides financial assistance to a Canadian student attending a Canadian school of architecture in the year before his/her final year of study. The scholarship allows the recipient to undertake a research project based on a field of study of personal interest.

Diane Zorn, a PhD candidate in theory and policy studies at OISE/UT, is the winner of a silver Best Practices Award for Excellence in Distance Learning – Teaching, announced April 23 during the 2008 United States Distance Learning Association conference in St. Louis, Missouri. The USDLA awards were created to acknowledge major accomplishments in distance learning and to highlight those distance learning instructors, programs and professionals who have achieved and demonstrated extraordinary achievement through the use of online, videoconference and satellite and blended learning delivery technologies.

Awards of Excellence

Cynthia Blackstock, a doctoral student in social work, is the recipient of the Adel S. Sedra Distinguished Graduate Award, recognizing academic achievement, extracurricular leadership and involvement in the life of the university; **Jemy Mary Joseph** of U of T Scarborough is the winner of the John H. Moss Scholarship, awarded to a graduating student with an undergraduate degree, recognizing academic achievement and extracurricular involvement; **Amelie Lesser**, a third-year civil engineering student, **Mohammed Sabri**, a third-year human biology student, and **Jennifer Zhu** of U of T Scarborough won the John S. Dellandrea Award for International Students, recognizing undergraduate academic achievement and extracurricular leadership.

TATP Teaching Excellence Awards

Four graduate students are winners of the 2008 Teaching Assistants' Training Program (TATP) Teaching Excellence Awards: **Ghazal Azimi** of chemical engineering and applied chemistry; **Chiara Frigeni** of linguistics; **Charissa Varma** of the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology; and **Chris White** of geology. An honourable mention goes to Andreea Moraru of the Institute of Medical Sciences. The winners were chosen from among 66 teaching assistants from all three campuses who were nominated by more 200 faculty and undergraduate students. Award winners will each receive a certificate at a lunch in their honour at the end of May. They will also be invited to lead seminars at TA Day in September.

Varsity Blues

Swimming sensation **Marco Monaco** and field hockey talent **Cailie O'Hara** were honoured as U of T's T-Holders Male and Female Athletes of the Year during the annual athletic banquet award ceremony April 11. Monaco, a third-year Canadian studies student, had a stellar year in the pool as the Blues' top breastroker. O'Hara is cited as being "nothing short of outstanding" for the Blues field hockey team.