

Faculty, Staff & Student Awards & Honours Governing Council Meeting April 16

Faculty & Staff Awards

Professor Alan Bocking of obstetrics and gynecology took over the helm of the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada (APOG) as president beginning December 2008. APOG is a professional association that provides leadership in the development and promotion of the highest quality clinical care through education and research in academic programs of obstetrics and gynecology in Canada. Bocking is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada and the American Gynaecological and Obstetrical Society.

Professor Patricia Brubaker of physiology is the winner of the Graduate Student Mentorship Award of the Faculty of Medicine, recognizing sustained contributions to graduate student mentorship; **Professor Leah Cowan** of molecular genetics has been selected to receive the Early Career Excellence Award, acknowledging outstanding contribution to the training and experience of graduate students; and **Professor Carla Johnson** of speech language pathology will receive the Sustained Contribution to Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award, recognizing sustained contributions to any aspect of graduate teaching. The graduate teaching awards will be presented to the winners May 19 at the Faculty of Medicine's annual Educational Achievement Celebration.

Professor Chi-Ming Chow of medicine is the recipient of this year's Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) John Ruedy Award for Innovation in Medical Education, given to an individual or group who has developed innovative print materials, electronic learning aids or other teaching aids. Chow will receive the award during the Canadian Conference on Medical Education May 2 to 6 being held in Edmonton, Alta.

Professor Konrad Eisenbichler of the Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies is the recipient of the International Prize Day of Remembrance of the *Foibe* and the Exodus of the Giuliano-Dalmati, instituted last year by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Italian Ministry of Culture and presented for the first time this year. Cited as "a point of reference and an eminent representative of the community," Eisenbichler received the prize for the work he has done in Canada on behalf of the emigrant Italian community from the regions of Venezia Giulia, Istria and Dalmatia.

Professors Phyllis Glanc of medical imaging, **Daniel Panisko** of medicine and **Brian Simmons** of pediatrics are this year's Faculty of Medicine winners of the Canadian Association for Medical Education 2009 Certificate of Merit Awards. The Certificate of Merit Awards promote, recognize and reward faculty committed to medical education in Canadian medical schools. Recipients will have made a contribution to medical education

considered to be valuable within their medical schools including teaching, evaluation, educational leadership and course co-ordination. The winners will be recognized at the association's annual general meeting to be held May 2 to 6 in Edmonton, Alta., in conjunction with the 2009 Canadian Conference on Medical Education.

Professor Avi Goldfarb of marketing at the Rotman School of Management and a colleague from the Sloan School are the winners of one of 11 research awards from the Google and WPP Marketing Research Awards program. The supported projects represent the first round of awards in a three-year program that will see WPP and Google commit up to \$4.6 million to support research into how online media influences consumer behaviour, attitudes and decision-making. Goldfarb and his colleague received the award for their project, Does Internet advertising help established brands or niche ("long tail") brands more? The awards were announced March 19.

Professor Michael Gordon of medicine has been selected to receive the 2008 Mentor of the Year Award, Ontario region, by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. The regional award was established to acknowledge fellows who have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to the welfare of patients and to high standards of excellence in clinical care and ethical conduct. Each recipient will not only have been a role model to residents and/or fellows but his or her mentorship will have had a long-lasting impact on their careers.

Professor John Hull, an internationally recognized expert in risk management and derivatives, is one of this year's inductees to the Fixed Income Analysts Society Hall of Fame, established to recognize the lifetime achievements of the outstanding practitioners in the advancement of the analysis of fixed-income securities and portfolios. Hull was honoured during a ceremony in New York Feb. 24. Founded in 1975, the society is a not-for-profit professional organization dedicated to the education of its membership and the fixed-income community at large.

University Professor Emeritus Trevor Levere of the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology has been selected to receive the 2009 Sidney M. Edelstein Award for Outstanding Achievement in the History of Chemistry, announced Feb. 19 by the Division of the History of Chemistry of the American Chemical Society. Levere was chosen from a group of international nominees for the breadth and depth of his historical interests, his research productivity, his understanding of the intellectual and contextual aspects of the history of chemistry and his promotion of the history of science in Canada. The award, supported by the Division of the History of Chemistry and the Chemical Heritage Foundation of Philadelphia, will be presented at the fall national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Washington, D.C. in August.

Professor Peter Lewis of biochemistry is the winner of the Irv Acenberg Award, given in recognition of the important role he has played in the continued development of research at the Baycrest Rotman Research Institute. Established in 1991, the award acknowledges those who help promote excellence in neurobehavioural research and the institute.

Professor Andreas Mandelis of mechanical and industrial engineering is the recipient of two prestigious awards: the 2009 Canadian Association of Physicists (CAP) Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Industrial and Applied Physics, for his prolific work and seminal impact on the science and engineering of diffusion waves; and a 2009 Senior Prize of the International Photoacoustic and Photothermal Association (IPPA), honouring scientists or engineers who have made a significant contribution to the field of photoacoustic and photothermal science and technology. Mandelis will receive the CAP medal during the association's awards banquet to be held June 9 at the Université de Moncton in Moncton, N.B. The IPPA Senior Award will be presented during the international conference July 19 to 23 in Leuven, Belgium .

Professor Christopher McCulloch of the Faculty of Dentistry is the winner of the 2009 Research in Oral Biology Award of the International Association for Dental Research, recognizing outstanding research in the field of oral biology. Sponsored by Church & Dwight Company, the award is one of the 16 Distinguished Scientist Awards and is one of the highest honours bestowed by the association. McCulloch received the award during the association's general session and exhibition in Miami, Fla., April 1. McCulloch is cited for his more than 200 publications, research that has led to advances such as guided tissue regeneration, the first automated periodontal probe and clinical studies linking metalloproteinases and progression of periodontitis, as well as several patents.

Professor Jeffrey Meyer of psychiatry is the winner of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Medal in Medicine, recognizing original work by young clinical investigators. Meyer's research focuses on understanding the neurochemical basis of depression and the neurochemical effects of antidepressant treatment. Through this work, Meyer developed a new leading monoamine theory of depression.

Professor Javad Mostaghimi of mechanical and industrial engineering has been inducted as a fellow of the School of Engineering at the University of Tokyo in recognition of his distinguished contribution to the research and education of the School of Engineering, in addition to his accomplishments in engineering research and education. The University of Tokyo is recognized as one of the world's foremost universities and the engineering school is the largest of the university's graduate schools.

Wendy Newman, senior fellow and adjunct instructor in the Faculty of Information, is the winner of the Ontario Library Association Lifetime Achievement Award. Newman has an extensive background in library leadership and public policy advocacy in Canada and has been teaching advocacy and library issues for several years at the Faculty of Information. A passionate advocate of universal access to the universe of ideas, Newman is a former president of the Canadian Library Association and the Canadian Association of Public Libraries. Newman received the award Jan. 29 during the 2009 OLA annual conference.

Graeme Norval, a lecturer and associate chair and undergraduate co-ordinator of the Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry, has been named a fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada (CIC). The fellowship is a senior class of membership that recognizes the merits of members who have made major contributions to the profession of chemistry, chemical engineering or chemical technology. The CIC is a professional association of chemists, chemical engineers and chemical technologists associated with industry, academia, government and other organizations across Canada and the world. Norval will be honoured during the World Congress of Chemical Engineering Aug. 23 to 27 in Montreal.

Dr. James Orbinski, a senior fellow at the Munk Centre for International Studies, is the recipient of the 2008 Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing. Orbinski, who is cross-appointed to medicine and political science, received the prize for his book *An Imperfect Offering: Humanitarian Action in the Twenty-first Century*, a chronicle about his humanitarian work in both Rwanda and Somalia. In the citation, the jurors noted, "Orbinski takes us to a different world – where human beings attacked, mutilated, raped, tortured, dismembered and murdered their fellow citizens. Dr. Orbinski was there, saw it, lived it." Orbinski was announced as winner March 4 during the annual Politics and Pen fundraiser in Ottawa.

Professor Jeffrey Packer of civil engineering is this year's winner of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering's Excellence in Innovation in Civil Engineering Award for his cast structural connectors. The award recognizes excellence in innovation in civil engineering by an individual or a group of individuals practising civil engineering in Canada, or a Canadian engineering firm or Canadian research organization. Packer will receive this award during the society's annual conference May 27 to 30 in St. John's, Nfld.

University Professor Richard Peltier is the winner of the 2009 Canadian Association for Physics (CAP) Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Physics, for his seminal contributions to understanding the physics of the Earth, including glacial isostatic adjustment, mantle convection, fluid dynamics of the atmosphere and oceans and global climate variability. Peltier will receive the medal during the CAP awards banquet June 9 to be held at the Université de Moncton in Moncton, N.B.

Professor Bruce Pollock of psychiatry has been selected as the recipient of the American Psychiatric Association 2009 Jack Weinberg Memorial Award. The award, established in memory of Weinberg, a geriatric psychiatrist and a past president of the APA, honours a psychiatrist who has demonstrated special leadership or who has done outstanding work in clinical practice, training or research in geriatric psychiatry. Pollock will receive the award during the APA convocation in May.

Professors Paul Santerre and **Peter Zandstra** of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering have been inducted as fellows of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE). Santerre was named a fellow for his pioneering contributions to the science and practice of biomaterial degradation and

surface modifications. Zandstra was honoured for his pioneering work in the development of stem cell biology and its clinical applications. New fellows were formally inducted in a ceremony Feb. 12 at the National Academy of Sciences Building in Washington, D.C. AIMBE makes up approximately the top two per cent of experts in the medical and biological engineering field from academia, government and industry.

Professor Ivan Silver of psychiatry has been selected to receive the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Faculty Development in Canada, recognizing an individual or group in Canada who has made an exceptional contribution in this area. Criteria focus on the breadth of the recipient's faculty development program, its national, regional or international impact and how the recipient has promoted the field of faculty development generally. Silver will receive the award during the Canadian Conference on Medical Education May 2 to 6, being held in Edmonton, Alta.

Professor Sarita Verma of family and community medicine is the co-winner of the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada's 2009 May Cohen Gender Equity Award, established to recognize outstanding effort or achievement of an individual program, department or school in improving the gender equity environment in academic medicine in Canada. Verma and her co-winner, Wilfreda Thurston of the University of Calgary, will receive the award during the Canadian Conference on Medical Education May 2 to 6, being held in Edmonton, Alta.

Professor Jonathan Weisberg of philosophy at U of T Mississauga is the winner of Rutgers University's biannual Young Epistemologist Prize, given for the best essay in epistemology submitted to the Rutgers Epistemology Conference by a person with a PhD obtained within the past 10 years. Weisberg will present his essay, *Bootstrapping in General*, May 8 during the 2009 conference and it will be published (along with the invited papers) in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.

Lesley Wiesenfeld, a lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry, has been selected to receive the Irma Bland Award for Excellence in Teaching Residents by the American Psychiatric Association. Recipients are nominated by their respective departments and the award is given annually to APA members who have made outstanding and sustained contributions to resident education in psychiatry. Wiesenfeld will receive the award during the 2009 APA annual meeting May 16 to 21 in San Francisco, Calif.

Student Awards

Ryan Hili, a PhD student in chemistry, is the recipient of the 2008-2009 Award of Excellence in Organic or Bio-organic Chemistry from Boehringer Ingelheim. Given for doctoral research of outstanding quality, the award recognizes Hili's work on amino aldehydes.