Awards & Honours

Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering

Professor **Jean Zu**, chair of the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, has won one of the 2011 CPAC Professional Achievement Awards organized by the Chinese Professionals Association of Canada and the Education Foundation of CPAC. The awards are designed to recognize and celebrate the achievements of professionals who immigrated to Canada and achieved outstanding status in their professions.

Professor **Molley Shoichet** of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering is the recipient of this year's Clemson Award for Contributions to the Literature, presented by the U.S.-based Society for Biomaterials. This award recognizes significant contributions to the literature on the science or technology of biomaterials. Shoichet holds the Canada Research Chair in Tissue Engineering, and her research currently focuses regenerative medicine, drug delivery and tissue engineering strategies to overcome diseases in the brain and after breast cancer.

Professor Emeritus **David F. James** has received the 2011 Annual Award from the British Society of Rheology for his contributions to the understanding of flow properties of viscoelastic fluids. The society was first founded as a British Rheologists' Club in 1940, with the objective of promoting science and disseminating knowledge in the areas of pure and applied rheology, a field which studies the flow of matter.

The American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) has recently announced the election of IBBME core professor **Milos Popovic** to its College of Fellows. Popovic was nominated by his peers and was elected by the full membership into the official College of Fellows Class of 2012, based on his pioneering use of neuroprostheses for retraining brain functions in individuals following severe stroke and spinal cord injury.

Faculty of Arts and Science

Prof. **Ron Baecker** of computer science was honoured as a 2011 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Fellow. The 2011 fellows were named for leadership in the field and for helping to drive the innovations that will sustain competitiveness in the digital age. Baecker was named a fellow for his contributions to human-computer interaction and computer animation.

Faculty of Forestry

Prof. Emeritus **Paul Aird**, Faculty of Forestry, received the Conversation Pioneer Award at the A.D. Latornell Symposium, the largest annual conference related to nature conservation and natural resource management in Ontario. The staff of the Pembroke Office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources nominated Aird for this honour.

Faculty of Medicine

The University of Toronto Musculoskeletal Centre, an extra-departmental unit of the Faculty of Medicine and Sunnybrook and Mount Sinai Hospitals, announced the results of its inaugural studentship competition, offered in partnership with the University of Toronto Bone and Mineral Group. Congratulations to the Bone and Mineral Research Group award winner, Ms. **Shabana Amanda Ali**, PhD candidate, Institute of Medical Science.

Professor **Ed Cole** of the Department of Medicine and Division of Nephrology, Toronto General Hospital, is the recipient of the 2012 Canadian Society of Transplantation Lifetime Achievement Award. This is the highest award presented by the CST and was awarded to Dr. Cole for his significant contributions to transplantation in Canada and continued important work in the support of scientific research in Canada.

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* (CMAJ) have selected **Dr. Daniel Drucker** (Banting and Best Diabetes Centre) and **Dr. Gideon Koren** (Department of Pediatrics, Hospital for Sick Children) as recipients of this year's awards, which recognize the efforts of exceptional researchers in Canada whose achievements changed the course of health-care delivery in their field of work.

Professor Emeritus **Laszlo Endrenyi** of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology has been recognized as a Fellow of both the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists and the Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences, in recognition of his contributions to pharmacokinetic modelling and its applications to drug development.

Dr. Charles Tator, Department of Surgery and Toronto Western Research Institute, has received a College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario Council Award for 2012 in recognition of his achievements in neurosurgery research, education, teaching and advocacy.

Dr. Susan Lieff, Department of Psychiatry and director of academic leadership development at the Centre for Faculty Development, has been awarded the 2012 Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada Award for Outstanding Contribution to Faculty Development in Canada.

Dr. Michael Fehlings of the Department of Surgery, the Krembil Chair in Neural Repair and Regeneration at the University Health Network, has been recognized with his team for Outstanding Clinical Spine Research Paper by the U.S.-based Cervical Spine Research Society for their paper, Early vs. Late Surgical Decompression for Traumatic Cervical Spinal Cord Injury: Results of the Surgical Trial in Spinal Cord Injury Study (STASCIS).

Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, associate professor of global health at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, received the 2011 Lombardy Region Peace Prize and was selected as one of the Top 500 Most Influential Muslims in the World by the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre for his inspiring work promoting peace and public health.

Dr. Dafna Gladman of the Department of Medicine and the Toronto Western Research Institute was honoured with the designation of Master of the American College of Rheumatology, recognizing outstanding lifetime contributions to the field of rheumatology through scholarly achievement and service to the profession.

Dr. Prabhat Jha, University of Toronto Chair in Disease Control and director of the Centre for Global Health Research at St. Michael's Hospital, and his team of international co-authors have been recognized by *Foreign Policy* magazine, winning the magazine's 2011 Albie Award -- named in honour of noted political economist Albert Hirschman -- for the best writing in global political economy for their paper, Trends in Selective Abortions of Girls in India.

Dr. Armand Keating, professor of medicine and director of the Division of Hematology, has been elected president of the American Society of Hematology for 2012, becoming the second-ever Canadian to take on this role. ASH is the pre-eminent hematology society internationally and has the mission to understand, diagnose, treat and prevent disorders affecting the blood and bone marrow and the immunologic, hemostatic and vascular systems.

Dr. Eleftherios Diamandis of the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology, director of the Advanced Centre for Detection of Cancer, has been honoured as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for his contributions to the field of genomics and pathobiology of serine proteases, particularly the kallikrein family, and their application as diagnostic cancer biomarkers.

Dr. **Jennifer Blake** of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has been named one of the *25 Top Women of Influence for 2011*. This acknowledgement is in recognition of Blake's contributions to women's health.

Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy

Professor **Shana Kelley** of the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy is the winner of the 2011 Steacie Prize, marking the third consecutive year that a **University of Toronto** professor has received this prestigious award for outstanding Canadian research in science and engineering.

Rotman School of Management

Three faculty members at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management have been named the recipients of the 2011 Dean's Awards for Excellence in Research and Teaching. The purpose of the awards is to annually recognize and encourage excellence in the research and teaching activities of Rotman faculty members. **Mara Lederman**, an associate professor of strategic management, and **Sanford DeVoe**, an assistant professor of organizational behaviour and human resource management, are the co-winners of the Award for Excellence in Research. **Francesco Bova**, an assistant professor of accounting, received the Award for Excellence in Teaching. Lederman's research is in the area of industrial organization and strategy and she has published numerous papers on the airline and video game industries. DeVoe's research examines the psychological dimensions of incentives within organizations including looking at the tradeoffs between time and money and how each is valued. Bova teaches a financial accounting course in the first year of the Rotman Full-Time MBA program, winning an Excellence in Teaching Award each year.

UTM

The Instructional Centre at U of T Mississauga has won an Award of Excellence at the 30th annual Mississauga Urban Design Awards competition. The award was presented Nov. 22 at a ceremony at Mississauga City Hall. The Mississauga Urban Design Awards program is the longest running municipal urban design competition in Ontario.