

**Faculty, Staff & Student Awards & Honours  
Governing Council Meeting May 13, 2010**

**Faculty & Staff Awards**

**Professor Harvey Anderson** of nutritional sciences is this year's winner of the Faculty of Medicine's Sustained Contribution to Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award, recognizing sustained contributions to any aspect of graduate teaching; **Professor Donald Bruce Plewes** of medical biophysics won the Graduate Student Mentorship Award, given in recognition of sustained (more than five years) contribution to graduate student mentorship. This year two professors who are equally outstanding and deserving -- **Jill Cameron** of occupation science and occupational therapy and **Tony Lam** of physiology -- have been selected to receive the Early Career Excellence Award, recognizing outstanding contributions to the training and experience of graduate students as evidenced by excellence in teaching, supervision or mentorship and dedication to students. The Graduate Faculty Teaching Awards will be presented at the faculty's annual Education Achievement Celebration May 13.

Professor Emeritus **Harold Atwood** of physiology will receive an honour doctor of science degree from the University of Waterloo June 16 during spring convocation. Cited as a pioneering neuroscientist, Atwood explored the neuromuscular system of crustaceans and addressed fundamental questions on the nature and function of synapses, including their effects on animal behaviour.

**Maureen Barry**, a senior lecturer in the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, is the winner of the Teaching Innovation Award of the Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing. Barry is cited as a leader in introducing new technologies within the lab and classroom settings, developing curriculum and transforming learning environments to enhance the learning outcomes of nursing students. Barry received the award April 22 at reception held in Toronto.

**University Professor Richard Bond** of the Canadian Institute of Theoretical Astrophysics is the winner of the 2010 CAP (Canadian Association of Physicists) Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Physics for his broad and fundamental contributions to cosmology and astrophysics and his leadership, which has contributed greatly to Canada's well-recognized efforts in these areas. Cited as one of the most eminent cosmologists in the world, Bond has developed the study of fluctuations in the cosmic microwave background into a powerful tool for the understanding of the structure and history of our universe. He will receive the medal during association's awards banquet, to be held at the University of Toronto June 10.

**Professors Pamela Catton** of radiation oncology and **Wayne Gold** of medicine have been selected to receive a 2010 Canadian Association for Medical Education Certificate of Merit. Awarded annually, certificates celebrate outstanding individuals for their contributions to medical education. Winners received their certificates at the association's annual general meeting, held in conjunction with the 2010 Canadian Conference on Medical Education in St. John's May 1 to 5.

**Professor Michael Fehlings** of surgery has been elected vice-president and president-elect of the Cervical Spine Research Society. One of the most prestigious academic international spine

societies, the Cervical Spine Research Society is a multidisciplinary organization that provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and promotes clinical and basic science research on the cervical spine. Fehlings was inducted as vice-president during the society's annual meeting in Salt Lake City in December .

**Connie Guberman**, status of women officer and special adviser on equity issues, has been selected to receive the 2010 Urban Leadership Award in the Safety and Resilience category by the Canadian Urban Institute. The award salutes policies, actions or initiatives in a variety of fields that effectively manage risks to public safety, contribute to personal security and a city's resilience and well-being. Guberman was selected for her leadership and body of contributions towards ending violence against women and making communities safer. The Urban Leadership Awards will be held June 3 in Toronto to celebrate the achievements of all of the recipients .

Professors **Axel Guenther**, **Ridha Ben Mrad** and **Jan Spelt** of mechanical and industrial engineering are being honoured by the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering for their achievements in the field. Guenther is the winner of the I.W. Smith Award, established in 1977 to honour Smith, who devoted a lifetime to teaching mechanical engineering at U of T, and awarded annually for outstanding achievement in creative mechanical engineering within 10 years of graduation. Ben Mrad and Spelt have been elected fellows of the society for excellence in mechanical engineering and contributions to the progress of their profession and of society.

**Professor Sender Herschorn** of surgery is the winner of the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award of the Society of Urodynamics and Female Urology, given in recognition of significant contributions and leadership in the field of voiding dysfunction. Herschorn received the award during the society's annual meeting Feb. 23 to 27 in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he delivered the Jerry G. Blaivas lecture .

**Professor Emeritus Michael Marrus** of history is the recipient of the Helen and Stan Vine Canadian Book Award in the Holocaust literature category for *Some Measure of Justice: The Holocaust Era Restitution Campaign of the 1990s*. "The Koffler Centre for the Arts is thrilled to present the Helen and Stan Vine Canadian Jewish Book Awards, which celebrate the very best in Canadian Jewish literature," said Lori Starr, executive director of the centre. "The number of submissions and the quality of work this year was outstanding and made the award process particularly challenging for our dedicated jury." Marrus will receive the prize May 27 at a special ceremony in Toronto.

**Professor Nancy Olivieri** of pediatrics, medicine and health sciences is the 2009 recipient of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award, presented annually to honour scientists and engineers whose exemplary actions have served to foster scientific freedom and responsibility. Olivieri was honoured for "her indefatigable determination that patient safety and research integrity come before institutional and commercial interests and for her courage in defending these principles in the face of severe consequences." She received the award Feb. 20 during the AAAS annual meeting in San Diego, Calif.

**Professor Joel Sadavoy** of psychiatry has been selected to receive the 2010 International Federation on Ageing (IFA) President's Award, given to outstanding individuals both for lifetime achievements in the field of aging and for outstanding contributions to the federation. Founded in 1973, the federation is a point of connection and a platform for knowledge exchange for those representing the needs and interests of millions of older people across the world. Sadavoy will receive the award during IFA's global conference May 3 to 6 in Melbourne, Australia.

**Dr. Marla Shapiro** of family and community medicine is the winner of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada's 2010 May Cohen Award, given in recognition of her significant contribution to the promotion of women's health. The award will be presented during the federation's annual general meeting in September. The federation is a national organization committed to the professional, social and personal advancement of women physicians and to the promotion of the well-being of women both in the medical profession and in society at large.

**Professor David Soberman** of marketing at the Rotman School of Management is the winner of the best marketing case study in the ecch European Case Awards. The case, Ford Ka: The Market Research Problem (A), was co-written with Professors Markus Christen of INSEAD and Seh-Wong Chung of Singapore Management University. The awards have been presented annually by ecch since 1991 to provide formal recognition and exposure for successful case authors and their institutions and to raise the profile of the case method of teaching. A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the case method of learning, ecch is the largest single source for management case studies in the world, with more than 63,000 items in its catalogue. The awards will be presented in London, U.K., in September.

**Professor Michael Taylor** of surgery is the recipient of the 2010 Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Medal in surgery. Taylor and colleagues recently published the award-winning work, entitled Multiple recurrent genetic events converge on control of histone lysine methylation in medulloblastoma, in *Nature Genetics*. Winning medallists usually present their winning papers at a meeting of the relevant national specialty society or other appropriate venue. In addition, the medallist will have the opportunity to participate in the visiting medallist program.

**Professor Bálint Virág** of the Graduate Department of Mathematics and computer and mathematical sciences at U of T Scarborough is the 2010 recipient of the Coxeter-James Prize, given by the Canadian Mathematical Society in recognition of an outstanding research contribution by a young mathematician. The prize was established in 1978 and is named in part for Donald Coxeter (a professor of mathematics at U of T), the seventh president of the society and one of the great geometers of the 20th century, and Ralph Duncan James, the fifth president, who diligently promoted the development of mathematics. Virág will receive the prize during the society's summer meeting June 4 to 6 in Fredericton, N.B.

**Professor David Wilson** of history and Celtic studies is this year's recipient of the Raymond Klibansky Award for Best English-Language Work in the Humanities for *Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Volume 1: Passion, Reason and Politics, 1825-1857*, published by McGill Queen's University Press. In the book Wilson explores the life of McGee, exposing the reader to the

complex and turbulent times that shaped McGee's early political life. "This is a landmark work on a Canadian icon," the citation states. The prize is one of four given by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Science to celebrate the best in scholarly publishing. The awards were presented at a ceremony in Ottawa March 27.

### **Student Awards**

**Vincent Cheung**, a PhD candidate in computer and electrical engineering, and **Wenfei Yu**, an MBA student at the Rotman School of Management, won the \$2,000 first prize for Shape Collage in the 12th annual IBK Capital-Ivey Business Plan Competition held March 26 and 27 at the University of Toronto's Ivey School of Business. Shape Collage offers a computer software program that allows users to arrange photos in various creative and custom-shaped collages and has already had more than 1.3 million downloads from users in 200 countries. Cheung and Yu also won a spot in the upcoming Global Moot Corp Business Plan Competition, the world's largest graduate student business plan competition held at the University of Texas at Austin in this month.