Selected Faculty Honors
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CAREER AWARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Wei Dai, Cell Biology and Neuroscience, School of Arts and Sciences
Weiwei Xie, Chemistry and Chemical Biology, School of Arts and Sciences

EXTENSION DIVISION EDUCATION MATERIALS AWARD, AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURE SCIENCE
Joseph Goffreda, Agriculture and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Hemantkumar Gohil, Agriculture and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Daniel Ward, Agriculture and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE
Kenneth Irvine, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, School of Arts and Sciences
Brian Strom, Chancellor, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences; Executive Vice President for Health Affairs
Charles Weschler, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute
Hui Xiong, Management Science and Information Systems, Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick

FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY
Geraldine Cochran, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences
Gregory Moore, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences

FELLOW OF THE EARTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Pamela McElwee, Human Ecology, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Malin Pinsky, Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

SLOAN RESEARCH FELLOW
Blakesley Burkhart, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences
Jedediah Pixley, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences
ADDITIONAL NOTABLE HONORS

Susan Albin, Industrial and Systems Engineering, School of Engineering
Fellow, Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences

Eddy Arnold, Chemistry and Chemical Biology, School of Arts and Sciences
Antonín Holy Memorial Award, International Society for Antiviral Research

Xiaoli Bai, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, School of Engineering
Associate Fellow, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

Vanessa Bal, Applied Psychology, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology
Young Investigator Award, International Society for Autism Research

Joan Bennett, Plant Biology, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Martin Blaser, Medicine and Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Prize Medal, Microbiology Society

Stacy Bonos, Plant Biology, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Fellow, American Society of Agronomy

Blakesley Burkhart, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences
Packard Fellow for Science and Engineering, David and Lucile Packard Foundation

Nicole Burrowes, History, School of Arts and Sciences
Career Enhancement Fellow, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Fellow, American Council of Learned Societies

Sylvia Chan-Malik, American Studies, School of Arts and Sciences
Anschutz Distinguished Fellow in American Studies, Princeton University

Caroline Claus-Ehlers, Educational Psychology, Graduate School of Education
Fellow, American Psychological Association Division 53, Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology

Jill Cox, School of Nursing
Fellow, American Academy of Nursing

Rebecca Davis, School of Social Work
Pioneer Award, National Association of Social Workers Foundation

Erica Armstrong Dunbar, History, School of Arts and Sciences
Children’s History Book Prize, New-York Historical Society

Devin English, Urban-Global Public Health, School of Public Health
Psychology and AIDS Leadership Award, American Psychological Association

Noura Erakat, Criminal Justice, School of Arts and Sciences
Bronze Medal, Independent Publisher Book Awards
Selected Faculty Honors (continued)

**Lynn Festa**, English, School of Arts and Sciences
*Kenshur Prize, Center for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Indiana University-Bloomington*
*James Russell Lowell Prize, Modern Language Association*

**Joseph Freeman**, Biomedical Engineering, School of Engineering
*Fellow, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering*

**Hemantkumar Gohil**, Agriculture and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
*Achievement Award, National Association of County Agricultural Agents*

**Xi Gu**, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, School of Engineering
*Outstanding Young Manufacturing Engineer Award, Society of Manufacturing Engineers*

**Michael Haberland**, Agriculture and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
*Distinguished Service Award, National Association of County Agricultural Agents*

**Max Häggblom**, Biochemistry and Microbiology, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
*Special Merit Award, Federation of European Microbiological Societies*

**Perry Halkitis**, Biostatistics and Urban-Global Public Health, School of Public Health
*Distinguished Book Award, American Psychological Association’s Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*
*Member, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society*
*Hyacinth Award, Hyacinth Foundation*
*Inaugural Member, American Psychological Association’s Ad Hoc Committee on Health Equity*

**Kristjan Haule**, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences
*Simons Fellow in Theoretical Physics, Simons Foundation*

**John Hughes**, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences
*Fellow, American Astronomical Society*

**Olabode Ibironke**, English, School of Arts and Sciences
*Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars, American Council of Learned Societies*

**Olga Ilnytska**, Nutritional Sciences, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
*Career Development Award, American Heart Association*

**Yogesh Jaluria**, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, School of Engineering
*Holley Medal, American Society of Mechanical Engineers*

**Mehdi Javanmard**, Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering
*Young Faculty Award, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency*

**Steffani Jemison**, Art and Design, Mason Gross School of the Arts
*Fellow, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation*

**Shantenu Jha**, Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering
*Gordon Bell Special Prize for High Performance Computing-Based COVID-19 Research, Association for Computing Machinery*
Selected Faculty Honors (continued)

Leslie Kantor, Urban-Global Public Health, School of Public Health
Allan Rosenfield Alumni Award for Excellence, Mailman School of Public Health

Lisa Kaplowitz, Finance and Economics, Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick
Woman on the Rise Honor, Paradigm for Parity

Seth Koven, History, School of Arts and Sciences
Fellow, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation

Joel Lebowitz, Mathematics and Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences
Dannie Heineman Prize for Mathematical Physics, American Institute of Physics and American Physical Society

Jacquelyn Litt, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Douglass Residential College
Woman as Agent of Change Award, American Association of University Women

Adana Llanos, Biostatistics and Epidemiology, School of Public Health
Emerging Scholar, Diverse: Issues in Higher Education

Julie Lockwood, Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Fellow, Ecological Society of America

Norah MacKendrick, Sociology, School of Arts and Sciences
Allan Schnaiberg Outstanding Publication Award, American Sociological Association

William Meyer, Plant Biology, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Green Section Award, United States Golf Association

Jennifer Mittelstadt, History, School of Arts and Sciences
Fellow, Cullman Center, New York Public Library

Gregory Moore, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences
Member, National Academy of Sciences
Fellow, American Physical Society Division of Particles and Fields

Lenna Nepomnyaschy, School of Social Work
Fellow, Society for Social Work and Research

Shinichi Oka, Cell Biology and Molecular Medicine, New Jersey Medical School
Transformational Project Award, American Heart Association

Barbara Ostfeld, Pediatrics, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Champions for Children Award, American Academy of Pediatrics New Jersey Chapter

Dario Pompili, Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering
Fellow, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Communications Society

Leah Price, English, School of Arts and Sciences
Christian Gauss Award, Phi Beta Kappa Society
Gary A. Rendsburg, Jewish Studies, School of Arts and Sciences
Villa Scholar, Getty Research Institute

Trinidad Rico, Art History, School of Arts and Sciences
Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars, American Council of Learned Societies

Lisa Rothenburger, 4-H Youth Development, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Beyond Youth Leadership Award, National Association of 4-H Youth Development Professionals Association

Saul Rubinstein, Labor Studies and Employment Relations, School of Management and Labor Relations
Susan C. Eaton Scholar-Practitioner Award, Labor and Employment Relations Association

Junichi Sadoshima, Cell Biology and Molecular Medicine, New Jersey Medical School
Merit Award, American Heart Association

Mohammed Ali Saghiri, Restorative Dentistry, Rutgers School of Dental Medicine
DenburTech Award, Denbur

Siddhartha Sahi, Mathematics, School of Arts and Sciences
Fellow, American Mathematical Society

Harini Sampath, Nutritional Sciences, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Career Development Award, American Heart Association

Hillary Samples, Health Behavior, Society, and Policy, School of Public Health
Early Career Investigator Award, Addiction Health Services Research

Robyn Schafer, School of Nursing
Fellow, American College of Nurse-Midwives

Donald Schaffiner, Food Science, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Maurice Weber Laboratorian Award, International Association for Food Protection

Tatiana Seijas, History, School of Arts and Sciences
Senior Research Fellow, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University

David Shreiber, Biomedical Engineering, School of Engineering
Fellow, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering

Nancy Sinkoff, History, School of Arts and Sciences
National Jewish Book Award, Jewish Book Council

Deborah Spitalnik, Pediatrics, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Leadership Impact Award, Family Resource Network

Judith Storch, Nutritional Sciences, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Fellow, American Society for Nutrition

Venkatesh Sundararajan, Microbiology, New Jersey Medical School
Career Development Award, American Heart Association
Selected Faculty Honors (continued)

Judith Surkis, History, School of Arts and Sciences  
*Book Prize, Association for Middle East Women’s Studies*

Hannah Szlyk, School of Social Work  
*Fellow, Social Work Health Futures*

Pam Tanowitz, Dance, Mason Gross School of the Arts  
*Doris Duke Artist Award, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation*

Camilla Townsend, History, School of Arts and Sciences  
*Cundill History Prize, McGill University and Peter Cundill Foundation*

Daniel Van Abs, Human Ecology, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences  
*Fellow, American Institute of Certified Planners*

Maribel Vazquez, Biomedical Engineering, School of Engineering  
*Fellow, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering*

Cheryl Wall (Posthumous), English, School of Arts and Sciences  
*Hubbell Medal for Lifetime Achievement in American Literary Studies, American Literature Society*

Changlu Wang, Entomology, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences  
*Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*

Chongyi Wei, Health Behavior, Society, and Policy, School of Public Health  
*Distinguished Alumni Award for Research, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health*

Eileen White, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, School of Arts and Sciences  
*Member, National Academy of Sciences*

Khadijah Costley White, Journalism and Media Studies, School of Communication and Information  
*Public Engagement Fellow, Whiting Foundation*

John Wiedenmann, Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences  
*Fellow, Quantitative Fisheries and Ecosystems Science, Cooperative Institute for the North Atlantic Region*

Jerome Williams (Posthumous), Marketing, Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick  
*Fellow, American Marketing Association*

Lai-hua Xie, Cell Biology and Molecular Medicine, New Jersey Medical School  
*Transformational Project Award, American Heart Association*