kudos: a selection of recent awards & honors received by Rutgers University, Newark faculty

Chancellor Steven J. Diner has been appointed president of the Coalition for Metropolitan and Urban Universities (CUMU). CUMU is an international organization of more than 85 institutions sharing the mission of “striving for national excellence while contributing to the economic development, social health, and cultural vitality of the urban or metropolitan centers served.”

Robert Atkins, assistant professor, College of Nursing, was one of 15 junior faculty nationwide to receive an inaugural Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar Award. The award will support his efforts to collect qualitative and quantitative data from high school-aged youth living in Camden, N.J., in an effort to reduce health disparities by improving understanding of what youth do to promote, maintain, and restore their health.

Marketing Professor and Chair S. Chan Choi, Rutgers Business School, won the 2008 Davidson Honorable Mention Award for the best article in Journal of Retailing 2006 for his article, coauthored with Anne T. Coughlan, “Private Label Positioning: Quality versus Feature Differentiation from the National Brand.”

History Professor Annette Gordon-Reed has won the 2008 National Book Award for non-fiction for her landmark history of an American slave family, The Hemingses of Monticello. The National Book Foundation announced the award at its annual ceremony in New York City on Nov. 19. The Hemingses of Monticello is “at once a painstaking history of slavery, an unflinching gaze at the ways it has defined us, and a humane exploration of lives—grand and humble—that ‘our peculiar institution’ conjoined,” according to the National Book Award citation. “This is more than the story of Thomas Jefferson and his house slave Sally Hemings; it is a deeply moral and keenly intelligent probe of the harsh yet all-too-human world they inhabited and the bloodline they share.” The book was published in September 2008 by W.W. Norton.

Valentin Dimitrov, assistant professor of Accounting, Business Ethics and Information Systems, Rutgers Business School, has received the 2008 Rutgers Business School Junior Faculty Teaching Award. This annual award recognizes a junior faculty member for outstanding teaching quality and innovation in content and methodology.

New Jersey Appleseed Public Interest Law Center presented a special tribute to Dean Stuart L. Deutsch, who is stepping down as dean at the end of the current academic year, during its 2008 Awards Gala on Oct. 15. Remarks given in his honor recognized the dean’s achievements at the law school during the nine years of his leadership, as well as his contributions to the legal profession. Deutsch will continue at Rutgers Law School as a member of the faculty.
Nancy DiTomaso, professor and chair of Management & Global Business, Rutgers Business School, won the 2008 Technology Management Research Faculty Merit Award. Professor DiTomaso will use the award to continue her studies of the role of diversity in innovation, specifically to support data collection and analysis for a study of "Diversity of Thought" in research and development.

In England’s Queen’s Birthday Honors List, John H. Dunning, professor emeritus of International Business, Rutgers Business School, was appointed an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire), in recognition of his services to international business scholarship. The OBE recognizes distinguished service to the arts and sciences, public services outside the Civil Service and work with charitable and welfare organizations of all kinds.

Professor James Finckenauer, School of Criminal Justice, has received the 2009 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACIS) International Section Award. Finckenauer will give a talk at the ACIS International Section Luncheon on March 12 in Boston.

New Jersey State Nurses Association awarded its 2008 C.A.R.E. (Clinical Practice Administration Research Education) Award for Excellence in Research to Linda Flynn, assistant professor, College of Nursing. Flynn also also received the 2008 Governor’s Nursing Merit Award for excellence in the nurse researcher expert category from the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services in June.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded Steve Gold, assistant professor of law, a Bronze Medal for Commendable Service “for protecting public health and the environment through the Clean Air Act New Source Review acid plant settlement with E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company.”

Rigoberto Gonzalez, associate professor of English, in the MFA program, is a recipient of an American Book Award by the Before Columbus Foundation for his memoir Butterfly Boy: Memories of a Chicano Mariposa. He also received The Poetry Center Book Award for Other Fugitives and Other Strangers.

The book Lying, Cheating, and Stealing: A Moral Theory of White-Collar Crime by Stuart P. Green, professor of law, received the White-Collar Crime Research Consortium’s first annual Outstanding Publication Award. The book’s ground-breaking analysis of the relationship between morality and white-collar criminal law was previously recognized with a 2006 ABA Scribes/American Society of Legal Writers Book Award nomination.

Alycia M. Guichard, supervising attorney and New Jersey Bar Fellow for the Street Law program, received the Young Lawyer of the Year Award from the Young Lawyers Division of the New Jersey State Bar Association. The award honors a young lawyer whose personal and professional achievements merit special recognition and who has made significant community and public service contributions.

Professor of Finance and Economics Mahmud Hassan, Rutgers Business School, was chosen as a Highly Commended Award Winner at the Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2008, for his paper entitled “Do mergers and acquisitions create shareholder wealth in the pharmaceutical industry,” published in International Journal of Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing.

Marketing Professor Elizabeth C. Hirschman, Rutgers Business School, received the Distinguished Alumni Scholar Award in April 2008 by The Grady Society Alumni Board from her alma mater, the University of Georgia, from which she received her Ph.D. The award honors a graduate from University of Georgia’s Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication who has demonstrated “excellent and sustained contributions to scholarship in journalism and mass communication education.”

Annette Juliano, professor of visual arts, was the recipient of the 2008/2009 Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Scholar Award at Rutgers University in Newark. The award was given in November 2008 at a event which included a lecture by Juliano on Chinese art, in which she is an internationally renowned scholar.

Patricia Kettenring, director of Rutgers Business School’s Business and the Arts program and founding executive director of GlassRoots, received the 2008 Chancellor’s Community Engagement Award for Faculty/Staff Community Service.
Jack Lynch, associate professor of English, was recognized with the 2008 Rutgers Faculty Scholar-Teacher Award for “outstanding contributions in research and teaching, making visible the vital link between teaching and scholarship.” His research on Samuel Johnson and the cultural context of 18th-century literature was cited.

dt ogilvie, associate professor, Rutgers Business School, has been named a Global Fellow of the IC2 Institute of the University of Texas at Austin.

Law Professor James Pope delivered the third annual Kermit Hall Memorial Constitution Day Lecture on “Liberty and Justice for All? Class, Race, and the United States Constitution” at the College of St. Rose in Albany, NY.

Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor of History Clement Alexander Price was appointed to a key role on President-Elect Barack Obama’s transition team, as chair of the transition team for the National Endowment for the Humanities. Price was recently appointed a member of The NJ State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and at the request of New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine, chaired the Newark Public Schools Superintendent Search Committee.

The American Society of Plastic Surgical Nurses presented its Plastic Surgical Nurses Editor’s Award to Marlene Rankin, Rutgers College of Nursing clinical associate professor, and her co-authors, Carrie Carretta, CNUR 2006 and GSN 2008, and Anna Jarosynski, Rutgers College of Nursing senior.

Robert Snyder, associate professor of journalism and American studies, received the Chancellor’s Community Engagement Award in Undergraduate Teaching and Learning, recognizing his work with The Newark Metro and other projects.

Coercive Control: How Men Entrap Women in Personal Life (Oxford, 2007), by Professor Evan Stark, School of Public Affairs and Administration was cited as one of the “outstanding” academic books of the year by the American Library Association, in the Jan. 2009 issue of the ALA’s journal CHOICE.

The Clinical Legal Education Association recognized the work of the Constitutional Litigation Clinic in Jama, et al. v. Correctional Services Corp., et al. with the 2008 Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Case or Project. Under the guidance of Clinical Professor Penny Venetis, the case established new precedent in the area of international human rights law, secured significant monetary damages for the detainees, and trained hundreds of Rutgers law students to be skilled litigators.

Professor Judith Weis, Biological Sciences, received the 2008 Chancellor’s Community Engagement Award for Faculty Research, recognizing her decades-long research into the biology of organisms living in stressed, industrially contaminated estuaries of northern New Jersey.

Hui Xiong, assistant professor of Management Science and Information Systems received the 2008 Rutgers Business School Junior Faculty Research Award. The award is given to one untenured faculty member each year whose research contributions, publications, citations, and leadership in the field are exemplary.

Mirolslava T. Znayenko, associate professor, Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures, and co-director of the Central and Eastern European Studies Program, has received a Fulbright Scholar award for conducting research abroad during the 2008-2009 academic year. She is studying at the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. In addition, she received the Charles Pine Outstanding Teacher Award from the Rutgers-Newark and University College alumni associations.


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