kudos: a selection of recent awards and honors received by Rutgers University-Newark faculty, alumni, and staff

Sam Adhikari, adjunct professor, Department of Management Science and Information Systems, Rutgers Business School, was invited to participate as a CASP selector for his expertise in big data analytics and statistical/machine learning. Critical Assessment of protein Structure Prediction, or CASP, is a community-wide, worldwide experiment for protein structure prediction that has convened biennially since 1994. He also received the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Software Technical Committee Chair Appreciation Award.


Endre Boros, professor and department vice chair, Department of Management Science and Information Systems, Rutgers Business School, was elected in May to be an external member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Charles Brown, assistant dean, Office of Diversity Programs, Rutgers Business School, received a written commendation from Rutgers University President Robert Barchi for the work of the Office of Diversity Programs and its efforts in expanding educational access for underrepresented minority students. Specifically mentioned in the commendation was the positive narrowing of the graduation rate gap between white and African-American students.

Robert Campbell, alumnus, Rutgers Business School, received recognition from the business school with the naming of a classroom in his honor.

Cleopatra Charles, assistant professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, and Mirae Kim, alumna, School of Public Affairs and Administration, co-authored "Do Donors Care about Results? An Analysis of Nonprofit Arts and Cultural Organizations," published in Public Performance & Management Review (Vol. 39, Issue 4, 2016).


Antonia Chen, alumna, Rutgers Business School, received a “40 under 40” award from the Philadelphia Business Journal.

Ronald Chen, co-dean, Rutgers Law School, received the Trailblazer Award from the Asian Pacific American Law Association of New Jersey for his distinguished career in the legal profession and serving as a positive
role model for other Asian-Pacific-American attorneys. more

Todd Clear, professor and former dean, School of Criminal Justice, and former provost, Rutgers University–Newark, was awarded a University Professorship by the Rutgers Board of Governors. As a University Professor, Clear now has the privilege of teaching and conducting research and educational activities across Rutgers University’s disciplines, schools, and campuses. more


Shirley Collado, executive vice chancellor and chief operating officer, Rutgers University–Newark, was named a Summer 2016 Pahara-Aspen Education Fellow. She also was selected as an honoree of the 2016 Essex County Cultural Heritage Program. more


Jonathan Corcoran, alumnus, MFA in Creative Writing Program, authored The Rope Swing, a collection of short stories (West Virginia University Press, 2016).


Jonathan Eckstein, professor, Department of Management Science and Information Systems, Rutgers Business School, was the 2016 recipient of the Rutgers My Mark Award, which recognizes an exceptional faculty or staff member who has "made their
mark” by creating a positive impact in the Rutgers community and the world at large.

Dominic Evangelista, doctoral student, Graduate School, Department of Biological Sciences, was awarded the Post-Doc Research Fellowship in Biology from the National Science Foundation. more

Farrokh Langdana, professor, Department of Finance and Economics, Rutgers Business School, received recognition from the business school with the naming of a classroom in his honor. more

Ruth Feldstein, professor, Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Graduate Program in Women’s and Gender Studies, was named an Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer for the 2016-2017 academic year. more


Joseph Gaspar, alumnus, Rutgers Business School, Marietta Peytcheva, alumna, Rutgers Business School, and Danielle Warren, associate professor, Department of Management and Global Business, Rutgers Business School, were named collectively one of two finalists for the Business Ethics Quarterly Best Article Award for 2015 for a piece they co-authored titled, "When Ethical Tones at the Top Conflict: Adapting Priority Rules to Reconcile Conflicting Tones.” more

Alexander Gates, professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was named a Distinguished Service Professor by the Rutgers University Board of Governors. more


Mark Gluck, professor, Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience, co-authored Learning and Memory: From Brain to Behavior (Macmillan Learning, 2016); “Effect of the Putative Lithium Mimetic Ebselen on Brain Myo-Inositol, Sleep, and Emotional Processing in Humans,” published in Neuropsychopharmacology (Vol. 41, Issue 7, 2016); and “Deficits in Hippocampal-dependent Transfer Generalization Learning Accompany Synaptic Dysfunction in a Mouse

Seth Grossman, alumnus, School of Public Affairs and Administration, co-authored with Marc Holzer, University Professor and former dean, School of Public Affairs and Administration, Partnership Governance in Public Management: A Public Solutions Handbook (Routledge, 2015).


Rachel Hadas, professor, Department of English, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and MFA in Creative Writing Program, participated in the New York Public Library’s 9/11 Commemorative Poetry Reading at the Jefferson Market Library. Also, her poem, “Roosevelt Hospital Blue,” made the Forward Arts Foundation’s short list for the Forward Prize for the Best Single Poem; her essay, “The Honors Student, the Plagiarist, and the Fan,” received praise by The Best American Essays as an example of the “Notable Essays and Literary Nonfiction of 2015;” and her poem, “Tangerine Orchids,” was published in Women’s Voices for Change.


Diane Hill, assistant chancellor for university-community partnerships, received the Madrina Award from ASPIRA, Inc., for her dedication and service to the Newark community. She also accepted an appointment to the University Hospital Community Oversight Board.

Robert Holmes, professor, Rutgers Law School, received a Clement A. Price Human Dignity Award for his work to advance community engagement and revitalize the city of Newark through clinical practice and local partnerships.
Marc Holzer, Board of Governors Distinguished Professor and former dean, School of Public Affairs and Administration, was awarded a University Professorship by the Rutgers Board of Governors. He also received a “Leaders in Faculty Diversity Award” for 2016 from the Committee to Advance Our Common Purposes (CACP) at Rutgers University for his sustained commitment to racial and gender diversity at Rutgers, distinguished scholarly research in public administration theory and practices, and leadership in global exchanges and dialogues with academicians and practitioners globally. Moreover, Holzer co-authored with Richard Schwester, alumnus, School of Public Affairs and Administration, Public Administration: An Introduction (Routledge, 2015); with Seth Grossman, alumnus, School of Public Affairs and Administration, Partnership Governance in Public Management: A Public Solutions Handbook (Routledge, 2015); and with Tae Hee Kim, alumnus, School of Public Affairs and Administration, "Public Employees and Performance Appraisal: A Study of Antecedents to Employees' Perception of the Process," published in Review of Public Personnel Administration (Vol. 36, No. 1, 2016).

Atif Ikram, adjunct professor, Department of Finance and Economics, Rutgers Business School, won the Newark Student Government Association’s 2016 award for Most Valuable Professor. Ikram was recognized by MBA students as well, receiving the Best/Favorite Professor award at the MBA Gala.

David Jancsics, post-doctoral associate, School of Public Affairs and Administration, was elected chair of the Best Article Award Committee for the Academy of Management, Public and Nonprofit Division. He also co-authored "From Planning to Market: A Framework for Cuba," published in Bulletin of Latin American Research (Vol. 35, Issue 2, 2016).

Quintus Jett, assistant professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, was invited by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (Policy and Global Affairs Division) to serve on its Resilient America Roundtable.

Jyldyz Kasymova, alumna, School of Public Affairs and Administration, and Suzanne Piotrowski, deputy dean and associate professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, co-authored "Do Open Data Initiatives Promote and Sustain Transparency? A Comparative Analysis of Open Budget Portals in Developing Countries," published in Information, Models, and Sustainability: Policy Informatics in the Age of Big Data and Open Government (Vol. 20, 2016). more

John Keene, associate professor, Department of English, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and MFA in Creative Writing Program, and chair, Department of African American and African Studies, received the 2016 American Book Award for Counternarratives (New Directions, 2016). more

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Mark Krasovic, assistant professor and associate director, Clement A. Price Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience, was one of five scholars to be awarded the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation’s Nancy Weiss Malkiel Junior Faculty Fellowship. more


Terri Kurtzberg, associate professor, Department of Management and Global Business, Rutgers Business School, was the recipient of the Rutgers Warren I. Susman...
Award for Excellence in Teaching for the academic year 2015-2016. This award is the university’s highest honor for innovative teaching and mentoring and recognizes those who provide “outstanding service in stimulating and guiding the intellectual development of students at Rutgers University.”

Eléna Lahr-Vivaz, assistant professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, authored Mexican Melodrama: Film and Nation from the Golden Age to the New Wave (University of Arizona Press, 2016).


HuaFang Li, doctoral student, School of Public Affairs and Administration, co-authored with Gregg Van Ryzin, interim dean, School of Public Affairs and Administration, and Norma Riccucci, Board of Governors Distinguished Professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, "Representative Bureaucracy and the Willingness to Coproduce: An Experimental Study," published in Public Administration Review (Vol. 76, Issue 1, 2016).


Lyra Monteiro, assistant professor, Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Graduate Program in American Studies, received the 2016 American Book Award for her essay “Race-Conscious Casting and the Erasure of the Black Past in Lin-Manuel Miranda’s Hamilton,” published in The Public Historian (Vol. 38, No. 1, 2016).
Stephanie Newbold, associate professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Supreme Court Fellows Alumni Association to serve as liaison between the alumni and the chief justice’s chambers. She also co-edited the book review section of the Public Administration Review and co-authored the book review section’s introduction (Vol. 76, Issue 1, January/February 2016). more


Marietta Peytcheva, alumna, Rutgers Business School, Joseph Gaspar, alumnus, Rutgers Business School, and Danielle Warren, associate professor, Department of Management and Global Business, Rutgers Business School, were named collectively one of two finalists for the Business Ethics Quarterly Best Article Award for 2015 for a piece they co-authored titled, "When Ethical Tones at the Top Conflict: Adapting Priority Rules to Reconcile Conflicting Tones." more

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Karrin Pitt, editorial/media specialist, Office of Communications, was promoted to the rank of fourth-degree black belt in Shotokan karate. This makes her the first woman to achieve this level at the Kincade School of Martial Arts, originally established in Newark, New Jersey, in the late 1970s.
Simon Reich, professor, Division of Global Affairs and Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, authored "Interview with Charles Kindleberger," published in Return of the Theorists: Dialogues with Great Thinkers (Palgrave MacMillan, 2016); and Migrant Mobilization: A SOMI Report on American and Britain: A Comparison of Hispanics and Muslims in the US and Nigerians, Sikhs and Muslims in the UK. He also co-authored "Who is Wile E. Coyote? Power, Influence and the War on Drugs," published in International Politics (Vol. 53, 2016). more

Norma Ricucci, Board of Governors Distinguished Professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, received the 2016 Dwight Waldo Award from the American Society for Public Administration for her outstanding contributions to the professional literature of public administration. She also authored "Fisher v. University of Texas and the Status of Affirmative Action: Implications for Social Equity," published in Review of Public Personnel Administration (online, January 22, 2016, doi: 10.1177/0734371X15608420); co-authored with Gregg Van Ryzin, interim dean, School of Public Affairs and Administration, and Huafang Li, doctoral student, School of Public Affairs and Administration, "Representative Bureaucracy and the Willingness to Coproduce: An Experimental Study," published in Public Administration Review (Vol. 76, Issue 1, 2016); and co-authored with Madinah Hamidullah, assistant professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, "Intersectionality and Family-Friendly Policies in the Federal Government: Perceptions of Women of Color," published in Administration & Society (online, January 18, 2016, doi: 10.1177/0095399715623314). more

Kevin Riordan, alumnus, College of Arts and Sciences, and Advisory Board member, Rutgers Business School Center for Real Estate, received the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Service Award at the annual awards banquet for the Newark College of Arts and Sciences.


Beryl Satter, professor, Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Graduate Program in American Studies, was named an Andrew Carnegie Fellow by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. more
Hirsh Sawhney, alumnus, MFA in Creative Writing Program, authored *South Haven*, a novel (Akashic Books, 2016).

Richard Schwester, alumnus, School of Public Affairs and Administration, co-authored with Marc Holzer, University Professor and former dean, School of Public Affairs and Administration, *Public Administration: An Introduction* (Routledge, 2015).

Alan Shark, professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, is the executive editor and a contributing author of *CIO Leadership for Cities and Counties Emerging Trends and Practices*, Second Edition (Public Technology Institute, 2016).

Akhil Sharma, assistant professor, Department of English, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and MFA in Creative Writing Program, won the International Dublin Literary Award for *Family Life* and was named a Cullman Center Fellow for the 2016-2017 academic year. 


Elizabeth Tricomi, associate professor, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received a Rutgers Presidential Fellowship for Teaching Excellence.

Nick Turse, alumnus, Graduate School, received the 2016 American Book Award for *Tomorrow’s Battlefield: U.S. Proxy Wars and Secret Ops in Africa* (Haymarket Books, 2015).


Gregg Van Ryzin, interim dean, School of Public Affairs and Administration, co-authored with Norma Riccucci, Board of Governors Distinguished Professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, and Huafang Li, doctoral student, School of Public Affairs and Administration, "Representative Bureaucracy and the Willingness to Coproduce: An Experimental
Paul Vidich, alumnus, MFA in Creative Writing Program, authored *An Honorable Man*, a novel (Simon & Schuster, 2016).

Deborah Walker-McCall, associate dean for academic affairs, Academic Foundations Center, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and director, Educational Opportunity Fund Program, was named a 2016 “Woman on Fire” by the Newark Circle of Sisters.

Jessica Ware, associate professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received a Rutgers University Presidential Fellowship for Teaching Excellence.

Lois Warner, assistant teaching professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, was elected to the Executive Board of the American Society for Public Administration, Section on Public Administration Education.

Danielle Warren, associate professor, Department of Management and Global Business, Rutgers Business School, and Marietta Peytcheva, alumna, Rutgers Business School, were named collectively one of two finalists for the *Business Ethics Quarterly* Best Article Award for 2015 for a piece they co-authored titled, "When Ethical Tones at the Top Conflict: Adapting Priority Rules to Reconcile Conflicting Tones."


Elizabeth Wilson, visiting scholar, Rutgers Law School, received a Fulbright-Nehru Senior Scholarship to travel to India to complete her book, *Be the Change: Gandhi and Human Rights*.

Laszlo Zaborszky, professor, Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience, co-authored “The Effects of Methylphenidate on Resting-State Functional Connectivity of the Basal Nucleus of Meynert, Locus Coeruleus, and Ventral Tegmental Area in Healthy
Adults,” published in *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience* (online, April 18, 2016, doi: 10.3389/fnhum.2016.00149); “Basal Forebrain Cholinergic-Auditory Cortical Network: Primary Versus Nonprimary Auditory Cortical Areas,” published in *Cerebral Cortex* (online, April 12, 2016, doi: 10.1093/cercor/bhw091); “Topographic Organization of the Basal Forebrain Projections to the Perirhinal, Postrhinal, and Entorhinal Cortex in Rats,” published in the *Journal of Comparative Neurology* (Vol. 524, Issue 12, 2016); and “Cholinergic Mechanisms in the Cerebral Cortex Beyond Synaptic Transmission,” published in the *Neuroscientist* (Vol. 22, No. 3, 2016). He also received the Rutgers University Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Research. 

**In Memoriam:**

**Elpidio Laguna Díaz,** emeritus professor and former chair, Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, passed away on January 25, 2016. Laguna Díaz was distinguished by his dedication to the teaching of Spanish Medieval, Golden Age, and 19th- and 20th-century Spanish Peninsular literature. Laguna Díaz joined the Rutgers University–Newark faculty in 1972. He chaired the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and paved the way for the current Portuguese and Lusophone Studies Program. He served on numerous committees, contributed to the establishment of student organizations, and served as adviser to many others. 

**Maureen DeMaio Esteves,** associate dean, School of Nursing, passed away on February 16, 2016. Since joining Rutgers in September 1980 as a member of the nursing faculty at the then-Rutgers College of Nursing, Esteves held several key posts, including director of the undergraduate program, assistant dean for undergraduate education, and associate dean for undergraduate education. At the time of her passing, she was leading the school’s initiatives commemorating Rutgers’ 250th Anniversary, among other responsibilities. Her work helped shape the identity of the School of Nursing. She left an indelible legacy.

**Donald McCabe,** retired professor, Department of Management and Global Business, Rutgers Business School, passed away on September 17, 2016. McCabe, who retired after 26 years with Rutgers Business School, was a beloved professor and often referred to as the "founding father" of research on academic integrity. He was the first recipient of the Donald L. McCabe Award, which was established by the Institute for Ethical Leadership and is awarded to a faculty, staff member, or student who promotes the values of academic integrity at Rutgers Business School. He is remembered fondly by his colleagues and friends.

**Kenneth Miller,** emeritus professor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and dean, Graduate School, died on January 15, 2016. Miller taught in the Department of Political Science from 1955 to 1993. He was the first chair of the department, serving in that capacity, on and off, for 16 years. He also served as the first dean of the Graduate School and the first director of the Political Science Graduate Program. He had a passion for teaching and
coveted many long friendships with students and colleagues. more

**Martin Schaden**, associate professor, Department of Physics, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, died on July 14, 2016. Schaden joined Rutgers University-Newark in 2004 and was an esteemed scholar of theoretical physics and quantum field theory. He was highly regarded for his ability to “teach students [how] to boil scientific phenomenon down to their basic, elemental forms.” more