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



Nihal Altan-Bonnet, assistant professor, Department of Biological Sciences, was selected by President Barack Obama to receive a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. [more](#)

Jennifer Arena, director, Writing Program, received the Rutgers-Newark 2012 Chancellor's Excellence in Service award. [more](#)

Carlos Ball, professor, School of Law-Newark, has published a new book titled *The Right to Be Parents: LGBT Families and the Transformation of Parenthood* (NYU Press, 2012), which chronicles the stories of LGBT parents who have fundamentally changed how American law defines and regulates parenthood.



Judith Barberio, clinical assistant professor, College of Nursing, received a 2012 Lester Z. Lieberman Humanism in Healthcare Award from the Healthcare Foundation of New

Jersey for her commitment to treating patients and families with compassion and kindness.

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Anthony Braga, professor, School of Criminal Justice, was named the Don M. Gottfredson Professor for Evidence-Based Criminology at the School of Criminal Justice. He also is the co-author of the following publications:

"The Effects of Hot Spots Policing on Crime: An Updated Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis," *Justice Quarterly* (May 16, 2012); "Interpreting the Empirical Evidence on Illegal Gun Market Dynamics," *Journal of Urban Health* (Vol. 89, No. 5); "Social Networks and the Risk of Gunshot Injury," *Journal of Urban Health* (June 20, 2012); "Serious Youth Violence and Innovative Prevention: On the Emerging Link between Public Health and Criminology," *Justice Quarterly* (May 25, 2012); and "Can 'Disciplined Passion' Overcome the Cynical View? An Empirical Inquiry of Evaluator Influence on Police Crime Prevention Program Outcomes," *Journal of Experimental Criminology* (Vol. 8, No. 4). [more](#)



Marcia Brown, alumna, Rutgers School of Law-Newark, and former vice chancellor, Student and Community Affairs, has joined the School of

Public Affairs and Administration as associate dean of Program Development. She also has been named a trustee of the Women's Association of NJPAC in Newark, New Jersey.

Edna Cadmus, clinical professor, College of Nursing, was the recipient of a 2012 Women of Vision Award bestowed by the Women's Center of William Paterson University. She is the co-author of "Holding On: Caring for the Professional Caregiver" published in *Nursing Management* (Vol. 43, No. 3). She also has been appointed a member of the American Nurse Credentialing Center's Commission on Pathways to Excellence Program.



Joel Caplan, assistant professor, School of Criminal Justice, is the author of "Protecting Parole Board Legitimacy in the Twenty-First Century: The Role of Victims' Rights and Influences," *Victims and Offenders* (Vol. 7, No. 1). He also is a co-author,

with **Leslie Kennedy** and **Eric Piza**, of "Joint Utility of Event-Dependent and Environmental Crime Analysis Techniques for Violent Crime Forecasting," *Crime Delinquency* (Nov. 16, 2012); and "Is the Punishment More Certain? An Analysis of CCTV Detections and Enforcement," *Justice Quarterly* (Sept. 11, 2012). [more](#)

Susan Caplan, assistant professor, College of Nursing, wrote a chapter titled "Culture" in the book *Concepts of Nursing Practice* (Elsevier Inc., 2012). She also co-authored "Cultural Influences on Causal Beliefs about Depression among Latino Immigrants," which is published in the *Journal of Transcultural Nursing* (Aug. 20, 2012). [more](#)



Ronald Clarke, university professor, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored "Are Parrots CRAVED? An Analysis of Parrot Poaching in Mexico," *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* (Vol. 49, No. 1). [more](#)

Laura Cohen, clinical professor, School of Law-Newark, received a Champion of Change award from the MacArthur Foundation for her support of the foundation's Models for Change program. [more](#)



Jean-Marc Coicaud, director, Division of Global Affairs, and professor, School of Law-Newark, was selected as a Global Ethics Fellow by the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. [more](#)

Michael Crew, professor, Rutgers Business School, and director, Rutgers Center for Research in Regulated Industries, was recognized by the United Kingdom's Royal Mail for his contributions to postal economics. [more](#)

Karen D'Alonzo, associate professor and associate dean of the PhD Program, College of Nursing, co-authored "A Biobehavioral Approach to Understanding Obesity and the Development of Obesogenic Illnesses among Latino Immigrants in the United States," published in *Biological Research for Nursing* (Vol. 14, No. 4). [more](#)



Stuart Deutsch, university professor and former dean, School of Law-Newark, was appointed director of Global and International Programs at the law school. [more](#)

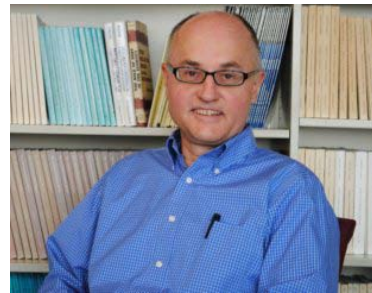
Kyle Farmbry, associate dean, Graduate School-Newark, and associate professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, has published a new book titled *Crisis, Disaster, and Risk: Institutional Response and Emergence* (M.E. Sharpe Inc., 2012), which examines the history of natural disasters, health crises, and crises in the fields of technology and science and explores the interactions of theories of risk associated with each event.



Gary Francione, Nicholas deB. Katzenbach Distinguished Scholar of Law and Philosophy, School of Law-Newark, was named Board of Governors Professor of Law by Rutgers University, the university's highest faculty ranking. [more](#)

Steve Gold, associate professor, School of Law-Newark, has been appointed to the Permitting Work Group of the National Environmental

Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC), one of three non-NEJAC members selected to participate in the work group.



John Graham, professor and chair, Economics Department, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, coached the

Rutgers-Newark Fed Challenge team to the semi-finals of the College Fed Challenge for the seventh straight year. The team included seniors Harrison Edelman, Edson Cornejo, Michael Jen, and Andrew George, and junior Adeel Ganju. [more](#)

Stuart Green, professor, School of Law-Newark, has published a new book titled *13 Ways to Steal a Bicycle: Theft Law in the Information Age* (Harvard University Press, 2012), which assesses the current framework of theft law in the United States.

Mark Griffin, director, Athletics, was honored as the Eastern College Athletic Conference Josten's Male Administrator of the Year. [more](#)

Matt Hayat, assistant professor and biostatistician, College of Nursing, authored "Statistics in Nursing Research," published in *Nursing Research* (Vol. 61, No. 3), and co-authored "Modern Statistical Modeling Approaches for Analyzing Repeated-Measures Data," also published in *Nursing Research* (Vol. 61, No. 3). [more](#)



Taja-Nia Henderson, assistant professor, School of Law-Newark, was an invited guest blogger of the popular law blog "The Faculty Lounge." [more](#)



William Holzemer, dean, College of Nursing, wrote a chapter titled “Building Evidence for Practice, Training, and Policy: A

Program of Research on Living Well with HIV/AIDS” in the book *Shaping Health Policy Through Nursing Research* (Springer Publishing Company, 2011). He also is co-author of the following publications: “Mediators of Antiretroviral Medication Adherence: A Multistate International Study,” published in *AIDS Care* (July 2012); “A Cross-sectional Description of Social Capital in an International Sample of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH)” published in *BMC Public Health* (March 2012); and “HIV Infection as a Predictor of Methadone Maintenance Outcomes in Chinese Injection Drug Users,” published in *AIDS Care* (Vol. 24, No. 2).

Frieder Jäkle, professor, Chemistry Department, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received the 2012 Akron Section Award from The American Chemical Society.



Tayari Jones, professor, Department of English and MFA in Creative Writing Program, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was honored with a 2012 Lifetime

Achievement Award in the Fine Arts by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

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Frank Jordan, Board of Governors Professor of Chemistry, Chemistry Department, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received the Rutgers-Newark 2012 Chancellor’s Excellence in Research award.

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Michael Katehakis, professor and chair, Department of Management Science and Information Systems, Rutgers Business School, was named a Fellow of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences. [more](#)



Leslie Kennedy, university professor, School of Criminal Justice, is a co-author, with **Joel Caplan** and **Eric Piza**, of “Joint Utility of Event-Dependent and Environmental Crime

Analysis Techniques for Violent Crime Forecasting,” *Crime Delinquency* (Nov. 16, 2012); and “Is the Punishment More Certain? An Analysis of CCTV Detections and Enforcement,” *Justice Quarterly* (Sept. 11, 2012). [more](#)

Jessica Kitson, director, Eric Neisser Public Interest Program, School of Law-Newark, received the Outstanding Woman of the Year Award from the Rutgers Women’s Law Forum.

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Donald Klock, professor, Rutgers Business School, coached the business school’s team to a second place finish in the 2012 Regional Supply Chain Management Case Competition. The team included class of 2013 MBA students Amod Antarkar, Raghuram Adiraju, Shivali Nesargi, and Ruby Rajan. [more](#)

Christopher Kozak, director of debate, Rutgers-Newark Debate Team, and graduate student, School of Public Affairs and Administration, has guided the debate team to an impressive fall semester ranking of 19 out of 108 colleges and universities of the Cross Examination Debate Association.



Jeffrey Kwong, clinical assistant professor, College of Nursing, wrote a chapter titled "Leadership Skill Set for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" in the book *DNP Education, Practice, and Policy:*

Redesigning Advanced Practice Roles for the 21st Century (Springer Publishing Company, 2012). He also was a keynote speaker at the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care Conference in New Jersey titled "30 Years of HIV Nursing: Challenges and Controversies."

Howard Latin, professor, School of Law-Newark, has published a new book titled *Climate Change Policy Failures: Why Conventional Mitigation Procedures Cannot Succeed* (World Scientific Publishing, 2012), which offers alternative approaches to greenhouse gas mitigation. [more](#)

Ganga Mahat, clinical professor, College of Nursing, co-authored "Social Support, Acculturation, and Optimism: Understanding Positive Health Practices in Asian American College Students," which is published in the *Journal of Transcultural Nursing* (April 6, 2012). [more](#)



Jody Miller, professor, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored "Women's 'Storylines' of Methamphetamine Initiation in the Midwest," *Journal of Drug Issues* (Vol. 42, No. 3), and "Identity, Sexuality, and Commercial Sex among Sri Lankan *Nachchi*,"

Sexualities (Vol. 15, Nos. 5-6). [more](#)

Gayle Pearson, assistant dean, College of Nursing, received the Nurse Excellence Award from the New Jersey League for Nursing.

Richard Pessagno, clinical assistant professor, College of Nursing, was elected to the 2012 Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education Board of Commissioners representing practicing nurses. He also co-authored "Using Short-Term Group Psychotherapy as an Evidence-Based Intervention for First-Time Mothers at Risk for Postpartum Depression," published in *Perspectives in Psychiatric Care* (Aug. 17, 2012). [more](#)

Eric Piza, research director, Crime Analytics of Center on Public Security, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored "Saturation Foot Patrol in a High-Violence Area: A Quasi-Experimental Evaluation," *Justice Quarterly* (March 12, 2012). He also is a co-author, with **Leslie Kennedy** and **Joel Caplan**, of "Joint Utility of Event-Dependent and Environmental Crime Analysis Techniques for Violent Crime Forecasting," *Crime Delinquency* (Nov. 16, 2012); and "Is the Punishment More Certain? An Analysis of CCTV Detections and Enforcement," *Justice Quarterly* (Sept. 11, 2012). [more](#)



András Prékopa, professor, Rutgers Business School, was awarded the 2012 Leonid Khachiyan Prize of the INFORMS Optimization Society, given for lifetime achievements in the area of optimization. [more](#)

Michael Ostermann, director, Evidence Based Institute, School of Criminal Justice, is the author of "Recidivism and the Propensity to Forgo Parole Release," *Justice Quarterly* (Vol. 29), and a co-author of "Exploring the Intersection of Mental Health and Release Status with Recidivism," *Justice Quarterly* (May 16, 2012). [more](#)



Andres Rengifo, assistant professor, School of Criminal Justice, was the recipient of the 2012 Young Scholar Award of the Division on People of Color and Crime of the American Society of Criminology. He also is co-author of

the following publications: "Charting the Evolution of Structure and Determinacy in State Sentencing and Corrections Policies 1970-2010," *Justice Research & Policy* (Vol. 14, No. 2); "Race and Women's Imprisonment: Poverty, African American Presence, and Social Welfare," *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* (Vol. 28, No. 2); "Routine Activities and Fear of Crime: Specifying Individual-Level Mechanisms," *European Journal of Criminology* (Vol. 9, No. 2); and "Specifying the Strain-Violence Link: The Role of Emotions in Women's Descriptions of Violent Incidents," *Victims & Offenders* (Vol. 7, No. 1). [more](#)



Jeffrey Robinson, assistant professor, Rutgers Business School, and director, New Jersey Social Innovation Institute of The Center for Urban Entrepreneurship & Economic Development at the business school,

received the Community Change Award from the New Jersey Black Issues Convention. [more](#)

Dale Rogers, professor, Rutgers Business School, and co-director, Center for Supply Chain Management at the business school, was awarded the 2012 Distinguished Service and Leadership Award by the International Warehousing and Logistics Association. [more](#)

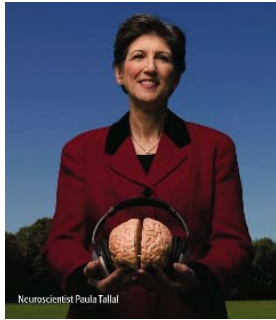
Diana Shelstad, professor, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was elected to the inaugural class of Fellows of the American Mathematical Society. [more](#)



Shirley Smoyak, professor, College of Nursing, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Network for Psychiatric Nurse Researchers, a division of the Royal College of Nursing in

London, England. She also was awarded an Honorary Doctorate (Doctor of Humane Letters) from Kingston University and St. George's University, University of London, and an Honorary Fellowship from the Royal College of Nursing in Liverpool, England. [more](#)

Paul Sternberger, associate professor and deputy chair, Arts, Culture and Media Department, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received the Rutgers-Newark 2012 Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching award. [more](#)



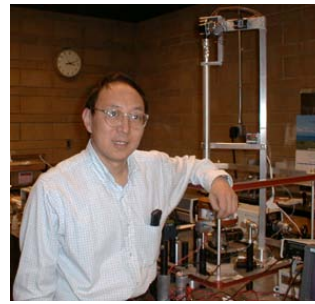
Paula Tallal, co-director, Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience, was named Inventor of the Year by the New Jersey Inventors Hall of Fame. [more](#)

The Rutgers-Newark community mourned the passing of **Denyse Thomasos**, professor, Arts, Culture and Media Department, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, who died on July 19, 2012. She had been a member of the Rutgers-Newark faculty since 1995. [more](#)



Penny Venetis, clinical professor and co-director, Constitutional Litigation Clinic, School of Law-Newark, was named the law school's Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise Scholar. [more](#)

Dean Wantland, assistant professor, College of Nursing, received the 2012 nurse Researcher of the Year award from the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care. He also is co-author of the following publications: "Mediators of Antiretroviral Medication Adherence: A Multistate International Study" published in *AIDS Care* (July 2012), and "A Cross-sectional Description of Social Capital in an International Sample of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH)" published in *BMC Public Health* (March 2012).



Zhen Wu, professor, Department of Physics, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was named a Fellow of the American Physical Society. [more](#)

Adela Yarcheski, professor, College of Nursing, co-authored "A Descriptive Study of Research Published in Scientific Nursing Journals from 1985 to 2010," which is published in *International Journal of Nursing Studies* (Vol. 49, No. 9). [more](#)

Stacia Zelick, alumna, Rutgers Newark College of Arts and Sciences, has been appointed director of Newark Computing Services. Zelick comes to Rutgers-Newark from Kent State University where she served as executive director of Service Management and Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure and Security. Previously she worked at Montclair State University as director of Technical Support Services.