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

Rutgers-Newark Chancellor Steven J. Diner was recently elected chairman of the Council of Higher Education in Newark, an association of the four public universities in the city.

Yoel Beniluz, assistant professor, accounting, business ethics, and information systems, Rutgers Business School, has received the school’s 2009 Junior Faculty Teaching Award.

Karima Bennoune, professor, School of Law-Newark, has been appointed to the Council of the International Network of Women Living Under Muslim Laws. Bennoune has also been appointed to a body of international law experts convened by the Dutch foreign ministry and Leiden University (the Netherlands) to advise on counter-terrorism strategies, human rights, and international law.

Vera Bergelson, professor, School of Law-Newark, was named a Fulbright Specialist for 2009-2014 and was elected chair of the Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Jurisprudence.

Joel Caplan, assistant professor, School of Criminal Justice, gave the keynote address in October to the Department of Homeland Security, Research Transition Workshop at the Maryland Coordination Analysis Center. His topic was “Research Transition at the Frontier—Integrating Theory, Data Collection and Analysis in Decision Making.”

Ariane Chebel d’Appollonia, professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, co-organized the Oct. 2009 conference, “Governing the Dynamics of European Borderlands” sponsored by NYU, the University of Kassel, and Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt. d’Appollonia and Dr. Simon Reich, co-PI, director, Division of Global Affairs, were awarded a $50,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York for “Integration and Security: Muslim Minorities and Public Policy in Europe and the United States.”

School of Law-Newark Dean John Farmer’s book, The Ground Truth: The Untold Story of America Under Attack on 9/11, was named by the New York Times Book Review as one of the “100 Notable Books of 2009.” Dean Farmer is serving on the committee formed by the City of Cambridge (MA) and the Cambridge Police Department to help identify the lessons learned from the arrest of Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Ronald K. Chen, who as public advocate of the State of New Jersey in the Corzine administration led the rebuilding of an executive branch agency charged with providing “a voice to the voiceless,” has returned to the law school as vice dean. It is in effect a homecoming for Chen, who joined the faculty in 1987 and was appointed associate dean in 1995.

School of Criminal Justice Dean-designate Todd R. Clear just completed his term as president of the American Society of Criminology, and delivered the presidential address to the society this month. Clear is the PI on a $297,000 grant to Rutgers from the National Institute of Justice for “Predicting Crime through Incarceration: The Impact of Rates of Prison Cycling on Rates of Crime in Communities.” He is

**Kyle Farmbry**, assistant professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, participated in meetings and research in Berlin, Germany, and Cape Town, South Africa, as part of his Fulbright New Century Scholar Fellowship.

**Jack Feinstein**, clinical professor, School of Law-Newark, and Mitch Brown ’09, received an Award of Merit from the New Jersey Chapter of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for their exceptional work reuniting a mother and her young son.

**Gary Francione**, professor, School of Law-Newark, delivered the keynote address at the 15th biennial convention of JAINA, the Federation of Jain Associations in North America, which was attended by more than 2,000 people.

**Alexander Gates**, chair, earth and environmental sciences, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, is co-principal investigator for a $5 million grant from the National Science Foundation’s Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP), a program to substantially increase the number of underrepresented minority students in the sciences, technology, engineering and math.

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Associate Professor of English **Rigoberto Gonzalez**’ young adult novel *The Mariposa Club* (New York: Alyson Books, 2009) was selected as a 2010 Rainbow Books, recommended for GLBTQ teens and children, by the American Library Association.

**James Goodman**, professor of history, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was elected a Fellow of the Society of American Historians in recognition of the literary and scholarly distinction of his historical writing.

**Carol F. Heffeman**, professor of English, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, published *Comedy in Chaucer and Boccaccio* (Cambridge, England, D.S. Brewer, 2009).

**College of Nursing Dean William Holzemer** was recently named a member of the New York Academy of Sciences.

**Annette Gordon-Reed**, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was named a Rutgers Board of Governors Professor of History in July. She also was elected a Fellow of the Society of American Historians, and also became only the sixth person to receive the National Archives Record of Achievement Award. Her book, *The Hemingses of Monticello*, won an Honorary Mention from the J. Anthony Lukas Prize Project’s Mark Lynton History Prize, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award, and the George Washington Book Prize, in addition to the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award received earlier.

**Alan Hyde**, professor, School of Law-Newark, was elected a member of the American Law Institute, which produces scholarly work intended to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law.

**Alexander Laban Hinton**, associate professor of anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received the 2009 Robert B. Teetor and Family Prize for Excellence in Anticipatory Anthropology, in recognition of his “path-breaking work in the anthropology of genocide.” The award is given by the American Anthropological Association.


**Nick Kline**, instructor in the department of arts, culture and media, Faculty of Arts and Sciences,
received a 2009 Chancellor’s Community Engagement Award, in the category, Community Engagement in Undergraduate Teaching and Learning.

**Farrokh Langdana**, professor of finance and economics, Rutgers Business School, received the Professor of the Year award from the full-time MBA class for 2009, and was also named Professor of the Year by the Singapore Executive MBA class of 2009. In total he has received nearly two dozen awards for teaching and/or research.

**Lei Lei**, chair and professor, supply chain management and marketing sciences, and director, Rutgers Center for Supply Chain Management, Rutgers Business School, was awarded the Bright Idea Award in Operations Management and Decision Sciences for two of her research papers in November. The Bright Idea Award, sponsored by the Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University and the NJPRO Foundation, recognizes the intellectual capital that is available within New Jersey.

**Jan Lewis**, professor of history and associate dean for academic affairs, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was elected a Fellow of the Society of American Historians in recognition of the literary and scholarly distinction of her historical writing.

**Laura Lomas**, associate professor of English, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received the Modern Language Association (MLA) Prize in United States Latina and Latino and Chicana and Chicano Literary and Cultural Studies, for her book *Translating Empire: Jose Marti, Migrant Latino Subjects, and American Modernities* (Duke University Press, 2008).

**Suzanne Piotrowski**, professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, is serving as the Faculty Fellow in the Office of the Chancellor for the 2009/2010 academic year.

**Alan Sadovnik**, professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, and Urban Education, Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark, received the 2009 Chancellor’s Award for Community Engagement, in the category of Faculty Community Research.

**Sabrina Safrin**, professor, School of Law-Newark, was elected a member of the American Law Institute, which produces scholarly work intended to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law.

**Jayne Anne Phillip’s** novel *Lark & Termite* was named a finalist for both the 2009 National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle award in fiction. Phillips is a professor of English and director of the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program, Faculty of Arts and Sciences. *Lark & Termite* previously was recognized with the Heartland Award. The manuscript for *Lark & Termite* was among Phillips’ papers acquired last year by The Harry Ransom Center, an internationally known humanities research library and museum at The University of Texas at Austin.

**Beryl Satter’s** *Family Properties: Race, Real Estate, and the Exploitation of Black Urban America*, has been awarded the 2009 National Jewish Book Award in History, the 2010 Liberty Legacy Award, from the Organization of American Historians, and was also selected by *The Progressive* as one of the “Best Books of 2009.” Satter is associate professor of history, Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

**Glenn Shafer**, professor, accounting, business ethics & information systems, Rutgers Business School, was recently awarded an honorary doctoral degree in economics from the University of Economics in Prague, in recognition of his contributions to finance, management, and auditing.

**Gregg Van Ryzin**, professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, was awarded $123,000 for the “Civic Panel Project” by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, for 2009-2010.
Mark S. Weiner, professor, School of Law-Newark, was named the 2009-10 Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Scholar, and will deliver the Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Lecture on February 23. He also was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship which took him to the University of Akureyi, Iceland, in the fall of 2009.

Jaideep Vaidya, assistant professor, management science and information systems, Rutgers Business School, received the school’s 2009 Junior Faculty Research Award.

Penny Venetis, clinical professor, School of Law-Newark, and her Constitutional Litigation Clinic students were honored by the Coalition for Peace Action for their constitutional challenge to paperless computer voting systems.


Staff Kudos
Diane Hill, director of the Office of Campus and Community Relations, received a 2009 Chancellor’s Community Engagement Award.

Deborah Walker McCall, associate dean and director, Faculty of Arts and Sciences EOF program, was awarded the 2009 Nurse Recognition Award from the New Jersey League for Nursing.

Dan Morgenstern, director of the Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies, received his eighth Grammy award for album notes, for “The Complete Louis Armstrong Decca Sessions (1935-1946).”