Joshua Blank, assistant professor, School of Law-Newark, was one of nine U.S. legal scholars elected as full members of the Tax Academy of Americas in January 2009. Blank was also appointed vice-chair of the Teaching Taxation Committee of the Tax Section of the American Bar Association for July 2009.

Raffaella De Rosa, associate professor of philosophy, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received the Rutgers Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Research, April 2009.

Deborah Dougherty, professor, management and global business, Rutgers Business School, received the best article for 2004 award from the journal Strategic Organization, announced in February 2009.

Ned Drew, professor of graphic design, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, with graphic design students in the Design Consortium, won a gold medal for design for the 2009 BFA Portfolio Review poster and a silver medal for design of the Rutgers-Newark centennial posters, both awards from the Art Directors Club of NJ, May 2009. The posters also won a gold award from CASE District II (Council for Advancement and Support of Education), March 2009.

Kyle Farmbry, assistant professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, was named one of 30 nationwide Fulbright New Century Scholars in March 2009.

George F. Farris, professor, Rutgers Business School, received the International Association for the Management of Technology Research Publication Award April 8, 2009. The award recognizes the top percentile of researchers in technology and innovation management, based on publication record over the past five years.

H. Bruce Franklin, John Cotton Dana Professor of English and American Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was honored by the town of Wellfleet, MA, during the month of March 2009, with a series of events around his book, The Most Important Fish in the Sea, which was selected for Wellfleet’s “One Book, One Community” award.

Annette Gordon-Reed, professor of history, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received the 2009 Pulitzer Prize in History for her landmark book, The Hemingses of Monticello, in April 2009. Gordon-Reed also received a Guggenheim fellowship in April, and is a finalist for the $50,000 George Washington Book Prize.

Huixin He, associate professor of chemistry, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received a Rutgers Presidential Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, April 2009.

Board of Governors Professor Marc Holzer, dean of the School of Public Affairs and Administration, received the ASPA/NASPAA Distinguished Research Award (American Society for Public Administration/ National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration), on March 23, 2009.

Ganga Mahat, clinical associate professor in the College of Nursing, received the Educational
Opportunity Fund Faculty of the Year Award on May 14, 2009.

Brenda McManus, assistant instructor of graphic design, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, won a silver medal for design from the Art Directors Club of NJ, May 1, 2009, for the centennial commemorative publication “A Century of Reaching Higher.”

Phylis J. Peterman, associate professor and chair, department of social work, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received the Rutgers College Class of 1962 Presidential Public Service Award, May 6, 2009.

Jayne Anne Phillips, professor of English and Director of the MFA in creative writing program, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received a Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center fellowship for April – May 2009.

Arthur B. Powell, associate professor, Urban Education, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, will receive the Distinguished Leader in Education award from the Graduate School of Education on May 21, 2009.

Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor of History Clement Alexander Price, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, gave the Historical Society of Pennsylvania’s Frederick Miller Memorial Lecture April 16, 2009; received the Three Doctors Educational Leadership Award May 7, 2009; and will receive the Interfaith Dialog Center Education Award, May 31, 2009, and the New Jersey Network: Brendan Byrne/Thomas H. Kean Award for Civic Leadership June 2, 2009.

Michele Rittenhouse, adjunct professor and managing director of the Rutgers-NJIT Theatre Arts Program, will be Playwright in Residence at the Seven Devils Playwrights Conference June 6 - 20, 2009 in McCall, Indiana.

Beryl Satter, associate professor of history, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received the Rutgers Human Dignity Award, March 16, 2009, and the Leader in Diversity Award, April 22, 2009.

Michael P. Schoderbek, associate professor of Accounting, Business Ethics, & Information Systems, Rutgers Business School, is the recipient of the Professional of the Year award given by Phi Beta Lambda, New Jersey State Leadership Conference.

George C. Thomas III, School of Law–Newark, was named Board of Governors Professor of Law in April 2009.

Paul Tractenberg, Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor and Alfred C. Clapp Distinguished Public Service Professor, School of Law-Newark, was awarded a Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center residency fellowship for July and August 2009.

Gabor Vermes, professor emeritus of history, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, will be awarded a medal from Hungary’s National Academy of Sciences in Budapest in May for his contributions to scholarship. Vermes is a historian of Hungary and a Hungarian immigrant to the U.S., having escaped from Hungary (on foot) in 1956. Vermes will be delivering two papers as part of the ceremonies.

Stevie Watson, assistant professor of marketing, Rutgers Business School, was one of 17 U.S. professors selected to participate in the Advertising Educational Foundation’s 2009 Visiting Professor Program.

Mark S. Weiner, professor, School of Law-Newark, has received a Fulbright Fellowship for study at the University of Akureyi, Iceland, for fall 2009.

Judith S. Weis, professor of biology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was a keynote speaker at the World Oceans Congress May 12, 2009 in Manado, Indonesia.

Hui Xiong, associate professor, management science and information systems. Rutgers Business School, received the Rutgers University Board of Trustees Research Fellowship for Scholarly Excellence in April 2009.
Staff kudos

Patricia Bender, research specialist in the Research Office, was appointed to the board of trustees of Amherst (MA) Artists and Writers in May 2009.

Diane Hill, executive director, Office of Campus and Community Relations, received the Tri-State Consortium Award for Excellence and Service to the Community, recognizing significant contributions made by an individual to underrepresented, first generation, under-prepared and/or economically disadvantaged student populations, March 24, 2009.

Eva Pastalkova, research associate in the Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience, was appointed as a fellow at the Janelia Farm Research Campus, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, April 2009.

Douglas Wilson, senior financial aid officer, Office of Financial Aid, was honored with a “Young Leaders Award” at the April 21, 2009 NJASFAA (New Jersey Association of Financial Aid) conference.


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