2016 Presidential Excellence Awards Recipients

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR SCHOLARSHIP

David Gruber, biologist and associate professor in the Department of Natural Sciences. David joined Baruch in 2006 and has earned worldwide recognition for his groundbreaking research on marine microbial ecology and fluorescent proteins on coral reefs. He has identified numerous new species in this realm and he is expert at communicating his work in forms that are accessible by the public. He serves as an advisor to WNYC’s Studio 360, an explorer for National Geographic, and a research associate at the American Museum of Natural History. He is widely published in prestigious journals and his work has been featured in The New Yorker, The New York Times, National Geographic, and numerous other media outlets around the world.

PRESIDENTIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SERVICE

Mary McGlynn, associate professor in the English Department. Mary joined Baruch in 2000 and served with distinction as faculty chair of the Periodic Review Report that Baruch College submits to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. In addition to leadership in envisioning the structure of this report and setting its tone and voice, Mary insured that the voice of our faculty was unambiguously included in this five-year progress statement. A scholar of the literature of Scotland and Ireland, she is a member of the executive board of the American Conference for Irish Studies and the chair of Columbia University’s Irish Studies Seminar.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR TEACHING

Mary—or “Molly”—Kern, associate professor in the Narendra Paul Loomba Department of Management. Molly’s core discipline is organizational behavior and her teaching evaluations by students are consistently positive. Her statement of teaching philosophy confirms that she is a thoughtful and innovative educator, someone who values experiential learning and goes above and beyond in her syllabus design, classroom activities, and dedication to insure concrete learning outcomes. Molly joined Baruch in 2005, and received the Abraham J. Briloff Prize in Ethics in 2014 for “Becoming as ethical as we think we are: The ethical learner at work.” She also received the 2013 Award for Excellence, from the Emerald Literati Network, and the 2012 Faculty Service Award from the Baruch College Alumni Association.

PRESIDENTIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SERVICE

Kannan Mohan, professor of Computer Information Systems and interim director of Baruch’s Center for Teaching and Learning. Kannan authored the CUNY Strategic Investment Initiative Grant, which earned nearly $600,000 for “Improving Learning Outcomes in Courses with Structured Knowledge Through Adaptive Learning Technologies.” Kannan joined Baruch in 2003 with teaching and research interests that include product family development, agile methods, information technology governance in organizations. His work has been published in Information Systems Research, European Journal of Information Systems, IEEE Transactions on Professional Communication, Communications of the ACM, and IEEE Software.
2016 Faculty Excellence Celebration

SPECIAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

DEBORAH BALK, professor, School of Public Affairs
2016 Andrew Carnegie Fellowship from the Carnegie Corporation of New York

CHARLOTTE BROOKS, professor, History Department
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers

ALÔKE (AL) GHOSH, professor, Stan Ross Department of Accountancy
Fulbright Distinguished Chair Award for research in Finland and other European countries

DONNA GITTER, professor of law, Zicklin School of Business
Fulbright Distinguished Lecturing Award for work in the Philippines

GAIL LEVIN, distinguished professor, Department of Fine and Performing Arts
Fulbright Distinguished Chair Award for research in India

GRACE SCHULMAN, distinguished professor, Department of English
2016 Poetry Society of America’s Frost Medal for Distinguished Achievement in American Poetry

KAREN SHELBY, assistant professor, Department of Fine and Performing Arts
Fulbright-Terra Foundation Award for research in Belgium

RETIRING FACULTY

ROZ BERNSTEIN, professor, Department of Journalism: 42 years of service

ROBERT FOSKEY, lecturer, Narendra Paul Loomba Department of Management: 42 years of service

HYMAN GORENBERG, professor, Stan Ross Department of Accountancy, 55 years of service

BERT HANSEN, professor, Department of History: 24 years of service

RANDY BURKE HENSLEY, professor, Library and Information Services: 6 years of service

HUGO NURNBERG, professor, Stan Ross Department of Accountancy: 35 years of service

VEENA OLDENBURG, professor, Department of History: 25 years of service

PARMATMA SARAN, professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology: 46 years of service

SEYMOUR SCHULMAN, professor, Department of Natural Sciences: 28 years of service

EDWARD TUCKER, professor, Department of Natural Sciences: 29 years of service

FACULTY ON TRAVIA LEAVE*

RONALD AARON, professor, Department of Student Development and Counseling

ANGELA ANSELMO, associate professor, Student Development and Counseling

OLGA CASANOVA-BURGESS, professor, Department of Modern Languages and Comparative Literature

SUSAN CHAMBRE, professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

STEVEN KATZ, associate professor, Bert W. Waserman Department of Economics and Finance

RUTH ROŠÉNHAL, associate professor, Department of Communication Studies

STEVEN SCHNAARS, professor, Allen G. Aaronson Department of Marketing and International Business

SUSAN WONG, lecturer, Student Development and Counseling.

*Announced intention to retire in Fall 2016