

**COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY HONORS AND AWARDS  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2020-2021**

**To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:**

The Committee on Scholarly Honors and Awards (SH&A) respectfully submits its report of activities for the 2020-21 academic year.

**COMMITTEE OPERATIONS**

The Committee solicits candidates for each of the Academic Senate Faculty Award categories and selects Academic Senate members for each category. The Committee's duties and membership are described in Irvine Bylaw 127. Professor Barbara Finlayson-Pitts, Physical Sciences, chaired the Committee in 2020-21. The Committee met two times during the academic year. Attending regular meetings were five appointed members, the Vice Chancellor for Research, and a representative from the Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning.

**I. Academic Senate Distinguished Faculty Awards**

The Committee reviewed 100 nominations for the Academic Senate Distinguished Faculty Awards for Research, Teaching, Service, Mentorship, and the Academic Senate Better World Award. Members selected the recipients listed below to be honored during the 2021-22 academic year. Two faculty members received the 2021-22 Distinguished Mid-Career Faculty Award for Service.

**Distinguished Senior Faculty Award for Research**

Distinguished Professor Svetlana Jitomirskaya  
Department of Mathematics

**Distinguished Mid-Career Faculty Award for Research**

Associate Professor Chang Liu  
Department of Biomedical Engineering

**Distinguished Early-Career Faculty Award for Research**

Associate Professor Sameer Singh  
Department of Computer Science

**Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching**

Professor Sandra Irani  
Department of Computer Science

**Distinguished Early-Career Faculty Award for Teaching**

Assistant Professor of Teaching Stephen Mang  
Department of Chemistry

**Daniel G. Aldrich, Jr. Distinguished University Service Award**

Professor Sergey Nizkorodov  
Department of Chemistry



**Distinguished Mid-Career Faculty Award for Service**

Associate Professor Andrew Noymer  
Department of Population Health and Disease Prevention

**Distinguished Mid-Career Faculty Award for Service**

Associate Professor Keramet Reiter  
Department of Criminology, Law and Society

**Distinguished Faculty Award for Mentorship**

Associate Professor Tiffany Willoughby-Herard  
Department of African American Studies

**Academic Senate – Better World Award**

Professor Claudia Kawas  
Department of Neurology

The recipients are to be honored at the Distinguished Faculty Awards Event tentatively scheduled to take place on March 9, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Newkirk Alumni Center (or remotely if needed).

**II. Committee Membership**

Senate Members (voting)

Barbara Finlayson-Pitts, Physical Sciences, Chair  
Diane Campbell, Biological Sciences  
David Hirshleifer, Business  
Peter Krapp, Humanities  
Donald Saari, Social Sciences

Ex Officio (non-voting)

Pramod Khargonekar, Vice Chancellor of Research  
Brian Sato, Associate Dean for the Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation

Committee Analyst:

Christine Aguilar, SH&A Analyst