

Scholarly Excellence Reward Recipients 2011

Spiridon Bakiras, Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science studies high-speed networks, peer-to-peer systems, mobile computing, and spatial databases. He received a prestigious National Science Foundation career award, and with this, is working on a project which addresses the trust and privacy issues that arise in location-based services, such as Google Maps. In 2010 his research was published in *IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing*, *Proc. ACM SIGSPATIAL International Conference on Advances in Geographic Information Systems*, and *Proc. International Conference on Very Large Databases*.

Lisa Farrington, Professor and Chairperson in the Department of Art and Music is an accomplished curator, author, and art historian specializing in Western and Non-Western Art, Haitian Art and Vodou Culture, African-American Art, Women's Art, and Race and Gender studies. Her book *Emma Amos*, funded by the Andy Warhol foundation, is forthcoming in 2011, along with the Second Edition of her book *Creating Their Own Image: The History of African-American Women Artists*. She is the recipient of the Dedalus Foundation Grant in 2011 for the exhibition "Women Call for Peace: Global Vistas".

Nivedita Majumdar, an Associate Professor in the Department of English whose research interests include postcolonial literature, Marxist theory, theories of nationalism and cultural studies. She has two articles forthcoming in 2011 in *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology* and *Journal of Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies*, and contributed an essay to *The Shadow Lines: A Critical Anthology*. Her edited book, *The Other Side of Terror: An Anthology of Writings on Terrorism in South Asia*, is the first book of its kind pertaining to any part of the globe that is primarily based on literary representations of terrorism.

Nathan Lents, Associate Professor in the Department of Sciences and Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research, studies gene expression control and cellular signaling, combining bioinformatics and computational biology with standard bench molecular biology techniques. This is done to reveal new regulatory networks of gene regulation. His research was published in 2010 in *CBE: Life Sciences Education*, *Journal of Forensic Identification*, and *Electronic Journal of Science Education*. He is the Principal Investigator on several federal grants from the US Department of Education and The National Science Foundation.

Hung-En Sung, Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, has a primary research focus of substance abuse issues and comparative analysis of crime and justice. In the area of substance abuse policy and practice, his work has focused on the diversion and treatment of chronic offenders with co-occurring disorders and the role of faith-based treatment in American and East Asian societies. His comparative research has revolved around the impact of democratization on political corruption and the administration of

criminal justice. Dr. Sung has published extensively on these issues in top peer-reviewed journals and edited volumes. In 2010, Dr. Sung was awarded a grant for \$1.2 million from the National Institutes of Health's National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities for his project, *Building a Sustainable Community-Linked Partnership for Behavioral Health among Chinese Immigrants in New York City*. He is also the 2010 recipient of the prestigious W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship awarded by the National Institute of Justice.

Philip T. Yanos, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology studies issues related to the recovery and successful community integration of persons with severe and persistent mental illness. He was the principal investigator on several recent grants from the National Institute of Mental Health that examine a range of issues including internalized stigma with severe mental illness, and community integration of the mentally ill, and he has published 22 articles in the last 3 years on these topics.