WIESS SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES
FACULTY AWARDS & HONORS

APRIL 27, 2007
BIOCHEMISTRY & CELL BIOLOGY

George Bennett  Hosted 9th International Clostridium Conference, May 2006; Elected Fellow, American Academy of Microbiology, 2006
Michael Gustin  George R. Brown Prize for Excellence in Teaching, 2007
Alma Novotny  Distinguished Faculty Associate, Will Rice College
John Olson  Emily M. Gray Award, Biophysical Society, 2006
Yizhi Jane Tao  Received the “You bring charm to the world as an influential Chinese” Award sponsored by major Chinese news media

CHEMISTRY

Michael Diehl  CAREER Award, National Science Foundation, 2006
Naomi Halas  Featured in Esquire Magazine’s “Best and Brightest 2006” list; Nano50 Award, Nanotech Briefs, 2006
Jeffrey Hartgerink  CAREER Award, National Science Foundation, 2006
James Tour  Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award, 2007; 2006 Best of Small Tech Innovator of the Year Award, Small Times Magazine; Nano50 Innovator Award, Nanotech Briefs, 2006
Bruce Weisman  Nano50 Products Award for Model NS1 NanoSpectralyzer, Applied NanoFluorescence, LLC
Michael S. Wong  Young Investigator Award, American Institute of Chemical Engineers Nanoscale Science and Engineering Forum, 2006
Eugene Zubarev  CAREER Award, National Science Foundation, 2006

EARTH SCIENCE

John Anderson  Shepard Medal, Society for Sedimentary Research, 2007
Alan Levander  Humboldt Research Award, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, 2006
Andreas Luttge  Distinguished Faculty Associate, Will Rice College
Dale Sawyer  Outstanding Alumnus, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Purdue University

ECOLOGY & EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY

Lisa Meffert  Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Award, 2006
David Queller  Appointed associate editor, Ecology, Ethology and Evolution
Joan Strassmann  Appointed associate editor, Ecology, Ethology and Evolution

MATHEMATICS

Tim Cochran  Appointed associate editor, Journal of Knot Theory and its Ramifications
Robert Hardt  Appointed associate editor, Journal of Geometric Analysis; appointed associate editor, University of Houston Mathematics Journal
Brendan Hassett  FRG Grant, Geometry of moduli spaces of rational curves with applications to Diophantine problems, 2006; Outreach Coordinator for MSRI representing them at the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science meeting, October, 2008

Mike Wolf  Distinguished Lecturer, Sigma Xi, 2007-2009; appointed associate editor, Bulletin of the American Mathematical Society; appointed associate editor, Journal of Geometric Analysis

PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY

David Alexander  Elected Kavli Frontiers Fellow, National Academy of Sciences, 2006; appointed associate editor, Journal of Geophysical Research-Space Physics


Randy Hulet  Whitfield Lecturer, Pennsylvania State University, April 2007

Tom Killian  Published article in News & Views section of Nature, May 2006

Paul Padley  Chosen to lead scientific operations for a complex system of particle detectors at CERN’s Large Hadron Collider

Pat Reiff  Director of Sally Ride Science Festival, Rice University, Fall 2006

Qimiao Si  Elected Fellow, American Physical Society; Co-chairman of International Conference on Strongly Correlated Electron Systems to be held at Rice, May 2007

NEW ENDOwed CHAIRS

George Bennett  E. Dell Butcher Professor, Biochemistry and Cell Biology

Zachary Ball  Norman Hackerman-Welch Young Investigator, Chemistry

NEW APPOINTMENTS (EFFECTIVE JULY 2006)

Zachary Ball  Assistant Professor, Chemistry

Alexander Bufetov  Assistant Professor, Mathematics

Sabin Cautis  G.C. Evans Instructor, Mathematics

Eric Cheesebro  G.C. Evans Instructor, Mathematics

David Damanik  Associate Professor, Mathematics

Keiko Kawamuro  G.C. Evans Instructor, Mathematics

Stephan Link  Assistant Professor, Chemistry

Richard Nisbett  Faculty Fellow, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Toshinori Okuyama  Huxley Research Instructor, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Rolf Ryham  VIGRE-Lovett Instructor, Mathematics

Manik Talwani  Professor Emeritus, Earth Science

Maggy Tomova  G.C. Evans Instructor, Mathematics
PROMOTIONS (EFFECTIVE JULY 2006)

David Alexander to Associate Professor with tenure, Physics & Astronomy
André Drozler to Professor, Earth Science
Brendan Hassett to Professor, Mathematics
Tom Killian to Associate Professor with tenure, Physics & Astronomy
Adrian Lenardic to Associate Professor with tenure, Earth Science
Julia Morgan to Associate Professor with tenure, Earth Science
Doug Natelson to Associate Professor with tenure, Physics & Astronomy
Ian Smith to Senior Faculty Fellow, Physics & Astronomy

RETIREMENTS

Paul Harcombe Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, 1972–2007