Research and Creative Activity Awards

Social Science and Humanities

Dr. Maia Hallward (School of Conflict Management, Peacebuilding and Development) is the recipient for this award because of her compelling track record of scholarship in Middle East Studies and International Peace and Conflict Resolution that made a strong impact in her field, both on national and international levels. The highlights of her achievement include four book publications, two of which were published by Palgrave Macmillan (a more notable publisher), two of which have been adopted as texts for a number of universities, and one of which was translated into two other languages. Her publications also include eighteen refereed journal articles (mostly single authored) and eight refereed book chapters (single authored). The three solid recommendation letters from the scholars in her field confirmed the originality and impact of her scholarship in the field. "Ground breaking" and "fill gaps" were used in a letter to describe Dr. Hallward's publications and projects. In addition, another colleague recognized her as a, "leading scholar in her sub-field".

Interdisciplinary Research

Dr. Roxanne Donovan (Department of Psychology and Department of Interdisciplinary Studies) specialized in interdisciplinary research on Black Studies and Gender Studies. She published sixteen single and co-authored journal articles including those that were published in top tier journals in the respective fields. Her breadth of knowledge in her fields of research garnered her extensive media coverage. The impact factor of her research was evident through her numerous invited talks and one and a half dozen media coverages. Dr. Donovan was recommended by three scholars from three distinctively different fields, which well suits her chosen category of award (Interdisciplinary Research). The types of work Dr. Donovan has been involved in doing is captured, perhaps most vividly by a colleague who, in her recommendation letter stated: "Dr. Donovan's scholarship - disseminated in a remarkable number of different fashions - is deeply important, socially engaged and demonstrative of a creative, committed researcher."
Dr. Christina Scherrer (Department of Systems and Industrial Engineering) is the recipient of this award and the committee was impressed by the accomplishments of she demonstrated in her narrative and vitae. Her publications include sixteen peer reviewed articles and book chapters (both single and co-authored), one of which was published in a top tier journal with very high impact factor (5.0). She also served on several projects as PI or co-PI and received significant external, grants including one from BRIGE at National Science Foundation for $174,802. Her original ideas on using dental sealant in pediatrician offices to prevent children's teeth decay was brilliant, and had a strong impact on public health and government policies making. The three solid recommendation letters from scientists and researchers in the field further support her case to receive the award. As Susan Griffin, a Health Economist from the CDC indicates: "The quality and originality of Dr. Scherrer's Research are evident in that they have been published in some of the most rigorous and impactful medical/public health journals... Her research has contributed to building the evidence base and increasing efficiency in delivery of public health programs aimed at improving children's health and reducing disparities."