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Awards and Honors

Jerry Alexanderson, Mathematics and Computer Science Department, has received the prestigious Yueh-Gin Gung and Dr. Charles Y. Hu Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics. It was presented at the annual joint meetings of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) in Atlanta Georgia on January 6, 2005. The award is presented by the MAA and is "the most prestigious award made for service by the Association."

Jerry Alexanderson also received the Haimo Award for Distinguished Teaching. This national award, also by the MAA, is given to teachers "who are widely recognized as extraordinarily successful and whose teaching effectiveness has been shown to have had influence beyond their own institutions." This is the first time these prestigious national awards have both been given to the same person at the same time.

Diane Jonte-Pace, Religious Studies, has been nominated for the American Psychological Association's 2005 Bier Award, an award given annually for contributions to the Psychology of Religion.

Nam Ling, Computer Engineering, and Gunnar Hovden, Ph.D. student, received the Best Paper award from the Institution of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 2005 International Conference on Consumer Electronics (ICCE) for their paper titled "MPED-4 FAP Generation as an Optimization Problem." ICCE was jointly conducted with the Consumer Electronics Show (CES).

Byron Walden, Math/CS Department, has been chosen to write the final crossword for The American Crossword Puzzle Tournament that will take place in March, 2005. He received this invitation from Will Shortz, the editor of the New York Times crosswords section and Puzzle Master on NPR's Weekend Edition.

Cary Y. Yang, Electrical Engineering, received the IEEE Educational Activities Board Meritorious Achievement Award in Continuing Education from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) for his "extensive and innovative contributions to the continuing education of working professionals in the field of micro/nanoelectronics." The IEEE is the largest technical professional organization in the world, with membership approaching 400,000.

Grants

Elizabeth Radcliffe, Philosophy, has received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for her work on "Practical Belief and the Authority of Sentiment." The project concerns issues in moral and motivational psychology related to the work of philosopher David Hume.

William Stover, Political Science, was awarded a grant from the Musser Foundation to develop a conflict resolution network at universities in the Middle East, funding several trips to the region. As part of a previous Bannan Foundation grant, he recently lectured on the Bush and Rumsfeld doctrines at Saint Joseph's University in Beirut, Lebanon.

S. Andrew Starbird, Operations Management Information Systems, received a \$25,000 grant from the Economic Research Service of the USDA for "Economic Performance Measures for Food Safety Inspection Protocols."

Publications and Performances

Laura Ellingson, Communication, recently published *Communicating in the Clinic: Negotiating Frontstage and Backstage Teamwork* (Hampton Press, 2005), which documents how health care teams, critical to the practice of contemporary medicine, function on a daily basis.

Carol White's book, *Time and Death: Heidegger's Analysis of Finitude*, has just been published by Ashgate (2005). Professor White, of the SCU Philosophy Department, died in 2000. Philip Kain, also of the SCU Philosophy Department, organized the publication of her book. Mark Ralkowski (SCU 1998), a former student of Carol's who is currently a doctoral student in Philosophy at the University of New Mexico, edited the book.

Peter Minowitz, Political Science, published an article, "Adam Smith's Invisible Hands," in the December, 2004 issue of *Economics Journal Watch*, an on-line economics journal. The main page is <http://www.econjournalwatch.org>. The direct link <http://www.econjournalwatch.org/pdf/MinowitzComment1December2004.pdf>

Teresa McCollough, Music, has issued a CD, "Music for Hammers and Sticks," of pieces commissioned by SCU specifically for Teresa from four international composers. She premiered the work in New York at Carnegie Hall in April 2004 and will be performing it internationally, in China and Belize, this year. See www.teresamccollough.com

S. Andrew Starbird, Operations Management Information Systems, published an article, "Moral Hazard, Inspection Policy, and Food Safety," in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 87, No. 1, pp. 15-27 (February 2005).

Andy Tsay and Narendra Agrawal, Operations Management Information Systems, recently published the paper, "Channel Conflict and Coordination in the E-Commerce Age," in the peer-reviewed journal *Production & Operations Management* (special issue: Collaboration and Coordination in Supply Chain Management and eCommerce).

Presentations

Diane Jonte-Pace, Religious Studies, presented a paper at the meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2004, entitled "Psychoanalysis, Colonialism and Modernity."