

# Faculty Graduate Mentoring Awards

## Tenth Annual (2019-20) Faculty Graduate Mentoring Awards

On March 10, seven faculty members were presented with a Faculty Graduate Mentoring Award.

Sponsored by the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs and the Office of the Vice-President (Research and International), these awards recognize faculty who render exceptional service to graduate students as supervisors and research mentors. The effect of such faculty on the careers of students is frequently transformational.



The seven recipients are as follows. We have chosen some comments from their nomination letters:

### Kyle Biggar (Biology)

- I have observed Prof. Biggar going above and beyond, time and time again. In fact, in addition to mentoring his graduate students here at Carleton, his mentorship extends beyond graduate school and well into their professional careers.
- I am very lucky to work under the mentorship of Prof. Biggar....Within his laboratory, he has created an outstanding work environment which fosters collaborative work between students, promotes professional development, and encourages innovative thinking.
- He possesses the qualities that I appreciate the most in a scientist: intellectual curiosity, academic integrity and ambition.
- He inspires us to discuss and question each other's research as to allow us to learn different perspectives and hence expand our work as a whole.



### Susan Braedley (Social Work)

- Dr. Braedley is someone I have always admired for her compassion, scholarship, and commitment to supporting her students and community.



- Susan is extremely well deserving of this award. She enacts with students as much as with colleagues, a practice of intellectual collaboration and sharing, and an ethic of care and rigor.
- In my first year, even during her sabbatical, she graciously provided me with research guidance and opportunities.... [her] supervision and research mentorship have already surpassed transformational for my academic career.
- I am grateful for her quick turn-around times, and for her kind, heavy-hitting, intellectually-nourishing feedback....I often leave Susan's office dancing or fist-pumping, with more confidence or energy than I had when I entered.



### **Janna Fox (Applied Linguistics & Discourse Studies)**

- Her words of encouragement, guidance, advice and mentorship have led me to places I never thought I would go. She constantly wrote in her emails to me: "Keep it up, it will pay off in the end. Hugs Janna."
- Janna is one of those professors who, when we see her in the hallways, always stops and asks how we're doing. She's interested in what we're working on and always remembers our accomplishments and praises us for them.
- If we were on Family Feud, and the question was: Which faculty member do people say is the most encouraging, supportive and kind?" the number one answer would be Dr. Janna Fox.
- Janna is without a doubt the most genuine and encouraging person I have had the opportunity to be taught and mentored by. She cares deeply for her students, both academically and personally and has been a light through the struggles of grad school.
- Dr. Fox leaves a strong impression on her students. She is famous for her enthusiasm and dedication for student learning. ....[she] is an inspirational example of an excellent academic and all-around human being.



### **Audrey Girouard (Information Technology)**

- Recently at a conference, someone was considering having Audrey as a mentor and asked for my opinion. My answer was: "Go for it. You cannot go wrong having her as your mentor." I meant every single word of it and this will always be my answer.
- She is particularly adept at helping us to navigate the challenging aspects of academia, like teaching how to extract benefits from harsh reviews, talking about how she manages her own schedule and balances the demands of work and life, and allowing us to try new things without the fear of failure.
- Audrey keeps looking for new opportunities for us to develop and always makes sure that we are well-informed about them.
- I will never forget how her advice helped me through my first Canadian winter....She invited my whole family to her warm, friendly house for a lovely dinner to feel welcomed in our first month of landing. She loves to bake delicious desserts and frequently brings them to her students....
- Her contributions to the HCI research field and the local Ottawa community cannot be understated.



### **Julie Murray (English)**

- Her work transcends the expectations of what a traditional academic in the humanities can look like. Her mentorship for students beyond those under her direct supervision and her focus on building relational networks within the department are a model which I will strive to achieve in my career.
- Dr. Murray has acted as a pillar of support for dozens of incoming students....Her unwavering support continually sets up students in the department for success and she is always open to suggestions for how to best serve the diverse students in the graduate program.
- Murray is an exceptional mentor and her knowledge, enthusiasm and genuine concerns for her students are inspiring.



- Her door is always open to discuss professional hurdles, personal struggles or even for a simple chat.

#### **Brian Schmidt (Political Science)**

- Prof. Schmidt believes in his students. He takes the time to truly teach in a profound, insightful manner. He cares for his students, pushing them to their full potential....His intelligence of international relations is unmet, his teaching interactive and informed, his lectures leave you always wanting more.
- As an international student, my experience at Carleton has been extraordinary due not only to the excellent program offered by the department of political science but....[also], to my work with Professor Schmidt.
- Throughout my time as a student, Dr. Schmidt would always approach not only myself, but other students as well, to constantly encourage them and check up on their academic progress....He is an expert in the field, an excellent mentor and a fantastic supervisor.



#### **Dale Spencer (Law and Legal Studies)**

- I can unequivocally state that Dr. Dale Spencer is the top professor I've ever had the privilege of learning from throughout the years.
- As I come to the end of my program, I feel extremely confident entering the job market with competitive skills and experience that he has helped me develop.
- Dr Spencer has long been an informal source of support for all students in the department, willing and able to help any student who knocks on his office door.
- An ambitious and talented researcher himself, Dale structures many of his large-scale projects to maximize research and methodological training for student research assistants.



## **Ninth Annual 2018-19 Faculty Graduate Mentoring Awards**

On March 26, 2019 seven faculty members were presented with a 2018 Faculty Graduate Mentoring Award. Congratulations to all! Below are the winners and quotes taken from their nominators' letters.



- **Ali Arya** (Information Technology)
- **Robert Biddle** (Computer Science)
- **Marie-Eve Carrier-Moisán** (Sociology and Anthropology)
- **Shulabh Gupta** (Electronics)
- **Merlyna Lim** (Journalism and Communication)
- **Ashraf Matrawy** (Information Technology)
- **Marina Milyavskaya** (Psychology)

## **Eighth Annual 2017 Faculty Graduate Mentoring Awards**

On March 6, 2018 seven faculty members were presented with a 2017 Faculty Graduate Mentoring Award. Congratulations to all!



- **James R. Green** – Systems & Computer Engineering
- **Irena Knezevic** – Communication Studies
- **Jeremy Laliberte** – Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
- **Sreeraman Rajan** – Systems & Computer Engineering
- **Susan Whitney** – History
- **Alex Wong** – Biology
- **Jayne Yack** – Biology



## Seventh Annual 2016 Faculty Graduate Mentoring Awards

On March 1, 2017 seven faculty members were presented with a 2016 Faculty Graduate Mentoring Award. Congratulations to all!



Below are the seven winners of the 2016 awards

- **Adrian Chan** – Systems and Computer Engineering
- **Sonia Chiasson** – Computer Science
- **Ian Marsland** – Systems and Computer Engineering
- **Janet Siltanen** – Sociology
- **Myron Smith** – Biology
- **Dwayne Winseck** – Communication
- **Michael Wohl** – Psychology

## Winners of the 2015 Carleton Faculty Graduate Mentoring Awards





Below are the eight winners of the 2015 Faculty Graduate Mentoring Awards.

- **Natasha Artemeva** – Linguistics & Applied Language
- **Patricia Ballamingle** – Geography and Environmental Studies
- **Cheryl Harasymchuk** – Psychology
- **Andrea Howard** – Psychology
- **Hans-Martin Jaeger** – Political Science
- **Carol Payne** – Art History
- **Owen Rowland** – Biology
- **Jaffer Sheyholislami** – School of Linguistics and Applied Language

## Winners of the 2014 Awards



- **Robert Coplan** – Psychology
- **María DeRosa** – Chemistry
- **Adelle Forth** – Psychology
- **Gerald Grant** – Sprott School of Business
- **James Opp** – History
- **Cristina Rojas** – Political Science, NPSIA
- **Marc St-Hilaire** – School of Information Technology
- **Garry Tarr** – Electronics
- **Sarah Todd** – Social Work
- **David Wood** – School of Linguistics and Language Studies

## Winners of the 2013 Awards





- **Jit Bose** – Computer Science
- **Steven Cooke** – Biology
- **Matthew Holahan** – Neuroscience
- **Deepthi Kamawar** – Cognitive Science & Psychology
- **Evangelos Kranakis** – Computer Science
- **Evelyn Maeder** – Criminology & Psychology
- **Isaac Otchere** – Business
- **Joanna Pozzulo** – Psychology
- **Paul Van Geel** – Civil and Environmental Engineering
- **Paul Van Oorschot** – Computer Science

## Winners of the 2012 Awards



- **Hymie Anisman** – Neuroscience and Health Psychology, Canada Research Chair in Neuroscience
- **Andrew Brook** – Philosophy and Cognitive Science
- **Aaron Doyle** – Sociology and Anthropology, the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice & the Institute of Political Economy
- **Linda Duxbury** – Sprott School of Business
- **Lenore Fahrig** – Biology
- **Matthew Johnson** – Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering & Canada Research Chair in Energy and Combustion Generated Air Emissions
- **Nicolas Papadopoulos** – Sprott School of Business
- **Timothy Pychyl** (Psychology & the School of Linguistics and Language Studies)
- **Claire Samson** – Earth Sciences
- **Gabriel Walner** – Systems and Computer Engineering

## Winners of the 2011 Awards

- **Alfonso Abizaid** – Department of Neuroscience
- **Susan Bertram** – Department of Biology & Assistant Dean, Faculty of Science
- **Amir Banihashemi** – Department of Systems and Computer Science
- **Lorraine Dyke** – Sprott School of Business
- **Uma Kumar**, – Sprott School of Business & Director, Research Center for Technology Management
- **Jo-Anne LeFevre** – Director, Institute of Cognitive Science
- **Banu Örmeci** – Canada Research Chair in Wastewater and Public Health Engineering & Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- **David Rogers** – Canada Research Chair in Medical Physics & Professor, Department of Physics
- **Roland Thomas** – Sprott School of Business

- **Bill Willmore** – Institute of Biochemistry, Departments of Biology and Chemistry

## Winners of the 2010 Awards

- **Sue Altken** – Department of Biology and Institute of Biochemistry
- **Craig Bennell** – Department of Psychology
- **Josh Greenberg** – School of Journalism and Communication
- **Sheryl Hamilton** – School of Journalism and Communication
- **Louise A. Heslop** – The Sprott School of Business
- **Norman Hillmer** – Department of History
- **Vinod Kumar** – The Sprott School of Business
- **Thomas Kunz** – Department of Systems and Computer Engineering
- **Ken Storey** – Department of Biology, Department of Chemistry and Institute of Biochemistry
- **Halim Yanikomeroglu** – Department of Systems and Computer Engineering

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