



2024
Research,
Scholarship, &
Artistic Achievement
Awards

In Memoriam

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2024

Research, Scholarship, & Artistic Achievement Awards

The Tulane University Research, Scholarship, and Artistic Achievement Awards are given annually to honor outstanding scholars and to recognize exceptional research achievement and impact on advancing knowledge in science, engineering, health, education, or creativity in the arts, humanities and other academic fields of study.

Emcee

MEG FARRIS, *Medical and General Assignment Reporter,
WWL-TV, New Orleans*

Meg Farris is a reporter at WWL-TV, specializing in health and medicine. A graduate of Isidore Newman School and the University of Mississippi with a degree in journalism, she served as a stringer for the UPI covering the federal court in Oxford, Mississippi. She started at WWL as a newsroom desk assistant and moved up to assistant assignment editor, satellite coordinator, producer and then reporter.

Presenters

MICHAEL A. FITTS, JD, *President*

ROBIN FORMAN, PhD, *Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*

GIOVANNI PIEDIMONTE, MD, *Vice President for Research*

M. A. "TONETTE" KROUSEL-WOOD, MD, *Associate Provost for Health Sciences*

KIMBERLY GRAMM, PhD, *Chief Innovation and Entrepreneurship Officer*

LINDSAY CRONK, MLIS, *Dean of Libraries*

JESSICA SHEDD, MA, *Assistant Provost for Assessment and Institutional Research*

2024 Hall of Fame Award

This prestigious lifetime achievement award recognizes a national and internationally renowned scholar/investigator who has made substantial contributions to advancing knowledge over his/her/their academic career.

PIERRE BUEKENS, MD, PhD, *W.H. Watkins Professor, and Director of the Center for Emerging Reproductive and Perinatal Epidemiology, Department of Epidemiology, Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

JEFFREY TASKER, PhD, *Catherine and Hunter Pierson Chair in Neuroscience, Department of Cell and Molecular Biology, School of Science and Engineering*

2024 Spirit of Tulane Research Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievement during the prior calendar year of a scholar/investigator whose work embodies Tulane's motto: *Non sibi, sed suis* (Not for oneself, but for one's own) while enhancing the research mission through education, creative expression, mentorship and collaborative effort to advance knowledge.

KAILASH PANDEY, PhD, *Professor, Department of Physiology, School of Medicine*

KARISSA HAUGEBERG, PhD, *Associate Professor and Eva-Lou Joffrion Edwards Newcomb Professorship in History, Department of History, School of Liberal Arts*

2024 Innovation Award

This award recognizes a scholar/investigator who develops novel ideas, approaches and insights through his/her/their interdisciplinary scholarship to address clinical, public health or societal challenges.

KYLE STRAUB, PhD, *Professor and Chair, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, School of Science and Engineering*

ERIC DUMONTEIL, PhD, *Associate Professor, Department of Tropical Medicine, Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

2024 Entrepreneurship Award

This award is given to the individual faculty member whose contribution to entrepreneurship is reflected in a record of sustained entrepreneurship and new venture creation.

TONY HU, PhD, *Weatherhead Presidential Chair in Biotechnology Innovation, Director, Center for Cellular and Molecular Diagnostics, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, School of Medicine*

2024 IP Innovator Award

This award recognizes the faculty member who develops new patentable intellectual property that leads to or is expected to lead to a licensable technology or commercialization event.

LISA MORICI, PhD, *Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medicine*

JAMES McLACHLAN, PhD, *Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medicine*

2024 Galaxy Award

This award recognizes substantial achievement of a scholar/investigator who has a strong five-year history of funding and of enhancing Tulane's research mission through scholarship, education, mentorship and collaborative efforts.

RONALD VEAZEY, DVM, PhD, *Professor, Department of Medicine, School of Medicine, and Chair, Division of Comparative Pathology, Tulane National Primate Research Center*

2024 Provost's Award for Excellence in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

This award recognizes a scholar for excellence in research that addresses societal inequalities and promotes social change. Some indicators of excellence include extramural support of related research and dissemination of findings through high-quality peer-reviewed publications and national or international presentations that address societal inequities and promote social change.

CARLA LAROCHE, JD, MPP, *Felder-Fayard Associate Professor of Law, School of Law*

2024 Funding Awards

These awards recognize a) the scholar/investigator in the STEM fields who has been awarded the largest combined dollar amount of funding for direct costs during the prior calendar year; and b) the artist/scholar/investigator in the non-STEM fields who has been awarded the largest combined dollar amount of funding for direct costs during the prior calendar year.

STEM

EMILY HARVILLE, PhD, *Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

NON-STEM

HAZEL WOODS, PhD, *Professor of Practice and Associate Director, Education Programs, School of Professional Advancement*

2024 Convergence Award

This award recognizes a Tulane scholar or team of scholars who successfully collaborate across schools, units and departments to surpass traditional academic disciplines and further the research mission.

BYRON MOUTON, MArch, *Director of URBANbuild and Lacey Senior Professor of Practice, School of Architecture*

FRÉDÉRIC SOURGENS, JD, PhD, *James McCulloch Chair in Energy Law and Director, Tulane Energy Law Center, School of Law*

2024 Student/Trainee Research Mentoring Award

This award recognizes an exceptional research mentor.

SARAH LINDSEY, PhD, *Associate Professor and Dr. Barbara S. Beckman Professorship in Pharmacology, Department of Pharmacology, School of Medicine*

2024 Rising Star Award

This award recognizes the works of an assistant professor, within five years of appointment to Tulane, who demonstrates exceptional growth and impact in one or more research areas.

SÖNKE DANGENDORF, PhD, *David and Jane Flowerree Assistant Professor, Department of River-Coastal Science and Engineering, School of Science and Engineering*

2024 Citation Award

This award recognizes the Tulane author of the peer-reviewed article with the highest number of citations during the prior calendar year. The recipient must be the corresponding author and Tulane must be the corresponding institution.

LU QI, MD, PhD, *HCA Regents Distinguished Chair and Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Epidemiology, Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and, Director, Tulane University Obesity Research Center, for “Association of Cardiovascular Health With Life Expectancy Free of Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes, Cancer, and Dementia in UK Adults,” JAMA Internal Medicine, April 1, 2023*

2024 Publication Awards

This award is designed to honor scholars and investigators at Tulane University for their exceptional contributions to academic literature by acknowledging the best journal article published in the preceding calendar year and the best book published within 24 months of the award selection date, which occurs annually in August. These awards recognize significant contributions to the scholarly record at the intersection of impact, merit and relevance.

JOURNAL ARTICLE

SÖNKE DANGENDORF, PhD, *David and Jane Flowerree Assistant Professor, Department of River-Coastal Science and Engineering, School of Science and Engineering*, for “Acceleration of U.S. Southeast and Gulf coast sea-level rise amplified by internal climate variability,” *Nature Communications*, April 10, 2023

BOOK

JESMYN WARD, MFA, *Professor of English and Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities, Department of English, School of Liberal Arts*, for *Let Us Descend*, Scribner, October 2023

Tulane Research Council

GIOVANNI PIEDIMONTE, MD, *Vice President for Research, Office of Research*

RICHARD CAMPANELLA, MS, *Associate Dean for Research, School of Architecture*

MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM, PhD, *Associate Provost for Graduate Studies and Research, Office of Academic Affairs and Provost*

SUSAN DAVIES, PhD, *Interim Dean, School of Social Work*

PATRICE DELAFONTAINE, MD, *Executive Dean, School of Medicine*

KELLI HALL, PhD, *Associate Dean for Research, Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

KATHARINE JACK, PhD, *Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs, School of Liberal Arts*

JANAN JAYAWICKRAMARAJAH, PhD, *Associate Dean for Research, Faculty Affairs, and PhD Programs, School of Science and Engineering*

WOONG-KI KIM, PhD, *Associate Director of Research, Tulane National Primate Research Center*

ANN LIPTON, JD, *Associate Dean for Faculty Research, School of Law*

BILL RIALS, PhD, *Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Professional Advancement*

SHERRI TICE, PhD, *Senior Associate Dean of Research and Faculty, A.B. Freeman School of Business*



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