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Awards Ceremony 2007



Brown Teaching and Sheridan Award winners. L-R: Mowry, Levy, Spoehr, Vorenberg, Holt, Vazquez, Lapane, Bergeron, Kertzer, Klein, Vohra, Dean Bonde

The 2007 Awards Ceremony, held on May 2nd, brought together for the ninth year Brown and RISD faculty and graduate students to celebrate colleagues who received Awards and Teaching Certificates for their teaching, mentoring and investment in professional development. Co-sponsored by the Dean of the Faculty and the Dean of the Graduate School, and the Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, the Awards Ceremony was held, to great acclaim, for the first time in Sayles Hall.

The Brown Awards included the Faculty Teaching Excellence Awards, the Sheridan Award for professional development, the Wriston Fellowship, and the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Students. RISD Awards included the Provost's Award for Professional Advancement in Teaching, the President's Graduate Student Award for Teaching, and the Graduate Dean's Graduate Student Award for Teaching. In addition, those faculty and graduate students who received Sheridan Center Teaching Certificates as well as those who contributed their time throughout the year to Sheridan Center activities were recognized.

Provost David Kertzer and RISD President Roger Mandle and RISD Provost Jay Coogan were present to acknowledge the accomplishments of so many members of both academic communities and to celebrate the ninth year of collaboration. Sheridan Center Advisory Board Chair Prof. Karen Fischer, Geological Sciences, opened the event with congratulations and thanks to all who were listed in the extensive programme. Dean of the Faculty Rajiv Vohra presented the Brown Faculty Awards, Dean of the College Katherine Bergeron presented the Wriston Fellowship and Dean of the Graduate School Sheila Bonde presented the Graduate Student Teaching Awards. RISD Dean of Graduate Studies Jessie Shefrin presented the three RISD Awards.

The Awards Ceremony programme recognized an extraordinary number of people who have made a commitment to professional development in their teaching. A record one hundred and seventy-eight (178) Brown and RISD graduate students received their Sheridan Teaching Certificates (levels I, II, III and/or the Certificate in Language Technology). In addition, the programme recognized the many Brown and RISD faculty and graduate students who generously volunteer their time to make the



RISD Awards. L-R: Coogan, Ricky Allman, Jessie Shefrin, Mandle

Sheridan Center a truly collegial “center” for professional development on both campuses. These include the Sheridan Center’s network of departmental Faculty and Graduate Student Liaisons; the four dedicated Faculty Fellows who serve as mentors to our new and junior faculty, the Center’s unique and extraordinary Teaching Consultants, The Royce Family Professors of Teaching Excellence who host seminars at the Center, and all the faculty, staff and graduate students who volunteered to be speakers and discussion leaders for Sheridan Center programs during the past year.

FACULTY TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Dore J. Levy, *Professor of Comparative Literature and East Asian Studies*, The John Rowe Workman Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Humanities

Daniel J. Smith, *Associate Professor of Anthropology*, The William G. McLoughlin Award for Teaching Excellence in the Social Sciences

Michael Vorenberg, *Associate Professor of History*, The William G. McLoughlin Award for Teaching Excellence in the Social Sciences

Kimberly L. Mowry, *Professor of Biology in Molecular Pharmacology, Physiology and Biotechnology*, The Elizabeth Leduc Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Life Sciences

Philip N. Klein, *Professor of Computer Science*, Philip J. Bray Award for Teaching Excellence in the Physical Sciences

2006 HARRIET W. SHERIDAN AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION TO TEACHING AND LEARNING

Kate Lynn Lapane, *Associate Professor of Bio-Med Community Health*

Kathryn T. Spoehr, *Professor of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences*

HENRY MERRITT WRISTON FELLOWSHIP

Ravit Reichman, *Assistant Professor of English*

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING - BROWN GRADUATE STUDENTS

Maria del Mar Patron Vazquez, *Hispanic Studies*

Kerin Holt, *English*

RISD PROVOST'S FACULTY AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT IN TEACHING

Professor Nancy Skolos, *Graphic Design*

RISD PRESIDENT'S GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD FOR TEACHING

Victor Serrano, *Interior Architecture*

RISD GRADUATE DEAN'S GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD FOR TEACHING

Ricky Allman, *Painting*