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UNIVERSITY AWARDS CEREMONY 2009

Collegial recognition of teaching effectiveness is deeply valued at Brown and the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). The University Awards Ceremony annually brings together faculty, graduate students and staff from both institutions to celebrate the outstanding pedagogical achievements of colleagues from across the disciplines. The variety of awards and recognitions, including Sheridan Teaching Certificates, are a testament to productive investment in teaching, mentoring and ongoing professional development in pedagogy.

On Wednesday May 6th, faculty, graduate students and staff from across the University and RISD gathered in Sayles Hall for the 2009 University Awards Ceremony. The Awards Ceremony is co-sponsored by the Offices of the Dean of the Faculty, the Dean of the Graduate School, and Computing and Information Services (CIS), and organized by the Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning.

On behalf of the Sheridan Center's faculty Advisory Board Professor Lundy Braun (*Bio-Med Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Africana Studies*) welcomed the assembly. She introduced the presenters of the Brown and RISD Awards. The Brown awards were presented by the Deans of the Faculty (Rajiv Vohra), Graduate School (Sheila Bonde), and College (Katherine Bergeron), as well as the Vice-President for CIS (Michael Pickett). The Awards (recipients listed below) included the Faculty Teaching Excellence Awards, the Sheridan Award for fostering collegial professional development in pedagogy, the Romer Advising Award, the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Students, and the CIS Teaching with Technology Awards. The interim RISD Dean of Graduate Studies Christopher Rose presented the RISD Awards, including the Provost's Faculty Award for Professional Advancement in Teaching, the Spencer Foundation's Graduate Student Award for Teaching, and the Graduate Dean's Graduate Student Award for Teaching.

Prof. Braun, on behalf of the Sheridan Center also recognized and honored the 186 faculty and graduate students from both Brown and RISD who received Sheridan Center Teaching Certificates I, II, III and IV. She also gave thanks to the many faculty, graduate

students and staff across the University who contributed their time throughout the year to lead Sheridan Center lectures, seminars and workshops to support ongoing collegial professional development in pedagogy.

Provost David Kertzer was present to acknowledge the accomplishments of so many members of both academic communities and to celebrate the tenth year of collaboration on pedagogy between Brown and RISD.

The Awards Ceremony programme (copies are available in pdf form on the Sheridan Center website: http://www.brown.edu/sheridan_center/award/ceremony.html) acknowledges the extraordinary number of people at both Brown and RISD who have made a voluntary commitment to professional development in their teaching. One hundred and eighty-six (186) Brown and RISD faculty and graduate students received Sheridan Teaching Certificates (levels I, II, III and IV). In addition, the programme recognizes the many Brown and RISD faculty and graduate students who generously volunteer their time to make the Sheridan Center a truly collegial “center” for professional development on both campuses. These include the Center's four distinguished Faculty Fellows (Profs. DeBrohun, Smith, Tullis and Wessel) who serve as mentors to Brown's new and junior faculty; the Center's Departmental Network of Faculty and Graduate Student Liaisons; the Center's forty (40) dedicated graduate student Teaching Consultants; the Royce Family Professors of Teaching Excellence who host seminars at the Center, and all the faculty, staff and graduate students who volunteer to be speakers and discussion leaders at Sheridan Center programs throughout the academic year. The website also features photographs of the Awards Ceremony and the awardees.

THE 2009 AWARDEES

Faculty Teaching Excellence Awards

Ralph E. Rodriguez, Associate Professor of American Civilization, Ethnic Studies and English, *The William G. McLoughlin Award for Teaching Excellence in the Social Sciences*

Susan Gerbi, Professor of Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and Biochemistry, *The Elizabeth Leduc Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Life Sciences*

Humphrey J. Maris, Professor of Physics, *The Philip J. Bray Award for Teaching Excellence in the Physical Sciences*

The Harriet W. Sheridan Award for Distinguished Contribution to Teaching and Learning

Lynne Joyrich, Associate Professor of Modern Culture and Media

Diane Lipscombe, Professor of Bio-Med Neuroscience

The Karen T. Romer Award for Excellence in Advising

Karen Fischer, Professor of Geology

Evelyn Hu-DeHart, Professor of History and Ethnic Studies

Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching - Brown Graduate Students

Jason Zysk, English

CIS Teaching with Technology Awards

Ömür Harmansah, Assistant Professor of Archaeology & the Ancient World and Western Asian Studies: *Award for Online Course Design*

Christina Abbona-Sneider, Lecturer of Italian Studies; Director of Italian Language Studies: *Award for Collaboration and Communication*

Stephen Houston, Professor of Anthropology: *Award for Use of Multimedia*

RISD Provost's Faculty Award for Professional Advancement in Teaching

Leslie Hirst, Professor of Foundation Studies

RISD Graduate Dean's Graduate Student Award for Teaching

Elana Wetzner, Graphic Design

Germaine Gatewood, Photography

RISD Spencer Foundation Graduate Teaching Award

George Harvey, Landscape Architecture

Mary Choueiter, Digital + Media