kudos: a selection of recent awards and honors received by Rutgers University-Newark faculty, alumni, and staff


Robert Apel, associate professor, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored “A Situational Model of Displacement and Diffusion Following the Introduction of Airport Metal Detectors,” published in Terrorism and Political Violence (Vol. 27, No. 1, 2015). more

Jeremy Barnum, teaching assistant, School of Criminal Justice, Leslie Kennedy, University Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Joel Caplan, associate professor, School of Criminal Justice, and Eric Piza, alumnus, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored “Risk Terrain Modeling for Spatial Risk Assessment,” published in Cityscape: A Journal of Policy Development and Research (Vol. 17, No. 1, 2015). more

Mark Angelson, alumnus, School of Law, was inducted to the Rutgers Board of Governors for a five-year term. more

April Benasich, professor, Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience, and director, Infancy Studies Laboratory,
was appointed the first holder of the Elizabeth H. Solomon Endowed Chair in Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience. Benasich also co-authored “Tracking the Attentional Blink Profile: A Cross-sectional Study from Childhood to Adolescence,” published in Psychological Research (Vol. 79, No. 1, 2015). more


Bonita Veysey, professor, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored “Gang Involvement Reduces the Effectiveness of Evidence-Based Intervention for Justice-Involved Youth,” published in Children and Youth Services Review (Vol. 52, 2015); and “Measuring Gang Involvement in a Justice-Refferred Sample of Youth in Treatment,” published in Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice (Vol. 13, No. 1, 2015). more


Paul Boxer, associate professor and graduate director, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Michael Ostermann, assistant professor and director of the Evidence-Based Institute, School of Criminal Justice, Joanna Kubik, graduate fellow, School of Criminal Justice, and Rod Brunson, associate professor, School of Criminal Justice, and Anthony Braga, professor, School of Criminal Justice, co-


Ariane Chebel d’Appollonia, professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, authored Migrant Mobilization and Securitization in the US and Europe: How Does It Feel to Be a Threat?, a part of the Europe in Transition - The NYU European Studies Series (Palgrave Macmillan, April 2015).

Ko-lin Chin, professor, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored The Chinese Heroin Trade Cross-Border Drug Trafficking in Southeast Asia and Beyond (NYU Press, 2015).


Kim Copeland, teaching assistant, School of Criminal Justice, Joel Miller, associate professor, School of Criminal Justice, and Mercer Sullivan, associate professor, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored “Keeping Them off the Corner: How Probation Officers Steer Offenders Away from Crime Opportunities,” published in *The Prison Journal* (Vol. 95, No. 2, 2015).

John Farmer Jr., University Professor and former dean, School of Law, along with nine law school alumni, received *NJ Law Journal*’s inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award.
Ruth Feldstein, associate professor, Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received a 2015 Rutgers Faculty Scholar-Teacher Award, which recognizes faculty members who have made outstanding contributions in research and teaching. more

Leon Fraser, instructor and managing director for executive education, Department of Management & Global Business, Rutgers Business School, received a 2015 Rutgers Leadership in Faculty Diversity Award for his role in the Rutgers Business School’s Task Force on Undergraduate Access and commitment to student achievement both inside and outside of the classroom. more

Lawrence Goldman, distinguished practitioner in residence, School of Public Affairs and Administration, was the keynote speaker of the Snider Lecture Series at the University of Toronto Scarborough in April 2015. His speech focused on how the arts and arts institutions change individuals, societies, and cities.

Elizabeth Griffiths, associate professor, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored the second edition of *Gangs in America’s Communities* (SAGE Publications, 2015).


Jeremy Hall, associate professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, has been named the program chair of the American Society for Public Administration’s 2016 Annual National Conference in Seattle, Washington.

Saeed Jones, alumnus, Graduate School, received the Pen/Joyce Osterweil Award for Poetry for his book entitled, Prelude to Bruise (Coffee House Press, 2014).

Marc Kalan, assistant professor, Department of Marketing, Rutgers Business School, received the 2015 "Marketing Professor of the Year" award from the undergraduate Dean’s Advisory Council of Rutgers Business School.

Leslie Kennedy, University Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Joel Caplan, associate professor, School of Criminal Justice, Jeremy Barnum, teaching assistant, School of Criminal Justice, and Eric Piza, alumnus, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored “Risk Terrain Modeling for Spatial Risk Assessment,” published in Cityscape: A Journal of Policy Development and Research (Vol. 17, No. 1, 2015).


Bart Krekelberg, associate professor and associate director, Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience, received the Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Research. This award honors faculty members who have made distinguished research contributions to their discipline or society. He also co-authored “Motion Detection Based on Recurrent Network Dynamics,” published in Frontiers in Systems Neuroscience (Vol. 8, 2014).
Joanna Kubik, graduate fellow, School of Criminal Justice, Michael Ostermann, assistant professor and director of the Evidence-Based Institute, School of Criminal Justice, Paul Boxer, associate professor and graduate director, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Bonita Veysey, professor, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored “Gang Involvement Reduces the Effectiveness of Evidence-Based Intervention for Justice-Involved Youth,” published in *Children and Youth Services Review* (Vol. 52, 2015); and “Measuring Gang Involvement in a Justice-Referred Sample of Youth in Treatment,” published in *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* (Vol. 13, No. 1, 2015). more

Adam Kustka, associate professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received the 2015 Rutgers Board of Trustees Research Fellowship for Scholarly Excellence. This fellowship is for faculty members who have recently been promoted with tenure and whose work shows exceptional promise. more


Jenny Lockard, assistant professor, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received the early CAREER award from the National Science Foundation to study a new class of porous materials called metal-organic frameworks. more

Lindsey McDougle, assistant professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, co-authored “Religious and Secular Coping Strategies and Mortality Risk among Older Adults,” published in *Social Indicators Research* (January 2015); and authored “How Many Nonprofits Are There Really? The Accuracy and Reliability of the Core Files for Studying Nonprofit Location,” published in *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* (Vol. 44, No. 3, 2015). more
Jody Miller, professor, School of Criminal Justice, authored or co-authored the following articles/chapters: “Culture, Inequality, and Gender Relations among Urban Black Youth,” published in *The Cultural Matrix: Understanding Black Youth* (Harvard University Press, 2015); “Feminist and Queer Perspectives on Qualitative Methods,” published in *The Routledge Handbook of Qualitative Criminology* (Routledge, 2015); and “Gendered Narratives of Self, Addiction, and Recovery among Women Methamphetamine Users,” published in *Narrative Criminology: Understanding Stories of Crime* (New York University Press, 2015). Miller also received a 2015 Rutgers Faculty Scholar-Teacher Award and a 2015 Rutgers Leadership in Faculty Diversity Award.


Katherine Newcomer, alumna, School of Law, authored *The Phoenix and the Falcon* (AuthorHouse, 2014), a romance novel.

Arturo E. Osorio Fernandez, assistant professor of professional practice, Department of Management & Global Business, Rutgers Business School, received a 2015 Rutgers Leadership in Faculty Diversity Award for his work with New Jersey’s Hispanic and LGBTQ communities to support a diverse relationship between Newark residents and Rutgers University–Newark.

Michael Ostermann, assistant professor and director of the Evidence-Based Institute, School of Criminal Justice, Paul Boxer, associate professor and graduate director, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Joanna Kubik, graduate fellow, School of Criminal Justice, and Bonita Veysey, professor, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored “Gang Involvement Reduces the Effectiveness of Evidence-Based Intervention for Justice-Involved Youth,” published in *Children and Youth Services Review* (Vol. 52, 2015); and “Measuring Gang Involvement in a Justice-Referred Sample of Youth in Treatment,” published in *Youth Violence and Juvenile*


Christa Parravani, alumna, Graduate School, is the author of Her (Picador, 2014), which Huffington Post identified as one of the “21 Books from the Last 5 Years That Every Woman Should Read.”

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Norma Riccucci, professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, was named Rutgers Board of Governors Professor of Public Administration, the highest professorial rank at Rutgers University. more


Carlos Seiglie, professor and chair, Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was awarded a Fulbright Specialist grant in economics to conduct research in France. more


Phyllis Siegel, associate professor, Department of Management and Global Business, Rutgers Business School, received the 2015 Warren I. Susman Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award is given to faculty members “in recognition of outstanding service in stimulating and guiding the intellectual development of students at Rutgers University.” more

Roger Smeets, assistant professor, Department of Management & Global Business, Rutgers Business School, received the 2015 Best Reviewer Award from the Academy of International Business.

Genese Sodikoff, associate professor and chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, garnered a New Directions Fellowship from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for a proposal entitled, “Biodiversity Offsets and Zoonosis in Madagascar.” more

Alan Shark, adjunct professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, published the textbook Technology and Public Management (Routledge, 2015).

Neha Shaw, assistant professor, Department of Management & Global Business, Rutgers Business School, and
Mercer Sullivan, associate professor, School of Criminal Justice, Joel Miller, associate professor, School of Criminal Justice, and Kim Copeland, teaching assistant, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored “Keeping Them off the Corner: How Probation Officers Steer Offenders Away from Crime Opportunities,” published in The Prison Journal (Vol. 95, No. 2, 2015). more


Frank Thompson, professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, received the 2015 American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Dwight Waldo Award, which is presented to persons who have made outstanding contributions to the professional literature of public administration over an extended career. Thompson also received the 2015 Charles H. Levine Memorial Award for Excellence in Public Administration. Bestowed by ASPA and the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration, the 2015 Charles H. Levine Memorial Award recognizes a public administration faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in teaching, research, and service to the wider community.

Paul Tractenberg, professor, School of Law, was honored by the Education Law Center, of which he is the founding director. more

Gregg Van Ryzin, professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, co-authored the second edition of Research

Penny Venetis, clinical professor, School of Law, was named executive vice president and legal director of Legal Momentum, a leading national nonprofit legal organization that advances the rights of women and girls through effective policy advocacy, judicial education, and impact litigation. more

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Sara Wakefield, assistant professor, School of Criminal Justice, co-authored “Toward a Criminology of Inmate Networks,” published in Justice Quarterly (March 3, 2015, DOI: 10.1080/07418825.2015.1016090). more

Jessica Ware, assistant professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received the early CAREER award from the National Science Foundation to study the social structure of lower-termite colonies emanating 140 million years ago. more

Reid Weisbord, vice dean, School of Law, authored “Trust Term Extension,” published in the Florida Law Review (Vol. 67, 2015). more

Jerome D. Williams, professor and Prudential Chair in Business, Department of Marketing, Rutgers Business School, was appointed provost of Rutgers University–Newark, effective September 1, 2015. Williams also was one of the lead authors of "Beyond Poverty: Social Justice in a Global Marketplace," published in the Journal of Public Policy & Marketing (Vol. 30, No. 1, 2011), which received the 2015 Thomas C. Kinnear/Journal of Public Policy & Marketing Award for outstanding article on marketing and public policy issues. more

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