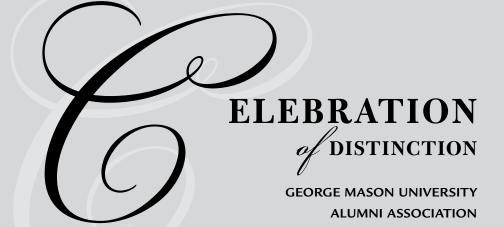


#### GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

April 16, 2008 Dewberry Hall, Johnson Center Fairfax Campus



2008

Scholarships and Awards Ceremony

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### THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

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Ozge Koray
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#### THE NEW CENTURY COLLEGE OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

Sponsored by the New Century College Alumni Chapter
Sarah Godlewski
BA Integrative Studies '04

### THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

Sponsored by the Department of Communication
B.J. Koubaroulis
BA Communication '04

#### THE CAREER CONNECTION ALUMNI AWARD

Sponsored by University Career Services
Lisa Rosser
BA Speech Communication '89

# THE BETH KAUFFMAN AWARD FOR CREATIVITY Sponsored by the WGMU Radio Alumni Chapter Marianna Beddard

### THE BLACK ALUMNI COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY BOOK AWARD

Sponsored by the Black Alumni Chapter
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#### THE ROY ROSENZWEIG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Sponsored by the Department of History and Art History
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Sponsored by the College of Visual and Performing Arts Alumni Chapter

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BFA Art '05

THE WAYNE F. ANDERSON AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE Sponsored by the MPA Alumni Chapter

> Adam Thiel MPA '00

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#### JEFFERY TAUBENBERGER



JEFFERY TAUBENBERGER, BS Biology '82, is a leading authority on the avian influenza virus. Among his key contributions to the field was the characterization of the virus responsible for the 1918 influenza pandemic, which is believed to have killed approximately 50 million people worldwide.

Taubenberger earned an MD and a PhD from the Medical College of Virginia and did his residency in pathology at the National Cancer Institute. In 1994, he became chair of the Department of Molecular Pathology

at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and held that position until June 2006 when he joined the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) of the National Institutes of Health as a senior investigator. Taubenberger holds dual board certifications in anatomic pathology and molecular genetic pathology from the American Board of Pathology and the American Board of Medical Genetics. The recipient of numerous awards and a frequent speaker at national and international meetings, Taubenberger was named the ABC News Person of the Week in October 2005. He has received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the School of Medicine, Medical College of Virginia; the Washington Academy of Science's Award for Medicine; Wired Magazine's Rave Award for Medicine; and NIAID's Joseph Kinyoun Award. He has published more than 100 papers and written 12 book chapters. Since graduating from Mason, Taubenberger has returned to campus many times to lecture to students and faculty on his research findings.

Alumni Pervice Award

#### PENNY WELKE



PENNY WELKE, BIS '82 and JD '85, at age 37 and as the mother of three returned to Mason to finish her degree program. After earning her bachelor's degree and as part of a law-office study program, she passed the Virginia bar exam in 1984. Welke then continued her studies and earned the juris doctor the following year. Welke is now an attorney at Crickenberger & Associates in Fairfax where she prepares estate plans. In addition to her law practice, she is a professional harpist and sings with the choirs

and a vocal quartet at her church. Welke has had many roles at Mason: member of the Alumni Campaign Steering Committee, cochair of the Annual Fund Committee, vice president of the Alumni Association, member of the Legacy Society, member of the Alumni Association's Scholarship Committee, and member of the President's Circle. Through these roles, she has committed financially and given her time to help make Mason a great place for students.

Faculty Member of the Year

#### HAROLD GELLER



HAROLD GELLER, MAIS '92, Certificate Community College Education '02, and DA Community College Education '05, received his undergraduate degree in liberal studies with a mathematics concentration from the State University of New York in Albany. He joined Mason's Department of Physics and Astronomy as an adjunct faculty member in 1992; he became a full-time faculty member in 2000. Geller is currently the associate chair of the department and has served as its acting chair in the summers of 2005, 2006, and

2007. He lectures to undergraduate students in astronomy, astrobiology, and integrated sciences. Geller was a codesigner of the first astrobiology course taught at Mason, within the General Education Honors Program, and recently published *Astrobiology—The Integrated Science Curriculum*, a guide for faculty interested in teaching such a course. A finalist for Mason's Teacher of the Year Award in 2003, Geller designed, developed, and raised funds for the construction of the university's new observatory, which will house a 32-inch Ritchey Chrétien telescope. He developed Astronomy for Teachers, a graduate course for teachers offered in the summers of 2006 and 2007 (with fall semester followups). Geller serves as first vice president of the Potomac Geophysical Society and sits on the Board of Trustees of the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club.

Penior of the Hear Award

#### **MONA SINGH**



MONA SINGH, an anthropology and premedicine student, is a University Scholar from Dumfries, Virginia. The first person to attend college in her immediate family, Singh has maintained a close-to-perfect grade point average with a demanding course load. She is a 2007 Harry S. Truman Scholar, one of just three in Mason's history; Mason's first Rhodes finalist; and a Marshall finalist. In addition to her academic success, she began neuroscience research at Mason's Krasnow Institute in her sophomore year and presented her research

at the American Anthropological Society's annual conference in 2007. While at Mason, Singh has developed an exceptional leadership record, serving in numerous roles from president of the American Society for Microbiology chapter to choreographer and treasurer for the El Taal Bhangra Dance Team. She was awarded the 2007 Vision Award for Leadership and the C. R. Walter Award for Outstanding Performance in Organic Chemistry. She also volunteers for Inova Fairfax Hospital, the Whitman Walker Clinic, the Arlington Academy of Hope, the Central Union Mission in Washington, and other groups. She participated in an academic summer experience studying HIV/AIDS issues in South Africa. These experiences have advanced Singh's understanding of global and community health issues and her commitment to a career in public service.

#### THE PETER C. FORAME STUDENT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Steven Dunn, a New Jersey native, immediately became involved in a number of on-campus organizations, such as the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS), upon arriving at Mason. A government and international politics major, Dunn maintains a 3.90 GPA and has been named to the dean's list three times. During his first year at Mason, he was a member of the university's track and field and crosscounty team and was named a scholar-athlete. Although Dunn has only been on campus for a short time, his involvement in campus activities is extensive. He has served as executive vice president and president of Mason's NSCS chapter, historian and secretary of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, member of the Program Board's Homecoming Committee, and a member of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity. Dunn's commitment to community service shines with his organization of several service projects, including NSCS' involvement in the AIDS Walk, volunteering at the Capital Area Food Bank, and sponsorship of Happy Hats with the Center for Community Engagement and Leadership. This summer, he will return to the Wildwood, New Jersey, Beach Patrol, where he has worked since summer 2004 and saved more than 20 lives.

### THE GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Luis Contreras is a global affairs major with a minor in business and a concentration in international development with a 3.19 GPA. A resident advisor at Mason, he belongs to the Campus Crusade for Christ, the Catholic Campus Ministry, the Hispanic Student Association, the Destino-Hispanic Bible Study Group, and the Mason Improvisation Club. Contreras has interned with the Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program and volunteered at the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center, where he held recreational activities to build inmates' confidence and teamwork skills; the Lamb Center

Homeless Shelter, where he served food, helped in the laundry room, and motivated other students to volunteer at the shelter; and the New Orleans Relief Workers Aid, where he helped rebuild schools and churches after Hurricane Katrina. Other volunteer activities include work at Pohick Regional Library and the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund program at Providence Recreation Center in Falls Church, Virginia. He also is a member of the University of Maryland Air Force ROTC, where he participates in the Arnold Air Society, the Maryland Honor Guard, the Vanguard Drill Team, and the Civil Air Patrol Flight School. During June 2006, he took part in the Rising Sophomore Program at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Texas, and Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, California.

### THE JOHN C. AND LOUISE P. WOOD UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

**Megan Fowler**, a double major in theater and history with a 3.98 GPA, came to Mason from Collierville, Tennessee, for the university's diverse community and global point of view. A University Scholar, Fowler is a leader in this prestigious group of which she was elected class representative and serves as chair of its Service Committee. Among her volunteer activities are tutoring middle and high school students in Mason's Early Identification Program, raising funds to help educate young children in Zambia, and raising money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation and the Penguin Foundation. Fowler is also a parttime house manager at the Folger Theater in Washington, D.C., where she interned in summer and fall 2007. That same summer, she also interned at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's International Outreach Survivors' Registry, where she researched and contacted international French-language organizations and individuals, translated museum documents into French, and helped survivors and their families register or locate relatives or friends in the registry. Fowler also worked as a conference assistant for Mason's Office of Housing and Residence Life in summer 2007.

#### THE JOHN C. AND LOUISE P. WOOD GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Naliyah Kaya, who is working toward her MA in sociology, hopes to someday teach at the college level, and is already gaining experience in that field as a teaching assistant. Kaya's pursuit of a college education began with her acceptance into Washington state's competitive Running Start early college admission program that enabled her to earn an associate's degree and high school diploma simultaneously. The first person in her family to graduate from college, she earned an AAS degree from Shoreline Community College and a BA in sociology with an emphasis in criminology summa cum laude from Hampton University. Throughout her academic career, she has worked and saved to pay for her education, carrying a full course load and still finding time for outside activities. Currently, she is a mentor in Mason's Dream Catchers Program. Other volunteer activities have included tutoring for an adult GED program; working with at-risk girls in the Sister to Sister Mentorship Program in Newport News, Virginia; and teaching at the Washington State Reformatory, where she created a multidimensional presentation of inmate poetry. She has had her own literary work published in Shoreline's Spindrift Literary Magazine and Hampton's Saracen Literary Journal. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, an international sociological honor society; the Golden Key International Honor Society; and Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of two-year colleges.

### THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Jill Jakulski, PhD Education '04, serves as an advocate for students with emotional and behavioral disabilities. Over her 20-year career, she has served as a teacher and administrator for students with serious emotional disabilities in the Washington, D.C., area. As an assistant principal at James Madison High School in Vienna, Virginia, Jakulski was instrumental in developing a program to integrate students with serious emotional disabilities within a

general education high school. Most recently, she became principal of the Burke School, the only Fairfax County middle school that serves students with emotional disabilities. She also has served as adjunct professor of special education courses at Mason since 2004.

### THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

David Goldberg, MS Health Systems Management '06, has been the chief growth officer and assistant vice president of operations at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital since October 2007 and vice president of planning and development at Inova Loudoun Hospital. His previous positions include vice president of development at Loudoun Healthcare, executive director of the Loudoun Healthcare Foundation, and senior consultant at Ketchum Inc. Goldberg received Cambridge Executive Who's Who recognition in 2006 and 2007, and was named the 2005 National Capital Health Care Executive of the Year. Goldberg serves on the Health Care Department Advisory Board of the College of Nursing at Marymount University, the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance Board of Directors, and the West Virginia University Department of Political Science Advisory Board. He is a member of the Virginia Hospital and Health Care Association and American College of Health Care Executives. Active in his community, Goldberg is board president for the Westmarket Homeowners Association, founding board president of the Boys and Girls Club of Loudoun County, and an honorary board member of the Loudoun County Salvation Army. He was the Prince William County appointee to the Freedom and Aquatic Center Advisory Board from 2006 to 2007.

#### THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

**George Bitar,** BS Biology '89, is an award-winning, board-certified plastic surgeon, who established the multilocation Bitar Cosmetic Surgery Institute in Fairfax, Virginia. He received an MD from George Washington University,

which was followed by internships and residencies at the Albert Einstein Medical Center, the University of Virginia, and the Charlotte Plastic Surgery Center. Bitar is a visiting lecturer of plastic surgery at the University of Virginia, a guest speaker at the Yvonne de Vilar Scientific Skin Care Institute, and a staff member at Inova Fairfax Hospital, where he teaches plastic surgery residents. Winner of the plastic surgery chair's award, he has cowritten several scientific articles that appeared in various peer-reviewed journals. Bitar has been featured on such TV shows as "Healthline" and "The Prudent Advisor," on XM Satellite Radio, and in numerous national and international magazines. He has volunteered on medical missions to various countries and operated on children with severe burn, facial, and hand deformities. He also volunteers on the medical school admissions committee at George Washington University. Bitar and his wife, Rima, are on the Benefactors Committee of this year's gala for CARE, a leading humanitarian organization, and will cochair next year's gala. Bitar received the National Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Man of the Year Award, helping to raise \$5.8 million nationwide. Bitar enjoys returning to Mason to lecture to premedical students and undergraduate classes.

### THE GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

William (Bill) Blanton, JD '96, began his academic career in 1971 at the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture, where he earned a BS in naval architecture and marine engineering. He then received an MS in mechanical engineering in 1974 from George Washington University and completed course work for a doctorate of engineering in ocean engineering at The Catholic University of America in 1976. Blanton served as the branch chief of the U.S. Coast Guard Office of Research and Development from 1974 to 1976 and then managed the Marine Department of Wyle Laboratories. In 1980, he founded and continues to be the principal of several marine engineering and construction services companies. Blanton began working to advance the interests and

success of the School of Law and its graduates while still a student. He was a critical behind-the-scenes force working to unify the *Law Review* and improve the Legal Research and Writing Program as a student assistant. After graduating, Blanton became director of the program, while he continued to own and operate his engineering firms. During his tenure, the writing program improved and expanded its services significantly. Although Blanton is no longer director of the writing program, he continues to stay involved, serving as an adjunct writing professor. In 2003 through 2004, he served on the school's Dean Search Committee. Blanton has been a consistent and generous financial supporter of the school. In 2006, he helped launch the school's first-ever alumni challenge, which raised giving levels to 20 percent. Blanton's commitment of his time and resources has been critical to the school's success.

#### THE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Barry Broadway, BS Management '87, attributes much of his success as an entrepreneur to the lessons he learned at Mason, including valuable in-class experiences and participation in extracurricular activities. He was a member of the School of Management's Marketing Club, a four-year member of the rugby team, and an independent salesman, selling spring break tours to Vermont and Florida. This entrepreneur's stepping stones into leadership started before he came to Mason while apprenticing under his mother with the family business. In 1993, he became president and CEO for Broadway Galleries, a leading metropolitan art services company with locations in Alexandria and Fairfax, Virginia. Broadway serves on the Associates Board of Directors for the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts and recently became involved with fund-raising efforts for Mason's Arts by George. His pride in his alma mater shone brightly when he and other Mason rugby team alumni traveled to Indiana in 2006 to attend the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament.

#### THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Ozge Koray, BS Finance '96 and MA International Commerce and Policy '00, developed strong ties to the Northern Virginia business community while pursuing her studies at Mason. A member of Business Network International, the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, and Delta Sigma Pi, the International Professional Business Fraternity, Koray's commitment to service and connection-building continued after her graduation from SPP. She served as vice president of the School of Public Policy Alumni Chapter in 2005–06, and then as president in 2006–07. During her tenure, the chapter excelled, sponsoring numerous events for faculty, students, and alumni, providing financial awards to distinguished students, and participating in key university events such as Homecoming. The chapter continues to benefit from her enthusiasm and management skills as she remains active in its Signature Event and Student Awards Committees.

#### THE NEW CENTURY COLLEGE OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

Sarah Godlewski, BAIS '04, is an organizational design and strategic planning consultant. In this capacity, she has served a variety of government agencies, including the U.S. Army, Customs and Border Protection, and the Department of Justice. Her work has concentrated on transforming organizations to be more efficient and effective. Godlewski is the youngest woman to receive the Booz Allen Hamilton Women's Success Award and was featured in 2006 as a Booz Allen Hamilton rising star. Godlewski is a founding board member of a nonprofit organization called the Arlington Academy of Hope, which seeks to help rural Ugandan villages become self-sustaining communities by providing quality education and basic health care. Also active in the Mason community, Godlewski is an adjunct instructor for University 100 classes, where she focuses on preparing new Mason students for a successful college journey. She also is a founding member of the George Mason University–Booz Allen Hamilton relationship initiative. Her leadership experience

at Mason, which includes student body president, provided the foundation she needed to be part of the Sorensen Political Leadership Institute.

### THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

**B. J. Koubaroulis**, BA Communication '04, is a sports reporter for the Washington Post, where his byline appears frequently on the high school sports pages. The play-by-play announcer for high school and college sports for Verizon FiOS1 Sports and the Fairfax Sports Network, he is a featured blogger on local sports with Sports Illustrated magazine and the associate producer and host of "The Fairfax Sports Report," a weekly, hour-long broadcast on local sports in the Washington, D.C., area. In addition, Koubaroulis is a free-lance writer for several magazines, including Virginia Sports Report, a magazine devoted to high school, college, and professional sports in Virginia. He also has appeared on several ESPN radio broadcasts and worked as senior sports editor of the Connection Newspapers, where he won 18 Virginia Press Association Awards. While at Mason, Koubaroulis was the Broadside's sports editor. He has devoted countless hours helping other Mason students interested in a sports career to find jobs, obtain internships, and identify opportunities to write and broadcast across media platforms.

#### THE CAREER CONNECTION ALUMNI AWARD

Lisa Rosser, BA Speech Communication '89, leads a dual life as a management consultant at the consulting firm Accenture and an army reserve officer. At Accenture, she specializes in talent management, change management, and corporate communications. In the army, she is a lieutenant colonel, serving as a command and general staff college instructor to majors and other lieutenant colonels. Rosser recently started her own human resources consulting practice (www.thevalueofaveteran.com), where she educates corporate recruiters on best practices for hiring and retaining military veterans.

In addition to having a bachelor's degree from Mason, Rosser has a master's in human resource management from the University of Central Texas.

#### THE BETH KAUFFMAN AWARD FOR CREATIVITY

Marianna Beddard, a WGMU radio on-air personality, is slated to graduate this spring with a degree in administration of justice. Through fall semester 2007, she has maintained a 3.92 GPA and earned dean's list honors every semester since arriving at Mason. She also received the Mark and Catherine Winkler Single Parent Scholarship and the Meese Family Endowed Scholarship. Beddard has volunteered as a court aide in the Special Victim's Unit at the Fairfax County Juvenile and Family Relation's District Court in 2006 and 2007, where she went over probation rules with juveniles, trying to give them hope and encouraging them to change their lives. Previously, Beddard served in the U.S. Army where she worked on electronic warfare. Although Beddard could easily pursue a radio broadcasting career, she wants to pursue a law career and is planning to attend law school this fall.

#### THE BLACK ALUMNI COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY BOOK AWARD

Deidra Bailey, who is majoring in government and international politics, positively represents the African American community at Mason and beyond. She serves as president of the Anointed Voices of Unity Gospel Choir, treasurer of Mason's NAACP chapter, family programs coordinator in the Office of Orientation and Family Programs and Services, Miss Kappa Alpha Psi 2007–08, a member of the 2008 Homecoming Court, and the Religious Umbrella leader for the Council of Student Umbrellas within the Office of Student Activities. Going beyond the walls of the university, Bailey serves as an intern with Black Women United for Action, a small nonprofit community service organization that works for the concerns of women and the lives of the impoverished, with an emphasis on minority communities in Northern Virginia.

#### THE EMERGING BUSINESS LEADER AWARD

Gulnara Mirzakarimova is a finance major with a 3.96 GPA, who already holds a BS in finance from Tashkent Financial Institute of the Republic of Uzbekistan. An administrative assistant in the Information Technology Unit's Electronic Classrooms Office at Mason, Mirzakarimova previously worked as a resident advisor in Mason's Housing and Residence Life Office, and as an interpreter and assistant at the Japan International Cooperation Agency in Uzbekistan. Mirzakarimova is active in a number of Mason organizations, serving as vice president of the Mason chapter of the Financial Management Association, treasurer of the International Association, and member of the Association for Financial Professionals. Mirzakarimova contributed essays to Elder and Leemaur Publishers' Authors of Tomorrow (2006) and Believing in Greatness (2007), and was honored with the 2007–08 Emanuel A. Baker Sr. Endowed Scholarship from the School of Management.

### THE MARY LYNN BOLAND AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT SERVICE

Janna El Horr, a doctoral candidate at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, holds a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in conflict transformation from Eastern Mennonite University. Of an Iraqi-Lebanese background, El Horr was a Fulbright Scholar from 2004 to 2007, has worked in policy analysis and issue advocacy in the United States and Lebanon, and has served as a consultant to members of Congress and the public policy community on a wide range of issues. A founding member of the Center for Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding (CCRP), a partner organization of the European Commission in Lebanon, she has been awarded the 2007–08 International Peacebuilding Fellowship from the American Islamic Congress.

**Gina Cerasani**, MPA '03, is a doctoral student in the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, currently serving as co-chair of the ICAR Latin

American and Caribbean Working Group and as a course assistant in the undergraduate CAR program. Her research and practice interests are focused on conflicts stemming from immigration. She has been actively involved in political campaigns and grassroots lobbying for several years. Prior to earning an MPA at Mason, she received a BA in political science from the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs.

#### THE ROY ROSENZWEIG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Leland (Lee) White, MA History '00, is an attorney with more than 25 years of experience in government relations with membership associations, as well as several years with the federal government as a legislative specialist. Currently, he is the executive director of the National Coalition for History (NCH) in Washington, D.C. A consortium of more than 60 organizations, the coalition is an advocate on federal legislative and regulatory issues that affect historians, archivists, teachers, researchers, and other stakeholders and publishes the NCH Washington Update, a weekly roundup of history and archival news. In addition to his degree from Mason, White holds a law degree from The Catholic University of America.

#### THE THOMAS W. ISZARD III ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Lisa McCarty, BFA '05, is a resident artist at Arlington Arts Center and has exhibited her work throughout the Washington, D.C., metro area. She recently had her first solo exhibition, which featured a series of her signature photo-transfer paintings, at DC Arts Center. In addition, she has an active practice as a curator, most recently participating in the DC Arts Center Curatorial Initiative Program in 2007, and she will be curating an exhibition at the Transformer Gallery in D.C. this summer. After completing her degree in graphic design with a minor in art history, she attended the School of the Visual Arts Summer Residency Program in Painting and Mixed Media in New York in 2006 and Virginia Commonwealth University's Postbaccalaureate

Summer Studio Program in Painting and Printmaking in 2007. She works as a graphic designer and photographer with clients such as the McLean Project for the Arts, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the Peace Corps, and American University's WAMU 88.5 FM radio station.

### THE WAYNE F. ANDERSON AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE

Adam Thiel, MPA '00, is Alexandria City's new fire chief, appointed in the summer of 2007. Since November 2004, he had been the deputy chief of emergency services for the City of Goodyear, Arizona. He is a certified fire officer, fire-rescue instructor, rescue diver, hazardous materials technician, and former paramedic. In 2002, Governor Mark Warner appointed Thiel as executive director of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs. During his tenure, he served as a member of the Commonwealth Preparedness Working Group, the Virginia Emergency Response Council, the State Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Advisory Committee, and the Critical Infrastructure Working Group. From 1995 to 2002, he was a member of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Fire and Rescue Department, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. Prior to attending Mason, Thiel earned bachelor's degrees in history at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and fire science at the University of Maryland University College. In 2004, he attended the Harvard University Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government. He has served as an adjunct instructor at several colleges and universities.

### PAST RECIPIENTS OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

	Alumnus/a	Zhe	Alumni
of the	e Year	Seri	vice Award
2007	Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda	2007	Bruce and Mariann Johnson
2006	D. Jean Wu	2006	James Laychak
2005	Edward J. Newberry	2005	Alan H. Harbitter
2004	Zainab Salbi	2004	Barbara Parker Granieri
2003	J. Gregory Bedner	2003	Jennifer A. Hess
2002	Michael G. Anzilotti	2002	Carolyn A. Taylor
2001	Julie A. Holdren	2001	Craig B. Young
2000	Teresa M. Klaassen	2000	Joseph A. Heastie
1999	Jonathan C. Thacher	1999	Juliana Kuo
1998	Thomas J. Webb	1998	Lisa A. Mayne
1997	Lovey L. Hammel	1997	Lucy Canary Church
1996	Katherine K. Clark	1996	See Golden Medallion Award
1995	Susan Rook	1995	Doris H. Kidwell
1994	Barbara Esstman	1994	Brian C. Drummond
1993	Rob Muzzio	1993	Scott McGeary
1992	Camille T. Barry	1992	Donna Mills
1991	James S. Corrigan	1991	Eileen Feuerbach
1990	S. Anna Kondratos	1990	Jonathan C. Thacher
1989	Jay W. Marsh	1989	Mark W. Bisbee
1988	Ray F. Smith		
1987	James W. Hazel		
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	Dennis C. Daley		
	Judith M. Garcia	for c	Exceptional Service
	Kathleen S. Katz	$\nu$	
1985	M. Constance Bedell		George W. Johnson
	Nancy Zimmerman		John C. Wood
1984	Frances F. Batchelder	1983	John T. Hazel Jr.
1983	Gilbert L. Sager		
1982	Carl F. Henrickson		2 2 2
1981	Joann P. DiGennaro	The	r Facultu Member
1980	Elizabeth G. Clements	0.1	r Faculty Member e Year
1979	James W. McCarthy	of th	e Year
1978	Elbert J. Jarvis II	ν	
1977	Anita L. Capps	2007	Roger Wilkins
1976	Michael A. Alexander	2006	Rick Davis

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2005	Cynthia M. Lont	2004	Edwinna T. Smith
2004	James B. Young	2003	Amit Sinha
2003	Doris A. Bitler	2002	Cassandra Pingree
2002	Lloyd E. Duck	2001	Sabrina Dagostino
2001	Don E. Kash	2000	Maria Sonia Montero
2000	Stuart S. Malawer	1999	Jason William Eakes
1999	Karen Oates	1998	Nancy Riffe
1998	Toni-Michelle Travis	1997	Heather Dawson
1997	Anthony Maiello	1996	Jenna Van Hook
1996	Robert T. Hawkes	1995	Angela Y. Peabody
1995	Kenneth A. Kovach	1994	Vickie Tyler
1994	Roberta M. Conti	1993	Denise E. Marriott
1993	Bruce B. Manchester	1992	James Yoo
1992	Kevin Avruch	1991	Julie Ann Austin
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