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Honors and Distinctions



Rejaie Receives National Science Foundation CAREER Award

Reza Rejaie, assistant professor of computer and information science, is a 2005 recipient of a National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER award. He is one of six awardees nationwide to receive the honor this year in the field of computer networks.

Awardees receive five-year grants to integrate their research and teaching. NSF established the CAREER program in 1995 to help top-performing scientists and engineers early in their careers to develop simultaneously their contributions and commitment to research and education.

Rejaie joined the Department of Computer and Information Science in 2002 and focuses on research in multimedia networking and network measurement. He plans to use the NSF grant to develop scalable and adaptive techniques for audio-video streaming in peer-to-peer (P2P) systems over the Internet. His research will help make it possible for an average Internet user to stream video to any number of heterogeneous and dynamic receivers without any special support from the network. Rejaie's work also sheds light on several fundamental challenges in distributed resource management for large scale, heterogeneous and dynamic P2P systems.

Sociology Work Earns National Book Prize

Sandra Morgen's *Into Our Own Hands: The Women's Health Movement in the U.S., 1969–1999* (Rutgers University Press, 2002), recently was awarded the Eileen Basker Memorial Prize. This honor is given to a work judged to be the most courageous, significant, and potentially influential contribution to scholarship in the area of gender and health.

Morgen is director of the UO's Center for the Study of Women in Society (CSWS) and a professor of anthropology. She also directs the CSWS Women in the Northwest Research Initiative. Its key project for the past five years has been an in-depth study of welfare restructuring in Oregon.

"It's a pleasure for us all to work in the company of scholars whose research is so highly valued," says John Lukas, professor of anthropology and department head. "Awards like this bring recognition to our program, the college, and our university."

The honor was established by the Society for Medical Anthropology to promote excellence in research on gender and health. The Basker Prize is made annually to scholars from any discipline or nation, for a specific book, article, film, or exceptional Ph.D. thesis produced within the preceding three years.

Slavich Wins National Graduate Research Award

Psychology graduate student George Slavich has been named winner of the 2004-5 Psi Chi/American Psychological Association Edwin B. Newman Graduate Research Award.

This national honor is presented annually to a psychology graduate student who submits the best research paper that was published or presented at a national or state psychological association during the past calendar year.

Slavich won for his paper titled "Physiological Correlates of Severe Life Stress in Clinical Depression." He is a Ph.D. candidate in clinical psychology at the UO and investigates the roles that life stress, cognitive biases, physiological and neurobiological factors play in the beginnings of depression. In 2002 he developed and chaired the first-ever student council for the Western Psychological Association (WPA). At the age of 26, he is also the youngest to ever serve on the WPA board of directors.

This is Slavich's second national award in two years. Last year he received the Albert Bandura Graduate Research Award from the same two entities. He is the only person to have received these two national top honors for graduate students in psychology.



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