

FAU recognizes its 2007 'Researchers of the Year'

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Florida Atlantic University announced the 2007 "Researchers of the Year" at its recent Honors Convocation.

They are:

Jie Wu, professor, sponsored/project-oriented category.

Allan Barsky, J.D., Ph.D., professor, creative and scholarly category.

Yoshimi Shibata, Ph. D., associate professor, sponsored/project-oriented category.

Mihaela Cardei, Ph. D., assistant professor, sponsored/project-oriented category.

Each year, FAU's University Research Committee selects FAU faculty to be recognized for outstanding research, scholarly and creative contributions. Awards are presented at the academic ranks of full professor, associate professor and assistant professor in two categories: sponsored and project-oriented research, and creative and scholarly activities research.

Jie Wu

Wu is an authority in the fields of wireless networks, sensor networks and parallel processing. He has published over 300 research articles in these fields and is currently a Distinguished Research Professor of Computer Science and Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computer Science at FAU.

In 2006, Wu was awarded the "Outstanding Overseas Young Researcher Award" by the National Natural Science Foundation of China. He also serves as the chair of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Technical Committee on Distributed Processing. He earned his Ph.D. in computer engineering at FAU, and his MS and BS in computer science at Shanghai University of Science and Technology in China.

Allan Barsky

Barsky is professor in the School of Social Work in the

College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs. Barsky's accomplishments in 2005-2006 include the publication of three educational textbooks, two peer-reviewed journal articles, two book chapters, two professional encyclopedia entries and six peer-reviewed conference presentations.

He received his Ph.D. in social work from the University of Toronto, his MSW from Yeshiva University in New York and his Juris Doctor from the University of Toronto. This January, Barsky was appointed to the National Ethics Committee of the National Association of Social Workers. He was also selected as the "Distinguished Teacher of the Year" for his college in 2005.

Yoshimi Shibata

Shibata is associate professor in the Department of Biomedical Science in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Biomedical Science at FAU. He is an immunologist who has focused his research on macrophages -- cells that are essential for the host defense mechanisms.

Born and raised in Japan, Shibata completed his Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Yamagata University, and then conducted Ph.D. work in the Department of Bacteriology at the Tohoku University School of Medicine in Sendai, Japan. His recent research has been sup-

ported by the National Institutes of Health and Department of Defense with a total of \$2 million in grants.

Mihaela Cardei

Dr. Cardei is assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computer Science at FAU. She has been actively involved in research and publications in the areas of wireless networking, wireless sensor networks, combinatorial optimization in wireless networks, network protocols and algorithm design.

She has co-authored 17 journal publications, 15 conference papers and 10 book chapters. Cardei earned her Ph.D. and MS in computer science from the University of Minnesota and her MS and BS also in computer science from Politehnica University of Bucharest in Romania.

"Florida Atlantic University is proud of our world-class faculty and researchers who are making significant contributions in numerous areas, including science, engineering, and the arts and humanities," said Dr. Larry F. Lemanski, vice president for research at FAU.

"This important program enables us to recognize these outstanding researchers and scholars each year."

