Kudos to Faculty and Staff

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Dr. Ramesh Ayyala, professor of ophthalmology, received the 2010 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. It is awarded to the 10 most outstanding program directors. Ayyala is professor of ophthalmology, director of the glaucoma service and director of the residency program and the glaucoma/anterior segment fellowship program.



Ophthalmology professor Dr. Ramesh Ayyala, left, receives an award for courage in graduate medical teaching from Dr. Thomas J. Nasca, chief executive officer of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Dr. Marilyn Li, director of Hayward Genetics Center's molecular and cytogenetic labs and associate professor of pediatrics, received the 2010 Luminex-American College of Medical Genetics Foundation Award for promoting safe and effective genetics testing and services. The award comes with a \$100,000 grant to support her project.

Laura Bass, associate professor of Spanish and Portuguese, received the 2010 Eleanor Tufts Book Award sponsored by the American Society for Hispanic Art Historical Studies for her book, *The Drama of the Portrait: Theater and Visual Culture in Early Modern Spain*.

N. Frank Ukadike, associate professor of communication and African and African diaspora studies, gave a keynote address at the Nollywood (Nigerian) Film Festival at the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art on Feb. 26.

Claire Dickerson, Breaux Professor of Business Law, gave two keynote addresses recently, one at the *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation* symposium on Jan. 29 and another at a conference jointly organized by the Union Internationale des Avocats and the Dakar Bar in Dakar, Senegal, on Feb. 19.

James Duggan, director of the Tulane Law Library, received the "Outstanding Alumnus 2009" award from the Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science on Feb. 5.

James Huck, assistant director of the Stone Center for Latin American Studies, received the Outstanding Faculty Contributions to Service Learning Instruction Award on March 5. It was presented at the Gulf South Summit on Service Learning and Civic Engagement Through Higher Education.

John R. Page, associate professor of accounting, has co-written the book, *The Development of the Art Market in England: Money as Muse, 1730â?"1900*, with art history adjunct lecturer **Thomas Bayer**.

Idelber Avelar, professor of Spanish and Portuguese, received a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies to write his next book on masculinity in contemporary Latin American fiction.