OVERVIEW OF FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2004-2005
as reported by the respective deans

A. ARCHITECTURE

• Dean Lars Lerup has been invited by the board of the Stichting Megacities Foundation in the Netherlands to be the 2005 lecturer for the Megacities Lectures of the Randstad in November 2005.

• Associate Dean John J. Casbarian’s work is a major feature of the Williams House and Studio in book: The House You Build by Duo Dickinson, Taunton Press/AIA, Washington DC, 2004. He successfully completed Travis Elementary School/HISD (80,000 square foot elementary school), with groundbreaking on May 28, 2005.

• Professor Carlos Jimenez received two awards: the American Architecture Award 2004, from The Chicago Athenaeum, Museum of Architecture and Design and the Record Houses 2004 Award, from the Architectural Record, New York.

• Professor Gordon Wittenberg received two awards: the 2005 Merit Award for Architecture to Wittenberg Oberholzer Architects from AIA Houston Chapter for Baldwin/Sussman Residence, Hunt, Texas and the Award from Metal Home Digest for Yoakum townhouses.

• Associate Professor Fares el-Dahdah was elected board member of Casa de Lucio Costa and Oscar Niemeyer Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

• Assistant Professor Dawn Finley was chosen Site Architect of The Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas, Texas, Designer and Fabricator: Interloop A/D 2002-04.

• Assistant Professor Christopher Hight was elected chair of RSA Kennon Symposium. He has also published twelve articles in his first year as an assistant professor.

B. GEORGE R. BROWN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

• Rebekah Drezek (Bioengineering ) received the 2005 Beckman Young Investigator Award from the Beckman Foundation, the Rice University Faculty Impact Award, the 2004 100 Top Young Innovators, by MIT’s Technology Review, and the AAMI Becton Dickinson Career Achievement Award from the AAMI Foundation.
• **Pedro Alvarez** (Civil and Environmental Engineering) was Elected President of AEESP (Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professor and Elected Fellow of ASCE).

• **Ken Kennedy** (Computer Science) was elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

• **Behnaam Aazhang** (Electrical and Computer Engineering) received the Stephen O. Rice Prize in the Field of Communications Theory, from the IEEE Communications Society.

• **Pol Spanos** (Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science) was elected to National Academy of Engineering.

• **Yehia Massoud** (Electrical and Computer Engineering), **Eugene Ng** (Computer Science), **Marcie O’Malley** (Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science) and **Robert Raphael** (Bioengineering) received NSF CAREER Awards.

C. HUMANITIES

• **Alex Byrd**, Assistant Professor in the Department of History, was awarded a Woodrow Wilson 2004 Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty.

• **Justin Cronin**, Associate Professor in the Department of English, was awarded a NEA Fellowship in Fiction.

• **Ussama Makdisi**, Arab-American Education Foundation Associate Professor of Arabic Studies, History department, was awarded an American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship (ACLS).

• **Hamid Naficy**, Nina J. Cullinan Professor, Art History, was awarded an ACLS/SSRC/NEH International and Area Studies Fellowship.

• **Elora Shehabuddin**, Assistant Professor in Humanities and Political Sciences, was a Research Associate in Women's Studies in Religion Program at Harvard Divinity School.

• **Rachel Zuckert**, Assistant Professor in the Philosophy Department, was awarded an ACLU Fellowship.

D. JONES GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

• **Associate Professor Brent Smith** was honored by the Academy of Management with the 2004 Scholarly Achievement Award for best published article in the journal
Human Resources Management, and the 2004 Outstanding Publication in Organizational Behavior Award.

- **Steven Currall**, Associate Professor of Management, Psychology, and Statistics, and the William and Stephanie Sick Professor of Entrepreneurship, was selected by the Stanford University Technology Ventures Program to be given Stanford University's Price Foundation Innovative Entrepreneurship Educator Award.


- **Jennifer George**, the Mary Gibbs Jones Professor of Management and Professor of Psychology, published two books: *Contemporary Management*, 4th edition, and *Understanding and Managing Organizational Behavior*, 4th edition, and also was appointed to the editorial board of *Administrative Science Quarterly*, the premier journal in management.

- **Stephen A. Zeff**, the Herbert S. Autrey Professor of Accounting, was awarded the Basil Yamey Prize by the journal *Accounting, Business and Financial History*; edited at Cardiff Business School, for the best article in the volume for 2003.

- **Dean Gilbert Whitaker** is being honored with the Association of Rice Alumni Gold Medal.

E. **SHEPHERD SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

- **Shih-Hui Chen** (Assistant Professor of Composition and Theory) was awarded a commission from the Serge Koussevitzky Foundation in the Library of Congress and the Koussevitzky Music Foundation, Inc. The commissioned work, *Sweet Rice Pie*, was premiered by the Empyrean Ensemble in Davis, California, in March 2005.

- **David Ferris** (Assistant Professor of Musicology) had an article about a Schumann song published in a special issue of the *Journal of Musicology* dedicated to the late John Daverio. The article, entitled “‘Was will dieses Grau’n bedeuten?’: Schumann’s ‘Zwielicht’ and Daverio’s ‘Incomprehensibility Topos’,” appeared in Vol. 22/No. 1 in Fall 2004.

- **Norman Fischer** (Professor of Cello), **Kenneth Goldsmith** (Professor of Violin), **Karen Ritscher** (Associate Professor of Viola), and **Michael Webster** (Associate Professor of Clarinet and Ensembles) are featured on Centaur’s new compact disc, *The Music of Joseph Dubiel* (CRC 2661). This CD, released in late fall 2004, includes Dubiel’s *Down Time* for bass clarinet and piano; *Précis* for clarinet and
piano; and *Quartet* for clarinet, violin, viola, and cello. Pianist and project coordinator for the disc was Jeffrey Farrington.

- **Lynn Harrell** (Professor of Cello) was featured with violinist Gil Shaham and the Houston Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Beethoven's *Triple Concerto* in a program that included Beethoven’s *Symphony No. 3* in July 2004.

- **Richard Lavenda’s Clarinet Concerto**, commissioned by the Houston Symphony Orchestra with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, will be premiered on May 14-16, 2005, in Houston with David Peck, soloist, and Maestro Hans Graf, Music Director. Dr. Lavenda is Professor of Composition and Theory.

- **Jon Kimura (Jackie) Parker** (Professor of Piano) gave a solo performance of Gershwin’s *Rhapsody in Blue* with the New York Philharmonic, conducted by Bramwell Tovey, in July 2004.

- **William VerMeulen** (Professor of French Horn) performed as a soloist with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra.

### F. WEISS SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES

- **George Bennett** (Biochemistry & Cell Biology) received the 2005 Hershel M. Rich Invention Award.

- **Bonnie Bartel** (Biochemistry & Cell Biology) was elected to the Executive Committee of the American Society of Plant Biologists and received the Charles Duncan Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

- **Vicki Colvin** (Chemistry) was named one of the 2004 Key Women in Energy, Global, Radar Energy.

- **Adrian Lenardic** (Earth Science) received an NSF Career Award and also the Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Prize.

- **Peter Vail** (Earth Science) received the 2005 Benjamin Franklin Medical in Earth and Environmental Science.

- **Joan Strassmann** and **Dave Queller** (Ecology & Evolutionary Biology) were elected Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

- **Joan Strassmann** (Ecology & Evolutionary Biology) was named as John Simon Guggenheim Fellow.

- **Bob Hardt** (Mathematics) was recognized by a conference in China held in honor of his 60th birthday.

- **Randy Hulet** (Physics & Astronomy) received the NASA Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal.
G. SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

- **Hannah Landecker** (Anthropology) was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for 2005.

- **Mahmoud El Gamal** (Economics) was selected as “Scholar in Residence” at the US Treasury Department for the fall semester.

- **Ashley Leeds** (Political Science) was awarded a W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellowship at the Hoover Institution.

- **Randi Martin** (Psychology) was elected a fellow of the American Psychological Association, Division 6: Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology.