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To: Physics Community
 From: Marjorie Shapiro, Faculty Advisor for GSI Affairs



Re: **2016-2017 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Awards**

The Physics Department is fortunate to have an academic staff that is enthusiastic, dedicated and talented. It is appropriate at this time of the academic year to express our appreciation.

During the Spring 2016 and Fall 2016 semesters, 164 Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs) taught over 5000 students in discussion and laboratory sections. Based upon student evaluations and nominations from students and faculty, eleven Physics GSIs have been identified for recognition with the Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor (OGSI) Award.

The GSI Teaching and Resource Center will host a reception to honor OGSI winners from all departments on May 2. The award certificates will be presented to the Physics OGSI as part of the Physics, Astronomy, and Engineering Physics Graduation Ceremony to be held on May 16, 2017 at Zellerbach Auditorium.

The following eleven Physics GSIs were selected to receive the 2016-2017 OGSI Award in recognition of excellence in teaching:

Christopher Akers
 Erik Aldape
 Yi Chen
 Ka Hei Kolen Cheung
 Leon Otis
 Daniel Parker
 Elizabeth Peterson
 Stephen Randall
 Pratik Sachdeva
 Matthew Quenneville
 Michael Yen

Besides a certificate of commendation from Graduate Division, each Physics OGSI receives a cash award plus a membership in the American Association of Physics Teachers and a subscription to the AAPT Journal. Professor Robert Karplus established the tradition of the AAPT memberships, which the Physics Department continues in his honor.

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