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Professor Miriam Goodman Receives the 2021 Sharona Gordon Award

The Society of General Physiologists is honored to announce that the recipient of the 2021 Sharona Gordon Award is Professor Miriam Goodman from Stanford University. Professor Goodman is a leading scientist in the study of the biology of sensation, with over 60 papers published in peer-reviewed journals. Miriam served on many peer review panels and editorial boards, chaired numerous international conferences, and is the recipient of numerous awards recognizing her scientific contributions. In addition to her numerous scientific accomplishments, Dr. Goodman has worked to foster the broad principles of equity and inclusion at all levels of her career: in the classroom, as an administrator, and also in her own laboratory.

As a teacher, Miriam designed and taught several courses on the topic of Diversity and Inclusion in STEMM aimed at empowering scientists in academia and biotechnology. These courses focus on the concrete actions that individual scientists and their institutions can implement to promote the advancement of women and other underrepresented minorities in science. Many of the topics covered shed light on hidden barriers to equity, such as the myth that science is a true meritocracy. Others focus on addressing internal biases and acknowledging that being trained as a scientist does not undo your humanity.

For more information about Miriam, visit sgpweb.org/awards/sharona

About the Sharona Gordon Award

The Sharona Gordon Award for transformational leadership is given to an individual who has made a clear and sustained impact on improving equity and inclusivity in the fields of Physiology and Biophysics. This award was established in 2020 as recognition for the important contributions that Professor Gordon has made in changing the scientific environment, including establishing standards of equity in the peer review process during her time as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of General Physiology, developing mentoring networks for early-career scientists, disseminating information about harassment in Academia, and standing up for inequities in the greater scientific community.

About the Society of General Physiologists

The Society of General Physiologists is an inclusive, international scientific society whose goal is to advance the understanding of the fundamental physiological mechanisms and physical principles that govern the functioning of biological systems. In addition to promoting pioneering and innovative research, the Society advocates for education and training, and it is committed to increasing diversity in the scientific workforce.
