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- Elizabeth Hanly, Department of Journalism & Broadcasting
- Stephen Neal, Department of Theatre
- Mari Williams, Department of Modern Languages

Keynote Speaker (view keynote speaker bio)
- Carlos A. Migoya, President and CEO, Jackson Health System
Winner

Kalai Mathee, Department of Molecular Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
The founding department head of the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Kalai Mathee was already honored earlier with a mentorship award. She has established a multi-faceted research program focused on the primary cause of mortality among individuals diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis, which is the bacterial pathogen *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. In these efforts her research has been funded by the NIH and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Professor Mathee often seeks opportunities to engage across disciplines and serves on the executive board for the FIU Program in the Study of Spirituality and she curated the Martin Luther King exhibit at the Frost Art Museum, among her many interdisciplinary initiatives and service projects.

Professor Mathee says each of her students or fellows is part of her legacy and her extended family. “Lab,” she says, “is not only a place to do research, but to learn each other’s cultures, celebrate our successes and share our sorrows … I am enriched by every interaction and I want to leave a lasting impression in their life during the brief journey that we share.”

Finalists

Shu-Ching Chen, School of Computing and Information Sciences
Shu-Ching Chen’s research and service is helping South Florida prepare for man-made and natural disasters through tools such as the Florida Public Hurricane Loss Projection Model and 3D Hurricane Storm Surge Animation and Visualization projects. As project leader for the Business Continuity Information Network Project, Professor Chen is making sure key institutions in our community are up and running as soon as possible after a disaster. Many of his undergraduate and graduate students have won awards and launched successful careers at other universities and businesses such as Microsoft, IBM and eBay.

James Webb, Department of Physics
Whether he’s hosting one of his campus “star parties,” composing and playing astronomy songs, or singlehandedly raising funds for an on-campus observatory - for 20 years, Professor James Webb has maintained a “stellar” record of passing on his passion for astronomy and physics to students and the community. His teaching philosophy, that “A teacher does not just present the facts, theories and collective wisdom, but helps guide students through the jungle of knowledge and make the journey so irresistible the learning part is painless” has proven to be successful.
Excellence in Teaching Awards

**David Cohen, School of Social Work**
A social work educator, as well as a clinical social worker, Professor David Cohen helps students integrate research skills and thinking into their practice skills and competencies. He developed a public, online psychopharmacology course that has had more than 14,000 views – many of those from students seeking continuing education in social work, mental health counseling, psychology, and law.

**Scott Norberg, College of Law**
Scott Norberg is a gifted, devoted - and tough - law professor. Students and colleagues alike know him for his enthusiasm and passion for teaching and for having some of the toughest grading curves of any faculty member. Still, students are among his biggest fans, voting him outstanding professor of the year in 2009 and consistently rating him as “excellent” in their evaluations.

**Roberto Rovira, Department of Landscape Architecture**
Roberto Rovira’s dedication to excellence and innovation has had a positive impact on the Landscape Architecture program and its students. Words that have been used to describe Professor Rovira are: well-organized and enthusiastic. His teaching actively engages students in the community. The work of his students will be featured in the upcoming book “Representing Landscapes,” along with an essay by Professor Rovira.

Excellence in Service Award

**Philip Stoddard, Department of Biological Sciences**
Philip Stoddard always goes the extra mile and is a model of selfless service. He not only excels at his assigned duties, but frequently volunteers for extra responsibilities, such as leading workshops for untenured faculty on the tenure process. Outside the university, he has taken on enormous civic responsibility as the mayor of South Miami.

Excellence in Research/Creative Work Awards

**Santiago Juan-Navarro, Department of Modern Languages**
Santiago Juan-Navarro’s research focuses on Spanish and Latin-American literature and film and inter-American relations and transatlantic studies. He has gained an international reputation as a creative and prolific scholar with a phenomenal output of ten books in prestigious academic presses; twenty-four refereed articles; and eighteen book chapters.

**Raju Rangaswami, School of Computing and Information Sciences**
Computer scientist Raju Rangaswami has received CAREER awards from the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy. As a principal investigator, Professor Rangaswami has received funding to develop a key to reduce operating energy consumption of data centers and to streamline high-end computing with software persistent memory.

**Joanne Youngblut, School of Nursing**
Since coming to FIU in 2001, Joanne Youngblut has been a prolific author, publishing 28 journal articles and 2 book chapters, presenting at 47 research conferences and 16 invited presentations. Professor
Youngblut has received funding as a principal investigator or co-investigator through agencies such as NIH and is currently investigating the impact of child death on the family dynamic.

**Excellence in Engagement Award**

*Allan Rosenbaum, Department of Public Administration*

Founded on his research and writing on government, decentralization and democratic institution building, Allan Rosenbaum has engaged, cultivated and gained the support of the community and political leaders at the local, state, national, and international levels. Professor Rosenbaum has arranged public administration education for county employees, directed large USAID projects, and provided links between U.S. professional organizations and overseas partners.

Professor Rosenbaum has donated his award to the university to advance the education of our students. The University community thanks him for his generosity and for being an exemplary member of the academy.

**Excellence in Librarianship Award**

*Zhaohui (Jennifer) Fu, Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing Center*

Jennifer Fu has greatly expanded the map imagery user services of the library. Her development of a state-of-the-art Geographic Information System and Remote Sensing Center at FIU, has given faculty, students and professionals in Southeast Florida a cutting-edge resource.

**Excellence in Mentorship Awards**

*Lynne Barrett, Department of English*

Many of the 36 MFA theses Professor Barrett has directed or those for which she has served as second reader—novels, collections of short fiction, memoirs, and books of essays—have gone on into print. Perhaps the most important mentorship Barrett does on a daily basis is the modeling of the life of the author, from a book’s conception to its fruition as published artifact.

*Kalai Mathee, Department of Molecular Microbiology and Infectious Diseases*

Kalai Mathee has mentored 25 master’s and PhD students and post-doc fellows as well as 13 visiting students and scholars. She gives them permission to not follow in her footsteps, but she has many successful protégés. Like a stern but loving parent, Professor Mathee works with her mentees through all tasks of academic life and keeps in touch with them as they establish their careers.

**Excellence in Advising Award**

*Marilyn Skow, Department of Theatre*

For more than 20 years, Marilyn Skow has been the primary academic advisor for the Theatre Department – advising up to 120 students at a time. She is well known as a giving and caring advisor. Thanks to her tireless work, she has routed students towards a timely graduation.
Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Awards

Elizabeth Hanly, Adjunct Instructor, Journalism and Broadcasting
Elizabeth Hanly has taught Writing and Reporting in the School of Journalism, in addition to serving as an Honors College Fellow. Her tireless enthusiasm and high expectations of her students, combined with an extensive experience and impressive publication record in periodicals such as The New York Times and Vogue, have earned her the utmost respect from her students.

Stephen Neal, Adjunct Instructor, Department of Theatre
For more than 10 years, actor/director Stephen Neal has taught classes in theatre appreciation, acting and directing. His colleagues commend his innovative teaching and his tireless efforts to promote theatre on the Biscayne Bay Campus. Student testimonials extol Professor Neal’s ability to create a safe and vibrant learning environment, even for very shy students who face stage fright.

Mari Williams, Adjunct Instructor, Department of Modern Languages
Mari Williams – Mari Sensei to her students - brings the Japanese and French languages to life. She creates a learning environment in which students feel comfortable practicing new languages and encourages students to apply their budding fluency outside of class. Students remark that Ms. Williams’ passion for languages is positively contagious.
Carlos A. Migoya  
President and CEO, Jackson Health System

For nearly 50 years, Carlos A. Migoya has been a part of the Miami-Dade community. Most of his professional life has been spent in the banking industry, rising through the ranks from teller to regional president and CEO. He demonstrated his passion for helping the community when he served as the city manager in Miami, forgoing a salary and benefits while volunteering his services. In April 2011, Mr. Migoya was appointed president and CEO of Jackson Health System, overseeing Miami-Dade’s only public health system and its 11,000 employees.

Born in Guanabacoa, Cuba, Mr. Migoya left the island nation at age 11 with his family and settled in Miami. He graduated from Miami High School and Miami-Dade Community College, working full-time while attending school. He then went on to Florida International University, where he graduated with a degree in finance in 1974 and was part of the university’s first graduating class. Two years later he earned an M.B.A. in finance at FIU.

In the early 1970s, Mr. Migoya entered the banking industry, working as a teller at Boulevard National Bank. This was the start to what would become a nearly 40-year career in banking. From 1974 to 1991, he served as regional president of Southeast Bank, the largest bank based in the Miami area. He remained in this position through the bank’s acquisition by First Union and Wachovia.

As Wachovia’s regional president of South Florida for 15 years, Mr. Migoya consistently grew revenue, developed and coached talented employees enabling them to advance within the corporation and improved regional organizational structures to reduce the number of regions.

In 2006, Mr. Migoya became the CEO for the Atlantic region of Wachovia, responsible for banking in New Jersey, Connecticut and New York. He created growth strategies to increase the bank’s presence in the region, resulting in additional financial centers in Long Island and New York City and commercial banking in Boston, Long Island and New York City. While living in New York, Mr. Migoya became involved in the community, serving on the boards of Teach for America, Jazz at Lincoln Center and the New Jersey Public Broadcasting System.

In 2007, Mr. Migoya became the regional president of Wachovia in North Carolina, based out of Charlotte. There, he served as the treasurer of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and as a board member of the Charlotte Regional Partnership.

As the city manager of Miami in 2010, Mr. Migoya was responsible for running the city’s operations and its 4,200 employees. He is credited with balancing a $115 million budget deficit.

Mr. Migoya has been actively involved in several community organizations, including having served as the foundation chairman of Florida International University and as a member of the university’s Dean’s Council, the College of Business Administration’s principal advisory board. Since 2006, Mr. Migoya has served as a director of AutoNation, the largest auto retailer in the U.S. He is a member of the board’s audit committee, corporate governance and nomination committee, compensation committee and is the chairman of its executive compensation subcommittee. He currently serves on the boards of the Downtown Charter School in Miami and the Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City.