Five professors join science association

In recognition of their research in the life sciences, five Columbia professors were elected fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world’s largest association of scientists.

Professor of Microbiology Kathryn Calame, Professor of Genetics and Development Marian Carlson, Professor of Chemistry Thomas Katz, Professor of Medicine John Loeb, and Professor of Medicine I. Bernard Weinstein were among 249 new fellows chosen nationwide for “their efforts toward advancing science or fostering applications that are deemed scientifically or socially distinguished,” according to the AAAS.

Calame has researched the relationship between genes, the immune system, and the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). She has been a researcher at Columbia since 1988. Carlson studies gene regulation in yeast, and was recently elected a member of the Genetic Society of America’s board of directors.

Katz is an organic chemist who has taught at Columbia for 35 years. He has published over 100 research papers in the course of his career. Loeb studies human endocrinology and metabolism. He has been teaching at the Columbia’s College of Physicians and Surgeons since 1967, and was previously recognized by the University for his teaching.

Weinstein is the director of the Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital’s Comprehensive Cancer Center. He had trained at Montefiore Hospital in New York, the National Institutes of Health, Harvard, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, before joining the Columbia faculty in 1961.

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