



## LSU and Campus Federal Credit Union Name 2010 Rainmakers

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BATON ROUGE – LSU's Office of Research & Economic Development, with the support of Campus Federal Credit Union, recently announced its annual Rainmaker Awards for Research and Creative Activity. Rainmakers are those faculty members who are nationally and internationally recognized for innovative research and creative scholarship, compete for external funding at the highest levels and attract and mentor exceptional graduate students. The Rainmakers reception will be held on Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in the LSU Faculty Club.

Graham Bodie, assistant professor of communication studies, and Bryan Carstens, assistant professor of biological sciences, have both received the Rainmaker's Emerging Scholar Award. This award recognizes junior faculty members exhibiting success at the assistant professor level as measured by significant contribution to the faculty member's field of research or creative activity including publication in a high impact journal(s); a highly cited piece of work; external awards; invited presentations at national and international meetings; high journal publication productivity; critically-acclaimed book publication, performances or exhibits; or high grant productivity. Bodie and Carstens will each receive a one-time stipend of \$1,000 and a plaque in recognition of their achievements.

Bijaya Karki, associate professor of computer science, received the Rainmakers Mid-Career Scholar Award. This recognizes a faculty member at the associate professor level or recently promoted to full professor who exhibits a sustained program of excellence as measured by the criteria set forth in the emerging scholar category. Award winners in the Mid-Career Scholar category have been at LSU for 7-10 years. Karki will receive a one-time stipend of \$1,000 and a plaque.

Kalliat Valsaraj, chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering, has received the Rainmaker's Senior Scholar Award. This is recognition for a faculty member whose work is comparable to the quality of that considered for the Distinguished Research Master award or Boyd Professor designation. This award is typically reserved for a faculty member who has been promoted to full professor and has exhibited a sustained program of excellence as measured by significant contributions to the faculty member's field of research or creative activity in the same previous criteria. Valsaraj will receive a one-time stipend of \$1,000 and a plaque.

"We are proud to recognize those faculty members who are so integral to our success as an institution," said Thomas Klei, LSU interim vice chancellor of research and economic development. "These researchers and creative scholars truly exemplify what it means to be an LSU Rainmaker. We couldn't do this without the support of Campus Federal Credit Union, and we thank them for their support of our commitment to scholarly excellence."

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