

Proposal for a New IT Society Lecturer Award

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Background

- Andrea Goldsmith won the 2019 IEEE Eric E. Sumner Award. Congratulations Andrea!
- Andrea wants to give back to ITSoc by donating her prize money to endow an award for junior women at a time when it could be a real catalyst in their career trajectory.



Example Awards for Women

- IEEE Frances B. Hugle Scholarship
 - For undergraduate female IEEE members
- IEEE Communication Society Women in Communication Engineering (WICE) Awards
 - Outstanding Achievement Award
 - Outstanding Service Award
 - Mentorship Award
 - Early Achievement Award
- ACM Athena Lecturer Award

Proposal: Goldsmith Lecturer

- ITSoc Officers had detailed discussions and endorse the following plan.
- Use Andrea's endowment to create a "Goldsmith Lecturer"
- Award will be given to a junior woman researcher.
- The awardee will give a lecture at an IT School.
 - Similar to the Padovani Lecturer, which was endowed by Roberto Padovani's Sumner Award prize.

Eligibility

- The candidate must be within 10 years of receiving her Ph.D.
- The candidate must have achieved early career excellence via her research and technical contributions to information theory and its applications.
- The candidate may not have previously been a Goldsmith Lecturer.

Nominations and Selection

- The award will be administered by the Membership Committee.
 - Part of *Information Theory Society Lecturer Program* which also includes Padovani Lecturer and Distinguished Lecturers.
- Funds will cover partial travel expenses.
- Nominations will be received from an open call.
 - Nomination deadline: Early Fall of Year N.
 - Selection: Late Fall of Year N.
 - Lecture: An IT School at Year N+1.
- Selection of Padovani Lecturer and Distinguished Lecturers will also be updated to fit in this timeline and have open calls.

Benefits of the Award

- By highlighting technical achievements of junior women, the award helps them build their career and recognition.
- Award lecture contributes to the visibility of the researcher.
- The award helps increase diversity of ITSoc and IEEE, as women are an under-represented group in both.
- The award supports IT Schools both technically and financially.

Timeline for the Award

- Finalize the details by ISIT 2019 BoG meeting and present for a BoG vote.
- First open call early Fall 2019.
- First lecture in 2020.