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Psychology professor, two Fermilab employees earn rank as AAAS fellows

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Professor in Psychology Susan Levine and Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory employees Marge Bardeen and Patty McBride have been named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

They are among 531 AAAS members to be elevated this year by their peers to the rank of fellow. Individuals are recognized for their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications.

Bardeen was elected to the AAAS section on education for "sustained, imaginative, and diverse contributions to the educational experience of K-12 teachers and students, including active engagement of teachers and students in research."

McBride was cited for "important contributions to particle physics experiments and for her leadership in the international scientific community." She was elected to the AAAS section on physics.

The University plays a major role in managing Fermilab under contract with the DOE through Fermi Research Alliance, LLC.

Levine, Professor in Psychology, was recognized for "fundamental work on cognitive development in the domains of language, mathematics and space, and the integration of neuropsychology with work on normative development."

Levine, a specialist on early learning, has published on development and plasticity of spatial skills, early quantitative development, and language development and functional plasticity in children with early brain injury.

She co-directs the Center for Early Childhood Research and chairs the Psychology Department's program on cognition and cognitive neuroscience.

New fellows will receive an official certificate and a gold and blue (representing science and engineering, respectively) rosette pin on Saturday, Feb. 20, at the AAAS fellows forum during the 2010 AAAS annual meeting in San Diego.

The AAAS is the world's largest general scientific society and publisher of the journal, Science (www.sciencemag.org) as well as Science Translational Medicine (www.sciencetranslationalmedicine.org) and Science Signaling (www.sciencesignaling.org).

Founded in 1848, the association includes some 262 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million individuals.

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