

ANNIE JUMP CANNON AWARD
BEATRICE M. TINSLEY PRIZE
JOHN BAHCALL PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP
HELEN B. WARNER PRIZE

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2011 AAS SPRING/SUMMER CAMPAIGN



WHY GIVE



The Annie Jump Cannon Award to me was a huge confidence builder. I received it when I was a quiet junior, and very unsure of myself and my abilities. Today, years later, I lead a successful research group and am proud of our many scientific achievements; I know that I made the right career choice. The Cannon award really launched me in the right direction, giving me the boost I needed to have the guts to really go after my dream. - **Vicky Kaspi, 1998 Annie Jump Cannon Prize Winner**



Thinking about my Tinsley Award takes me back to the time of the beginnings of what has become a truly incredible, booming field of the extrasolar planets research. Personally, it was also the time that changed my view of humanity, science, and my attitude toward life as we know it. - **Alex Wolszczan, 1996 Beatrice M. Tinsley Prize Winner**



The Warner Prize was the first recognition of my research accomplishments by my peers. It was a fantastic pat on the back and gave me the confidence to continue to pursue the risky research I was involved in (early Universe cosmology). It also spurred Chicago to promote me early. I can still remember receiving the award from Marteen Schmidt (wow!) and sharing the stage with my friend Marc Aaronson who won the Pierce Prize (we were undergraduates at Caltech). The impact of an early career prize cannot be overstated -- it is huge. - **Michael Turner, 1984 Helen B. Warner Prize Winner**

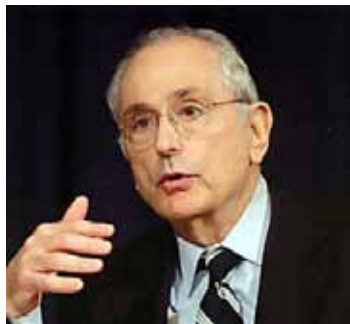
WHY I GAVE

I contributed to the Donald E. Osterbrock Fund of the Historical Astronomy Division for two reasons: to help HAD establish the world's first book prize in historical astronomy, and to honor the memory of Don Osterbrock. - **Anonymous**

Making directed donations to specific AAS programs has been an ideal way to demonstrate support for programs that I especially value, such as support for student travel to AAS meetings, as well as a way to honor colleagues for whom the fund is named. - **Bob Milkey**

There are people in our community who in various ways quietly help others to succeed. One way that I like to recognize people who have been particularly helpful or supportive in my career is to make a donation to the AAS in their honor or their memory. - **Lee Anne Willson**

THE REASON



John Bahcall Public Policy Fellowship Special Challenge

Neta Bahcall has once again issued a dollar-for-dollar match for donations to the John Bahcall Public Policy Fellowship. Help us meet her challenge by including something extra or a significant contribution to this important AAS activity. Supporting the John Bahcall Public Policy Fellow helps ensure the long-term success of our field.

John Bahcall chaired the National Academy of Science Decadal Survey for Astronomy and Astrophysics for the 1990s. By personally engaging policy makers throughout the decade after the report was released (and beyond), nearly all of the prioritized recommendations in the report were implemented. It was John's dedicated service to astronomy through his engagement in public policy that led the Council to establish the John Bahcall Public Policy Fellow Program. The Fellows carry forward John's example of the engaged civic scientist, a vision echoed by former NSF Director and Presidential Science Advisor Dr. Neal Lane, who defined the civic scientist as "a thoughtful and mainstream contributory member of society" who "uses his or her special scientific knowledge and skills to influence policy and inform the public."

THE OUTCOME

AAS Bahcall Fellows

Bethany Johns, 2010-2011

Anita Krishnamurthi, 2009-2010

Marcos Huerta, 2008-2009

L. Jeremy Richardson, 2007

THE APPRECIATION

John Bahcall was one of the most influential astrophysicists of the 20th century, through his science and especially through his efforts to promote major investments in new facilities for observation. His advocacy for the Hubble Space Telescope throughout the 70's, 80's and early 90's made it happen, and his support in the mid-00's were instrumental to re-establish the final servicing mission. His stewardship of the 1990 Decadal Survey and his consistent follow up with Congress ensured that all the high priority programs were funded. All younger astronomers of the modern era owe an enormous debt to his service. - **Steven Beckwith**

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