Ulrich J. Becker, Professor of Physics, received the NASA Recognition Letter for Success in the First AMS Flight.

Mildred Dresselhaus, Institute Professor and Professor of Physics and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, was awarded the Medal of Achievement in Carbon Science and Technology from the American Carbon Society.

Jerome Friedman, Institute Professor, Professor of Physics, and Nobel laureate, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the State University of New York; and elected to the American Philosophical Society.

Alan H. Guth, Victor F. Weisskopf Professor of Physics, was named a MacVicar Faculty Fellow at MIT.

Jacqueline N. Hewitt, Professor of Physics, was appointed the Director of the MIT Center for Space Research.

Erich P. Ippen, Elihu Thomson Professor of Electrical Engineering and Professor of Physics, received the James R. Killian, Jr., Faculty Achievement Award for 2001–02.

Mehran Kardar, Professor of Physics, was awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship; and appointed a Miller Visiting Professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

Wolfgang Ketterle, John D. MacArthur Professor of Physics, was invited to give the Bodo von Borries Lecture at the University of Tübingen and the Konopinski Public Lecture at Indiana University; was elected a Foreign Associate of the National Academy of Sciences; and awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2001 (together with E. A. Cornell and C. E. Wieman).

Daniel Kleppner, Lester Wolfe Professor of Physics and Director, MIT-Harvard Center for Ultracold Atoms, received the 2002 Robertson Memorial Lecture of the National Academy of Sciences; and was elected a Member of The Academy of Sciences of the Institute of France.
David E. Pritchard, Professor of Physics, was appointed the Cecil and Ida Green Professor of Physics.

Paul Schechter, William A. M. Burden Professor of Astrophysics, was awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship.

Samuel C. C. Ting, Thomas Dudley Cabot Professor of Physics and Nobel laureate, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan.

Senthil Todadri, Assistant Professor of Physics, was awarded an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship.

Frank Wilczek, Herman Feshbach Professor of Physics, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Montreal; received the Michelson-Morley Prize of Case Western University; and appointed Editor-in-Chief, \textit{Annals of Physics}.

Promotions

Haiyan Gao to Associate Professor without Tenure

Washington Taylor IV to Associate Professor with Tenure and Full Professor

Boleslaw Wyslouch to Full Professor with Tenure

Retirements

Professor Rainer Weiss
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