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Brooke Harrington, assistant professor of sociology and public policy, and David H. Laidlaw, assistant professor of computer science, have been awarded Henry Merritt Wriston Fellowships for the 2003-04 academic year.

The Wriston Fellowship is one of the highest awards that Brown presents to its teaching faculty. Established in 1972 to encourage and reward excellence in teaching, the fellowship is awarded annually to a junior member of the faculty to recognize significant accomplishments in teaching and to allow for scholarly research and preparation of new contributions to the undergraduate curriculum. Candidates are nominated by faculty colleagues, and their credentials are reviewed by a committee of faculty members, which makes its final recommendations to the dean of the College.

Harrington teaches courses on organizational, economic and gender sociology. She has done extensive research on the dynamics of investment clubs -- voluntary organizations of 15 to 20 people who pool their money to invest in the stock market -- and will use the fellowship to complete her book on the subject. "Capital and Community: Investment Clubs and Stock Market Populism" is under contract with Cambridge University Press.

Since coming to Brown in 1998, Laidlaw has developed a unique course that combines art and computer graphics -- a partnership between Brown and the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). The fellowship will allow him to further advance the interdisciplinary curriculum he is pioneering between RISD and the sciences at Brown.

The Dean of the Faculty has awarded four Faculty Teaching Awards for 2003-04:

Allan Bower, associate professor of engineering, the Philip J. Bray Award for Teaching Excellence in the Physical Sciences

Gary Wessel, professor of Biology (Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and Biochemistry), the Elizabeth H. LeDuc Award for Teaching Excellence in the Life Sciences

Barbara Tannenbaum, senior lecturer in theater, speech and dance, and Michael J. Putnam, professor of classics and comparative literature, the John Rowe Workman Award for Teaching Excellence in the Humanities.

A committee of deans selected the winners from among those nominated by department chairs. Each award winner receives \$2,000 a year for two years.

Financial Services information sessions to prepare for end of fiscal year

The Controller's Office, Purchasing, and the Cashier's Office will hold joint year-end information sessions on:

April 29th 2:30 – 4 p.m. Dining Rooms 7, 8, & 9, Sharpe Refectory

May 7th 9:30 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Dining Room, Sharpe Refectory

Anyone responsible for the financial records of a department is urged to attend one of the sessions. Each will cover a number of important topics relating to: