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congratulate the winners of the

# 2012 Sloan Public Service Awards

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## Sarah Carroll

Director of Preservation  
Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Years of Service: 18

Sarah Carroll oversees the nearly 10,000 applications submitted annually to the Landmark Preservation Commission for alterations to landmarked sites in all five boroughs, including buildings in historic districts. Colleagues and applicants alike praise her for her exhaustive knowledge of law and precedent and her keen ability to help architects, developers, contractors, and property owners successfully navigate the regulations

governing New York City's 29,000 landmarked sites. Although applications to the Commission can sometimes be contentious, Carroll's unusual and admirable calm, sensitivity, and impartiality have made her a singularly effective negotiator, helping broker compromises to which all sides can agree. Says one New York City architect, "Sarah's one of the most respected members of the preservation community. In an environment in which preservationists may be pitted against developers in heated opposition, she's uniquely gifted in being able to find middle-ground solutions."

## 2011 WINNERS

**Susan W. Dalmás**  
Director of Adult Literacy Programs  
Queens Library

**Ramon M. Gonzalez**  
Principal  
MS 223, the Lab School of Finance & Technology  
The Bronx

**Henry D. Perahia**  
Chief Bridge Officer  
Dept. of Transportation

**Elva Rodriguez**  
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner  
Segundo Ruiz Belvis Diagnostic & Treatment Center, HHC

**Gabriel Taussig**  
Division Chief  
Administrative Law Division  
New York City Law Dept.

**Emmanuel Thingue**  
Senior Designer  
Dept. of Parks & Recreation

## 2010 WINNERS

**Carrie S. Banks**  
Supervising Librarian  
Brooklyn Public Library

**Dr. Julius R. Berger**  
Professor and Chairman  
Dept. of Dental and Oral Surgery  
Kings County Hospital, HHC

**Frank DePaolo**  
Director  
Special Operations Division  
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

**Christina Fuentes**  
Principal  
PS 24, Sunset Park Elementary School  
Brooklyn

**Sonia Galarza**  
Director of Program Services  
Division of Youth & Family Justice  
Administration for Children's Services

**Robert Lange**  
Director  
Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse, & Recycling  
Dept. of Sanitation



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## Jeffrick R. Dean, Sr.

Bus Operator  
New York City Transit Authority  
Years of Service: 22

Bus riders occasionally write or call the NYC Transit Authority to praise a bus operator they view as exemplary. Given that the City's fleet transports an average of 2.7 million riders every week, these "unsolicited commendations" are surprisingly rare. Few bus operators accumulate more than a dozen during their careers. Jeffrick Dean has 132. Consistently praised by riders for his tireless courtesy, patience, and good hu-

mor, Dean is the very definition of "civil servant," going so far as to learn greetings in Spanish, Arabic, Hebrew, Haitian, Creole, and Swahili to welcome passengers in their native language. An ordained minister, Dean is one of 76 volunteer chaplains serving under Rabbi Harry Berkowitz, the chaplain for the NYC Transit Authority. When a passenger murdered bus operator Edwin Thomas in 2008, Dean was "the rock that everyone relied on," says Berkowitz, providing spiritual and emotional counsel to his co-workers. "All my volunteers are wonderful, but Dean is truly outstanding."



## Donna Leno Gordon

Director, Behavioral Health Nursing and Palliative Care  
Coney Island Hospital  
Health and Hospitals Corporation  
Years of Service: 23

Donna Leno Gordon is a pioneer in the field of palliative care, the branch of medicine concerned with helping patients manage pain and discomfort and with easing the overwhelming emotional, psychological, and spiritual distress of patients and families facing chronic or terminal illness. Under Gordon's leadership, Coney Island

Hospital has become a local and regional leader in palliative care, launching programs that have cared for more than 7,000 patients and their families since 2006, including a pioneering 19-bed unit, a rarity in hospitals. Gordon is also an innovator in providing more humane, dignified care for the mentally ill. Her team's initiatives have significantly reduced the use of restraints and seclusion. Her colleagues praise her compassion, calm, and unwavering commitment to making palliative care a formalized part of institutionalized medicine. HHC's Chief Medical Officer Ross Wilson says, "Donna has the reach, the scope, and the heart of a champion."

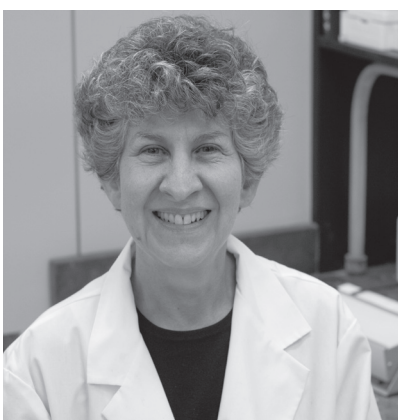


## James McConnell

Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Data  
Office of Emergency Management  
Years of Service: 27

Be it hurricane or blackout, fire or flood, New York City turns to James McConnell and his team to provide the GIS data maps that are essential to the City's emergency response. A trailblazer in GIS—a technology that manages, analyzes, and presents geographically-referenced data—McConnell has become one of the country's foremost GIS experts, committing his expertise to New York City for the past twenty-seven years.

Drafted into the Office of Emergency Management on September 12, 2001, McConnell worked tirelessly with his colleagues to create thousands of maps that were critical in rescue and recovery efforts. He has forged rare partnerships with hundreds of public and private agencies to collect the economic, demographic, social, health, education, and physical infrastructure data that the City needs when disaster strikes. "Quantifying and mapping New York City is McConnell's passion," says OEM Commissioner Joseph Bruno. "It would be hard to overstate the benefits that accrue to New Yorkers because of his quiet and constant leadership."



## Ruth E. Stark, Ph.D.

Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Acting Dean of Science  
The City College of New York  
Years of Service: 27

Defying convention to become a chemist at a time when few women entered the field, Ruth Stark is an eminent scientist and inspiring role model for hundreds of young men and women from diverse backgrounds. Joining CUNY's College of Staten Island in 1985, Stark became the institution's first woman to build her own scientific research program, authoring 95 highly cited

academic papers. She is known for her unique ability to assemble talent across disciplines. She initiated the Research Coordination Network, a worldwide support network for emerging biomolecular technologies, and is the Founding Director of CUNY's Macromolecular Assemblies Institute, where she leads a pioneering interdisciplinary research team of chemists, engineers, and physicists. Stark has also demonstrated a singular commitment to supporting fledgling researchers in the sciences, engineering, and mathematics. "Young scientists need a broad and continuous range of supports," says Stark. "It is not only about the science."



## Phil Weinberg

Principal  
High School of Telecommunication Arts and Technology, Brooklyn  
Years of Service: 28

Brooklyn's High School of Telecommunication Arts and Technology (HSTAT) is a large, non-specialized school with a student body of 1,300 that mirrors the community it serves: half Hispanic, 20 percent black, 70 percent from low-income families. Under Phil Weinberg's leadership, HSTAT has become a model of innovation. New students are divided into four "schools within a school,"

each with its own set of teachers, providing small school advantages in a large school setting. A team-teaching program integrates special education students into the main student body. But getting ready for college is the main focus at HSTAT, a focus anchored by a demanding curriculum that requires students to carry the toughest courses they can handle. "If we determine you can take calculus," says Weinberg, "you take calculus." Freshman visit college campuses, juniors write a college entrance essay, and seniors dress up one day in November to ceremoniously turn in their applications for college. Said one senior, "No one can *not* go to college in this school."