HISTORY OF THE LEON A. HENKIN CITATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

The Leon Henkin Citation for Distinguished Service is awarded by the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Campus Climate (DECC) of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate. It is given in recognition of an “exceptional commitment to the educational development of students from groups who are underrepresented in the academy.”

Leon Henkin was an Emeritus Professor of Mathematics who was a founder of the Committee on Special Scholarships in 1963. This committee of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate had the goal of enabling students from underrepresented groups to attend and excel at the University of California, Berkeley. Professor Henkin remained a member of this same but renamed Committee on Student Diversity and Academic Development until his death. (SDAD merged with the Status of Women and Ethnic Minorities to form the DECC in 2014). Professor Henkin worked tirelessly throughout his career to increase equity and access to higher education, and to promote the academic, personal and professional success of Berkeley students from groups traditionally underrepresented in the academy. He was the first recipient of this Citation from the Academic Senate, and the Citation bears his name as testimony to his distinguished service. The names of previous awardees are listed below.

1999 Leon A. Henkin (Mathematics)

2002 Caroline Kane (MCB)

2006 Jabari Mahiri (Education)

2007 Margaret Conkey (Anthropology), Sally Fairfax (ESPM), Rosemary Joyce (Anthropology), Kent Lightfoot (Anthropology), and Laurie Wilkie (Anthropology)

2008 Jahn T. Matsui (Integrative Biology)

2009 Katherine Sherwood (Art Practice) and George Johnson (Mechanical Engineering)

2010 Karl S. Pister (Civil and Environmental Engineering)

2011 Genaro Padilla (English)

2012 Mahasin Mujahid (Public Health)

2013 Mark Richards (Earth and Planetary Sciences) and Susan Schweik (English/Disability Studies)

2014 Denise Herd (Public Health) and David A. Weisblat (MCB)

2015 Tyrone Hayes (Integrative Biology)

2016 William Drummond (Journalism)