

DUKE TIP 2010 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS



The Distinguished Alumni Awards recognize leaders and contributing citizens who are also alumni of the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Candidates are selected based on achievements in their field. Congratulations to our 2010 Award recipients.

Amy Pickar Abernethy



TIP courses – '83 Controversies in Biology; '84 Computer Science: C++

Education – University of Pennsylvania, '90; Duke University School of Medicine, '94; Duke Internal Medicine Residency, '97; Duke Hematology/Oncology Subspecialty Fellowship, '01

Profession – Associate Professor of Medicine; Associate Director, Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center

Amy, a practicing medical oncologist and cancer researcher at Duke, focuses on information technology to improve cancer patients' experiences and to find IT solutions to standardize, collect, monitor, and analyze patient-reported outcomes. Amy conducts a large portfolio of cancer clinical trials designed to generate evidence-based solutions for common symptoms and concerns confronting cancer patients and to rapidly transfer new research evidence back to the clinic to improve care. Amy contributes nationally in cancer health policy, health information technology, and comparative effectiveness research. She is the author of over 130 publications, 20 book chapters, and 2 textbooks.

"I first went to TIP when I was 14. Surrounded by lots of TIP kids just like me, I felt simultaneously normal and special. I learned my coursework, but more importantly, I learned about life, friendship, and to be proud that I liked math and computers. Recently my dad sent me my TIP biology transcript; it said: 'A-. Amy could have had an A, but she was too busy chatting.'"

Lyrissa Barnett Lidsky



TIP courses – '82 Writing I: Expository Composition, '83 Writing II: Twice Told Tales: Echoes in Literature

Education – Texas A&M, '89; Fulbright Scholar at Cambridge University, '90; University of Texas School of Law, '93

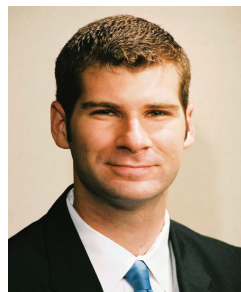
Profession – Stephen C. O'Connell Chair, Professor of Law, University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law

Lyrissa is highly regarded in the legal community with expertise in First Amendment law and media law. She is the author of one reference book on freedom of the press and three casebooks, one of which is the number one media law casebook and is going into its 8th edition. She has twice been voted Teacher of the Year and selected by students as the Faculty Graduation Speaker. Lyrissa has authored numerous law review articles, one of which has influenced the development of the law of anonymous Internet defamation and has been cited in important state Supreme Court decisions.

"The TIP experience was completely life altering for me. I love being a law professor and even feel that it is my calling, but I never would have been able to imagine a life in academia were it not for my TIP experience. I grew up in a tiny,

remote oil-field town in West Texas, which was a lonely existence for a girl who loved books more than sports. TIP connected me with other kids like me, and their aspirations became my aspirations. Because of TIP, I dared to think of myself as an intellectual and eventually became one."

Peter Singer



TIP courses – '88 Latin; '89 European History; '90 Political Science and International Relations

TIP Summer Employment – '94 Teaching Assistant; '96 Instructor

Education – Princeton University, '97; Harvard University, Ph.D., '01 in International Relations

Profession – Senior Fellow and Director of the 21st Century Defense Initiative at the Brookings Institution

Peter is considered one of the world's leading experts on changes in 21st century warfare. He has written articles for and has been quoted in every major U.S. newspaper and news magazine, delivered talks to Congress and universities around the world, and provided commentary on military affairs for nearly every major TV and radio outlet. CNN named him to their New Guard List of the Next Generation of Newsmakers. In 2009 the award winning *Foreign Policy* magazine named him one of the Top 100 Global Thinkers. Peter is also a founder of the U.S-Islamic World Forum, a global conference that brings together leaders from across the U.S. and the Muslim world. Peter's latest book, *Wired for War: The Robotics Revolution and Conflict in the 21st Century*, was a *New York Times* bestseller and the *Financial Times* named it Book of the Year.

"TIP was a wonderful growing experience from the classes I took to the friendships I made. It was a rare and special thing to be able to dive into classes that challenged me, to have teachers that so loved the topics they were teaching, and to be surrounded by kids that were excited to learn."

Kentaro Toyama



TIP courses – '83 Math; '84 Chemistry; '85 Computer Science and Discrete Math; '86 Computer Science

TIP Summer Employment – '87 Teaching Assistant; TIP in Japan: '91 Instructor and Residential Advisor; '92 Instructor and Residential Advisor; '93 Instructor and On-Site Coordinator; '94 On-Site Coordinator

Education – Harvard University, '91; Yale University, Ph.D., '98 in Computer Science

Profession – Visiting scholar at Berkeley

Kentaro is a leader in the area of computing for international socio-economic development. He began his career with Microsoft Research where he was involved with computer vision and multimedia research. In 2002, he took personal leave to teach mathematics at Ashesi University in Accra, Ghana. He moved to India to start Microsoft Research India, which conducts interdisciplinary research to understand how the world's poor communities interact with electronic technology and to invent new ways for technology to support development of rural villages and urban slums. Currently a visiting scholar at Berkeley, Kentaro is writing a book that proposes that wisdom is the optimal goal of global development.

"Algebra in three weeks; frisbee every day; lifelong friends; Journey on the radio (it was the 80s)... My fondest memories are memories of TIP!"