

Morton Hoffman Receives ACS Scholars Mentoring Prize

Emeritus Professor Morton Z. Hoffman (Boston University) received the Zaida C. Morales-Martinez Prize for Outstanding Mentoring of ACS Scholars at the Committee on Minority Affairs (CMA) Luncheon on August 20, 2018, at the ACS National Meeting in Boston.

The Prize, consisting of a plaque and a check for \$1,000, was named for Morales-Martinez in recognition of her many years as the leader of the mentoring of the Scholars. Bob Lichter and his wife, Diane Scott-Lichter, initiated the Prize in 2011 with a grant from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation. With the passing of Bob earlier this year, it continues to be a part of the legacy of his long-standing commitment to the ACS Scholars Program. His children, Derek and Allison, presented the Prize together with Morales-Martinez and Tom Connelly, ACS Executive Director and CEO.

Hoffman was cited for his mentoring of ACS Scholars and other students, many of whom have been co-authors on his more than 200 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters through the course of his 57-year career at B.U.

In his acceptance remarks, he recognized his friendship with “Mama Z” and Bob Lichter, and the work he did with him to identify the ACS Scholars within NESACS. Hoffman said, “I am proud to be associated with the many ACS Scholars who have been assisted financially and academically by this wonderful program. To these students of the past, the present, and the future, as well as to all of us gathered here today as members of minority groups in every sense, I celebrate our diversity. Whether we, personally or our ancestors, came to this great nation as part of ‘the huddled masses yearning to breathe free’ or on slave ships in chains, our moral compass must be directed by the concluding words of the Pledge of Allegiance, which we all learned in school or upon becoming citizens of these United States: “With Liberty and Justice for All.” LIBERTY AND JUSTICE – FOR ALL!”