Dean Feniosky Peña-Mora inaugurated an annual celebration of faculty excellence by honoring 32 faculty members who won major awards during the 2008–2009 academic year. At a reception held at the newly renovated Faculty House, Dean Peña-Mora noted that many exceptional students became members of the faculty, including Michael I. Pupin, Class of 1883, whose students included Nobel Laureate Irving Langmuir of the Class of 1903, and Edwin Howard Armstrong, Class of 1913.

“The hallmark of Columbia Engineering faculty always was, and continues to be, excellence and impact,” said the dean, addressing the honorees. “Each of you is part of this great tradition of teaching and research, of excellence and impact. For some of you starting your career, the awards you are honored for today are but the beginning. For those of you who are more seasoned, these honors are but another recognition of decades-long contributions to your field.”

Faculty honorees included:

- **KEREN BERGMAN**
  Professor, Electrical Engineering
  Fellow, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

- **JOSÉ BLANCHET**
  Assistant Professor, Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
  NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award

- **MARCO CASTALDI**
  Assistant Professor, Earth and Environmental Engineering
  NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award

- **SIU-WAI CHAN**
  Professor, Applied Physics and Applied Mathematics
  Fellow, American Ceramic Society Board of Directors

- **KARTIK CHANDRAN**
  Assistant Professor, Earth and Environmental Engineering
  NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award

- **SHIH-FU CHANG**
  Professor and Chair, Electrical Engineering
  2009 Kenichi Tomiyasu Award

- **XI CHEN**
  Associate Professor, Earth and Environmental Engineering
  Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) (National Science Foundation nominee)

- **MARIA CHUDNOVSKY**
  Associate Professor, Industrial Relations and Operations Research
  Delfters Ray Fulkerson Prize

- **GEORGE DEODATIS**
  Santiago and Robertina Calatrava Family Professor, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics
  Elected president, International Association for Structural Safety and Reliability

- **DAN ELLIS**
  Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering
  NSF Frontiers of Engineering Selection 2009
  NSF Frontiers of Engineering Symposium Organizer 2010

- **TONY HEINZ**
  David M. Bishop Professor of Optical Communications, Electrical Engineering
  Julius Springer Prize for Applied Physics

- **JULIA HIRSCHBERG**
  Professor, Computer Science
  Fellow, International Speech Communications Association

- **CLARK HUNG**
  Professor, Biomedical Engineering
  Fellow, American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering

- **HELEN LU**
  Associate Professor, Biomedical Engineering
  Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) (National Institutes of Health nominee)

- **V. FAYE MCNEILL**
  Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering
  NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award

- **VAN C. MOW**
  Stanley Dicker Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Chair, Biomedical Engineering
  Associate Fellow of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World
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