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Left to right: Honorary Degree recipients Susan Hockfield, Matt Ridley, and Tom Maniatis



David Spector accepts the first Winship Herr Award for Excellence & Creativity in Teaching from WSBS Dean Lilian Clark Gann



#### Santanu Chakraborty

Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay  
George A. and Marjorie H. Anderson Fellow  
Entering Class of 2000

**"Analysis and modeling of neural connectivity in a short term memory system"**



#### Rebecca C. Ewald

King's College, London  
Engelhorn Scholar  
Entering Class of 2000

**"NMDA receptor subtypes and dendritic arbor morphology"**



#### Charles Kopec

Rutgers University, New Jersey  
Goldberg-Lindsay Fellow  
Entering Class of 2001

**"AMPA receptor trafficking and their effect on spine enlargement during long-term potentiation"**

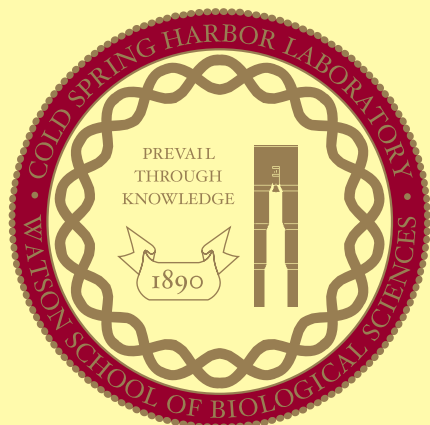


#### Marco Mangone

La Sapienza University, Rome  
DANA Foundation Fellow  
Entering Class of 2000

**"Analysis of the HCF-1 basic region and its role in sustaining cell proliferation"**

# Watson School Commencement Convocation



» During an April 30 commencement convocation, members of The Watson School of Biological Sciences's third graduating class—doctoral candidates Santanu Chakraborty, Rebecca Ewald, Charles Kopec, and Marco Mangone and Master of Science students Molly Perkins and Izabela Sujka—were officially equipped to become leaders in science and society.

"Unfortunately in today's political and ideological climate, science has taken a backseat to ideas, events, and priorities that threaten our way of life and the way we perform science," said CSHL president Bruce Stillman during his commencement address. "As you embark on a career in science, I hope you will work to bring scientific awareness to the public, to students, and to the government, wherever you may be."

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In his keynote address, Honorary Degree recipient Dr. Matt Ridley, a noted U.K.-based author and visiting scientist at CSHL, echoed Stillman's sentiments. "We must continuously remind the world of the public good that can come from new knowledge....Some environmentalists in my country and some fundamentalists in yours are determined to paint science as dangerous and unethical. In the debates over genetically modified food and stem cells, they have very nearly managed to contaminate words like 'gene' altogether. We must not let them get away with it," said Ridley.

Honorary degrees were also granted to Dr. Susan Hockfield, a distinguished neuroscientist and the 16th president of M.I.T.,

and Dr. Tom Maniatis, a professor at Harvard University and best known for pioneering the development and application of recombinant DNA methods. Both Hockfield and Maniatis spent early parts of their careers at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

Watson School Dean Lilian Clark Gann presented the first Winship Herr Award for Excellence & Creativity in Teaching—named in honor of the school's founding dean—to CSHL scientist Dr. David Spector. Said Spector, "Teaching here is about passing on not only knowledge but also the excitement of science...It is always great to receive an award, but when that award comes from the students, it means that much more as they are the future of science." **Lisa M. Becker**