

The College of Arts & Sciences is very proud to announce that Thomas Gilmore, a professor in the Department of Biology and a member of the program in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, will receive the 2009 Metcalf Cup and Prize. President Brown made the announcement at today's Senior Breakfast, a break with the past practice of keeping the selection a secret until Commencement. Gilmore will receive the award during the main Commencement ceremony on May 17.

Teaching and engaging in research at BU since 1987, Professor Gilmore's primary area of research focuses on the molecular biology of cancer, especially as it relates to lymphoma. More recently, he has been conducting research on the evolutionary origins of the immune response in simple marine organisms, such as sea anemones and coral. He has written approximately 100 scientific articles, and his research has been recognized by awards from the American Cancer Society.

Professor Gilmore has taught BU graduate and undergraduate courses in virology, molecular biology, and cancer. He has taken a strong interest in undergraduate research and has had approximately 65 undergraduate researchers in his lab. Since 2007, Gilmore has served as director of the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP), devoting great effort to providing opportunities for undergraduates to perform research in all disciplines. In addition, he has supervised the graduate research of 35 master's degree students and 19 PhD students, several of whom now direct their own research labs at major universities.

Prior to joining the BU faculty, Professor Gilmore performed post-doctoral research at the University of Wisconsin at Madison with the late Nobel laureate Howard Temin. He received his AB in English from Princeton University and his PhD in Zoology from the University of California, Berkeley.

"I am overwhelmed to be chosen for this award, given the many outstanding contributions by other faculty in my department and CAS," Gilmore said. He is the 36th recipient of the Metcalf Cup and Prize, the University's highest teaching award. It was established in 1973 by a gift from the late trustee chairman emeritus Arthur G. B. Metcalf to create "a systematic procedure for the review of the quality of teaching at Boston University and the identification and advancement of those members of the faculty who excel as teachers." Last year, Allison Adair, a lecturer in the CAS Writing Program, received the award—the first person of her academic rank to be so honored. Students, faculty, and alumni nominate candidates for the Metcalf Cup and Prize, which carries a prize of \$10,000.