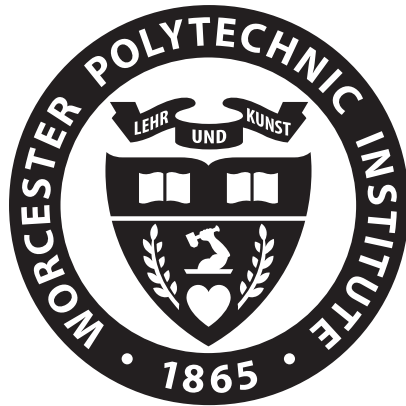


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ROBERT H. GODDARD AWARD



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GARY GOSHGARIAN '64

THIS AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF
**OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENT**

GARY GOSHGARIAN, you are a dedicated teacher and distinguished fiction writer whose work sheds light on the impact of science without wisdom. We honor you today for your impressive career.

You earned your bachelor's degree in physics at WPI, but quickly learned that lab work wasn't for you. You turned instead to your other passion: writing. Your first book, *Atlantis Fire*, resulted from your brush with modern-day pirates looting Mediterranean shipwrecks for antiquities to be sold on the black market. You now have eight critically acclaimed bestselling novels to your credit: *Atlantis Fire*, *Rough Beast*, *The Stone Circle* (under the name Gary Goshgarian), *Elixir*, *Gray Matter*, *Flashback*, *Skin Deep*, and *Tunnel Vision* (all published under your pen name, Gary Braver). Your work has been praised by the likes of Stephen King and Tess Gerritsen, and your novel *Flashback* won the 2006 Massachusetts Honor Book Award.

You are also a pioneering and dedicated teacher. With a master's degree in English from the University of Connecticut and a PhD in English from the University of Wisconsin, you took a teaching position at Northeastern University in 1969. There you introduced one of the

first science fiction courses in the country to such popularity that you soon introduced two other popular culture courses in horror fiction and modern bestsellers. All three courses are going strong after 25 years; Northeastern has recognized your contributions with its Excellence in Teaching Award. You are the author of five popular college writing textbooks, including *Exploring Language*, now in its 14th edition. You have also taught fiction writing workshops overseas as well as locally, including thriller-writing at the Cape Cod Writers Conference this coming August.

You are a role model for our students and alumni of how a WPI education can feed the imagination and lead to success in a creative field. Your novels also reveal your WPI roots—at the heart of WPI's mission is educating young women and men who have the wisdom to understand the impact of engineering, science, and technology on society. Your stories illuminate the consequences of, in your own words, "science without foresight," and in doing so serve the highest mission of science fiction while bringing pride to your alma mater.

Gary Goshgarian, the WPI Alumni Association is proud to present you with the Robert H. Goddard Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.

President, WPI Alumni Association

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