Iris Marion Young (1949-2006) was a faculty member in Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs in the 1990s and a member of the Women's Studies Program steering committee. As a teacher, a mentor, and a member of the Pitt community, Young was a galvanizing presence. She maintained strong ties with friends and colleagues at Pitt after she accepted an appointment as a professor of political science at the University of Chicago in 2000.

Young trained as a philosopher, earning a PhD from Pennsylvania State University in 1974, but her work has influenced scholars in many academic disciplines. She published on topics as varied as women’s embodied experience (Throwing Like a Girl and Other Essays in Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory, Indiana UP 1990), political theories of justice and democracy (Justice and the Politics of Difference, Princeton UP 1990; Inclusion and Democracy, Oxford UP 2002), and law and social policy (Intersecting Voices: Dilemmas of Gender, Political Philosophy, and Policy, Princeton UP 1997).

In keeping with her scholarship, Young worked actively on behalf of fair labor relations, gender equality, peace, and other causes she endorsed. The Young Award for Political Engagement is designed to honor her memory each spring by celebrating members of the Pitt community who have worked on behalf of social justice and democracy.

Heidi Hartmann
Dr. Heidi Hartmann is the President of the Washington-based Institute for Women’s Policy Research (IWPR), a scientific research organization that she formed in 1987 to meet the need for women-centered, policy-oriented research. She is an economist with a BA from Swarthmore College and MPhil and PhD degrees from Yale University, all in economics. Dr. Hartmann is also a Research Professor at The George Washington University.

Dr. Hartmann has published numerous articles in journals and books and her work has been translated into more than a dozen languages. She lectures internationally on women, economics, and public policy, frequently testifies before the U.S. Congress, and is often cited as an authority in various media outlets such as CNN, NBC News, The Washington Post, and The New York Times. She is currently the Chair of the Board of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Secretary/Treasurer of the National Council of Women’s Organizations (NCWO), and Co-Chair of NCWO’s Task Force on Older Women’s Economic Security (OWES).
THE IRIS MARION YOUNG AWARD RECIPIENTS

Megan Neuf has a long experience of social justice activism for one working on her BA in Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh. In high school, she organized a group called “M-Powerment” to educate young women on pressing social issues, including sexual assault, body image, depression, and stress. In college, she has been active in Strong Women Strong Girls, the YMCA, and the Fair Trade Movement, and participated in a Leadership and Social Justice Learning Community at Pitt, where she assisted at an elementary school in Cleveland and worked to analyze social issues. She traveled to Ecuador to work with the Rostro de Cristo volunteer project and had an internship working with the Heinz Endowments on youth philanthropy and activism.

Anne Marie Toccket is a master’s student in international development at the University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. She is a founding member of Awamaki, an NGO dedicated to sustainable development and fair-trade tourism in Peru. Awamaki supports an indigenous weaving community, provides healthcare and educational benefits, and arranges for the women to display their work outside of Peru. Toccket graduated from Penn State in 2006 with a BA in Spanish, International Studies and Communication. In addition to her work in Peru, she served with the Vista program in Puerto Rico. At college, she worked for Voices of Central Pennsylvania, an alternative newspaper, and The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance. One of her reviewer’s lauded her persistent and deep commitment to the cause of women and economic justice. Her graduate work is deepening her understanding of gender dynamics in economic processes.

Deborah Brake is a professor of law at the University of Pittsburgh, specializing in gender justice, feminist legal theory, and discrimination in institutions (such as sports, the workplace, and schools). Brake earned her JD from Harvard Law School (where she was a member of the Law Review) and her BA in Political Science from Stanford (member of Phi Beta Kappa). As a practicing public interest lawyer, Senior Counsel at the National Women’s Law Center, and as a professor, she uses scholarship and legal activism to shape the law to respond to gender injustice. “I am interested in what theory can do, and not so much in theory for its own sake,” Brake writes, and her career demonstrates the powerful connections between her scholarship (notable publications include Getting in the Game: Title IX and the Women’s Sports Revolution and an influential article on “leveling down”) and more direct legal action (amicus curiae briefs and testimony before congressional committees).

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