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Rutgers congratulates its 2013 MacArthur award winners

Julie Livingston, Professor, Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences, Department of History
Livingston, who received her Ph.D. from Emory University in 2001, specializes in African history and in the history of public health. While doing research for her most recent book, Improvising Medicine: An African Oncology Ward in an Emerging Cancer Epidemic, she tracked the rapid spread of cancer in Botswana by documenting the daily medical ordeals of patients and caregivers in the country’s public oncology ward.

Craig Fennie, Rutgers Alumnus, Ph.D., Physics and Astronomy, 2006; Master’s in Physics, 2003
Fennie, who holds degrees from Rutgers Graduate School–New Brunswick and is on the faculty at Cornell, is a scientist drawing from physics and chemistry to discover new materials that could serve as the basis for future electronic devices. He is also developing strategies to design compounds that could lead to greater efficiency for capturing solar energy.

Jeffrey Brenner, M.D., Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 1995
Brenner, founder and executive director of the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, is an alumnus and a primary care physician who is using a model of cooperative health care delivery to meet the medical and social service needs of the most vulnerable citizens in impoverished communities.

Karen Russell, Rutgers–Camden Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Program
Russell was a finalist for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her debut novel, Swamplandia! This fall, she is sharing some of her favorite works of fiction in a series of wide-ranging literary discussions as part of the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program at Rutgers Graduate School–Camden.

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