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Parampreet Singh Named LSU Rainmaker

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BATON ROUGE – As a top-tier research institution, LSU research faculty are proven leaders in their fields. The LSU Office of Research & Economic Development, with the support of Campus Federal Credit Union, takes the opportunity each year to acknowledge a few of the outstanding faculty with the Rainmaker Awards for Research and Creative Activity. The Rainmakers reception was held on Tuesday, March 10 at The Club at Union Square.

Parampreet Singh, an assistant professor in the Department of Physics & Astronomy, was named a Rainmaker in the category of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Mid-Career Scholar.

“Professor Singh’s work on the fundamental physics of the Big Bang and the structure of space and time attracts international attention to LSU and Louisiana,” said Mike Cherry, professor and chair, LSU department of Physics & Astronomy. “It excites students and attracts them to science and technology fields that are important for Louisiana’s economic development, and it provides state-of-the-art training for students that is then applicable to a wide variety of careers. LSU is fortunate to be able to attract scholars with the status and reputation of Dr. Singh.”

Singh investigates the origins of the universe and the way properties of space and time emerged during its birth, ideas based in Einstein’s Theory of Relativity. His work has been featured in a BBC documentary on the Big Bang. He is also the recipient of the Vainu Bappu Gold Medal by the Astronomical Society of India and the S. Chandrasekhar Award from the International Society on General Relativity and Gravitation.

“Recognizing and celebrating our community’s outstanding faculty is important to Campus Federal, which is why we continue to invest in the future of the university through the

LSU Rainmakers,” said Ron Moreau, Chief Development Officer at Campus Federal Credit Union.

Faculty members chosen as Rainmakers are those who balance their responsibilities – which extend far beyond the classroom – with external expectations such as securing funding for their research and establishing the impact of their findings to the scholarly community and society as a whole. They garner both national and international recognition for their innovative research and creative scholarship while also competing for external funding at the highest levels and attracting and mentoring exceptional graduate students.

“The LSU Rainmakers are exceptional leaders in their fields who bring national and international prominence to LSU. It is our pleasure to highlight these scholars with the support of Campus Federal Credit Union each year,” said Kalliat T. Valsaraj, Vice President of Research and Economic Development at LSU.

For a complete list of LSU Rainmakers, visit <http://bit.ly/1KtrZ4S>

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