

2019 O.W.L. Award Winner



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Biography

Dr. Paola A. Prada received her Ph.D. in Chemistry with a forensic science concentration from Florida International University in 2010. She was awarded the 2010 Intelligence Community (IC) Postdoctoral Research Fellowship funded by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Her postdoctoral studies have united interdisciplinary areas such as chemistry, animal behavior and national security to address issues critical to effective intelligence and defense capabilities. She has worked extensively on developing instrumental methods for human odor

identification for criminal investigations with canines. She has worked with both national and international police/government agencies. She is the author or co-author of numerous journal publications, book chapters, and one book dedicated to human scent evidence.

Nomination by Kiana Holbrook and Shawna Gallegos

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Dr. Prada for consideration for the 2019 WT-AWIS OWL Award. In addition to performing her job at an exemplary level, Dr. Prada continuously demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to her university, program, student-body and community. Dr. Prada prides herself in providing exceptional support, guidance, and teaching. She is an amazing woman leader who showcases integrity, perseverance and joy in the program and forensic science in class as well as outside of the program. Her drive to promote forensic science is shown in her community service and her overall commitment to teach and enhance her knowledge day in and day out. This is a woman who is not only an outstanding person but is an incredible force in the field of Forensic Science. she provides a great opportunity to the future professionals of her field. She works

incredibly hard in her mentoring of students regardless of their classification, not only to benefit the student but also to expand the knowledge and diversity of Forensic Science