

Dr Bruce William Stillman AO

The degree of Doctor of Science (honoris causa) was conferred upon Dr Bruce Stillman AO at the Faculty of Economics and Business graduation ceremony held at 2.00pm on 9 May 2008.



The Deputy Chancellor Mr Alan Cameron AM conferring the honorary degree upon Dr Stillman, *photo, copyright Memento Photography.*

Citation

Deputy Chancellor, I have the honour to present Bruce William Stillman for admission to the degree of Doctor of Science (honoris causa).

Dr Bruce Stillman is President of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. A native of Australia, he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree with honors at The University of Sydney and a PhD at the John Curtin School of Medical Research at the Australian National University. He then moved to Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory as a Postdoctoral Fellow in 1979 and has been at the Laboratory ever since, being promoted to the scientific staff in 1981. Dr. Stillman has been Director of the Cancer Center at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory since 1992, a position he still holds. In 1994, he succeeded Nobel Prize winner Dr James D Watson as Director of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and was appointed President in 2003.

Dr Stillman's research focuses on the mechanism and regulation of duplication of DNA and chromatin in cells, a process that ensures accurate inheritance of genetic information from one cell generation to the next.

For these research accomplishments, Dr Stillman has received a number of honors including election as a Fellow of The Royal Society in 1993. In 1994, Dr Stillman was awarded the Julian Wells Medal and in 1999, Dr Stillman was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for service to scientific research. Dr Stillman was elected in 2000 to the US National Academy of Sciences. In 2004, Dr Stillman was awarded the Alfred P Sloan Prize from the General Motors Cancer Research Foundation with Dr Thomas Kelly. In 2006 he received the American Cancer Society Basic Science Award from the Society of Surgical Oncology and in 2007 received the Curtin Medal from the Australian National University. He has also received four honorary doctorates.

Dr Stillman is a past recipient of research awards from the Damon Runyon Cancer Researchthe Experimental Virology Study Section of the National Institutes of Health and is a member of a number of academic societies. Dr Stillman is a member of the Fund and the Rita Allen Foundation. He is a former chair of Medical Advisory Board of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and advises a number of other research organizations including the MIT Cancer Center, the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne and the Lewis-Sigler Institute at Princeton University. He is on the Boards of the New York Biotechnology Association and AMDeC, an academic medicine development organization in New York. He is currently an advisor to Symphony Capital and EnGeneIC (an Australian biotech company).

He is past co-chair of the Board of Scientific Councilors of the National Cancer Institute and past vice-chair of the National Cancer Policy Board. He currently serves as a member of the Board on Life Sciences of the National Research Council and the Board of Scientific Advisors of the National Cancer Institute. Dr Stillman still maintains a strong connection with the University, serving as a board member on the University of Sydney USA Foundation board.

Deputy Chancellor, I present Bruce William Stillman for admission to the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa, and I invite you to confer the degree upon him.