

2009 PECASE AWARD PRESENTED TO KIMBERLY NIXON, PH.D.



President Barack Obama poses for a group photo with the 2009 Recipients for the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers in the South Court Auditorium of the White House Dec. 13, 2010. (Official White House Photo by Chuck Kennedy)

Kimberly Nixon, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at The University of Kentucky and RSA member since 1998, received the 2009 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE). Eighty-five researchers are nominated annually from 10 Federal departments and agencies to receive the PECASE, the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers. Awardees are selected for their pursuit of innovative research and their commitment to community service as demonstrated through scientific leadership, public education, or community outreach. Dr. Nixon was nominated by NIAAA for her project entitled *Ethanol Effects on the Neurogenic Niche*, which investigates the interaction of ethanol effects on microglia and adult neural stem cells and her public education and outreach work through the RSA Education Committee's Lecture Series.



Dr. Nixon with Dr. Jim Anderson, Director of the NIH Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (left) and Dr. Kenneth Warren, Acting Director of the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

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