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## News Release

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# USU Announces 2008 Wu and Leonard Awards in Research

**BETHESDA, Md.** — The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) has announced the 2008 winners of the Henry Wu Award for Excellence in Basic Research and the James Leonard Award for Excellence in Clinical Research.

Dr. Christopher Broder, professor and director of the Emerging Infectious Diseases Graduate Program for USU's Department of Microbiology and Immunology will receive the Henry Wu Award for his paper entitled, "Ephrin-B2 Ligand is a Functional Receptor for Hendra Virus and Nipah Virus," published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, July 2005. Dr. Broder and his research group recently discovered the receptor that allows entry of the Hendra and Nipah viruses into human cells.

Dr. David Tribble, associate director of the Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program for USU's Preventive Medicine and Biometrics Department will receive the James Leonard Award for his paper entitled, "Traveler's Diarrhea in Thailand: Randomized, Double-Blind Trial Comparing Single-Dose and Three-Day Azithromycin-Based Regimens with Three-Day Levofloxacin Regimen," published in *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, February 2007. Dr. Tribble and his research team demonstrated the role for a single dose of azithromycin in the treatment of traveler's diarrhea in Southeast Asia.

The Wu and Leonard Awards are presented annually to peer-selected USU faculty members who have published a paper within the previous three years that has made a unique and fundamental contribution to their field of research. The awardees each receive \$2,000, and deliver keynote lectures May 13 and 14 respectively, as part of the annual USU Research Week conference.

USU educates health care professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense (DoD) and the United States Public Health Service ([USPHS](#)). The university provides military and public health-relevant education, research, service, and consultation to the nation and the world, pursuing excellence and innovation during times of peace and war. The university's nationally ranked military and civilian faculty conduct cutting edge research in the biomedical sciences and in areas specific to the DoD health care mission such as combat casualty, infectious diseases, and radiation biology.