



A researcher, teacher and mentor

2005 Distinguished Professor

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Geula Gibori: honored as a mentor, advocate and researcher

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Scientists are sometimes portrayed as cold and uncaring, but anyone who knows Geula Gibori sees the human side of science.

Gibori, who has already received the [UIC Woman of the Year Award](#) and the [Award for Teaching Excellence](#), can add another honor to the list –distinguished professor.

Gibori, professor of physiology and biophysics, is known throughout the scientific community as an outstanding researcher.

An internationally recognized expert on the role of hormones and steroids in pregnancy, Gibori is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and president of the Society for the Study of Reproduction, the premier professional group in the United States for researchers in the reproductive sciences.

She has received numerous research prizes, including the Fulbright Senior Scholar Award, the Medical Women's Association Gender Equity Award, the Research Award of the Society for the Study of Reproduction and the National Institutes of Health Merit Award.

Gibori joined UIC in 1976 as an assistant professor in the College of Medicine. Although women were a rarity in the field then, Gibori felt she was at the right place.

“I was lucky to be in an area of research, reproductive endocrinology, dominated by women,” she said.

Gibori has proven her ability to secure grant funding for research. She is one of the principal investigators who received a \$7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to launch a center for research on fertility and infertility in 2002.

“It takes toughness and persistence to create the scientific respect and credibility that Geula has earned during her career,” said Josephine Miller, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, when Gibori was nominated for the Woman of the Year award.