Psychology professor Wendy Craig.

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An expert in childhood bullying and a world-renowned theoretical astrophysicist interested in the state of our solar system are the 2009 recipients of Queen's Prize for Excellence in Research.

Wendy Craig (Psychology) and Martin Duncan (Physics, Engineering Physics and Astronomy) won the award for their significant contributions to the university through their research and scholarly work.

"The Prize for Excellence in Research is the university's highest form of recognition for research conducted at Queen's," says Vice-Principal (Research) Kerry Rowe. "These awards recognize the hard work and dedication of our faculty, and the far-reaching impact of their research."

In her 15 years as a professor at Queen's, Dr. Craig has developed a reputation as a world leader in research in bullying knowledge and prevention. Her research was the first in Canada to focus on bullying, revealing the complexity of children's interactions that are often hidden from adults.

"My work is focused on improving the lives of children and youth," says Dr. Craig. "I am proud that Queen's recognizes and values research aimed at bringing science into the everyday lives of Canadians and institutionally supports the role science plays in promoting healthy relationships and eliminating violence."

Dr. Craig and Dr. Duncan will present public lectures on their research on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7 pm in Ellis Hall.

Dr. Craig's topic is Preventing bullying: Are we doing enough?