

## 2012 Curtis Klaassen Receives ATS Mildred Christian Career Achievement Award



*ATS President James S. Bus presented Curtis D. Klaassen with the 2012 ATS Mildred Christian Award*

The Academy of Toxicological Sciences presented the second annual Mildred S. Christian Career Achievement Award to Curtis D. Klaassen at the ATS Annual Business Meeting and Reception on Wednesday, March 14. ATS President James S. Bus presented this award to Dr. Klaassen noting that this award is conferred to an individual who “has demonstrated extraordinary scientific achievement through publications, professional activities, and/or leadership that have enhanced the practice of toxicology as judged by the Board of Directors.” On the previous Sunday, Dr. Klaassen received the SOT Merit Award during the Society of Toxicology Award Ceremony. The SOT Merit Award is presented in recognition of distinguished contributions to toxicology throughout an entire career in areas of research, teaching, consulting, and service to the Society. The inaugural Mildred S. Christian Career Achievement Award was presented in March 2011 to Bruce Ames.

Dr. Klaassen is presently University Distinguished Professor at the University of Kansas Medical Center, where he has worked for the past 44 years. During this time he has been instrumental in establishing his department as one of the top departments for research and training in toxicology in the world. In addition to departmental leadership, he has directly trained over 100 PhD students and postdoctoral fellows.

From his incredibly productive research efforts, he has published more than 500 original research manuscripts and over 125 book chapters or review articles. He has been recognized internationally as a “highly cited researcher,” and in 2007, ranked as the 7th most-cited researcher in Pharmacology and Toxicology in the world. In addition to those formally trained with him, Dr. Klaassen developed the Mid-America Toxicology Course that is frequently used by those seeking certification as toxicologists, and he has been Co-editor or Editor of the major textbook in toxicology since the 2nd edition of Casarett and Doull’s *Toxicology* was published. He also served as the President of IUTOX, providing international leadership to toxicology. Moreover, he has won numerous awards for his leadership and service as an educator and scientist. From SOT, he has been recognized with the Achievement Award, Education Award, and from the Women in Toxicology Special Interest Group with their Mentoring Award. He has also been recognized at the University of Kansas with numerous awards for research, mentoring and teaching, and he has been recognized internationally with countless honors of achievement and service to toxicology.