Recipients of an Early Career Chair

Kelly Sanders   Megan McCain   Stacey Finley   Nora Ayanian
USC Viterbi congratulates four junior faculty who have been honored with an Early Career Chair: Nora Ayanian, assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science; Stacey Finley and Megan McCain, both assistant professors in the Department of Biomedical Engineering; and Kelly Sanders, assistant professor in the Sonny Astani Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Nora Ayanian
Ayanian was named the holder of the Andrew and Erna Viterbi Early Career Chair. She researches multirobot coordination, for example, using inputs from a tablet to control teams of robots that can one day be used to rescue disaster victims. Ayanian is a 2016 MIT TR 35 awardee.

Stacey Finley
Finley received the honor of Gordon S. Marshall Early Career Chair, which commemorates the late USC trustee, retired chairman of the board and namesake of the USC Marshall School of Business. Finley designs computational models to study angiogenesis in cancer patients. Finley is a 2016 NSF CAREER Award recipient.

Megan McCain
McCain, who directs the Laboratory for Living Systems Engineering, was named holder of the Chonette Early Career Chair. Her work with “organs on chips” houses human cells in micro-environments that mimic organs native to the human body. McCain is a 2014 MIT TR 35 awardee.

Kelly Sanders
Sanders received the honor of the Dr. Teh Fu Yen Early Career Chair, commemorating the former USC Viterbi professor of environmental engineering. As director of the Sustainable Systems Group, Sanders aims to reduce the environmental impact of providing water and energy services. Sanders is a 2016 MIT TR 35 awardee.