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[/Einpresswire.com/](https://www.einpresswire.com/) -- On December 6, 2022, Neil deGrasse Tyson, Frederick P. Rose Director of the Hayden Planetarium of the American Museum of Natural History; Dr. Philip J. Landrigan of Boston College and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; and Jennifer J. Raab, President of Hunter College of the City University of

New York were each recognized with the prestigious Gold Honor Medal at the 108th Award Ceremony of the [National Institute of Social Sciences](https://www.niss.edu/). The Institute's [Gold Medal](#) for distinguished service to society and humanity has been awarded since 1913.

Accepting her award, Raab said, "The National Institute of [Social Sciences](#) serves as a crucial convener of the best and brightest minds in America. I am so proud to be standing here with my fellow awardees."

Over 200 of those minds attended the dinner in the sparkling Ballroom of the Metropolitan Club. NISS also recognized PhD candidate Betsy Priem, one of 2022's five Dissertation Grant winners to attend.

The highlight of the evening was a lively panel discussion with Tyson, Raab, and Landrigan moderated by NISS President Fred Larsen, which elicited laughter, enthusiastic applause, and questions ranging from campus culture to quantum computing. Epidemiologist Landrigan discussed his work to remove lead from gas and paint, and the subsequent rise in national IQs. These extraordinary conversations have become a key attraction of the events, and will be made available on the NISS website.



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“The NISS Gold Medal has been described as a Nobel Prize for the social sciences,” explained President Larsen. Previous honorees, which include four U.S. presidents and 16 Nobel Prize winners, include individuals who have made outstanding achievements in the social sciences, law, government, education, philanthropy, the arts, medicine, science, and industry. They include Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Madelaine Albright, Kwame Anthony Appiah, Daniel Kahneman, Kofi A. Annan, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, Fulton Sheen, Sandra Day O'Connor, Paul Krugman, Darren

Walker, J. Pierpont Morgan, Helen Keller, and Marie Curie, to name a few. A complete list of Gold Medal recipients is available at the National Institute’s website (socialsciencesinstitute.org).

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