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Vernon Dunn Named a Xavier University of Louisiana 40 Under 40 Honoree

ALEXANDRIA, VA (October 2023) – Vernon Dunn, research staff member at the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI), was selected as a Xavier University of Louisiana [40 Under 40 Young Alumni Award](#) honoree.

Dunn and the other honorees were selected for distinguishing themselves through contributions to one or more areas of society. Xavier created the 40 Under 40 program in 2014 to identify and engage young, high-achieving alumni who have demonstrated a commitment to maintaining a lifelong relationship with the university, and who are well positioned to serve as its advocates and ambassadors. This year's group will be honored during an awards celebration in November.

"Xavier University, like all HBCUs, is an incubator for talent, and has created so many opportunities for individuals that look like me," said Dunn. "I am humbled and honored to be nominated as part of this year's remarkable group of 40 under 40 honorees."

Dunn earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Xavier in 2010 and a doctoral degree in neurobiology from Louisiana State University in 2018. He is a member of the Society for Neuroscience and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

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