It gives us tremendous pleasure to express our sincere gratitude to all the reviewers for *NVSQ*. The reputation that the journal has achieved in no small way reflects the impressive quality of the efforts of our reviewers. As we continue to receive expressions of gratitude from authors about the thoroughness and value of our review process, we thank all of you who have volunteered your time to provide reviews for *NVSQ* and contribute to advancing the nonprofit and voluntary scholarship.

Each year, we choose to recognize one reviewer to whom we present the Outstanding Reviewer Award.

Any individual reviewer submitting between January 1st and December 31st, 2021 to *NVSQ* is automatically a candidate for the award. Our main criteria for selecting the *NVSQ* Outstanding Reviewer Award include: the quantity and quality of the reviews conducted; the timely manner in which they were completed; and the extent to which reviewers have provided, constructive insightful critiques of the manuscripts by assessing the main drawbacks in theory, methods and conclusions. We value reviewers who can assist authors in deepening their treatment of the literature, perhaps by introducing them to international work or that of related disciplines. While being rigorous, the best reviewers are thoughtful and encouraging by framing the critique in a way to help the author(s) move the paper to the level of excellence. This process continues through the many revise and resubmits necessary for the manuscript to meet the high quality standards of *NVSQ*.

This year, we are pleased to present the Award to **Dr. Weiai Wayne Xu** of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA.
Dr. Xu has excelled in each of our criteria. Within the past year, he has conducted a substantial number of reviews in an effective and timely manner. With his expertise in communication, big data, and machine learning, he has been particularly helpful in offering in-depth and thorough evaluations, helping authors strengthen theoretical contributions, and is diligent in his review and advice on methodologies. Throughout the review process, he is patient, fair, thoughtful, and constructive, and always keeping an open mind and willing to be convinced.

Congratulations, Wayne, on this well-deserved award! And with it our profound recognition for your exceptional contributions to helping NVSQ publish first-rate articles now and in the future.