

## 2021 RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Research Achievement Award honors a distinguished faculty member who has made significant contributions to scholarship in his or her discipline and to the research and graduate education goals of the University. Nora Besansky's research involves groundbreaking studies of the evolutionary, ecological, and functional genomics of malaria vectors and includes key contributions to the discovery and description of the genetic and ecological complexity of the major *Anopheles* vectors of malaria in Africa. Results from her work have influenced views on the genomic architecture of speciation and have become a model system to study the process. She has published extensively, not only in the top journals in her field but across all of science, and she has received over \$26 million in grant funding. A Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, the Royal Entomological Society, and the Entomological Society of America, she was elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences in 2020.

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the 2021 Research Achievement Award to

**Nora J. Besansky**  
*Martin J. Gillen Professor of Biological Sciences*