The Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI) announced this year's recipient of the Blackwell-Tapia Prize is Craig McKibben & Sarah Merner Professor of Mathematics Tatiana Toro.

The biennial Blackwell-Tapia Prize was established in 2002 by the Mathematical and Theoretical Biology Institute and the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute in honor of David H. Blackwell and Richard A. Tapia, distinguished mathematical scientists who have been inspirations to more than a generation of African American and Latinx students and professionals in the mathematical sciences.

The Blackwell-Tapia Prize recognizes a mathematician who has contributed significantly to research in his or her area of expertise, and who has served as a role model for mathematical scientists and students from underrepresented minority groups or has contributed in other significant ways to addressing the problem of under-representation of minorities in math.