The USC Viterbi School of Engineering congratulates John Brooks Slaughter, professor in the Ming Hsieh Department of Electrical Engineering and the USC Rossier School of Education, for receiving the 2014 Reginald H. Jones Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor conferred by the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME). NACME’s mission is to increase the number of successful African-American, American Indian, and Latino young women and men in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and careers.

Dr. Slaughter has had a remarkably distinguished career, which began as an electrical engineer and includes leading two universities and heading the National Science Foundation as its first African-American director.

His education research has been in the areas of higher education leadership, diversity and inclusion in higher education, underrepresented minorities in STEM, and access and affordability.