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Olympia Researcher and Educator Named 2009 Puget Sound Ergonomics Professional of the Year

Dr. Stephen Bao has been named the 2009 Ergonomics Professional of the Year by the Puget Sound Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (PSHFES). Dr. Bao was recognized for his ground-breaking research on the work-related causes of injuries such as carpal tunnel syndrome, epicondylitis (tennis elbow) and rotator cuff tendonitis, as well as his work as an educator in the field of ergonomics. The award is presented every year at the [PSHFES Ergonomics Symposium](#) to a local professional who has worked to advance the science of human factors and ergonomics, educate others, and promote awareness of the field.

Dr. Bao currently works for the [Safety & Health Assessment & Research for Prevention \(SHARP\)](#) program with the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries. He has taught ergonomics at Saint Martin's University, the University of Washington, and Edmonds Community College. He is frequently invited to present at international conferences and his research is widely published.

Dr. Bao received his Ph.D. and Licentiate both in Industrial Ergonomics from the Luleå University of Technology, Sweden, an MS in Orthopaedic Biomechanics from Shanghai Second Medical University, and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Shanghai Jiaotong University. He has worked as an ergonomist for universities, consulting firms and tool manufacturers in the U.S., Canada, Sweden and China. His current research focuses on workplace injury risk evaluation, ergonomics intervention and hand tool design.

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Dr. Stephen Bao receives the 2009 PSHFES Ergonomics Professional of the Year award from Dr. Dan Odell, president of PSHFES.