

**Susan Pardee Baker**  
**Doctor of Science**

Professor Susan Baker of The Johns Hopkins University has been, for nearly three decades, a driving force in establishing the field of injury control as a recognized specialty within public health. Each year, injuries cause a greater loss of life to the United States than did the entire Vietnam War. Susan Baker's work has kept that awful toll from being even higher. Her broad-ranging research on motor vehicle crashes, occupational injury, childhood choking, house fires, and aviation crashes has been key to understanding the epidemiology of injury. Her book, *The Injury Fact Book*, has become a classic. Based in large part on her innovative work, the National Academy of Sciences organized in the 1980s a panel focused on injury. Its landmark publication, *Injury in America*, co-authored by Professor Baker, set the stage for the recognition of injury control as a legitimate public health issue on the national agenda. This work led directly to the development of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control. She is recognized worldwide as a leader in her field and is an advisor to the World Health Organization.

Susan Baker has been honored by many national and international organizations, but also takes special pride in having been named "bad guy of the month" by *Road Rider* magazine for her efforts to promote the use of helmets by motorcyclists.

Through her unwavering resolve, energetically leading a field before its time, and as a woman ahead of her time in a leadership role, she has inspired many younger scholars to enter the field and achieve excellence. For her pioneering work and the profound influence she has had on public health, this University is pleased to confer on Susan Pardee Baker the degree of Doctor of Science.