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Call to Order

Ramaswamy Viswanathan, M.D., Dr.Med.Sc., DLFAPA
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Induction of Distinguished Fellows

Theresa M. Miskimen Rivera, M.D., DLFAPA
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The Pledge of Distinguished Fellowship

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In addition, our association strives to promote research and professional education in psychiatry and allied fields; to advance the standards of all psychiatric services and facilities; to foster the cooperation of all who are concerned with the medical, psychological, social, and legal aspects of mental health and illness, including substance use disorders; to make psychiatric knowledge available to other practitioners of medicine, other scientists, and the public; and to promote the best interests of patients and those actually or potentially making use of mental health services.

Knowing these objectives, do you now voluntarily accept distinguished fellowship in our association and pledge yourselves to work toward its objectives to the utmost of your ability?

The eligible distinguished fellows will respond: I do.

The eligible distinguished fellows will repeat with the President-Elect:

I will faithfully dedicate myself above all to the welfare of my patients; to maintain the dignity of my profession and the practice of medicine; to supplement my own judgment with the wisdom and counsel of

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specialists in fields, settings, and cultures other than my own; to render assistance willingly to my own colleagues; to be generous in giving professional aid to those who need it; to enhance my knowledge by continuing study, by attendance at meetings of my professional colleagues, by association with physicians of eminence, and by freely exchanging experience and opinion with my colleagues.

I further pledge to avoid commercialism and inequity in my professional life; to refrain from seeking the public eye for self-aggrandizement; to set fees commensurate with my services and adjust them to the circumstances of my patients; and to avoid any financial or discriminatory practice whatsoever that might debase my profession.

Introduction of Distinguished Life Fellows

Theresa M. Miskimen Rivera, M.D., DLFAPA

Introduction of Fellows and Life Fellows

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Introduction of International Fellows and Distinguished Fellows

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Introduction of the 50-Year Distinguished Life Fellows, Life Fellows and Life Members

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Introduction of Membership Committee and Its Chairperson

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Rodgers Wilson, M.D.

Katherine Wisner, M.D., M.S.

Organizational Distinguished Service Award

The Clinical Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Society (CTMSS)

The William C. Menninger Memorial Convocation Lecture

Established in 1972, this lecture honors the late William C. Menninger, M.D., president of the APA 1948-1949, who brought to the association a formalized Convocation of Fellows, first held in 1956.

Siddhartha Mukherjee, M.D., D.Phil. is a physician, researcher, and author, serving as Associate Professor of Medicine at Columbia University and an oncologist at its medical center. He is renowned for his award-winning trilogy—*The Emperor of All Maladies*, *The Gene*, and *The Song of the Cell*—which has shaped public understanding of medicine and science.

Awards Presented at the Convocation

Special Presidential Commendation

Gia Merlo, M.D., M.B.A., M.Ed., DipABLM, FACLM, is a clinical professor of nursing and psychiatry at NYU Grossman School of Medicine, Senior Advisor on Wellness, and a fellow of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine. She is the author of *Lifestyle Nursing* (2022) and *Principles of Medical Professionalism* (2021), and Associate Editor of the *American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine*. Merlo contributes to ACLM's curriculum and board review courses, and her upcoming books focus on professionalism, lifestyle psychiatry, and nursing.

She also serves on the boards of Plant-Powered Metro New York and the Global Positive Health Institute. Merlo is part of NYU Langone Health's Psychiatry Faculty Group Practice and completed a Master of Education in Health Professions at Johns Hopkins University, where she is now adjunct faculty. Previously, she was an associate dean at Rice University and a faculty member at Baylor College of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Texas Children's Hospital, and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Her career spans nearly 30 years in clinician care, wellness, and medical education, with a focus on mental health and professional development. ■



Gia Merlo, M.D., M.B.A.,
M.Ed.

Rahn Kennedy Bailey, M.D., serves as Chair of Psychiatry and Assistant Dean of Community Engagement at LSU's Kathleen & John Bricker Health Sciences Center and, as of 2024, as Academic Medical and Psychiatric Director for the New Orleans Correctional Justice Center Mental Health Services Unit. He previously chaired psychiatry departments at Meharry Medical College, Wake Forest Medical School, and the National Medical Association. His research spans psychotic disorders, mood disorders, forensic psychiatry, health disparities, healthcare reform, and violence, with 86 peer-reviewed publications and three books published on health disparities, gun violence, and intimate partner violence. Dr. Bailey has held numerous leadership roles, including President of the National Medical Association, Chair of the NMA/Cobb Research Foundation, and Board Trustee at Rutgers University. His many honors include NMA Physician of the Year (2006), AMA Co-Chair for the Commission to End Health Disparities, and the APA's Solomon Carter Fuller Award (2024). A committed mentor and advocate, Dr. Bailey has devoted his career to advancing patient care, addressing health inequities, and fostering the next generation of medical professionals. ■



Rahn Bailey, M.D.

David Baron, D.O., MS.Ed., is Senior Vice President and Provost of the Western University of Health Sciences and serves as Chief Academic Officer of the university. He is responsible for academic, accreditation, and budgetary affairs. Dr. Baron joined the university in May 2018 after serving for eight years in roles within the Department of Psychiatry at the Keck School of Medicine, including Vice Dean for Global Health, Professor of Psychiatry and Neurosurgery, Vice Chair of the Department, and Chief of Service at Keck-USC Hospital. He is working as a tenured Professor at Western University of Health Sciences, research Professor at Claremont Graduate University. He received his DO degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) and a Master of Science in Education from the University of Southern California (USC). He is the former Deputy Clinical Director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), former President of the American College of Neuropsychiatry and the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry, and chaired the Department of Psychiatry at Temple University School of Medicine from 1998-2010. Dr. Baron was named a National Fulbright scholar in 2017-18 and conducted his research as Distinguished Chair in Brain Research at the University of Calgary. He also is the recipient of a Fulbright Specialist Award. ■



David Baron, D.O., MS.Ed.

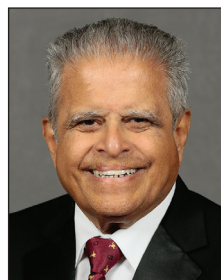
Maria Oquendo, M.D., Ph.D., is Professor and Chairman of Psychiatry at University of Pennsylvania. Her medical education is from Columbia University and Payne Whitney Clinic, New York Hospital Cornell. She is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, one of the highest honors in medicine. Dr. Oquendo uses multimodal imaging to map brain abnormalities in mood disorders and suicidal behavior. Her expertise ranges from psychopharmacology to Global Mental



Maria Oquendo, M.D., Ph.D.

Health, with over 385 peer-reviewed publications. Dr. Oquendo is Past President of APA and the International Academy of Suicide Research and chairs the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Scientific Board of Directors. She is President-Elect of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology. ■

Jagannathan Srinivasaraghavan, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, earned his medical degree from the Medical College in Thanjavur, Madras, India, and completed his residency at Chicago Medical School. A Distinguished Life Fellow of the APA, he has mentored international medical graduates (IMGs) throughout his career, advocated for minority representation in psychiatry, and chaired the APA's Committee of Representatives of Minority/Underrepresented Groups. He was the first Asian American IMG nominated for APA President and received the George Tarjan Award in 2013 for his contributions to psychiatry and IMG advocacy. An avid traveler and accomplished speaker, Dr. Srinivasaraghavan has lectured in more than thirty countries, planted the Indian flag at the North Pole, visited the Arctic over a dozen times, journeyed to the South Pole, and circumnavigated the globe nine times. He ranks among the top ten travelers on the Most Traveled People list and remains active in multiple professional organizations. ■



Jagannathan Srinivasaraghavan, M.D.

Mantosh Dewan, M.D., currently serves as president of Upstate Medical University. He is a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Psychiatry. He is former chair of the department and has also served as director of Undergraduate Education and director of Residency Training. He was interim dean of the College of Medicine. Throughout his career, which began at Upstate Medical in 1979 as an assistant professor of psychiatry, he has written 35 books and book chapters and 75 papers, and given hundreds of presentations on topics that range from brain imaging and economics of mental health care to psychotherapy and medical education. His work has been funded by grants from the National Institute of Mental Health and the Health Resources and Services Administration. Dr. Dewan has an active clinical practice and is listed in *The Best Doctors in America*. He is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and has received the Scientific Achievement Award from the Indo-American Psychiatrists Association, the Exemplary Psychiatrist Award from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the 2010 George Tarjan Award from the American Psychiatric Association, and designated an “Exemplary Chair” by SUNY in 2011. He holds a doctor of medicine from University of Bombay (currently Mumbai University). Dr. Dewan conducted his residency at University Hospital, SUNY Health Science Center in Syracuse. ■



Mantosh Dewan, M.D.

Distinguished Service Award

Established by the APA Board of Trustees in 1964 to honor individuals and/or organizations who have contributed exceptional meritorious service to the field of psychiatry and/or the American Psychiatric Association. These awards are selected by the Board of Trustees based on the recommendation of the Distinguished Service Awards Work Group.

Karandeep Sonu Gaind, M.D., is a University of Toronto Professor and Governor, and Chief of Psychiatry at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. He has served as President of three provincial and one national association, on the Board of the World Psychiatric Association, and (in another life) on Canada's first two International Physics Olympiad teams. He has significantly impacted policy and health system improvements, including bringing needed evidence to Canada's assisted suicide policies that national associations have neglected. He believes medical experts ethically must inform policy with evidence, not just ideology, and consider impacts on the most marginalized to avoid perpetuating policies of privilege. ■



Karandeep Sonu Gaind, M.D.

Rodgers Wilson, M.D., is board certified in adult, forensic, and administrative and psychiatric management by the APA. He was a U.S. Public Health Service Corp physician and received the Director's Award for outstanding service. He served as Cigna Healthcare's National Medical Executive and Arizona Market Medical Executive, the Arizona Department of Behavioral Health's CMO, Arizona's Substance Abuse Authority, Friends Hospital's CMO, and Isaac Ray Center's VP of Workplace Violence and Education. He taught at the University of Cincinnati, Drexel University, Rush Medical College, and Creighton University. He's an APA Distinguished Life Fellow, Mental Health Equity Ambassador, and early career mentor. ■



Rodgers Wilson, M.D.

Distinguished Service Award continued

Katherine Wisner, M.D., M.S., is Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at Children's National Hospital and Obstetrics/Gynecology at George Washington University in Washington, DC. She is a pioneer in the field of perinatal psychiatry and internationally recognized as an expert in the treatment of mood disorders during pregnancy and postpartum. Her research has advanced our understanding of the natural history of mood disorders across childbearing, benefit-harm decision-making for pharmacotherapy, and the pharmacokinetics of medications during pregnancy and lactation. Dr. Wisner has published over 280 peer-reviewed publications and 23 book chapters. She founded the Marcé Society for Perinatal Mental Health in North America. ■



Katherine Wisner, M.D., M.S.

Organizational Distinguished Service Award

The Clinical TMS Society (CTMSS), founded in 2013, is an international organization dedicated to optimizing clinical practice, supporting research, and expanding access to evidence-based Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS). With over 1,100 members,



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8 committees, and 29 elected board members, CTMSS advances psychiatry through TMS certification courses, grand rounds, mentorship programs, special interest groups, the TMS Journal, clinical guidelines, consensus papers, payor advocacy, and scientific meetings. Its non-profit arm, FACTMS, increases public awareness and improves TMS access through free clinics and fundraising campaigns. CTMSS's impactful contributions to mental health care make it a deserving recipient of the APA Distinguished Service Award. ■

Award Lectures

Administrative Psychiatry Award

The Administrative Psychiatry Award, established in 1983, recognizes an individual for major contributions to the body of knowledge concerning the management of mental health services delivery systems and whose effectiveness has made him/her a role model for other psychiatrists.

Tobias Wasser, M.D., serves at Quinnipiac University as the Chair of Psychiatry for the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine and at Hartford Healthcare as a Regional Chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health. He completed his training at Yale and previously served in their faculty, holding academic leadership roles and working as a leader in the state forensic mental health system. Dr. Wasser has been recognized as a national leader in forensic psychiatry and medical education and has received multiple awards in the areas of administrative psychiatry, medical education, mentorship and psychiatric ethics. ■



Tobias Wasser, M.D.

Adolf Meyer Award

The Adolf Meyer Award, established in 1957, honors an individual for lifetime achievement in psychiatric research. The accompanying Adolf Meyer Award Lecture serves to advance psychiatric research by enabling psychiatrists and other conference attendees to hear and interact with an outstanding research scientist.

Charles B. Nemeroff, M.D., is chair and professor with the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, co-directs the Charmaine and Gordon McGill Center for Psychedelic Research and Therapy, and is director of the Institute for Early Life Adversity Research. He received his medical and doctorate degrees in neurobiology from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and completed his psychiatry residency training at UNC and Duke University. His research focuses on the pathophysiology of mood and anxiety disorders and the role of child abuse and neglect as a major risk factor, as well as the role of mood disorders as a risk factor for major medical disorders. ■



Charles B. Nemeroff, M.D.

Alexandra Symonds Award

The Alexandra Symonds Award — established in 1997 in memory of Alexandra Symonds, M.D., an APA Fellow and co-founder of the Association of Women Psychiatrists — recognizes and honors a psychiatrist who has made significant contributions to promoting women's health and the advancement of women.

Linda Chaudron, M.D., M.S., currently serves on the editorial board as Vice President and R.G. Bing-You Chair for MaineHealth Department of Medical Education and Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Tufts University School of Medicine. During her career, she has been a leader in academic medicine, most recently with a focus on innovation in the continuum of medical education. She is recognized as an expert clinician and researcher in perinatal mental health and has conducted epidemiological and health services studies. She is known nationally and internationally for her research, publications and lectures advancing women in medicine and science. ■



Linda Chaudron, M.D., M.S.

Chester M. Pierce Human Rights Award

The APA Foundation (APAF) Chester M. Pierce Human Rights Award recognizes the extraordinary efforts of individuals and organizations to promote the human rights of populations with mental health needs by bringing attention to their work. Originally established in 1990 to raise awareness of human rights abuses, the award was renamed in 2017 to honor Chester M. Pierce, M.D. (1927-2016) and recognize his dedication as an innovative researcher on humans in extreme environments, an advocate against disparities, stigma, and discrimination, and as a pioneer and visionary in global mental health. In 2021, the award was endowed by the APAF's Chester M. Pierce Human Rights Endowment Campaign.

Charles C. Dike, M.D., M.P.H., is Professor of Psychiatry at Yale University, and Chief Medical Officer, Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. He is also immediate past president of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL). He is a DFAPA and Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists of England. He is past Chair of the Ethics Committees of APA and AAPL, and author of Ethics Corner in Psychiatric News. He is a Special Government Employee, National Advisory Council, SAMHSA. AAPL established the Charles Dike Scholarship Award for his tireless work on Diversity and Inclusion and other initiatives. ■



Charles C. Dike, M.D., M.P.H.

David A. Mrazek, M.D., Memorial Award

Established in 2014 to honor David A. Mrazek, M.D., FRCPsych, and to recognize his contributions as a pioneer in the field of pharmacogenomics. Selected by the Mrazek Award Committee, this award is given to an individual for recent work in psychiatric pharmacogenomics and his/her ability to translate research findings to a clinical audience.

Henry R. Kranzler, M.D., is the Karl E. Rickels Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Center for Studies of Addiction at the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine and the Co-Associate Director for Research in the MIRECC at the Crescenz VAMC. His research focuses on the genetics and neuroimaging of substance use disorders and the treatment of substance use disorders, with a particular interest in pharmacogenetics. His research has been continuously supported since 1987 by grants from the National Institutes of Health. He has authored more than 700 publications, including journal articles, book chapters and books. ■



Henry R. Kranzler, M.D.

Frank J. Menolascino Award

Established in 1997 in memory of Frank J. Menolascino, M.D., an authority on mental illness in persons with intellectual developmental disorders and/or developmental disabilities. The award recognizes an APA member who has made significant contributions to psychiatric services for persons with intellectual development disorders and developmental disabilities through direct clinical services and/or dissemination of knowledge in this field through teaching or research.

Kerim Munir, M.D., is Director of Psychiatry in the Leadership Education Program in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities at Boston Children's Hospital and Professor of Pediatrics (Developmental Psychiatry) and Society Fellow, Harvard Medical School. His research focuses on autism and intellectual developmental disorders (IDD). He has served as a member of the WHO ICD-11 Expert Review Group on Classification of IDD, the WHO Expert Group Rehabilitation 2030 on IDD, and the SAMSHA Expert Group on Serious Mental Illness in IDD. He chairs the World Psychiatric Association Section on Psychiatry of IDD. ■



Kerim Munir, M.D.

George Tarjan Award

Established in 1992, in memory of George Tarjan, M.D., to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the enhancement of the integration of International Medical Graduates into American psychiatry.

Balkozar Adam, M.D., is a renowned child and adolescent psychiatrist, researcher, educator, mentor, advocate and professor emeritus of psychiatry at the University of Missouri. She is a distinguished life fellow of both the American Psychiatric Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. She has presented nationally and internationally on everything from providing culturally informed care to hiring international medical graduates to preventing mental illness. Her awards include the Agnes Purcell McGavin Award for Distinguished Career Achievement in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Jeanne Spurlock, MD Award on Diversity and Culture and AACAP Assembly Catchers in the Rye award. ■



Balkozar Adam, M.D.

John Fryer Award

The John Fryer Award, established in 2005, honors an individual who has contributed to improving the mental health of sexual minorities. The award is named for Dr. John Fryer, a gay psychiatrist who played a crucial role in prompting APA to review the scientific data and to remove homosexuality from its diagnostic list of mental disorders in 1973.

Christopher A. McIntosh, M.D., M.Sc., FRCPC, DFAPA, is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto. He is the outgoing Editor-in-chief of The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health, the official journal of The Association of LGBTQ+ Psychiatrists. He is a Senior Fellow and Publications Board member of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry and a former chair of GAP's LGBTQ+ committee. He has written many book chapters on LGBTQ+ mental health for multiple publications. He currently teaches, supervises and does clinical work at Michael Garron Hospital in the Toronto East Health Network. ■



Christopher McIntosh, M.D.

Kun-Po Soo Award

Established in 1987 to recognize significant contributions toward understanding the impact and import of Asian cultural heritage in areas relevant to psychiatry. The award also seeks to encourage scholarship and research in culture-specific mental health issues and treatment needs of Asian populations and to stimulate scientific exchange on transcultural issues. This award is funded by a grant from the late Kun-Po Soo, M.D., Ph.D.

Ravi Chandra, M.D., is a psychiatrist, writer and compassion educator in San Francisco, and a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He received an Sc.B. with Honors from Brown University, an M.D. from Stanford University School of Medicine, and completed a residency in general adult psychiatry from the University of California, San Francisco. He writes for Psychology Today and East Wind eZine and has written nearly 500 essays since 2006. He regularly teaches, has worked in community mental health, serves a diverse group of patients, and facilitates Healing Circles for Change. He is also an award-winning poet, author, and filmmaker. ■



Ravi Chandra, M.D., DFAPA

Manfred S. Guttmacher Award

Established in 1975 to honor outstanding contributions to the literature of forensic psychiatry, in the form of a book, monograph, paper or other work presented at any professional meeting or published in the previous year. This award is co-sponsored by the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law.

Rocksheng Zhong, M.D., M.H.S., is Associate Professor, Director of Forensic Services, and Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Director in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Texas Medical Branch, as well as Lecturer in Law and Psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine. He has held leadership positions in public mental health systems and now provides civil and criminal forensic psychiatric consultation and evaluation in an academic medical setting. His research focuses on the intersection of psychiatry, law, and ethics, with particular emphasis on mental competencies, consent, and the institutional care of people with mental illness. ■



Rocksheng Zhong, M.D.,
M.H.S.

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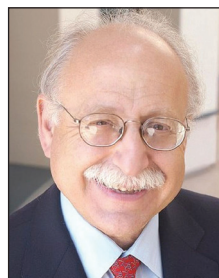


Tobias Wasser, M.D.

Nasrallah Family Award for Advances in Psychiatric Neuroscience

Established in 2020 and endowed by the Nasrallah family, this award recognizes distinguished contributions to Psychiatric Neuroscience that have had a major impact on the field and/or altered the practice of psychiatry.

Alan F. Schatzberg, M.D., received his medical degree from NYU and completed his psychiatric residency at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center (MMHC). He served in leadership positions at McLean Hospital, including Interim Psychiatrist in Chief, and clinical director of the MMHC and professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He served as Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, where he directs the Stanford Mood Disorders Center. He has been president of the American Psychiatric Association, American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, and Society of Biological Psychiatry. He has received numerous awards from them, the Anna Monika Foundation, and the Brain and Behavior Foundation. ■



Alan F. Schatzberg, M.D.

Oskar Pfister Award

Established in 1983 in memory of Oskar Pfister, an ordained minister who studied and used psychoanalytic principles in his work, to honor outstanding contributions in the fields of psychiatry and religion. This award is supported by the Association of Professional Chaplains and the Harding Foundation.

Alexander Moreira-Almeida, M.D., Ph.D., is Professor of Psychiatry at the Federal University of Juiz de Fora (UFJF) School of Medicine and Founder and Director of the Research Center in Spirituality and Health, Brazil. Founding chair of the section on spirituality of the Brazilian Psychiatric Association (2014-21). Former chair of the Sections on Religion, Spirituality and Psychiatry of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) (2014-21) when coordinated the WPA Position Statement on Spirituality and Religion in Psychiatry. Author of more than 200 papers published in peer-reviewed journals and book chapters. More than 550 presentations at academic meetings, including 160 abroad in 19 countries. ■



Alexander Moreira-Almeida,
M.D., Ph.D.

Patient Advocacy Award

The Patient Advocacy Award, established in 1987, recognizes a public figure who champions the rights and needs of persons with mental illness and substance use disorders.

Ahmed Hankir, MBChB, MRCPsych, is Consultant Psychiatrist (Canada and UK), Honorary Visiting Professor at the School of Medicine, Cardiff University (UK), Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Western University (Canada), and Professor of Academic Psychiatry at Carrick Institute for Graduate Studies (USA). Professor Hankir's research interests include global and Muslim mental health and pioneering and evaluating innovative interventions that reject mental health-related stigma and Islamophobia and he has published widely in these areas. ■



Ahmed Hankir, MBChB,
MRCPsych

Psychiatric Services Achievement Awards

Since 1949, the Psychiatric Services Achievement Awards program has recognized creative models of service delivery and innovative programs for persons with mental illness or disabilities.

Gold Award Winner

Bend Health

Monika Roots, M.D., FAPA, is the Co-Founder, President and Chief Medical Officer of Bend Health. Along with her husband Kurt Roots, she launched Bend Health to address the mental health crisis facing today's kids and teens. As a mother and child and adolescent psychiatrist, Dr. Roots wanted to create a scalable solution that focuses on a whole family approach. Dr. Roots serves as an assistant adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She previously served as the Chief Medical Officer at Sanvello Health and the Vice President of Health Services at Teladoc Health. ■



Monika Roots, M.D.

Silver Award Winner

Maternal Outreach through Telehealth for Rural Sites (MOTHeRS) Project

Sy Saeed, M.D., M.S., DLFAPA, FACPpsych, served as the Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Brody School of Medicine, East Carolina University from 2004 to 2022. He is the Founding Director of the Center for Telepsychiatry at ECU and the North Carolina Statewide Telepsychiatry Program (NC-STeP), a state funded program serving over 60 hospitals and community-based sites across North Carolina. Dr. Saeed has published extensively in the areas of evidence-based practices; telepsychiatry; and psychiatric administration and leadership. He has been involved in funded research both as a principal investigator and co-investigator, with over \$30,000,000 in external funding since 2004. He has lectured and presented nationwide and internationally, including being an invited speaker at a White House Convening on telehealth in 2016. In 2019 he was the recipient of the prestigious Gov. Oliver Max Gardner Award, the highest UNC award, selected by the UNC Board of Governors, to recognize UNC system faculty who have *“made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race.”* ■



Sy Saeed, M.D., M.S.,
DLFAPA, FACPpsych

Bronze Award Winner

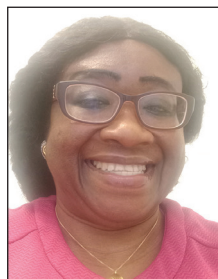
Rapid Access and Stabilization Program (RASP)

Vincent Agyapong, M.D., M.Sc., Ph.D., is a Professor of Psychiatry and Global Mental Health and the Head of the Departments of Psychiatry at Dalhousie University and Nova Scotia Health Authority Central Zone. His leadership and research focus primarily on innovations that expand access to quality mental health services. He founded the Nova Scotia Rapid Access and Stabilization Program and Transcultural Mental Health Program and provided physician co-leadership to establish the Edmonton Access 24/7 Mental Health Program in Alberta. His ResilienceNhope digital mental health programs have had over 100,000 subscribers, and he has received over \$8 Million in research grants. ■



Vincent Agyapong, M.D.,
M.Sc., Ph.D.

Ngozi Ezeanozie, M.D., is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Psychiatry, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. She's the Clinical Academic Lead for the Nova Scotia Rapid Access and Stabilization Program. She completed her Postgraduate Psychiatry Residency Training at the Royal College of Surgeons (RCSI) in Ireland and her Undergraduate Medical Training with the College of Medicine, University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu Campus. She's very passionate about the field of psychiatry and derives joy in seeing the transformative impact that quick and qualitative access to structured psychiatry care has in people with mental health difficulties. ■



Ngozi Ezeanozie, M.D.

Award for Research in Psychiatry

Established in 1949 as the Hofheimer Prize, the Award for Research in Psychiatry recognizes a single distinguished contribution, a body of work or a lifetime contribution that has had a major impact on the field and/or altered the practice of psychiatry.

Anissa Abi-Dargham, M.D., is Chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, Lourie Endowed Chair in Psychiatry, SUNY Distinguished Professor, and Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Science at Stony Brook University's Renaissance School of Medicine. She is an expert in molecular imaging, pharmacology, schizophrenia and addiction. She is an internationally recognized leader in the use of molecular imaging of the human brain to study schizophrenia and its comorbidity with addiction. She received the Leiber Prize for Outstanding Research in Schizophrenia from the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation. She is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and served as President of the American College for Neuropsychopharmacology in 2017. ■



Anissa Abi-Dargham, M.D.

Simon Bolivar Award

Established in 1975 to honor a prominent advocate for Hispanics and is designed to sensitize the APA membership to the mental health problems and goals of Hispanics. This award is supported by Eli Lilly and Company and Pfizer Inc. and is selected by the APA Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities.

Gerardo Villarreal, M.D., attended medical school at Universidad LaSalle in Mexico City and completed his psychiatry residency at the Institute of Living in Harford, CT. He pursued a research fellowship in anxiety disorders at MUSC in Charleston SC and CBT training at the Beck Institute. He is currently professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and Director of Psychiatry Research at the Albuquerque VAMC. His areas of clinical and research interest include psychopharmacology, neurobiology and treatment of PTSD. Dr. Villarreal is also pursuing interests in philosophy of mind, agency and consciousness. ■



Gerardo Villarreal, M.D.

Solomon Carter Fuller Award

Established in 1969 to honor a citizen who has pioneered in an area which has significantly benefited the quality of life of Black people. This award is selected by the APA Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Cynthia Lewis, M.D., attended Howard University and Meharry Medical College. She completed her psychiatric residency at Johns Hopkins and was named the First Female African American Chief Resident. She was asked to resume her role as Director of Psychiatric Emergency Services in 2019. While in the Emergency Department, she became aware of patients with severe mental illness who were failing treatment. She provided testimony that helped pass Maryland's first Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program law in 2024. Passionate about treating our most vulnerable and disenfranchised, she is a tireless advocate for her patients and is accustomed to getting into good trouble. ■



Cynthia Major Lewis, M.D.

Vestermark Psychiatry Educator Award

The Vestermark Psychiatry Educator Award recognizes excellence, leadership, and creativity in the field of psychiatric education and is given annually to a psychiatric educator for outstanding contributions to the education and development of psychiatrists. The award was established in 1969 in memory of Seymour Vestermark, M.D., chief of the National Institute of Mental Health Training Branch from 1948 to 1959 and an authority in the field of professional mental health education. The award concentrates on the field of psychiatric education in its broadest context, with special emphasis on preparation of teachers, use of new educational tools, and improved teaching techniques in the field of mental health.

Allan Tasman, M.D., is Emeritus Professor and Schwab Endowed Chair in Social and Community Psychiatry at the University of Louisville. A leader in psychiatric education in medical student, residency, and CME, as APA program chair he introduced interactive learning sessions still in use. He was president of AADPRT, AAP, AACDP, and APA. He oversaw the establishment of the journal Academic Psychiatry, and founded two other journals. He founded the school wide Distinction in Research program in Louisville, and the Distance Learning Program in psychotherapy in AAPDPP. As Secretary for Education in the WPA he implemented global training guidelines with a special focus on low resource countries. He is lead editor for an internationally acclaimed textbook, now called Tasman's Psychiatry 5th edition. A sought after lecturer, supervisor, and mentor, he has been recognized with multiple awards for psychiatric education. ■



Allan Tasman, M.D.

Viswanathan Family Lifestyle Medicine and Psychiatry Award

The Viswanathan Family Lifestyle Medicine and Psychiatry Award recognizes significant scholarly and service contributions to the promotion of lifestyle interventions in mental and physical health.

Dean Ornish, M.D., is the founder and president of the non-profit Preventive Medicine Research Institute and Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF and at UCSD. For over 47 years, Dr. Ornish has directed clinical research demonstrating, for the first time, that comprehensive lifestyle changes may often begin to reverse coronary heart disease, prostate cancer, and other chronic diseases without drugs or surgery as well as “turning on” disease-preventing genes and “turning off” genes that promote cancer and heart disease, as well as the first controlled study showing that these lifestyle changes may begin to reverse cellular aging by lengthening telomeres, the ends of our chromosomes which regulate aging (in collaboration with Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn, Nobel Laureate). Medicare created a new benefit category, “intensive cardiac rehabilitation,” to provide coverage for this program, which is now being covered when offered virtually. Dr. Ornish received his M.D. from the Baylor College of Medicine, was a clinical fellow in medicine at Harvard Medical School, and completed a residency in internal medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital. ■



Dean Ornish, M.D.

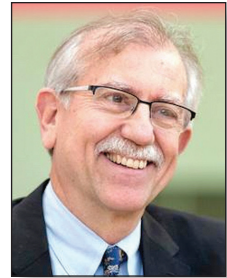
Other Awards

(Not Presented at Convocation)

Agnes Purcell McGavin Award for Distinguished Career Achievement in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Established in 2000 in memory of APA Fellow Agnes Purcell McGavin, M.D., to honor a psychiatrist who have made significant contributions in teaching, research and care of children and adolescents. This award is selected by the APA Agnes Purcell McGavin Selection Committee.

Bryan H. King, M.D., is the Lisa and John Pritzker Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Vice Chair of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for UCSF. At the University of Washington and at Dartmouth, he is responsible for developing and implementing clinical services for youth. He was instrumental in creating statewide child psychiatry access portals for primary care in Washington and California. With his leadership, Seattle Children's and the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals have become ranked among the best nationally. Dr. King has authored over 120 academic publications and is the principal author of the Autism chapter in the DSM-5TR. ■



Bryan King, M.D., M.B.A.

Agnes Purcell McGavin Award for Prevention

The Agnes Purcell McGavin Award for Prevention, established in 1964, recognizes a child and adolescent psychiatrist who has made significant contributions to the prevention of mental disorders in children and adolescents and influenced the general well-being of young people. Funded by a bequest from Dr. Agnes Purcell McGavin.

Balkozar Adam, M.D., is a renowned child and adolescent psychiatrist, researcher, educator, mentor, advocate and professor emeritus of psychiatry at the University of Missouri. She is a distinguished life fellow of both the American Psychiatric Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. She has presented nationally and internationally on everything from providing culturally informed care to hiring international medical graduates to preventing mental illness. Her awards include the Agnes Purcell McGavin Award for Distinguished Career Achievement in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Jeanne Spurlock, MD Award on Diversity and Culture and AACAP Assembly Catchers in the Rye award. ■



Balkozar Adam, M.D.

Alexander Gralnick, M.D. Award for Research in Schizophrenia

Named after the late Alexander Gralnick, M.D., this award acknowledges research achievements in the treatment of schizophrenia and psychosocial aspects of the disease process.

Vinod H. Srihari, M.D., is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine and Director of the Program for Specialized Treatment Early in Psychosis (STEP) at the Connecticut Mental Health Center (CMHC). His scholarly focus is on improving the outcomes of early course schizophrenia spectrum disorders. His research interests span the translational continuum from studies of etiology and pathophysiology to interventions on clinical samples and service level innovations. Dr. Srihari also consults with academic and non-academic healthcare systems that seek to initiate or refine early intervention services for recent onset or 'first-episode' psychosis. ■



Vinod H. Srihari, M.D.

Bruno Lima Award

The Bruno Lima Award in Disaster Psychiatry recognizes outstanding contributions of APA members in the care and understanding of the victims of disaster while engaged in providing consultation, education, training and awareness on mental health and disaster issues, providing direct service delivery and/or designing disaster response plans. The award is presented to recipients by their respective District Branches.

Grant Hilary Brenner, M.D., is a board-certified psychiatrist and psychoanalyst specializing in trauma, dissociation, and disaster mental health. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and is on faculty at Mount Sinai and the Manhattan Institute for Psychoanalysis. Dr. Brenner co-edited *Disaster Psychiatry: Readiness, Evaluation and Treatment* (2nd ed.) and co-created the Model for Adaptive Response to Complex Cyclical Disasters. He co-chairs GAP's Committee on Disasters, Trauma, and Global Health and is on the Board of Vibrant Emotional Health, advising Disaster Services. He is in private practice in Manhattan and has been providing TMS since 2010. ■



Grant Hilary Brenner, M.D.

Saundra Maass-Robinson, M.D., is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and a member of the American College of Psychiatrists. She has served on the APA's Committee on Disaster Psychiatry and been a volunteer with the Georgia Red Cross, and she advocates for psychiatrists to become aware, prepared for, and involved in the mental health needs of disaster survivors. A past recipient of the Psychiatrist of the Year award from the Georgia District Branch, she has responded to disasters worldwide since 1989, including Project HOPE's relief mission to Southeast Asia after the 2004 tsunami. ■



Saundra Maass-Robinson, M.D.

Bruno Lima Award continued

Omar Reda, M.D., is a board-certified psychiatrist, a Harvard-trained trauma expert, the founder of HTI (Healing Trauma Institute), and the author of 8 books including *The Wounded Healer*, *Untangled*, *Silence is Betrayal*, and *Healing Possibilities*. He lives with his wife and 3 daughters in Colorado. ■



Omar Reda, M.D.

Hartford-Jeste Award for Future Leaders in Geriatric Psychiatry

Established in 2013 to honor noteworthy contributions enhancing the field of geriatric psychiatry through excellence in research, teaching, clinical practice and community service.

Pallavi Joshi, D.O., M.A., is a Geriatric Psychiatrist at Banner Alzheimer's Institute in Phoenix, AZ and Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix. She is the Program Director of the Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship at University of Arizona. She completed her Geriatric Psychiatry fellowship at Yale School of Medicine and residency at Northwell Health - Staten Island University Hospital, as Chief Resident. She has held leadership and scientific committee positions in the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry, American Psychiatric Association, and the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry. She has presented on various topics at national conferences. ■



Pallavi Joshi, D.O., M.A.

Health Services Research Award – Senior Scholar

Established in 1998 to recognize sustained contributions to the field of psychiatric health services research by APA members.

Alexander Young, M.D., is a psychiatrist and researcher on clinical and health services. He is a Professor at UCLA and Associate Director of the Los Angeles VA MIRECC Health Services Unit. His focus is on understanding and improving the quality, effectiveness and value of health services, implementation science, and health informatics. His research has characterized health disparities nationally for depression and schizophrenia, improved healthcare and health equity, and demonstrated the effectiveness of a primary care medical home for serious mental illness. He is currently studying mobile monitoring of mental healthcare and an outcomes-based measure of mental healthcare quality for national use. ■



Alexander S. Young, M.D.,
MSHS

Isaac Ray Award

Established in 1951 to honor one of the original founders and fourth President of the Association, Isaac Ray, M.D., to honor a person who has made outstanding contributions to forensic psychiatry or to the psychiatric aspects of jurisprudence. This award is co-sponsored by the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law.

Debra A. Pinals, M.D., is Senior Medical and Forensic Advisor, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, Adjunct Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan (UofM) Medical School and Clinical Adjunct at UofM Law School. At the medical school, she directs the Program in Psychiatry, Law and Ethics and serves as Medical Director of Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. She is the Medical Director of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law and formerly chaired APA's Council on Psychiatry and the Law and Council on Advocacy and Government Relations. Author of numerous academic and policy-level publications, she serves as an expert and consults widely regarding behavioral health, risk mitigation, crisis response, legal regulation of psychiatric practices, correctional and forensic services. Her most recent co-authored book, *Addiction and the Law*, was published by the APA Press in 2024. ■



Debra A. Pinals, M.D.

Jack Weinberg Memorial Award for Geriatric Psychiatry

Established in 1983 memory of Jack Weinberg, M.D., to honor a psychiatrist who has demonstrated special leadership or who has done outstanding work in clinical practice, training or research in geriatric psychiatry. Candidates for the award must be a psychiatrist nominated by an APA member. This award is selected and confirmed by the APA Council on Psychosomatic Medicine and Geriatric Psychiatry.

Joseph A. Cheong, M.D., is Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology at the University of Florida and Physician, VISN8 GRECC (Geriatric Research, Education, Clinical Center) at the Malcom Randall VAMC. For 30 years, she has distinguished herself in geriatric psychiatry and academic medicine. She has received numerous national education and leadership awards. With APA, she served over 30 appointments to APA Components, including multiple terms as Chair of Scientific Program Committee and Elections Committee. She served in leadership and committees for AAGP, AADPRT, and AAP. Currently, she is the Chair and Director of the ABPN and the Treasurer of ACGME Board of Directors. ■



Joseph A. Cheong, M.D.

Jeanne Spurlock, M.D. Minority Fellowship Achievement Award

Established in 1999 to recognize the outstanding achievements of former fellows and encourages continued involvement in the fellowship program. This award is funded by the APAF/SAMSHA Minority Fellowship Program.

Enrico Castillo, M.D., is an Associate Professor and Associate Vice Chair for Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at the UCLA Department of Psychiatry. He is an academic community psychiatrist, health services researcher, medical educator, and leader with a focus on health equity, serious mental illness, homelessness, incarceration, and community-government-academic partnerships. He currently leads a NIMH-funded project on the jail-to-homelessness pipeline experienced by individuals with serious mental illness. He was the primary author of the APA position statement on “Mental Health Equity and the Social and Structural Determinants of Health” (2018) and has served on APA Councils since 2012. ■



Enrico Castillo, M.D., M.S.

Kempf Fund Award for Research Development in Psychobiological Psychiatry

Established in 1988 in memory of Dorothy C. Kempf, to honor research excellence in the psychobiological, psychological, and/or sociological causes and treatment for schizophrenia. This award is a bequest from the Estate of Dorothy C. Kempf.

Mentor

Hannah Brown, M.D., is Director of the Boston Medical Center (BMC) Wellness and Recovery After Psychosis (WRAP) program, Vice Chair of Research, Division of Psychiatry at BMC, and Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University Chobanian and Avedisian School of Medicine. Dr. Brown earned her MD from Harvard Medical School, completed residency training in psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)/McLean Hospital and a fellowship in schizophrenia at MGH. Dr. Brown's work focuses on treatment of psychotic disorders by delivering equitable and accessible care. She has served as principal investigator for multiple clinical research studies and regularly publishes peer-reviewed articles. ■



Hannah Brown, M.D.

Mentee

Brittany Gouse, M.D., M.P.H., is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University (BU) Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine and the Assistant Director of Boston Medical Center (BMC)'s Wellness and Recovery After Psychosis program. She completed her residency in psychiatry and fellowship in Public Psychiatry at BU-BMC. She is a psychiatric epidemiologist whose research broadly focuses on modifiable factors that drive the 15-year mortality gap in schizophrenia. In 2023, she received the American Psychiatric Association's Psychiatric Research Fellowship and BU's KL2 Career Development awards. With this support, she founded the Advancing Coordinated Care through Epidemiologic Studies (ACCESS) initiative. ■



Brittany M. Gouse, M.D.,
M.P.H.

O'Leary Award for Innovation in Psychiatry

The O'Leary Award for Innovation in Psychiatry was established in 2022 in memory of APA Assembly Speaker, Paul O'Leary, M.D. The O'Leary Award provides seed money to launch innovative ideas in the field of mental and behavioral health to improve the efficiency of behavioral healthcare teams; improve and expand access to care, and leverage economies of scale; and address crisis de-escalation, stabilization, and wrap-around services to support recovery.

Saeed Ahmed, M.D., is a triple board-certified psychiatrist specializing in General Adult Psychiatry, Addiction Psychiatry, and Addiction Medicine. He serves as Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Trinity Health of New England, Hartford CT. Dr. Ahmed also serves as the Medical Director of Addiction Services and the Director of the Opioid Treatment Program at St. Francis Hospital Hartford, CT. He holds academic appointments as Assistant Professor at the University of Connecticut and the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University. Dr. Ahmed is a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). In addition to clinical work, he is actively involved in research on substance use disorders, including micro-induction of Buprenorphine/Naloxone, Kratom addiction, the therapeutic role of psychedelics, off-label medication repurposing, and reducing barriers to treatment access for substance use disorders. ■



Saeed Ahmed, M.D., FAPA,
FASAM

Research Mentorship Award

Established in 1976, this award honors an academic psychiatrist who has significantly fostered the pursuit of student research within their university department through direct mentorship of individual students or by the promotion of novel research-oriented training activities. This award is co-sponsored by the American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry.

Carolyn Rodriguez, M.D., is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Stanford University School of Medicine and a Consultation-Liaison Psychiatrist at the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs. As the Director of the Stanford OCD Research Lab and Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, Dr. Rodriguez leads studies investigating the brain basis of severe mental disorders, including OCD and related disorders. She also serves as Deputy Editor of the American Journal of Psychiatry. She has won several national awards, including the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. She is co-author of “Hoarding Disorder: A Comprehensive Clinical Guide,” published by APA Publishing. ■



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