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Ellen Conroy, D.O.
Marc Cruser, M.D.
Joseph Deitz, M.D.
Sivakumaran Devarajan, M.B.,B.S.
Jeffrey DeVido, M.D.
Virmarie Diaz Fernandez, M.D.
Lashire Diegue, M.D.
Yuelei Dong, M.D.
Julie Dorney, M.D.
Eman El Gamal, M.D.
Brigittte Espinoza, M.D.
Xiu-Di Fan, M.D., Ph.D.

Cynthia Folsome, M.D.
Cathryn Galanter, M.D.
Gregory Gale, M.D.
Tanuja Gandhi, M.D.
S. Therese Garrett, M.D.
Christoforos Giakoumatos, M.D.
Matthew Goldman, M.D., M.S.
Luis Gonzales, M.D.
McLeod Gwynnette, M.D.
Scott Hansen, M.D.
James Haug, M.D.
Madelyn Hicks, M.D.
Yahia Homsi, M.D.
Brian Hurley, M.D., M.B.A.
Tiya Johnson, M.D.
Aliya Jones, M.D., M.B.A.
Supriya Kang, M.D.
Kavita Khajuria, M.D.
Christina Khan, M.D., Ph.D.
Jocelyn Kilgore, M.D.
Matthew Klein, D.O.
Maher Kozman, M.D.
Matthew Kruse, M.D.
Joseph Lasek, M.D.
Robert Leahy, M.D., M.S.
Ronald Lee, M.D.
Sean LeNoue, M.D.
Howard Levin, M.D.
Carmen Lopez-Arvizu, M.D.
Amy Lowe, M.D.
Benjamin Lowenburg, M.D.
Christina Lynn, M.D.
Ramkrishna Makani, M.D., M.P.H.
Rachel Maree, M.D., M.P.H.
Paige Marnell, M.D.
Meera Menon, M.D.

Fellows continued
Dilyana Milev, M.D.
Mena Mirhom, M.D.
Diane Misch, M.D.
Nikunjkumar Modi, M.D.
Laurie Moore, M.D.
Beena Nair, M.D.
Uzoma Okoli, M.D.
Lauren Osborne, M.D.
Jeffrey Owen, D.O.
Sarah Katherine Pannel, D.O.
Arpan Parikh, M.D.
Dina Patel, M.D., M.B.A.
Aum Pathare, M.D.
Victoria Payne, M.D.
Lauren Pengrin, D.O.
Jedidiah Perdue, M.D.
Omolara Phillips, M.D.
Jack Pula, M.D.
Julia Quinlan, D.O.
Sasha Rai, M.B.,B.S.
Silvana Riggio, M.D.
Alan Rodriguez Penney, M.D.
Andrea Rosati, M.D., Ph.D.
Karen Rosenbaum, M.D.
Marjaneh Rouhani, M.D.
Eric Rueth, M.D.
Corneliu Sanda, M.D.
Sandeep Saran, D.O.
Elizabeth Sarnoskin, M.D.
Brian Schulman, M.D.
Lori Schwartz, M.D.
Kimberly Serravezza, M.D.
Syed Sikandar Shah, M.D.
Audrey Shilander, D.O.
Arshia Shirzadi, D.O.
Seleena Shrestha, M.D.
David Silver, M.B.A., M.D.
Adjoa Smalls-Mantey, M.D., D.Phil.
Brooke Spanos, M.D.
Jacob Swartz, M.D.
Rex Taber, M.D.
Daniel Talmasov, M.D.
Ravi Telakapalli, M.D.
Alyssa Thompson, M.D.
Takeo Toyoshima, M.D.
Yakir Vaks, M.D.
Paul Valbuena, M.D.
Pravesh Vallabh, M.D.
Mary Vance, M.D.
Andrei Venediapin, M.D.
Corina Velehorschi, M.D.
Sara Vogel, M.D.
Jaap Waraich, M.D.
Lindsey Wilbanks, M.D.
Sean Wilkes, M.D., M.Sc.
Lauren Wilson, M.D.
Helen Witte, M.D.
Christine Wittmann, M.D.
Michael Young, M.D.
Deval Zaveri, M.D.
Eileen Zhivago, M.D.
International Fellows have maintained membership for at least three years in the American Psychiatric Association or in the national or local psychiatric organization of their home country and are certified in psychiatry by a national board equivalent to the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology Inc., if certification exists in their home country.

Moayyad Alsalem, M.D., Ph.D.
Bernard Argamosa, M.D.
Sarmishtha Chakrabarti, M.B.,B.S.
Jose Delgado, M.D.
Alex Theodor Gogolkiewicz, M.D., M.B.A.
Leon Grunhaus, M.D.
Leonardo Hess, M.D.

Caroline Manuel, M.D.
Robert Roy Mapa, M.D.
Marco Andre Mezzasalma, M.D., Ph.D., M.Sc.
Alexandra Jean Palis, M.D.
Neil Michel Apollo Santos, M.D.
Sean Stanek, M.B.,B.S.
**The Program**

**Order of Events**

**Processional**
50-year Distinguished Life Fellows, Life Fellows, and Life Members; Distinguished Life Fellows; Life Fellows; Distinguished Fellows; Fellows; International Distinguished Fellows; and International Fellows.

**Call to Order**
Vivian Pender, M.D., DLFAPA
President

**Introduction of Distinguished Life Fellows**
Rebecca Brendel, M.D., J.D., DFAPA
President-Elect

**Induction of Distinguished Fellows**

**The Pledge of Distinguished Fellowship**
Distinguished fellows, APA’s vision is to be the premier psychiatric organization that advances mental health as part of general health and well-being.

We strive to:
- promote universal and equitable access to the highest quality care for all people affected by mental disorders, including substance use disorders;
- promote psychiatric education and research;
- advance and represent the profession of psychiatry; and
- serve the professional needs of our membership.

Knowing our vision, 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 specialists in fields other than my own; to render assistance willingly...
to my own colleagues; to be generous in giving professional aid to the unfortunate; 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 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 practice whatsoever that might debase my profession.

Introduction of Fellows and Life Fellows
Vivian Pender, M.D., DLFAPA

Introduction of the 50-Year Distinguished Life Fellows, Life Fellows and Life Members
Vivian Pender, M.D., DLFAPA

Introduction of International Fellows
Vivian Pender, M.D., DLFAPA

Introduction of Membership Committee and Its Chairperson
Vivian Pender, M.D., DLFAPA

Awards for 2022
All awards will be presented by Vivian Pender, M.D., DLFAPA

Special Presidential Commendations
Ludmila B. De Faria, M.D.
Dilip Jeste, M.D.
Michael F. Myers, M.D.
Mary Roessel, M.D.
Sosunmolu Shoyinka, M.D.

Distinguished Service Awards
Vincenzo F. Di Nicola, M.Phil., M.D., Ph.D.
Roger Dale Walker, M.D.
Jürgen Unützer, M.D., M.P.H., M.A.
Patricia A. Newton, M.D., M.P.H., M.A.

The Program continued
Organizational Distinguished Service Award
Project Renewal

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.

Soledad O’Brien, Award-Winning Journalist, Entrepreneur and Host of the Weekly Syndicated Political Show Matter of Fact

Moderated by APA Board M/UR Trustee Felix Torres, M.D., M.B.A, DFAPA
Awards Presented at the Convocation

Special Presidential Commendation

Ludmila B. De Faria, M.D., has been a psychiatrist in Florida for over 15 years, seeing patients, teaching psychopharmacology, and participating in research. Dr. De Faria has a special interest in and works closely with minority populations. She is especially interested in increasing access and decreasing mental health disparities among minorities and providing a culturally sensitive environment for patients. She is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Dr. De Faria was born in Brazil where she earned her Medical Degree from the Universidade de Brasilia and moved to United States in 1991 to complete medical training at Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami.

Dilip Jeste, M.D., is Senior Associate Dean for Healthy Aging and Senior Care, Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Neurosciences, Estelle and Edgar Levi Memorial Chair in Aging, Director of the Sam and Rose Stein Institute for Research on Aging, and Co-Director of the UC San Diego-IBM Center on Artificial Intelligence for Healthy Living. He is a geriatric neuropsychiatrist specializing in successful psychosocial aging and the neurobiology of wisdom with 750+ peer-reviewed journals articles, 160+ book chapters, and 14 published books.

Michael F. Myers, M.D., is Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University in Brooklyn NY. He is the author or co-author of nine books and over 150 articles, book chapters, letters, book reviews and 8 videotapes covering a range of topics in psychiatry. His three most recent books are “Becoming a Doctors’ Doctor: A Memoir,” “Why Physicians Die by Suicide: Lessons Learned from Their Families and Others Who Cared” and “The Physician as Patient: A Clinical Handbook for Mental Health Professionals” (co-authored with Dr Glen Gabbard). Dr Myers is a specialist in physician health.

Special Presidential Commendation continued

Ludmila B. De Faria, M.D.

Dilip Jeste, M.D.

Michael F. Myers, M.D.
Mary Hasbah Roessel, M.D., is a Navajo psychiatrist from the Navajo nation in Arizona. She has worked for over 30 years for Indigenous peoples in rural and urban settings. She is the APA Area 7 Trustee and works at the Santa Fe Indian Health Center in New Mexico. She received her MD at the University of Minnesota and completed her residency in psychiatry at the University of New Mexico. She has presented on Indigenous knowledge and climate change including at COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021 and wrote a chapter in the book: Groundswell—Indigenous knowledge and a call to action for climate change.

Sosunmolu Shoyinka, M.D., serves as Chief Medical Officer for the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services (DBHIDS). In this role, he works to assure optimal population health for all Philadelphians by aligning policy, programs, and system processes with current best practice. Dr. Shoyinka’s clinical experience includes telemedicine, academic medicine, for-profit and state hospitals, forensics, correctional mental health, primary care, federally qualified health centers, health homes, and community mental health. He is board certified in general adult psychiatry, community and public psychiatry, and addiction medicine. He holds an MBA from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. Dr. Shoyinka serves on the board of the American Association for Community Psychiatry and was recently recognized as a Black Leader Shaping the Future of Psychiatry by the Scattergood Foundation.
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.

Vincenzo F. Di Nicola, M.Phil., M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry, University of Montreal, and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, George Washington University, is Founder and President, Canadian Association of Social Psychiatry; President-Elect, World Association of Social Psychiatry; twice Past President, APA Quebec & Eastern Canada District Branch; Co-Founder and Past Chair, APA Caucus on Global Mental Health & Psychiatry; and Co-Founder, new APA Caucus on Medical Humanities in Psychiatry. Dr. Di Nicola serves on several boards, received numerous international awards and fellowships, notably from the American and Canadian Academies of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, and was recently elected Fellow, Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

Roger Dale Walker, M.D., Cherokee, is Professor of Psychiatry Emeritus and past chairman of psychiatry at Oregon Health & Science University. He is director of the One Sky Center, a National Resource Center for American Indian Health, Education and Research. This Center provides consultation, training, and technical assistance that facilitate strategic planning and leadership development for optimal health service delivery for tribes and Native communities across North America. It provides program evaluation and dissemination of evidence-based, culturally appropriate best practices. He is past speaker of the APA Assembly and has provided frequent Congressional testimony on Veterans Affairs and Indian health issues.

Distinguished Service Award continued
Jürgen Unützer, M.D., M.P.H., M.A. is Professor and Chair in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington. He also directs the Garvey Institute for Brain Health Solutions and holds adjunct appointments as Professor in Health Systems and Population Health and Global Health. His work focuses on innovative models of care that integrate behavioral health and general medical services. He founded the AIMS Center which is dedicated to ‘Advancing Integrated Mental Health Solutions’ that have been implemented in partnership with more than 1,000 health care organizations and clinics in the US and abroad.

Patricia Newton, M.D., M.P.H., M.A. was an internationally acclaimed psychiatrist, lecturer, author and behavioral scientist. She focused clinically on anxiety disorders with emphasis on posttraumatic stress, depression and chronic mental illness. She was one of the first APA/NIMH Fellows, which gave way for Patricia to use this lifetime of travel to establish culture exchanges, educational opportunities and leave behind long term communication across the world. Along the way, she achieved an expert status on “Post Traumatic Slave Disorder,” directly related to her travels in African and the Caribbean. As the first woman Psychiatry chair at Baltimore Provident Hospital, the Distinguished Andrea Delgado, M.D. Memorial Lecturer and the recipient of both Isaac Slaughter, M.D. Memorial Award for “Outstanding Leadership” and the Lloyd Elam, M.D., Memorial Award for “Lifetime Achievement,” are but a few of the recognitions and awards bestowed upon Dr. Newton. Many more accolades could be listed, though none can possibly capture the dynamism nor the breadth of influence within the psychiatric community and in the lives of innumerable mentees, colleagues and friends. Her efforts and legacy of scholarship and her dedication to addressing the societal wrongs of racism and discrimination, her passion for healing the deep traumas of history, and her vast work in the international arena, she forged an awareness and involvement in that stands as inspiration to all.
Organizational Distinguished Service Award

Project Renewal strives to end the cycle of homelessness by empowering people with mental illness, addiction, or both to renew their lives with health, homes, and jobs. We are one of New York City’s largest providers of comprehensive health services to individuals experiencing homelessness. We integrate our psychiatry services into all of our programs, from our shelter-based clinics to our transitional and permanent housing. During the COVID 19 global pandemic, we pivoted to deliver care via telepsychiatry, meeting the needs of our clients during the crisis, lowering barriers to accessing care, and increasing retention of clients in psychiatric care.
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ltha J. Stewart, M.D., is Sr. Association Dean for Community Health Engagement and Directory of Public and Community Psychiatry, University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. She leads the department’s efforts to create a community psychiatry program to expand the local behavioral health workforce. She has led large public mental health systems in PA, NY, and MI. A graduate of Temple University Medical School, she completed residency at Drexel University. At the end of this meeting, she begins her term as president of American Association of Community Psychiatry.

Alexandra Symonds Award

Established in 1997 in memory of APA Fellow and co-founder of the Association of Women Psychiatrists, Alexandra Symonds, M.D., to recognize and honor women psychiatrists’ outstanding contributions and leadership in promoting women’s health and advancement of women.

Michelle B. Riba, M.D., M.S., is Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Michigan and Director of the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center PsychOncology Program. She has served as past president of the American Psychiatric Association, the Association of Academic Psychiatry and the American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training as well as Secretary for Scientific Publications of the World Psychiatric Association. Dr. Riba serves as co-director, Workplace Mental Health Solutions, a program of the University of Michigan Eisenberg Family Depression Center.
Chester M. Pierce Human Rights Award

The APA 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 APA Foundation’s Chester M. Pierce Human Rights Endowment Campaign.

Grégoire Ahongbonon is the founder of Association Saint-Camile-de-Lellis (ASC) which helps people in West Africa suffering from mental illness. ASC is composed of clinics and centers offering affordable and adapted neuropsychiatric inpatient, outpatient, and rehabilitation care in Ivory Coast, Benin, and Togo. These centers form a comprehensive mental health care system, approved by the World Health Organization (WHO), supporting 130,000 patients. Grégoire is the recipient of the WHO Geneva Prize for Human Rights, the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative “Awakening Humanity” Prize, and the Dr. Guislain “Breaking the Chains of Stigma” Award recognizing his contributions to reduce stigma associated with mental illness.
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.

Charles B. Nemeroff, M.D., Ph.D. is Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Dell Medical School, University of Texas at Austin. He also directs the Institute for Early Life Adversity Research within the Department of Psychiatry as part of the Mulva Clinic for the Neurosciences. Previously, Dr. Nemeroff was Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Clinical Director of the Center on Aging at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. He received his medical degree and doctorate degrees in neurology from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

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.

Allison Cowan, M.D., is an Associate Professor and Deputy Training Director at Wright State University Department of Psychiatry in Dayton, Ohio. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and completed her residency at Wright State University. She specializes in the treatment of mental illness in people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her interest in this field began during residency, and she continues to provide services through the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Ohio’s Telepsychiatry Project for Intellectual Disability. She has given many regional and national presentations on providing quality psychiatric care for those with ID/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.

Rajesh Tampi, M.D., is the Professor and Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Creighton University School of Medicine and the Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Catholic Health Initiatives, Omaha, Nebraska. He is the Past President of the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP). He is a Distinguished Fellow of the APA and AAGP.

Health Services Research Award – Senior Scholar

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

Bradley Gaynes M.D., M.P.H., is a Professor of Psychiatry and Epidemiology, Director of the Division of Global Mental Health, and Associate Chair of Research Training and Education in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of North Carolina, where he serves as the Ray M. Hayworth, MD and Family Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry. His work bridges mental health services research and clinical trials research, translating high quality evidence-based findings into real world clinic trials. These efforts focus on improving the delivery of depression care in non-psychiatric settings. His current work disseminates evidence-based psychiatric interventions in low- and middle-income countries.
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.

Kenneth Ashley, M.D., is Assoc Prof of Psychiatry, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and Consultation-Liaison Psychiatrist, Mount Sinai Beth Israel (MSBI). He is Director of Outpt C-L Psychiatry at MSBI and psychiatric liaison, Mount Sinai Center for Transgender Medicine and Surgery Post-Surgical Gender Affirmation Surgery Service. He is former President of AGLP, and addresses issues on diversity/equity/inclusion (DEI) and Social Justice with NYSPA, GAP, and Mount Sinai. He writes and speaks on mental health issues at the intersection of HIV, DEI, and social justice.

Judd Marmor Award

Established in 1999, in memory of past APA President, Judd Marmor, M.D., to honor an individual who has made a substantial contribution to advancing the biopsychosocial model of psychiatry.

Robert Rohrbaugh, M.D. graduated from Franklin and Marshall College and completed medical school, residency, and geriatric psychiatry fellowship at Yale. A member of the Yale faculty since 1988, Bob is professor of psychiatry and has served as both the clerkship director and residency program director. Bob has been committed to teaching trainees to listen to a patient’s narrative, identify pertinent data, organize that data within a bio-psycho-social framework, and use the resulting formulation to both drive treatment planning and sustain the trainee’s empathic connection with their patient. This data-driven formulation approach is outlined in The Biopsychosocial Formulation Manual, a co-authored monograph.
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.

Maxine Hong Kingston is the author of The Woman Warrior, China Men, and The Fifth Book of Peace, among other works. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the presidentially conferred National Humanities Medal, the Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters from the National Book Foundation, and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award. She worked for many years as a senior lecturer in creative writing at UC Berkeley. Kingston lives in Oakland, California.
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.

Jens Hoffmann, Ph.D., is a psychologist and head of the Institute of Psychology and Threat Management, based in Germany. He has published more than 70 scientific papers and also assisted the German Bundestag in rendering the act of stalking a criminal offense. Dr. Hoffmann also was a main consultant in developing regional threat management programs in Europe. He is a former President of the Association of European Threat Assessment Professionals (AETAP) and a founding associate editor of the Journal of Threat Assessment and Management. With his team he also developed a family of online risk assessment tools known as DYRIAS.

J. Reid Meloy, Ph.D., is a board-certified forensic psychologist and holds academic appointments as a clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, and a faculty member of the San Diego Psychoanalytic Center. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and is past president of the American Academy of Forensic Psychology. Dr. Meloy has been a consultant on criminal, counterintelligence, and counterterrorism cases for the Behavioral Analysis Units, FBI, Quantico, for the past twenty years. He is also a founding associate editor of the Journal of Threat Assessment and Management.
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.

Joseph T. Coyle, M.D. graduated from the Johns Hopkins Medical School in 1969 and completed his Pediatric Internship, Psychiatric Residency at Hopkins and a research fellowship with Nobel Prize Laureate, Julius Axelrod, PhD at NIMH. He was elected to the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) in 1990, to President of the Society for Neuroscience (1991) and received the NAM Sarnat Award in 2017 “for the advancement of mental health”. His research has addressed the neurobiology of Huntington Disease, Alzheimer Disease, and Down Syndrome. Recently, he has marshalled evidence that the glutamatergic synapse is a major site of pathology in schizophrenia.

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.

Tanya Marie Luhrmann, Ph.D. is the Albert Ray Lang Professor at Stanford University, in the Stanford Anthropology Department (and Psychology, by courtesy) Her work focuses on the anthropology of mind, and the way different representations of mind affect spiritual and psychiatric experience—in particular, the voices of spirit and the voices of madness. She was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2003 and received a John Guggenheim Fellowship award in 2007. She is the author of Of Two Minds, Our Most Troubling Madness, How God Becomes Real and other books.
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.

Elyn Saks, J.D., is Orrin B. Evans Distinguished Professor of Law, Psychology, and Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law, and Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at the UC San Diego, School of Medicine. A Marshall Scholar at Oxford, Saks received a JD from Yale. The Center Cannot Hold: My Journey Through Madness, describes Saks’ struggle to craft a good life while living with schizophrenia. Her honors include a 2009 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship (the “Genius Grant”). Her TED talk has been viewed nearly five million times.

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

Montefiore Behavioral Health Center at Westchester Square

Presenter: Thomas F. Betzler, M.D., is a Psychiatrist with interests in Community Mental Health, Outpatient Psychiatry, Integrated Treatment of Mental Illness & Primary Care, Addiction Psychiatry, Emergency Psychiatry and Population Health. He is the Executive Clinical Director, East Campus, Executive Clinical Director of Montefiore Behavioral Health Center at Westchester Square, and Associate Professor in Psychiatry at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He serves on several clinical and administrative committees at Einstein/Montefiore.
Presenter: Adam McGahee, D.N.P., is the Associate Clinical Director at Montefiore Behavioral Health Center at Westchester Square. He is a Doctor of Nurse Practice with an interest in evidenced-based approaches toward system practices in the health care setting. Dr. McGahee graduated from Drexel University in 2010 with a Master’s degree in Advanced Psychiatric Nursing, received his Doctorate in Nursing Practice in 2015 and graduated from New York University with a Master’s degree in Business Administration base in 2021.

Presenter: Eileen Rivera, L.C.S.W-R, is a Clinical Manager and Licensed Clinical Social Worker with extensive experience working with individuals and families across the lifespan using a culturally competent approach distinctive to the needs of the community at the Montefiore Behavioral Health Center at Westchester Square. Ms. Rivera is responsible for the clinical and administrative oversight of the Licensed Masters level social workers. She is a member of the Quality Improvement Committee and Supervisor of the Center’s administrative workflows to maximize continuity of care and open access for transitioning clients.

Presenter: Teresa Vassallo, L.C.S.W., is a Clinical Manager at the Montefiore Behavioral Health Center at Westchester Square (MBHC). She received her Master’s in Social Work from New York University in 2009. Ms. Vassallo became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in 2014 at the Sound View Throgs Neck Community Mental Health Center, which transitioned to MBHC. She obtained a post graduate certificate in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in 2019 from Boston University and is currently working on her post graduate certification in the treatment of trauma.
Presenter: Victoria Goldstein, M.S., is the Director of Health Analytics and Reporting for the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at the Montefiore Medical Center. She provides leadership across the clinical and administrative teams for data requests and custom report development for critical workstreams for go-live and Department Dashboard projects. She holds a Master’s degree in Computer Science and possesses invaluable knowledge, experience and expertise in development and analysis of various financial, patient demographic and clinical data including data reports used for various grants and clinical studies submissions for the Department.

Silver Award Winner
Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey

Presenter: Victor M. Luna, Chief Executive Officer, Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey, has over 25 years experience managing agency programmatic and fiscal resources in the community and economic development and services fields in New York City and New Jersey. As CEO he oversees a vibrant array of programs including supportive housing, respite community wellness centers, financial services and other innovations to address the needs of persons with special needs who are very-low income. Victor has a Bachelor’s degree in accounting from Universidad del Turabo, Puerto Rico and a strong background in financial planning and fiscal management.
Presenter: Peggy Swarbrick, Ph.D., FAOTA, developed a strength based 8-dimensional wellness model to address health inequities and social determinates of health impacting recovery, which is widely use in the behavioral health field today. Dr Swarbrick collaborates with the peer community and family groups to identify and address social determinants that are barriers to recovery and wellness. Peggy is the Rutgers Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies Associate Director and Research Professor. She also has worked at the Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey for 25 years creating innovative wellness initiatives and tools.

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.

Ned H. Kalin, M.D. is Hedberg Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. His research focuses on uncovering basic mechanisms that relate stress to the development of psychopathology and to understanding the mechanisms that cause some children to be vulnerable for the development of anxiety and depression. He is principal investigator for several ongoing research projects and has published over 250 peer-reviewed journal articles. Dr. Kalin currently serves as the Editor-in-Chief of The American Journal of Psychiatry.
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.

Carlos Blanco, M.D., Ph.D., is the Director of the Division of Epidemiology, Services, and Prevention Research at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). He has been a mentor, collaborator and sponsor to many young Hispanic researchers, an indefatigable advocate for patients, and a dedicated teacher and clinician. Dr. Blanco, an internationally known expert in the epidemiology and treatment of mood, anxiety and substance use disorders, has authored over 350 peer-reviewed publications. Prior to joining NIDA, Dr. Blanco was Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University Medical Center.

Solomon Carter Fuller Award

Established in 1969 to honor a Black 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.

Dionne Powell, M.D., is a Psychoanalyst at Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research, and the Psychoanalytic Association of New York (NYU); Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons; Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, at Weill Cornell Medical College. A 2021 recipient Candidate’s Council of the American Psychoanalytic Association Master Teacher of the Year Award. Contributions: Section Editor: racial and ethnic diversity G. Gabbard’s Textbook of Psychotherapeutic Treatments, 2nd ed., 2022.
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.

Cecilia De Vargas, M.D. is an associate professor at Texas Tech University Health Care Sciences, department of Psychiatry in El Paso and the program founder and director of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship. Becoming a child and adolescent psychiatrist was her dream come true as she believes children are the essence of life and deserve safety and wellbeing. Dr. De Vargas teaches residents, fellows and medical students, supervises clinical work to clinically diverse underserved populations, and participates in research studies on impact of violence in children, trauma and resilience, Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation of the Brain and pediatric obesity and mental health.

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.

Eugenio M. Rothe, M.D., is Professor of Psychiatry at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine of Florida International University. Earlier in his career he worked inside the refugee camps at the Guantanamo U.S. Naval Base treating patients and helping to organize the mental health services for 27,000 Cuban refugees. Dr. Rothe has dedicated his career to treating the multicultural adults, children and families of South Florida and has written extensively about the mental health issues in these populations. He is immediate past-president of the American Association of Social Psychiatry and President-elect of the American Academy of Psychodynamic Psychiatry and Psychoanalysis.
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.

Edward Pontius, M.D., DLFAPA has spent his career working to improve the lives of others. His family taught him to find what needed to be done, CalTech taught him how to think, and professors and mentors taught him how to be a physician. Throughout his career, he worked with colleagues and patients to create programs that make a difference. He developed the Front-Line Warm Line (FLWL) Psychological Support phoneline for frontline personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic focused on helping individuals caring for COVID-19 patients. Currently, he is working with colleagues to investigate and promote practices for a sustainable and healthy future.
Carol Davis Ethics Award

Established in 2003, the Carol Davis Award promotes the educational role of the ethics process and is presented to APA members who have authored an outstanding publication on ethics. The award is named after Carol Davis, a former APA Office of Ethics Director, to honor her 30 years of service to the APA and the Ethics Committee.

Tobias Wasser, M.D., is an adult and forensic psychiatrist living in Connecticut. Dr. Wasser has been actively involved in the APA for several years, participating as a representative in the APA Assembly and the APA’s Ethics Committee as both a consultant and corresponding member. He is currently President of the Connecticut Psychiatric Society. Dr. Wasser works clinically and administratively as the Chief Medical Officer of Connecticut’s only forensic psychiatric hospital and is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Yale and one of the Associate Program Directors for Yale’s psychiatry residency program.

Rocksheng Zhong, M.D., M.H.S., is Medical Director of Northern Arizona at Southwest Behavioral and Health Services, Lecturer in Law and Psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine, and Adjunct Instructor at the UAB School of Medicine. His research focuses on the intersection of psychiatry, law, and ethics, with emphasis on decision-making capacity and competence. He has written, taught, and presented on such issues as informed consent, forced treatment, guardianship, physician aid-in-dying, and remorse. Clinically, Dr. Zhong oversees inpatient and outpatient services in a community mental health agency and provides expert consultation on a range of criminal and civil forensic topics.
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.

Brandon C. Yarns, M.D., M.S., is Assistant Professor in the UCLA Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences and Staff Psychiatrist in the Geriatric Mental Health Section at VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. Dr. Yarns completed a research fellowship and master’s degree in research at UCLA, geriatric psychiatry fellowship at Yale University, and psychiatry residency at the University of New Mexico. His areas of expertise include chronic pain, aging, psychotherapy, and clinical trials. He is a current VA Career Development Award recipient and the author of over three dozen peer-reviewed journal articles, abstracts, and book chapters.

Health Services Research Award – Early Career

Established in 1998 in recognition of the best paper published in the past year by an early career psychiatrist.

Alison Hwong, M.D., Ph.D., is a Fellow in the National Clinician Scholars Program at UCSF and the San Francisco VA. She earned her M.D. and Ph.D. in Health Policy at Harvard University, then completed her residency at UCSF, where she served as Chief Resident of Research in her final year. Her research focuses on health disparities and social determinants of health for people living with serious mental illness. She is committed to issues of mental health equity, including the effects of climate change on mental health and preventive care for individuals with schizophrenia.
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.

Raymond F. Patterson, M.D., has extensive experience in clinical, forensic, and administrative psychiatry. He worked in the District of Columbia mental health system as a staff psychiatrist, Medical and Forensic Services Director, Chief Psychiatrist of D.C. Jail and Commissioner of Mental Health. In Maryland, he was Superintendent of Clifton Perkins Hospital Center, Forensic Services Director and Chief Psychiatrist for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. He was consultant to the Department of Justice, correctional institutions, hospitals, community groups, and law enforcement organizations. As a court appointed expert, he monitored mental health programs in numerous states and territories. He has published numerous articles and book chapters on correctional psychiatry, administration/management, and public health.
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.

Kirsten M. Wilkins, M.D., is Professor and Director of Medical Student Education in the Department of Psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine. As Firm Director for Integrated Care at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System, Dr. Wilkins works clinically and supervises trainees in outpatient primary care-mental health integration and geriatric psychiatry. Dr. Wilkins is active in the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP), having served as Chair of the AAGP Scholars Program, Chair of the AAGP Teaching and Training Committee, and Chair of the 2020 AAGP Annual Meeting. She was the recipient of the 2020 AAGP Educator of the Year Award.

Jacob K. Javits Public Service Award

Established in 1986 in memory of Senator Jacob K. Javits (R-NY). This award is presented to a public servant who has made a significant contribution on behalf of individuals with mental illness and those suffering from substance use disorder.

Washington Senator Manka Dhingra, J.D. (D-Redmond) is the Deputy Majority Leader of the State Senate and the first Sikh legislator in the nation. As a prosecutor and mental health champion, she serves as Chair of the Senate Behavioral Health Subcommittee and Vice Chair of the Senate Law & Justice Committee. She has helped pass legislation to reorient the state’s mental health system around prevention rather than crisis response. She receives the 2022 Jacob Javits Award for her leadership in creating a framework for the state’s 988 system, improving mental health advance directives, and establishing the Office for Behavioral Health Ombuds.
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.

Kimberly Gordon-Achebe, M.D., is the Founder/Principal Consultant of BHETC/Bringing Health Equity Training to Communities and Director of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, with dual faculty appointments at the University of Maryland and Tulane University, and a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Gordon-Achebe is a former President of the Caucus of Black Psychiatrists, Vice-Chair of Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families, Chair of the Membership Committee, and member of the Social Determinants of Mental Health Task Force.

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.

Robert Sweet, M.D. is UPMC Endowed Professor of Psychiatric Neuroscience and Professor of Neurology at the University of Pittsburgh. He is Director of the Clinical Core of the University of Pittsburgh Alzheimer Disease Research Center, and directs an NIMH-funded postdoctoral training program emphasizing Translational Neuroscience Research. Dr. Sweet’s honors include the NARSAD Distinguished Investigator Grant from the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation; American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry’s Distinguished Scientist Award, and; The Geriatric Research Award from the American College of Psychiatrists. Dr. Sweet’s lab investigates the mechanisms leading to the joint liability to cognitive and psychotic symptoms in Alzheimer disease and schizophrenia, using a variety of approaches including genomic, human brain tissue, genetic animal model, and in vitro studies.
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