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KNEE/WITTMAN HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Knee/Wittman Awards are given to recognize individuals who are models of excellence and have made significant contributions in the field of health and mental health. The Knee/Wittman Award program was established to recognize those who represent the values, ethics, and approaches exemplified by two dedicated social work pioneers, Ruth Knee and Milton Wittman.

Knee and Wittman (who is now deceased) guided the development of social policy and standards. Their lifelong commitment to social values and the effective provision of services to people who are disadvantaged are reflected in their careers with the Public Health Service, and in their leadership roles with professional social work, public health, and mental health organizations.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a professional social worker who has made exemplary contributions in health and mental health practice. Professional social work practice includes direct or clinical social work; social work education; social work research; and administration related to health or mental health problems, issues, or programs.

The Outstanding Achievement Award is presented to an individual or group that has made a significant impact on national mental health public policy, professional standards, or program models.

2008 KNEE/WITTMAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PANEL

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WELCOME REMARKS & AWARDS CEREMONY

Elizabeth J. Clark, PhD, ACSW, MPH
President, NASW Foundation
Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers

James J. Kelly, PhD, ACSW
President, National Association of Social Workers

Wednesday, October 8, 2008
12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The National Association of Social Workers Foundation (NASWF) is a charitable organization created to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through the advancement of social work practice.

Founded in 2001 and affiliated with NASW, the Foundation's goals are to:

- Identify, develop, and respond to social work policy and practice issues;
- Assist with rapid response to social crises;
- Support practice-based research, so that practice and research are directly linked;
- Raise the visibility of social work and enhance public esteem for the profession;
- Support the development of cutting edge continuing education that addresses critical issues; and
- Promote the appropriate application of new technology to the practice of social work.



**CARLTON E.
MUNSON,
PHD, LCSW-C**
Knee/Wittman
Outstanding
Achievement in
Health & Mental
Health Policy

Throughout his professional career of more than 40 years, Carlton Munson has served as a model of excellence in the social work profession. He has made outstanding contributions to social work practice, social work education, and social work research in health and mental health. As a Professor in the School of Social Work, University of Maryland at Baltimore, Dr. Munson has taught social work practice at the BSW, MSW and doctoral levels. He also served for seven years as Director of the University of Maryland School of Social Work doctoral program and chaired doctoral dissertation research on social work practice issues. His academic career has included faculty appointments at Shepherd University, Catholic University of America, University of Houston, and Fordham University. His research interests center on trauma and loss in children, international child abduction, social work supervision practice, trends in social work practice, student and practitioner stress reactions, and trends in social work education curriculum design.

In addition to being a distinguished educator, Dr. Munson has made contributions to clinical social work practice and the social work profession in the federal and state court systems. His participation as a clinical expert witness and consultant in two State of Maryland Court of Appeals child welfare cases established the right of clinical social workers to make DSM-IV-TR diagnoses, to testify as expert witnesses, and to testify to ultimate issues. These are accomplishments of national historic importance for the social work profession, and the Maryland Court of Appeals' opinion in Dr. Munson's case affirmed and established the credentials of clinical social workers at the state and national levels. His clinical expertise, especially as it relates to children, has led to him being a nationally recognized expert witness on matters connected with mental health and domestic and international child abduction. Dr. Munson has extensive experience in international child abduction cases and has provided clinical services and expert testimony in cases from 14 countries.

Dr. Munson remains active in clinical practice. He has served as clinical social worker and as clinical consultant to practitioners, mental health agencies, and departments of social services at state, county and local department levels. He has also conducted a private practice specializing in the evaluation and treatment of traumatized children and their families.

Carlton Munson received his MSW and PhD degrees from the University of Maryland. A prolific writer, Dr. Munson's published books and articles include: *Clear and Convincing Evidence: A Handbook of Expert Witness Testimony*; *Shakespeare's Sister: Treatment of Childhood Trauma* (to be published in 2009); *Handbook of Clinical Social Work Supervision (3rd edition)*; *Mental Health Diagnostic Desk Reference, Visual Guides and More for Learning to Use the DSM-IV-TR*. His book, *Social Work Supervision: Classic Statements and Critical Issues*, is a widely used supervision textbook published in 1979 and remains in print.

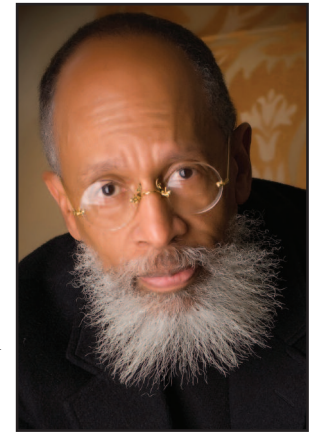
Dr. Munson's contributions to clinical practice in mental health have been recognized by a number of outstanding awards: the American Society of Psychoanalytic Physicians Dr. Henry P. & Page Laughlin Award as Distinguished Teacher, the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence Education Achievement Award, and the Maryland Society for Clinical Social Work, Social Work Educator of the Year. He has been a member of NASW for more than 40 years, has served on the editorial review board of NASW's *Social Work Dictionary*, and he serves as chairperson of the Professional Standards Committee, NASW Maryland Chapter.

King Davis has made exceptional contributions in the field of Health and Mental Health throughout his professional career, spanning more than three decades. Since January, 2000, Dr. Davis has held the Robert Lee Sutherland Chair in Mental Health and Social Policy at the University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work. His research and teaching at the university have focused on public mental health policy, the provision of culturally competent mental health services, health care for the mentally ill and disparities in rates of illness and services for people of color. From 2003-2008, Dr. King also served as the Executive Director of the Hogg Foundation, which awards grants and manages programs to improve mental health research and services in Texas. In these influential roles, Dr. King has impacted mental health policy, research, and practice on both a statewide and a national level.

Prior to his service in Texas, Dr. Davis was appointed Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for the Commonwealth of Virginia by Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder. Previously, he served as its director of community mental health services. Dr. Davis' academic experience has included service as the William and Camille Cosby Chair in Social Work at Howard University and the Libra Chair in Public Policy at the University of Maine, School of Business. He also has served as the John Galt Chair in Public Mental Health at the University of Virginia's Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Davis has held academic appointments at Washington University in St. Louis; Virginia Commonwealth University; Eastern Virginia Medical School; and Norfolk State University.

Dr. Davis received his PhD from Brandeis University, Florence Heller School for Social Policy and Management, and his MSW from California State University Fresno, School of Social Work. He has written and published numerous articles and reports on mental health, fund raising, managed health care and social justice. His book, *The Color of Social Policy*, was published in 2004. He recently served on the Surgeon General's Workgroup on Mental Health, Culture, Race and Ethnicity and in 2003 helped write the report on cultural competence for the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. He has presented his research findings at conferences and workshops throughout the nation.

King Davis has served on a number of committees and voluntary boards, including: the American College of Mental Health Administrators, Governing Board; the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Advisory Board; and the Boston University Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Advisory Board. He has been a member of NASW for more than 40 years and served on the editorial board of *Health and Social Work*, one of NASW's scholarly journals. Among Dr. Davis' numerous awards and honors are the Austin Travis County Mental Health Center Garnet Coleman Eternal Flame Award, the Council on Social Work Education Lifetime Achievement Award and the Teaching Excellence Award from the University of Texas at Austin.



**KING DAVIS,
PhD, LMSW-ACP**
Knee/Wittman Lifetime
Achievement in
Health & Mental
Health Practice

KNEE/WITTMAN AWARDS:

- 1990 **Helen Rehr**, New York, NY
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
Bernice Harper, Washington, DC
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
- 1991 **Grace Harris**, Richmond, VA
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
Patrick DeLeon, Washington, DC
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
- 1992 **Joan Clement**, Seattle, WA
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
Juanita Evans, Washington, DC
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
- 1993 **Elizabeth Watkins**, Chapel Hill, NC
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
Juan Ramos, Gaithersburg, MD
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
- 1994 **Maurice V. Russell**, New York, NY
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
Barbara Berkman, Boston, MA
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
Abraham Lurie, Jericho, NY
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
- 1995 **Ruth R. Middleman**, Louisville, KY
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
Golda M. Edinburg, Brookline, MA
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
- 1996 **Jesse Harris**, Columbia, MD
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
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Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
- 1997 **Anne O. Freed**, Boston, MA
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
Hans S. Falck, Richmond, VA
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
- 1998 **Ruth Cowin**, Brookline, MA
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
Helen Northen, Seattle, WA
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
- 1999 **Gerald Beallor**, New York, NY
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
Joan O. Weiss, Chevy Chase, MD
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
- 2000 **W. Eugene Gibbons**, Orem, UT
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
Claire Rudolph, Fayetteville, NY
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
- 2002 **Kenneth W. Y. Lee**, Honolulu, HI
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
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- 2003 **Carl G. Leukefeld**, Lexington, KY
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
Joel M. Levy, New York, NY
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
- 2004 **Grace Lebow**, Chevy Chase, MD
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
Marylou Sudders, Cambridge, MA
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
- 2005 **Phyllis Solomon**, Philadelphia, PA
Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy & Practice
Janet B. W. Williams, Irvington, NY
Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy & Practice
- 2006 **Paula Allen Meares**, Ann Arbor, MI
Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy & Practice
- 2007 **Betsy Vourlekis**, Washington, DC
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice
Teresa DeCrescenzo, Studio City, CA
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy
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**List as of October 1, 2008*

