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I would like to place Robert McGrath, PhD in nomination for the "Psychologist of the Year" award.

The award, Psychologist of the Year, is to acknowledge a psychologist who has stood apart from their peers because of their work in psychology and NJPA for the year. Different from an award that might relate to a lifetime of dedication to psychology, the Psychologist of the Year award highlights the achievements of one psychologist in 2013. Only one psychologist stands apart deserving that title for 2013. That psychologist has shown dedication and commitment to a wide variety of issue and areas of psychology in 2013 and has demonstrated through his actions selfless commitment to the teaching, practice, and evolution of psychology both in New Jersey and around the country.

Dr. McGrath received his Ph.D. in 1984 from Auburn University. After completing his formal education, he began his teaching and writing career. After several different teaching assignments that included teaching at Auburn, Ohio State University, and Rutgers (GSAPP), he found a home at Fairleigh Dickinson University. At FDU, Dr. McGrath is the Director of the M.S. Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology, Director of Continuing Education for the School of Psychology, and Director of the Certificate Program in Integrated Primary Care. From 2007 – 2012 he served as the Director of the Ph.D. Program in Clinical Psychology (APA accredited). He is licensed in both New Jersey and New York.

Among his professional affiliations and association memberships Dr. McGrath has been a member of APA since 1983 and a member of NJPA since 1985.

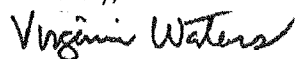
The current highlights of his career include that Dr. McGrath is currently a member of the APA Finance Committee. He is also a member of the APA Practice Directorate Advisory Group on State Implementation of Health Care Reform Initiatives. He is the Chair of the NJPA Task Force on Health Care Reform. He is also a prime mover in the NJPA Prescriptive Authority initiative.

The listing of Dr. McGrath's publications includes over 90 publication including articles, books, and chapters. He has also presented over 128 times around the country on a wide variety of psychological topics.

Dr. McGrath has in the last year shown himself to be dedicated to the field of psychology both by his work teaching young psychology students in New Jersey, but also by his active and selfless giving of his time and effort to the initiatives of NJPA. Whether it is writing an article for one of our publications, being available for a newspaper interview, testifying in Trenton on one of our bills, or meeting with legislators to further the development of psychology in New Jersey, NJPA has been able to count on Dr. McGrath to step up. His work on the prescriptive initiative has placed New Jersey in the forefront of this topic around the country. His works on the Affordable Care Act and his efforts to train and prepare psychologists for the changes in the health care delivery system have been, and continues to be tireless.

For his work teaching, advocating for the practice of psychology and selflessly working to further the goals of NJPA, I nominate Dr. Robert McGrath to receive NJPA's Psychologist of the Year award for 2013.

Sincerely,



Virginia Waters, PhD