

MENTOR AWARD

Mentor: An experienced and trusted counselor

(Oxford English Dictionary)

Mentoring is a structured and trusting relationship that brings younger professionals or students into contact with experienced faculty members or other professional psychologists who offer guidance, support, and encouragement aimed at developing the knowledge, professional skills, competencies, and character of the younger person. SEPA recognizes the importance of mentoring relationships as vital to the development of psychology graduates and students at all levels. In 2004, SEPA established a Mentor Award with the support of the Education Directorate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and presented the cash award for the first time. The Mentor Award Committee is comprised of the President and President-Elect of the SEPA and the previous recipient. This award will be presented at the Award Reception during the Annual Meeting, and the award recipient is invited to attend the following year's meeting to give an invited address.

SEPA is seeking nominations for the 2020 Mentor Award. Please nominate a SEPA member who has demonstrated exceptional mentoring through **some or all** of the following activities:

- a. Mentoring and teaching undergraduate and graduate students and early career faculty members and professional members
- b. Involving students in the annual SEPA meeting
- c. Shepherding the careers of students, and especially student members of the SEPA
- d. Contributing to the professional development of other mentees

To nominate a SEPA member for this award, write a nomination letter (typically, one to two pages in length, but that is at your discretion) summarizing the person's mentoring activities by addressing any or all of the criteria above. Student, colleague, and self-nominations are welcomed, as are multiple letters supporting a single nominee.

Please email your nomination letter to Dr. Laurie Couch, Morehead State University
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DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS: November 15, 2019

Past Awardees:

2004 - Mike Rulon of Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia
2005 - Wallace Kennedy of Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida
2006 - Christopher Leone of University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida
2007 - Stephen Nowicki of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
2008 - Charles Brewer of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina
2009 - Sandra Willis of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama
2010 - Susan Walch of University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida
2011 - Merry Sleight - Ritzer of Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina
2012 - Tammy Lowery Zacchilli of Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida
2013 - Christian End of Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio
2014 - Jennifer Hughes of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia
2015 - Larry Bates of University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama
2016 - Mary Utey of Drury University, Springfield, Missouri

2017 – James L. Pate, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

2018 – Al Finch, The Citadel, Charleston, SC

2019 – Randy Engle, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA