

Award for Outstanding Service to the Field of Trauma Psychology

This award recognizes sustained contributions of leadership in the field of trauma psychology.

The 2014 Award goes to Dr. Steve Gold, Professor of Psychology at Nova Southeastern University, in Florida. This award recognizes Dr. Gold's remarkable career and especially his service to the field as a teacher, supervisor, mentor, clinical innovator, scholar, editor, and co-creator of journals and this division.

Dr. Gold was nominated by 6 of his former doctoral trainees who are now among the leaders in the field. Their letter of nomination was three single-spaced pages that described his amazing contributions to trauma psychology through his service and leadership.

- 1. He was a founding/chapter APA Fellow of the Division.
- 2. In 2009, he served as President of Div 56
- 3. During his tenure, he helped to establish the Division 56 book series on trauma and was instrumental in the movement towards the formulation of competency guidelines in psychological trauma at the New Haven Consensus Conference in the Spring of 2013.
- 4. He is Founding Editor of Division 56's *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy* since 2008. Through his service and leadership the Journal became one of the fastest growing and highly cited APA journals in history.
- 5. President of the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation in 2004
- 6. Founding co-editor of Journal of Trauma Practice (subsequently renamed Journal of Psychological Trauma).
- 7. Last year he was invited by the APA Publications Office to serve as editor of the two volume *APA Handbook of Trauma Psychology*.
- 8. Leadership and service as Professor at the Center for Psychological Studies at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) since 1994, where he has conducted research, teaches courses, advise doctoral students, and oversees a training and service clinic (TRIP the Trauma Resolution & Integration Program), all focused on trauma psychology.
- 9. Over the past 24 years, he has supervised over 150 doctoral trainees who have treated well over 2,000 trauma survivors at TRIP.

The six¹ who wrote the letter of nomination struck a cord with the Awards Committee:

"Dr. Gold the deserves this award not only for his impact on us and many of our colleagues as an educator, but also for his contributions to trauma psychology in the areas of clinical theory, practice, research and leadership."

Congratulations to Dr. Steve Gold for this year's winner of the Outstanding Service to the Field of Trauma Psychology,

Charles R. Figley, PhD, Chair, 2014 Division 56 Awards Committee

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