



Award for Outstanding Contribution to Trauma Psychology by an Early Career Psychologist

This award recognizes psychologists in the early stages of their careers who have shown outstanding achievement or who have made outstanding contributions to the study of psychological trauma. Nominees' contributions may be in the areas of clinical practice/research and writing or basic/applied empirical research. Nominees should have earned their degree no more than seven years prior to the year in which they are nominated.

The 2014 Award goes to Erika J. Wolf, assistant professor of psychiatry, Boston university school of medicine and the national Center for PTSD. She is a graduate of the Boston University with a PhD in Psychology.

Mark W. Miller of the National Center and colleagues who nominated her, noted that she is an exceptional and highly productive clinical investigator who "... demonstrates world-class expertise, creativity, and conceptual sophistication that are uncommon among early career scientists."

They based this on Erika's scientific productivity for an early career psychologist as evidenced by authorship on 42 peer-reviewed publications, including 16 as first-author, plus three book chapters. She is so productive that she has been invited by three separate journals' editors to serve on their editorial board, including the Division's *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy*, as well as the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, and not surprisingly, according to her colleagues, Erika has exceeded expectations by her very strong record of securing external grant funding. In addition to acquiring a 5-year Career Development Award he is also PI for a research grant focusing on DSM-5 PTSD assessment using the MMPI.

According to her colleagues "Dr. Erika Wolf has made influential contributions to the field of traumatic stress through her research, and she has directly improved the lives of veterans with PTSD through her clinical work. "

The Division's Awards Committee agreed. Congratulations to Dr. Wolf.

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