

1995 AWARDS FOR THE BEST RESEARCH PAPERS BY FELLOWS IN FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY/PSYCHOLOGY PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE SECTION

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The Psychiatry and Behavioral Science Section is pleased to announce the 1995 awards for the best research papers by fellows in forensic psychiatry/psychology:

The Principal Award was earned by Stephen H. Allnutt who, in cooperation with John M. W. Bradford, David M. Greenberg and Susan Curry, wrote the article that appears in this issue of the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, "Co-morbidity of Alcoholism and the Paraphilias." Dr. Allnutt presented an earlier draft of this paper at the February 1995 scientific program of AAFS in Seattle, Washington.

Honorable Mention was earned by Mary K. Marrocco, Jonathan C. Uecker and J. Richard Ciccone for their paper "Teaching Forensic Psychiatry to Psychiatric Residents." Because of a prior commitment, their paper was published in *The Bulletin of The American Academy of Psychiatry & the Law* 1995;23(1):83-91. We regret that, due to its prior

publication, we are unable to present their article in the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*.

In the relatively recent (1993) United States Supreme Court decision in the case of *Daubert versus Merrill Dow Pharmaceuticals*, the role of the judge as evaluator of the scientific status of expert witness evidence was stressed. Among the criteria that the Court suggested might be considered in evaluating the scientific status of proposed evidence were publication and peer review, such as presentation in the *Journal of Forensic Sciences* and receipt of the AAFS Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section Award.

The need to ground psychiatry and clinical psychology on scientific knowledge is a continuing project for forensic psychiatrists/psychologists. Perhaps the best time to enlist forensic mental health practitioners into the ranks of scientific investigators is during the course of their subspecialty training programs. The Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section has developed its annual awards for research by fellows in forensic psychiatry/psychology as one method to encourage young researchers and to foster the scientific grounding of our field.