

## **William T. Grant Foundation Names New Senior VP, Head of Program**

The William T. Grant Foundation (<http://www.wtgrantfdn.org>) is pleased to announce its new Senior Vice President, Program, Edward Seidman, Ph.D. Dr. Seidman will be responsible for the ongoing design, implementation, and evaluation of the Foundation's grantmaking program.

Dr. Seidman comes to the Foundation from New York University (NYU), where he is a Professor of Psychology and Coordinator of the Community Psychology program. Before working at NYU, he served as the Vice President and Dean of the Research, Demonstration, and Policy Division at Bank Street College of Education. Prior positions include leadership of the Clinical-Community Psychology program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

He has received international recognition as a Scholar in Residence at the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center (2001) and as a Senior Fulbright-Hays Research Scholar (1977). He has been the recipient of several honors from the Society for Community Research and Action of the American Psychological Association, including Distinguished Contributions to Theory and Research, Outstanding Contributions to Education and Training, and Ethnic Minority Mentorship awards.

Dr. Seidman has conducted research in the mental health, juvenile justice, and education arenas. For the last 15 years, his program of research has examined the nature and course of the positive developmental trajectories of economically at-risk urban adolescents, and how these trajectories are affected by the social contexts of family, peers, school, and neighborhood, and their interaction. He is the editor or co-editor of a large number of volumes and monographs, including the Handbook of Community Psychology (2000), Culturally-Anchored Methodology (1993), Redefining Social Problems (1986), and the Handbook of Social Intervention (1983), and the forthcoming, Risky School Transitions and Educational Reform.

Dr. Seidman received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and Medical Behavioral Science from the University of Kentucky. He received his Masters degree in Psychology from Temple University and his Bachelors degree in Psychology from Pennsylvania State University.