The ECPN John B. Reid Early Career Award is presented to an individual early in their career in prevention. This award is bestowed on someone who has shown a commitment to prevention science through outstanding contributions to research, policy, or practice.

This year, we are pleased to present the John B. Reid Early Career Award to Dr. Keryn Pasch. Although it has been a short time since Dr. Pasch received her PhD (in 2007), she has an outstanding record of scholarship and service that contribute to the field of prevention science and make her an excellent candidate for this award. Dr. Pasch is a productive scholar with over 50 peer-reviewed publications since she graduated. In addition, Dr. Pasch has book chapters, an edited book, and numerous presentations. Dr. Pasch has been or is currently involved on several NIH, NCI, FDA, and the Texas Department of State Health Services grant funded research projects. Much of Dr. Pasch’s work has related to prevention science focusing on youth and young adults, and their dietary and sleeping behaviors, and alcohol, tobacco, and substance use. She has conducted ground-breaking work in the area of media and marketing, and the influence they have on youth and young adult behaviors (see Pasch, Komro et al., 2007; Pasch, Komro et al., 2009; Velazquez & Pasch, 2014; and, Poulos & Pasch, 2015). Dr. Pasch is Associate Editor of Tobacco Regulatory Science, and Health Behavior and Policy Review, and is a reviewer for many others. Dr. Pasch has also provided extensive service to several national and international organizations. Dr. Pasch has been very involved in the Society for Prevention Research where she
has served on the Program Thematic Sub-Committee as Chair, Needs Assessment Survey Task Force as Co-Chair, Communications Task Force as Co-Chair, Early Career Preventionist Network (ECPN) Training Committee as Co-Chair, ECPN Steering Committee as Chair, SPR Training Committee, SPR Awards Committee, SPR Conference Planning committee, and on the SPR Board of Directors, just to name a few. Dr. Pasch has also excelled in teaching and mentoring. She has been the major advisor for 5 doctoral students, 6 masters’ students, served on at least 14 other graduate students’ committees, and has mentored at least 45 undergraduate research students. Dr. Pasch is most deserving of this award for early career prevention scientists.