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Society for Prevention Research Announced First Cohort of SPR Fellows

Washington, DC, June 17, 2013 - The Society for Prevention Research (SPR) announced the selection of the first cohort of SPR Fellows. The SPR Fellowship, established in 2013, is an honor SPR bestows upon a small and select group of members who have a particularly distinguished record of contributions in the field of prevention science. A distinguished record reflects a substantial body of work that has had a broad and significant impact on prevention science.

SPR President Dr. Deborah Gorman-Smith, announced the SPR Fellows at the annual awards presentation, May 30th, during the SPR 21st Annual Meeting held in San Francisco, May 28 – 31, 2013. The SPR Fellowship is the most comprehensive recognition program in the field of prevention science. SPR Fellows are current members of the Society, with a minimum of ten years working in the field of prevention science. To become a SPR Fellow, members must have contributed to the advancement of the field of prevention science in a significant and highly influential manner, examples include, but are not limited to: presentation of scientific papers at national or international professional conferences; authored publications in peer-review journals; served as principal investigator or co-principal investigator on externally funded research grants in the prevention area; produced a body of methodological work that has helped change the way prevention science is conducted; produced a body of scientific work that has clarified conceptual issues in prevention science in important ways; conducted a program of research outside the U.S. that has not had the benefit of high levels of funding but has been influential in that country; influenced the prevention field through consistent, vigorous, high-quality mentoring; influenced the translation of scientific findings into public policy or practice; and influenced prevention science in a major way via a role in a funding agency.

Fellows selected by the Society for Prevention Research in 2013:

- Gilbert J. Botvin, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Weill Cornell Medical College
- Patricia Chamberlain, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist, Community Programs, Oregon Social Learning Center
- J. David Hawkins, Ph.D., Endowed Professor of Prevention, Founding Director, Social Development Research Group, School of Social Work, University of Washington
- Sheppard G. Kellam, M.D., Professor Emeritus, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- David P. MacKinnon, Ph.D., Foundation Professor of Psychology, Research in Prevention Lab, Arizona State University
- David L. Olds, Ph.D., Professor and Director, Prevention Research Center for Family and Child Health, University of Colorado, Denver
- Irwin N. Sandler, Ph.D., Regents Professor, Department of Psychology, Arizona State University
- Zili Sloboda, Sc.D., Consultant

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- Patrick H. Tolan, Ph.D., Professor, Curry School of Education, Director, Youth-Nex: The UVA Center to Promote Effective Youth Development, University of Virginia

Dr. Gorman-Smith remarked how honored she was to induct the first cohort of SPR Fellows. She commented that of the nine selected four (Botvin, Hawkins, Kellam and Sloboda) are past presidents, three (MacKinnon, Olds and Sandler) are former members of the Board of Directors, two (MacKinnon and Sloboda) are founding members of the Society, and one (Botvin) is the founding editor of the Society's journal, *Prevention Science*.

Citations of each Fellow's distinguished record are available at <http://www.preventionresearch.org/about-spr/awards/2013-awards-presentation/>.

The Society for Prevention Research (SPR) is an organization dedicated to advancing scientific investigation on the etiology and prevention of social, physical and mental health, and academic problems and on the translation of that information to promote health and well-being. The multi-disciplinary membership of SPR is international and includes scientists, practitioners, advocates, administrators, and policy makers who value the conduct and dissemination of prevention science worldwide.

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