

## **Teresa Bolick Lifetime Achievement Award**

*The purpose of this award is to identify and publicly acknowledge a psychologist who has made a clear and lasting impact on students, patients and other consumers, colleagues, and/or other professionals through their work in the field of psychology over the course of their career. The recipient must be a psychologist resident of New Hampshire.*

NHPA is pleased to present Dr. William Gunn Jr. with the inaugural Teresa Bolick Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Gunn has been an educator, practicing psychologist, and consultant in New Hampshire for the past 20 years. This year he retires from his position as the Director of Behavioral Health at the NH Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency program at Concord Hospital. During his tenure there, he provided direct clinical care to adults and families, supervision to MFT interns, predoctoral clinical psychology interns, postdoctoral fellows, and family medicine residents. He also serves on the governance committee with Concord Hospital Medical Group, holds a clinical appointment at Dartmouth Medical School, and is on the faculty for the Leadership/Preventative Medicine Residency Program.

Dr. Gunn graduated from Virginia Tech in 1986 with his doctoral degree in systems thinking and family therapy. Prior to moving to New Hampshire, he was the Director of Behavioral Science in family medicine residency programs in Virginia, North Carolina, and Colorado from 1986 to 1997.

Dr. Gunn is known locally and nationally for his work in promoting behavioral health integration into primary care. In New Hampshire, he organized the statewide Learning Collaborative for Behavioral Health Integration sponsored by the NH Endowment for Health. In 2016, he was awarded a Presidential Citation from APA for his “tireless efforts and stewardship to create and distribute a national curriculum on integrated primary care (IPC) for psychologists...*Integrated Primary Care: An Introductory Curriculum.*” He serves on the Interdivisional Healthcare Committee, was appointed chair of the Clinical Health Services Council and co-chair of the IPC Psychology Committee for the Society of Health Psychology. He has also co-authored several books aimed at preparing mental health professionals to work in medical settings, “Models of Collaboration” and “The Collaborative Psychotherapist”.

Over the course of his career in New Hampshire, Dr. Gunn has become a well-known figure across the state. He is a past president of NHPA, completing his second three-year term as New Hampshire’s representative to the APA Council, the representative for the Primary Care Workforce to the Mental Health Coalition, serves on the board of the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness, and most recently enlisted the help of former Supreme Court Chief Justice, John Broderick, to promote the Change Direction campaign.

Now that we have covered the necessary and official business, let us tell you about Dr. Gunn as a person. The Dr. Gunn we know shows up- everywhere, sometimes in conversation, sometimes in the crowded conference, sometimes when you least expect it. He is the consummate family therapist, forever connecting various family members across our organization and across the state. The Dr. Gunn we know is encouraging. His nudges and gentle pushes have served to mentor hundreds of trainees and colleagues across the nation. The Dr. Gunn we know is genuinely interested in getting to know you. He engages fully with everyone he meets.

NHPA pleased to be able to honor Dr. Gunn with the inaugural **Teresa Bolick Lifetime Achievement Award** and believe she would be too. Dr. Gunn has dedicated his career

to promoting the practice of psychology first and foremost at both the state and national level; he has been dedicated throughout his career to advocating for the integration of behavioral health into medicine and has led efforts to provide education, consultation, and training in this arena. In the Northern New England region, he is certainly a figurehead in the medical community for mental health. He has also provided direct clinical care, teaching, and mentoring to both mental health professionals and family medicine residents. For all these reasons and more, NHPA can think of no better candidate to receive this inaugural award than Dr. Bill Gunn.