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Awards Update: Recognition of Outstanding Individuals in NCPEID

This year the following outstanding individuals were recognized by NCPEID for the efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities. At this time, NCPEID would like to congratulate Justin Haegele, PhD, Cathy McKay, PhD, Lauren Lieberman, PhD, and Ann-Catherine Sullivan, PhD. Please see below for a description of the awardees:

G. Lawrence Rarick Research Award

Justin A. Haegele, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Movement Sciences at Old Dominion University (Norfolk, Virginia). Broadly defined, his research focuses within the interdisciplinary field of adapted physical activity, with a primary interest in examining how individuals with disabilities, in particular those with visual impairments, experience physical activity participation, including in school-based adapted physical education. He has numerous scholarly publications to his credit in leading peer review journals in adapted physical activity, physical education, and visual impairment. Dr. Haegele has received several awards designated for emerging scholars in physical education and adapted physical activity, including the David P. Beaver Young Scholar Award from the National Consortium of Physical Education for Individuals with Disabilities, the Mabel Lee Award from the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE), the Hally Beth Poindexter Young Scholar Award from the National Association of Kinesiology in Higher Education, and the Elly D. Friedmann Young Professional Award from the International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity. He is also a Research Fellow with the Research Council of SHAPE. Currently, Dr. Haegele serves as Associate Editor for Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly and Quest. NCPEID is pleased to award Dr. Justin Haegele with the G. Lawrence Rarick Research Award.

David P. Beaver Young Scholar Award

Cathy McKay, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Kinesiology at James Madison University. Dr. McKay completed her doctorate in 2013 and has steadily built her scholarship having published 19 peer-reviewed publications, six peer-reviewed abstracts, two book chapters, and currently eight publications in review. Dr. McKay's work explicitly focuses the experience of disability sport. In line with Dr. Beaver's philosophy, Dr. McKay has not only successfully published in several high-impact journals but she is actively involved in community organizations, implementing disability awareness programs through Paralympic School Days program. Her scholarly work has been recognized by her University, SHAPE America, VAHPERD, and other community organizations. She has also secured several grants to support her scholarly work and develop her disability awareness programs. As written and emphasized by several of her external letters, "Dr. McKay has made numerous contributions to the



profession fitting of a young scholar.” NCPEID is pleased to award Dr. Cathy McKay the David P. Beaver APA Professional Young Scholar Award.

Hollis Fait Scholarly Award

Lauren Lieberman, Ph.D. is a Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Kinesiology at the College at Brockport. As a Professor in Adapted Physical Activity, Dr. Lieberman is well-recognized for her work and significant contributions to the field of adapted physical activity and specifically her scholarship on individuals with visual impairments. Her scholarly work includes over 120 publications, 18 books, and numerous national and international presentations. Dr. Lieberman’s work has been recognized by several professional organizations and while her scholarly work is outstanding and represents her passion and contribution to the field, Dr. Lieberman should also be recognized for preparing future APA professionals through graduate programs and most notably her educational sports camp for children with visual impairments/deaf-blind, Camp Abilities. Since 1996, Camp Abilities has flourished into an international program and continues to thrive in over 20 states. NCPEID is please to award Dr. Lauren Lieberman the Hollis Fait Scholarly Award.

William H. Hillman Distinguished Service Award

Ann-Catherine Sullivan is an Associate Professor in the Health, Physical Education and Exercise Science Department at Norfolk State University. Dr. Sullivan is recognized for her substantial contributions to APA through her local, State, National, and International work. At her previous institutions, Dr. Sullivan created and revised adapted physical education programs and worked on establishing a state-endorsed program while in Michigan. She has served on State advisory councils and hosed events for professionals and families who have children with disabilities. In addition to her state work, Dr. Sullivan contributes professionally through her work on several editorial boards and has served on the Board of Directors at NCPEID, most recently as the historian gathering and collecting vast array of documents to help substantiate the early work done by NCPEID shedding light on both the history and significance of this work. Dr. Sullivan truly embodies the work of a distinguished service professional, and as one letter writer stated, “I believe Dr. Sullivan’s professional contributions and service demonstrate her commitment to the field as well as exemplify her passion for physical education and physical activity for all individuals.” NCPEID is please to award Dr. Ann-Catherine Sullivan the William H. Hillman Distinguished Service Award.