

Twentieth Anniversary

2023 Salt Lake City



The Bowlby-Ainsworth Award recognizes senior scholars who exemplify the standards of scholarship, collegiality and service that John Bowlby and Mary Ainsworth shared, taught, and valued. Awards are also made to younger researchers for specific contributions of lasting importance. Special Awards are occasionally given in recognition of singular contributions to the Bowlby-Ainsworth tradition. Selections are made by the Awards Committee of the Center for Mental Health Promotion and The New York Attachment Consortium, in consultation with distinguished international colleagues.

The Award is represented by a crystal sculpture engraved with portraits of John Bowlby and Mary Ainsworth, the recipient's name, and a brief award statement.

2003

Christoph Heinicke (UCLA)

For Wedding The Insights Of Attachment Theory
To The Rigor Of Empirical Science.

Robert Hinde (Cambridge)

A Secure Base To John Bowlby, Advocate And Friend
To The Bowlby-Ainsworth Tradition.

James Robertson and Joyce Robertson (London)

For Documenting And Improving The Lives Of
Young Children In Difficult Circumstances.

Special Award

Robert and Cheri Marvin (Virginia)

For Being A Secure Base To Mary Ainsworth.

2004

Greg Moran (Western Ontario)

For Observational Studies Of Maternal Sensitivity.

David Pederson (Western Ontario)

For Observational Studies Of Maternal Sensitivity.

German Enrique Posada (Purdue)

For Observational Study Of Maternal Sensitivity
And Infant Secure Base Behavior Across Cultures.

H. Rudolph Schaffer (Strathclyde, Glasgow)

For Contributions To Attachment Study
Becoming An Empirical Science.

Special Award

Dorothy Southern (London)

Secretary And Friend For Over 30 Years -
For Being A Secure Base To John Bowlby.

2005

Marian Bakermans-Kranenburg (Vrije - Amsterdam)

A Generous Colleague, Mentor, And Steadfast
Secure Base In The Bowlby-Ainsworth Tradition, For
Rigor And Originality In Attachment Study.

Inge Bretherton (Wisconsin)

Historian To The Bowlby-Ainsworth Tradition,
For Bridging Attachment, Cognition, And Language.

Morris Eagle (Adelphi - N.Y.)

Friend and Interpreter to Psychoanalysis
And Attachment Theory.

Susan Goldberg (Hospital for Sick Children - Toronto)

A Generous Mentor To Colleagues And Students Alike,
For Advancing Attachment Study
And Children's Health.

2006

Elizabeth Carlson (Minnesota)

For Clarifying The Organization Of Attachment Behavior, Modeling The Role Of Attachment Representations Across The Lifespan. And For Generous Support Of Colleagues In The Bowlby-Ainsworth Tradition.

Karin Grossmann (Regensburg)

Generous, Enthusiastic Friend And Mentor In The Bowlby-Ainsworth Tradition. For Demonstrating The Central Roles Of Ethological Observation, Cross-Cultural Data, And Longitudinal Designs In Attachment Study.

Klaus E. Grossmann (Regensburg)

Generous, Enthusiastic Friend And Mentor In The Bowlby-Ainsworth Tradition. For Demonstrating The Central Roles Of Ethological Observation, Cross-Cultural Data, And Longitudinal Designs In Attachment Study.

2007

Mary Dozier (Delaware)

For Translational Research On Adoption:
Applying Attachment Theory On Behalf Of Adults
Offering Care And Infants And Children Seeking Security.

L. Alan Sroufe (Minnesota)

A Founder Of Modern Attachment Study
And The Most Influential Developmentalist
Of His Generation.

Special Award

Joseph Lichtenberg (Bethesda, Md.)

For Early Support To Mary Ainsworth And For Wise
Clinically Informed Commentary At The Interface
Between Attachment Theory And Psychoanalysis.

2009

Mary B. Main (Berkeley)

For Ground Breaking Work In Moving Attachment
To The Level Of Representation - A Turning Point In
Research And Clinical Applications.

Everett Waters (Stony Brook)

Staunch Defender Of The Core of Attachment Theory
And Guardian Of Methodological Rigor.

Annie Bernier (Montreal)

For Studies Of Attachment Measurement
And For Mentoring And Generous Collaborations
In The Bowlby-Ainsworth Tradition.

Special Award

Jeremy Holmes, M.D. (North Devon, England)

For Recognizing And Clarifying The Significance
Of The Secure Base Concept For Clinical Practice.

2011

Norbert Bischof (Ludwig Maximilians - Munich)

For Advancing Attachment Study Through The Use Of
Control Systems Theory And Computational Modeling.

Olga Carbonell (Javeriana - Bogota)

For Helping Establish Attachment Study In Latin America
Through Mentoring And Translational Research.

Marinus van IJzendoorn (Erasmus - Rotterdam)

For Creative Use of Meta-analytic Methods To Secure Key
Results From Three Generations of Attachment Study.

Manuela Verissimo (ISPA - Lisbon)

Scientist and Mentor Who Has Taught Developmental And
Clinical Trainees The Value Of The Secure Base Concept.

Brian E. Vaughn (Auburn)

For Friendship To Mary Ainsworth, Generous Mentoring,
And Advancing Ethological Methods In Attachment Study.

2013

Glen Cooper (Spokane, Washington)

Kent Hoffman (Spokane, Washington)

Bert Powell (Spokane, Washington)

Robert S. Marvin (Virginia)

For Developing And Implementing
The Circle of Security Attachment Intervention.

Kondo-Ikemura (Teikyo Univ., Tokyo)

For Helping Establish A Bowlby-Ainsworth
Tradition In Japan.

Alicia Lieberman (Dept. Psychiatry - UCSF)

For Translational Research On Attachment,
Traumatic Stress, And Early Development.

2015

Jay Belsky (UC Davis)

For Programmatic Research And Analysis On
The Effects Of Daycare And Family Processes
On Attachment Security And Socio-Emotional
Adjustment In Infancy And Early Childhood.

Kathryn A. Kerns (Kent State)

For Contributions To Attachment Assessment
And Our Understanding Of Relationships
And Development In Middle Childhood.

Avi Sagi-Schwartz (Haifa, Israel)

For Landmark Studies Of Early Attachment
In The Israeli Kibbutz.

2017

Peter Fonagy (UC - London)

For Theoretical Contributions And Securing Valued Links
Between Attachment Theory And Psychoanalysis.

Myron Hofer (Columbia)

For Exploring The Roles Of Physiology And Early
Experience In Attachment Development.

Arieta Slade (Yale Child Study Center)

For Exploring The Relevance Of Attachment Theory
And Reflective Function To Adult Psychotherapy
And Parenting Interventions.

Howard Steele (The New School)

For Contributions to the Bowlby-Ainsworth Tradition
As A Scientist, Editor, And Clinical Innovator.

Miriam Steele (The New School)

For Innovative Longitudinal Studies And Translational
Research On Attachment And Mental Representation.

Special Award

Gary Cox-Steiner (Bayport, N.Y.)

For Unflagging Interest And Support Of The
Bowlby Ainsworth Tradition Over Two Decisive Decades.

2019

Joseph P. Allen (Virginia)

For Extending The Secure Base Concept Through
Theoretical And Empirical Insights Into
Autonomy And Relatedness In Adolescence.

Kristin Bernard (Stony Brook)

For Advancing Basic Research On The Biopsychology Of
Attachment , High-Impact Clinical Trials, And Exceptional
Mentoring In The Bowlby-Ainsworth Tradition.

Jessica Borelli (UC Irvine)

For Contributions To Research At The Interface Of
Attachment, Emotion Regulation, And Well-being, And
For Illustrating The Relevance Of Attachment Insights To
Modern Issues Through Popular Media.

Mauricio Cortina, M.D. (Washington School of Psychiatry)

For Exploring The Interfaces Of Attachment Theory,
Theory Of Mind And Evolution, And For Mentoring
A Generation Of Attachment Researchers
In A Latin American Context.

2019 (continued)

Roger Kobak (Delaware)

For Theoretical Insights, Conceptual Clarifications, And
Clinical Application Of Attachment Theory Benefiting
Children, Adolescents, And Adults.

Dean D. Petters (Sheffield Hallam - England)

For Explorations Into The History, Requirements,
And Prospects For Computational Modelling
Of Human Attachment.

Carlo Schuengel (Vrije - Amsterdam)

For Applying Attachment Theory To Understudied
Clinical Populations, Contributions To Meta-analysis,
And Exceptional Mentoring.

2021

Dante Cicchetti (Minnesota)

For Unparalleled Scholarship And Innovative Research
On The Importance Of Experience In Development,
And For Securing The Place Of Attachment Theory
In Developmental Psychopathology.

Jude Cassidy (Maryland)

For Contributions To The Theory Of Attachment
Representations, Elevating Attachment Scholarship, And
Generous Mentoring In The Bowlby-Ainsworth Tradition.

E. Mark Cummings (Notre Dame)

For Innovative Research On The Effects Of Early
Exposure To Family Violence And For Conceptualizing
And Measuring The Continuum Of Emotional Security.

Magaly Noblega (Pontifica - Lima)

For Innovative Intervention Studies Of Maternal Care
And Infant Security And For Supporting Attachment
Relationships Research In Latin America.

Harriet Salatas Waters (Stony Brook)

For Insights Into The Cognitive Structure Of Attachment
Representations, Clarifying The Internal Working
Models Concept, And Measuring Script-Like
Attachment Representations Across The Lifespan.

2023

Sarah Blaffer Hrdy (U.C. Davis)

For Insights Into Alloparenting That
Have Strengthened The Descriptive And
Evolutionary Foundations Of Attachment Theory.

James S. Chisholm (Western Australia)

For Securing And Advancing The
Comparative, Anthropological, And Evolutionary
Foundations Of Attachment Theory.

Douglas M. Teti (Penn State)

For Securing The Place Of Longitudinal Naturalistic
Observation In Studies Of Attachment,
Parenting, Infants, And Families.

Patrick T. Davies (Rochester)

For Highlighting The Distinction And Relations
Between Attachment And Emotional Security
Systems In Family Contexts.

2023 (continued)

Theodore E. A. Waters (NYU / NYU-AD)

For Bridging The Gap Between
The Secure Base Concept And The
Coherence Of Adult Attachment Narratives -
Thereby Resolving A Deep Incoherence
At The Heart Of Attachment Theory.

K. Lee Raby (Utah)

For Significant Contributions To
The Bowlby-Ainsworth Tradition
Through Collaboration And Mentoring.

Colleagues And Students:
“Lee Raby Makes Everything Better.”

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