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Jeanne Spurlock, M.D.



Jeanne Spurlock, M.D. who died in November 1999, received her medical degree at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC, and focused on her concern for children through a fellowship in child psychiatry at the Institute for Juvenile

Research in Chicago. Dr. Spurlock began her private practice in 1953 while receiving her adult and child psychoanalytic training from the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis. Appointed Chief of the Psychiatric Clinic at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, she also served as Director of the Children's Psychosomatic Unit of the Neuropsychiatric Institute at the University of Illinois. In 1968, she became Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. She was one of the first women in the United States to achieve such a position. Dr. Spurlock was selected to participate in the 1970 White House Conference on Children, and the following year she became the first woman and the first African-American to receive the Edward A. Strecker Award, presented by the Institute of the Pennsylvania Hospital for outstanding contributions to psychiatric

care and treatment. In 1974 she joined the American Psychiatric Association as the Deputy Medical Director of the Office of Minority/National Affairs in Washington, DC, where she became a tireless advocate for children and minorities in the area of mental health. Under her direction the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) was established in 1972. Dr. Spurlock retired from the APA in 1991.

The Jeanne Spurlock Minority Fellowship Achievement Award was established in her honor in 2000 to recognize the outstanding achievements of former fellows of the minority fellowships and encourage continued involvement in the fellowship program. The first award was presented to the family of Dr. Spurlock, in honor of her outstanding contributions to psychiatry and the APA Minority Fellowship Program.

American Psychiatric Association Jeanne Spurlock, M.D. Minority Fellowship Achievement Award Recipients 2001-2008



Toni Love Johnson, M.D.

Dr. Toni Love Johnson practices adult psychiatry in Cleveland, Ohio, where she is the Residency Program Training Director for the Department of Psychiatry at MetroHealth Medical Center. She is also the Medical Director for the Behavioral Medicine and Counseling Department of the Center for Community Health at MetroHealth. Dr. Johnson did her residency training in psychiatry at Cleveland Clinic Foundation in 1991 where she served as chief resident in 1993. She is Board Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Her areas of interest are women's mood disorders, cultural psychiatry, and graduate medical education. Dr. Johnson is married and the proud mother of 5 children.

2007



Yvonne B. Ferguson, M.D., MPH, practices child, adolescent and adult psychiatry in Santa Barbara, CA, where she is Chair of the Disaster Mental Health Committee of Cottage Hospital's Department of Psychiatry. She also works with developmentally disabled populations and homeless patients in her community with Doctors Without Walls. Dr. Ferguson works with tribal members of the Chumash Reservation's Santa Ynez Tribal Health. She graduated from the Ohio State School of Medicine in 1971 and completed her adult residency training at Los Angeles County USC-Medical Center and Charles R. Drew Postgraduate School of Medicine. During her adult residency, Dr. Ferguson was awarded a Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry Fellowship and an APA-NIMH Minority Fellowship. Dr. Spurlock served as an inspiration for Dr. Ferguson to complete her child psychiatry fellowship at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute in 1976. She is double boarded, and while serving as an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at UCLA, Dr. Ferguson obtained her MPH at the UCLA School of Public Health. She was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and did some infant development research in Lagos, Nigeria. Later Dr. Ferguson returned to Charles R. Drew to become the Director of Residency Training. She has been the Medical Director of King's View Hospital in Reedley, CA, and the head of Child and Adolescent Services for King's County, Hanford, CA, where she was on the faculty of the University of California, San Francisco Fresno Branch. Dr. Ferguson is also a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association (APA).

2006

Michele O. Clark, M.D., is a senior psychiatrist with over 20 years of experience in a broad range of areas. She is currently president of the Golden State Medical Association in Los Angeles, CA, and is a program psychiatrist at the Barbour Floyd Medical Associates, also in Los Angeles. Dr. Clark did her undergraduate studies at Hunter College of the City University of New York. Her degree in medicine is from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. She interned at the Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School (now Charles Drew Medical University) and trained in psychiatry at UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute. Dr. Clark was founding Director of the Consultation and Liaison Service to plan and implement one of six ethnic focused clinical programs at UCSF's San Francisco General Hospital site in 1985. She developed an expertise in cross-cultural psychiatry, particularly with populations of African descent. She served as Chief Psychiatrist of the South Central Health and Rehabilitation Program AB 2034 Clinic. Dr. Clark serves as a consultant to the King/Drew Medical Center Oasis Clinic for HIV Disorders and the Bay Area Consortium for Quality Health Care AIDS Minority Health Initiative. Her practice has also included most modalities of treatment and diverse patient populations. She is past Chair of the APA's Committee of Black Psychiatrists, the Caucus of Black Psychiatrists, and member of the APA Board of Trustees. Dr. Clark is also a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.



2005



Robert T.M. Phillips, M.D., Ph.D., is Medical Director of Forensic Consultation Associates, Inc., a national firm that specializes in psychiatric consultations in civil and criminal litigation. He is also President of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law and Psychiatric Consultant to the Protective Intelligence Division of the United States Secret Service. Dr. Phillips received his B.S. from Boston College, Ed.M. from Harvard University, Ph.D. from the University of Iowa, and M.D. from the Mayo Medical School. He completed his internship training at the Mayo Clinic and his residency in psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine where he also served as Chief Resident before becoming Director of Forensic Services for the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health. Dr. Phillips holds academic appointments as Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Maryland Schools of Medicine and Law and in the Yale Law and Psychiatry Division. Dr. Phillips has extensive experience in civil and criminal cases including capital sentencing proceedings at the trial and appellate level, class action litigation, employment law and medical malpractice litigation. Dr. Phillips is also a Distinguished Fellow of the APA and served as APA Deputy Medical Director and Director of the APA Minority Fellowships (1993-1998). In 1997 Dr. Phillips sought and received funding to establish the APA/AstraZeneca Minority Fellowship.

2004

Mindy Thompson Fullilove, M.D., is Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Public Health and a Research Psychiatrist at New York State Psychiatric Institute. She received her undergraduate degree from Bryn Mawr College and her Master's in nutrition and medical degree from Columbia University in New York, NY. She has authored the following books: *Root Shock: How Tearing Up City Neighborhoods Hurts America and What We Can Do About It* and *The House of Joshua: Meditations on Family and Place*. She co-authored *Homeboy Came to Orange: A Story of People's Power* with her father Ernest Thompson. Dr. Fullilove has received numerous honors and awards, including the Outstanding Woman Scientist from the Association of Women in Science NY Metro Chapter and she has been named by *POZ Magazine* as one of the leading HIV researchers in the U.S.



2003



Patricia I. Ordorica, M.D., is a Scientific Consultant in Addiction Research at the Roskamp Institute in Sarasota, FL, and is a member of the APA Council on Global Psychiatry. Dr. Ordorica served as Chair of the APA/Center for Mental Health Services Minority Fellowship Selection and Advisory Corresponding Committee and the APA Council on Addiction Psychiatry. She also served on the APA Scientific Program Committee and APA Workgroup on the Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Patients with Substance Use Disorders. She also served on APA's Board of Trustees, Joint Reference Committee and in the Assembly in her many years of service in the APA. Dr. Ordorica is the author of numerous publications on issues related to the treatment of addictive disorders. In 2002 she was named Exemplary Psychiatrist by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill for her work related to minority mental health issues. Dr. Ordorica received her medical degree and completed her residency in psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, and completed a fellowship in addiction psychiatry at Timberlawn Hospital in Dallas.

2002

William B. Lawson, M.D., Ph.D., is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Director of the Mood Research Institute at Howard University College of Medicine. He has three National Institute of Mental Health grants of \$1 million each and multiple industry supported clinical trials. Dr. Lawson is Chair of the APA Committee of Tellers, Treasurer of the American Orthopsychiatric Society, and member of the Scientific Advisory Boards of the National Depression and Manic-Depressive Society and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. He served as Chair of the Section of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences of the National Medical Association and is Past President of the Black Psychiatrists of America. Dr. Lawson is recognized as an outstanding researcher for Howard University College of Medicine and Faculty Senate. He was named Outstanding Psychiatrist by *Black Enterprise* magazine and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. He has over one hundred published articles and books involving the relationships of mood disorders to culture, genetics, psychopharmacology, and racial and ethnic issues. Dr. Lawson has a longstanding concern about ethnic disparities in mental health treatment and has been an outspoken advocate for access to services of the severely mentally ill. Dr. Lawson is also a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.



2001



Irma J. Bland, M.D., who died in 2003, was the first recipient of the Spurlock Achievement Award. She was an adolescent and adult psychiatrist and a psychoanalyst. She served as the Regional Administrator/CEO for the State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Mental Health (Region 1). This responsibility included executive administrative oversight of adult acute hospital units at the Medical Center of Louisiana-Mental Health Services of New Orleans, CEO of children and adolescent services at New Orleans Adolescent Hospital and a system of Community Mental Health Clinics for children, adolescents, and adults. She served as the Regional Medical Director of this system (1995-2000). Dr. Bland held academic appointments as Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at both the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and the Tulane University Medical School. Dr. Bland was a nationally recognized clinician, educator, and administrator in the mental health arena. She was involved with national policy and decision making and program planning and design to address problems and to provide mental health services for adults and adolescents. In 2004 the APA established the Irma Bland Award for Excellence in Teaching Residents.