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Carrie Bearden given the ACNP Joel Elkes Research Award

The American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) has named Carrie Bearden, Ph.D., Professor at the UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior and Department of Psychology, and Program Director of UCLA's Center for the Assessment and Prevention of Prodromal States (CAPPS) as one of the winners of the Joel Elkes Research Award. This award, presented at the 56th Annual Meeting of the ACNP in Palm Springs, California, is in recognition of an outstanding clinical contribution to neuropsychopharmacology. In nominating Dr. Bearden for the award, Dr. Glahn, professor of Psychiatry at Yale, described her as "*a strikingly original and productive scientist, both in the work she conducts independently as well as her contributions to large inter-institutional research consortia*".

Dr. Bearden has made impressive contributions to research, service and education. She has almost 200 peer-reviewed publications in leading scientific journals, 73 of which were published in just the last two years. She leads a number of research grants funded by the National Institutes of Health and Foundations. She has conducted pioneering research to unravel neurodevelopmental and cognitive risk factors for psychotic and affective disorders. She has developed an integrative research program involving multi-level, 'deep phenotyping' of neurogenetic disorders; much of this work to date has focused on 22q11.2 deletion. She has brought together all the neuroimaging data collected worldwide on 22q11.2 deletion, via a Big Data to Knowledge grant. Her work on vulnerability markers for adolescent-onset psychotic disorders is highly significant, both from a research perspective and also has because it has a significant clinical impact on the lives of families affected by psychotic disorders. She has also made outstanding contributions as a teacher and mentor. She is the PI of a T-32 training grant and has received several awards for recognition for her role as a teacher and mentor.

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ACNP, founded in 1961, is a professional organization of more than 1000 leading scientists, including four Nobel Laureates. The mission of ACNP is to further research and education in neuropsychopharmacology and related fields in the following ways: promoting the interaction of a broad range of scientific disciplines of brain and behavior in order to advance the understanding of prevention and treatment of disease of the nervous system including psychiatric, neurological, behavioral and addictive disorders; encouraging scientists to enter research careers in fields related to these disorders and their treatment; and ensuring the dissemination of relevant scientific advances.