



**ASAM** American Society of  
Addiction Medicine

August 19, 2016

Barbara Mason, PhD  
Director, Pearson Center for Alcoholism and  
Addiction Research  
The Scripps Research Institute  
10550 North Torrey Pines Road  
La Jolla, CA 92037



**OFFICERS**

**President**  
R. Jeffrey Goldsmith, MD, DLFAPA, DFASAM

**President-Elect**  
Kelly Clark, MD, MBA, DFASAM

**Vice-President**  
Mark Kraus, MD, DFASAM

**Secretary**  
Margaret A.E. Jarvis, MD, DFASAM

**Treasurer**  
Brian Hurley, MD, MBA, DFASAM

**Immediate Past President**  
Stuart Gitlow, MD, MPH, MBA, DFAPA,  
DFASAM

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Directors-at-Large**  
Anthony P. Albanese, MD, DFASAM  
Paul H. Earley, MD, DFASAM  
Marc Galanter, MD, DFASAM  
Petros Levounis, MD, MA, DFASAM  
Yngvild K. Olsen, MD, MPH, FASAM  
John C. Tanner, DO, DFASAM

**Regional Directors**

**Region I**  
Jeffery Selzer, MD, DFASAM

**Region II**  
Jeffery Wilkins, MD, DFAPA, DFASAM

**Region III**  
Kenneth Freedman, MD, MS, MBA, FACP,  
DFASAM

**Region IV**  
Mark P. Schwartz, MD, DFASAM

**Region V**  
J. Ramsay Farah, MD, MPH, FAAP, FACMP,  
DFASAM

**Region VI**  
Gavin Bart, MD, PhD, FACP, DFASAM

**Region VII**  
Howard Wetsman, MD, DFASAM

**Region VIII**  
William F. Haning, III, MD, DFASAM, DFAPA

**Region IX**  
Ronald Lim, MD, DFASAM

**Region X**  
Terry Alley, MD, DFASAM

**Ex-Officio**

Todd J. Kammerzelt, MD, FASAM  
Ilse R. Levin, DO  
Surita Rao, MD, FASAM  
Scott Teitelbaum, MD, DFASAM  
Norman Wetterau, MD, FAAP, DFASAM  
Penny S. Mills, MBA, EVP/CEO

**FOUNDING PRESIDENT**

Ruth Fox, MD  
1895-1989

Dear Dr. Mason:

It is with great pleasure that the Annual Conference Program Committee of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) has selected you, through a nomination and voting process, to be the 2017 recipient of the R. Brinkley Smithers Distinguished Scientist Award. The recipient of this award delivers one of the keynote lectures at the Opening Plenary Session of the ASAM Annual Conference.

This award is to recognize and honor an individual who has made highly meritorious contributions in advancing the scientific understanding of alcoholism, its prevention and treatment. In April 2016, Dr. William R. Miller, PhD, was awarded and spoke at the ASAM Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. More information about the R. Brinkley Smithers Award and other past awardees can be found [here](#).

In accepting this honor, ASAM asks that you present a 20-25-minute lecture for this award from the society for your contributions to the field of alcohol, motivation and change. The ASAM 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held April 6-9, 2017 in New Orleans, LA at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. Your lecture will be during the Opening Plenary Session on Friday, April 7, 2017 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

On behalf of the American Society of Addiction Medicine, we hope you will accept this honor and serve as one the keynote lecturers in New Orleans, LA. ASAM will provide free registration, travel and logistical assistance. Please kindly confirm your acceptance of this award by **August 26, 2016** to Jennifer Butchart at [jbutchart@ASAM.org](mailto:jbutchart@ASAM.org) or 301.547.4121. Jennifer will also assist you with registration and logistics. If you accept the award, we would also like to include you in potential media events and podcasts during the conference. Thank you for your consideration of this distinguished award.

Congratulations! We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

R. Jeffrey Goldsmith, MD, DLFAPA, DFASAM,  
President

Michael Fingerhood, MD, FACP  
Chair, Annual Conference Committee

cc: Penny S. Mills, MBA, EVP/CEO  
Arlene C. Deverman, CAE, CLO  
John Hawkins, CMP, Director of Meetings  
Molly Mazuk, Manager, Professional Development

4601 N. Park Avenue, Upper Arcade #101, Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
Phone: 301.656.3920 | Fax: 301.656.3815  
[www.ASAM.org](http://www.ASAM.org)