



NARRTC Award Nomination Form

The Awards Committee of NARRTC is interested in the names of persons who have made significant contributions to rehabilitation research, training, or legislative action. A significant contribution can include advances in a research area, advances in research with a particular type of disability, or a research methodology. A significant advance can also include changes in policies that affect persons with disabilities or someone who has influenced legislative bodies to change laws or funding related to persons with disabilities. Below is a description of the three awards categories which NARRTC members may submit nominations for as well as a list of previous honorees.

Please return this form electronically to the NARRTC Awards Chair, Robin Jones, at guiness@uic.edu **no later than February 1, 2018**

A. Your Information

Name: _____

Center Name: _____

B. Person Being Nominated

Name: _____ Degree: _____

Current Job Title: _____

Institution/Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Needed for invitation
to Award Ceremony

C. Suggested Award Category (See description of awards on Page 2)

- Distinguished Service Award
- Commendation
- Special Contribution Award

D. Reasons For Nominating This Person

- Please attach a separate narrative describing reason for nomination.
- Please provide curriculum vitae, if available.



NARRTC Awards and Recipients

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest recognition conferred by NARRTC. This award is given to individuals who have made impressive contributions to the field of disability through research, teaching, service, knowledge translation, or advocacy. The Distinguished Service Award is generally given for sustained contributions or an accumulation of life-time achievements. Previous honorees:

Senator Thomas Harkin, 1991	Arthur M. Sherwood, 2012
Congressman Steve Gunderson, 1993	James S. Krause, 2012
Senator Robert S. Dole, 1995	Peter Blanck, 2015
Katherine Seelman, 2000	Glen White, 2015
James Budde, 2002	Susan Bruyere, 2016
Marcus Fuhrer, 2003	John Westbrook, 2016
Frederick E. Menz, 2004	Tom Seekins, 2016
Frank Corrigan, 2004	Judith Heumann, 2017
Ruth Brannon, 2008	
Jerry Parker, 2008	
David B. Gray, 2010	

Commendation Award

Commendations are awarded by NARRTC for research, teaching, service, knowledge translation, or advocacy in the field of disability for specific, focused activities or achievements. Commendations recognize important contributions that strategically or creatively advance the field and/of disability. Previous honorees:

Samuel Stover, 1995	Glen White, 2004	J. Scott Richards, 2011
Joseph Fenton, 1995	Margaret Campbell, 2005	Steven Haley, 2012
William Fowler, 1995	Marianne Farkas, 2005	Suzanne Groah, 2012
Byron Hamilton, 1995	June Isaacson Kailes, 2005	Dennis Moore, 2013
Paul Ackerman, 2000	Richard Melia, 2006	Craig Ravesloot, 2014
Betty Jo Berland, 2000	Mitch LaPlante, 2007	Robin Jones, 2017
Daniel C. McAlees, 2000	Tom Seekins, 2007	John Stone, 2017
John D. Kemp, 2003	Ellen Blasiotti, 2008	Cheri Takemoto, 2017
Congressman James Langevin, 2003	Fabricio E. Balcazar, 2009	
Judith Cook, 2004	Andrew J. Imperato, 2009	
Corinne Kirchner, 2004	Kurt Johnson, 2010	

Special Contribution Award

Special Contribution Awards are given for leadership activities and major accomplishments on behalf of NARRTC as an organization. Special Contribution Awards recognize diligence, service, commitment, and leadership in the context of NARRTC organizational affairs or related spheres of activity. Previous honorees:

Dennis C. Moore, 2003
Krista Kutash, 2004
Sally Rogers, 2004
Nancy Arnold, 2005

Wayne Gordon, 2006
Andrew Houtenville, 2008
Joann Starks, 2010
Pam Willits, 2011
Hannah Rudstam, 2015

Special Recognition Award

Special Recognition Awards are given by the Board of Directors of NARRTC for contributions made to the field of disability and/or NARRTC membership. Previous honorees:

Bryan Kemp, 2011
Donna Nangle, 2012 (posthumous)
John Tschida, 2017