



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 18, 2020**

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
Congressman Steve Gunderson, 1993
Senator Robert S. Dole, 1995
Katherine Seelman, 2000
James Budde, 2002
Marcus Fuhrer, 2003
Frederick E. Menz, 2004
Frank Corrigan, 2004
Ruth Brannon, 2008
Jerry Parker, 2008
David B. Gray, 2010

Arthur M. Sherwood, 2012
James S. Krause, 2012
Peter Blanck, 2015
Glen White, 2015
Susan Bruyere, 2016
John Westbrook, 2016
Tom Seekins, 2016
Judith Heumann, 2017
Joe Lane, 2018
Lex Frieden, 2019
K. Charlie Lakin, 2019

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
Joseph Fenton, 1995
William Fowler, 1995
Byron Hamilton, 1995
Paul Ackerman, 2000
Betty Jo Berland, 2000
Daniel C. McAlees, 2000
John D. Kemp, 2003
Congressman James Langevin, 2003
Judith Cook, 2004
Corinne Kirchner, 2004

Glen White, 2004
Margaret Campbell, 2005
Marianne Farkas, 2005
June Isaacson Kailes, 2005
Richard Melia, 2006
Mitch LaPlante, 2007
Tom Seekins, 2007
Ellen Blasiotti, 2008
Fabricio E. Balcazar, 2009
Andrew J. Imparato, 2009
Kurt Johnson, 2010

J. Scott Richards, 2011
Steven Haley, 2012
Suzanne Groah, 2012
Dennis Moore, 2013
Craig Ravesloot, 2014
Robin Jones, 2017
John Stone, 2017
Cheri Takemoto, 2017
Joann Starks, 2018
Renáta Tichá, 2019

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
Marianne Farkas, 2018
Kurt Johnson, 2018
Mark Odum, 2019

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