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2005 PRO HUMANITATE WINNERS

The Center for Child Welfare Policy of the North American Resource Center for Child Welfare has announced the 2005 winners of the Pro Humanitate Literary Awards, North America's premier literary awards for the field of child welfare.

One book award and three article awards are conferred annually to authors from the United States and Canada whose articles best "exemplify the intellectual integrity and moral courage required to transcend political and social barriers to champion best practice in the field of child welfare." Awards are selected by a peer jury that reviews and rates all submissions. **This year's awards will be presented on September 30** at the Child Welfare League of America's New England Region Training & National Child Care and Development Conference in Providence, RI.

For 2005, two books were tied in scoring for the Daniel Douglas Schneider Child Welfare Book Award. Pro Humanitate jurors decided the four authors of the two books would share this year's \$5,000 cash prize; each will receive the Pro Humanitate medal.

The first book award was given to *On Their Own: What Happens to Kids When They Age Out of the Foster Care System*, authored by **Martha Shirk and Gary Stangler**. Shirk is a freelance journalist in Palo Alto, Calif., and Stangler is the executive director of the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative in St. Louis, Mo. The Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative is a national foundation whose mission is to help youth in foster care make successful transitions to adulthood. The Initiative brings together the people and resources needed to help youth make the connections they need to education, employment, health care, housing, and supportive personal and community relationships. The Initiative has projects to help young people in **Atlanta, Denver, Des Moines, Hartford and Bridgeport, Conn., Jacksonville, Kansas City, Maine, Detroit and northern Michigan counties, Nashville, Providence, San Antonio, and San Diego. The Initiative also has a project in Tampa, Fla., in partnership with the Eckerd Family Foundation. For more information, see www.jimcasevyouth.org.**

The second book award was given to *Children in Foster Care*, authored by **James G. Barber, PhD and Paul H. Delfabbro, PhD**. Dr. Barber is a Professor and Dean at the University of Toronto's School of Social Work in Ontario, and co-author, Dr. Delfabbro is a Lecturer in Psychology at the University of Adelaide in South Australia.

Due to a tie in the article scoring, this year's jury has selected four articles as winners of the Herbert A. Raskin Child Welfare Article Awards. The authors of each article will receive the Pro Humanitate Medal and share a \$1000 cash prize. This year's winners are: **Amy Duggan, ScD, Loretta Fuddy, ACSW, MPH, Elizabeth McFarlane, MPH, Lori Burrell, MA, Amy Windham, PhD, Susan Higman, PhD and Calvin Sia, MD**, for their article, "Evaluating a Statewide Home Visiting Program to Prevent Child Abuse in At-Risk Families of Newborns: Fathers' Participation and Outcomes." *Child Maltreatment*, Vol. 9, N. 1, February 2004, p. 3-17. Ms. Duggan is a Professor with the Department of Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine; Ms. McFarlane is an Assistant Director with the Child Health Research Project at John Hopkins University; Ms. Burrell is a Senior Research Project Coordinator with John Hopkins University; Dr. Windham is a Research Analyst with American Institutes for Research in Baltimore, Maryland; Dr. Higman is a Post Doctorate Fellow with John Hopkins University; Ms. Fuddy is Chief of the Family Health Services Division for the State of Hawaii's Department of Health; and Dr. Sia is an Investigator with the Department of Pediatrics, at the University of Hawaii, School of Medicine.

Next, **Kathleen Wells, PhD and Shenyang Guo, PhD**, for their article, "Reunification of Foster Children Before and After Welfare Reform." *Social Service Review*, Vol. 78, No. 2, March 2004, p. 74-95. Dr. Wells is an Associate Professor of Psychology for the Mandel School of Applied Social Science at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and Dr. Guo is an Associate Professor for the School of Social Work at the University of Chapel Hill in North Carolina.

Next, **C. Aaron McNeece, PhD and Bruce A. Thyer, PhD**, for their article, "Evidence-Based Practice and Social Work." *Journal of Evidence-Based Practice*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 2004, p. 7-25. Dr. McNeece is the Dean for the College of Social Work at Florida State University in Tallahassee and co-author, Dr. Thyer is a Professor for the College of Social Work at Florida State University.

Finally, **Tracey Feild**, for her article, "The Child Welfare Funding Problem: The Title IV-E Straitjacket vs. the Medicaid Roadblock." *The Social Work Forum*, Vol. 37, Spring 2004, p. 5-42. Ms. Feild is the Director of Consulting Engagements with the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore, MD.

In addition to annual book and article awards, a Distinguished Service in Child Welfare Award and a Child Welfare Ethics Book Award is given at the discretion of NARCCW, not necessarily annually. Nominations are not accepted for these awards. Winners of the Distinguished Service Award and Child Welfare Ethics Book Award receive the Pro Humanitate Medal and a \$5000 cash prize. This year's recipient of the Child Welfare Ethics Book Award, **Jennifer Renne, JD**, is receiving this award for her book, *Legal Ethics in Child Welfare Cases* (ABA Center, 2004). Ms. Renne is the Assistant Director of Child Welfare at the National Child Welfare Resource Center On Legal and Judicial Issues in Washington, DC.

The North American Resource Center for Child Welfare (NARCCW) is an independent, nonprofit, privately endowed organization. Its mission is to develop and disseminate public policy that promotes “best practice” in the field of child welfare. NARCCW was conceived and embodied as an umbrella organization for a tetrad of child welfare agencies: The Institute for Human Services (IHS); the Training Resource, Advocacy, and Information Network (TRAINet); the Center for Child Welfare Policy; and the Family Trust Clinic. These agencies provide a comprehensive array of child welfare services that promote protection and permanence for physically abused, neglected, and sexually abused children. NARCCW and its affiliates are located in Columbus, Ohio.

NARCCW relies on the expertise of both academicians and direct service practitioners to formulate sound and effective recommendations for policy and practice development. NARCCW’s activities include annual symposia to examine child welfare practice dilemmas and controversies, such as risk assessment, transracial adoptions and sexual abuse interventions. Policy recommendations are disseminated through white papers, internet websites, educational and training conferences, and a journal.

Dr. Ronald C. Hughes is the Director of NARCCW and the Center for Child Welfare Policy. For more information about NARCCW and the Pro Humanitate Awards, visit their website at www.narccw.com.

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