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VA Boston psychologist receives lifetime achievement award from American Psychological Association

BOSTON – A VA Boston Healthcare System psychologist and researcher was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Division of Trauma Psychology Aug. 4, 2023, during American Psychological Association meetings in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Terence M. Keane, associate chief of staff for research and development at VA Boston Healthcare System, director of the National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder's Behavioral Science Division, and professor of psychiatry and clinical psychology and assistant dean for VA research at Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine, received the award for his contributions and leadership in science, clinical care, education and advocacy in the field of psychological trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder, commonly known as PTSD.

A national leader in the field of psychological trauma, Keane has published more than 400 articles and book chapters on the assessment and treatment of PTSD. He is often credited with opening the field of psychological trauma to scientific inquiry. His current work revolves around constructing an internet-based treatment program to help Veterans with post-deployment behavioral health problems readjust to life outside of the military.

Currently president of the American Psychological Foundation, a major funder of small grants for early career psychologists and graduate students, Keane is past president of many national and international organizations, including the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, the Society of Clinical Psychology, the Association of VA Psychology Leaders, and the Division of Trauma Psychology of the American Psychological Association, or APA. He is also a fellow of the APA and the Association for Psychological Science.

Keane has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Robert Laufer Award for Outstanding Scientific Achievement from the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies and the Harold Hildreth Award for Contributions to Public Service from the APA. He has also received two honorary doctorates in recognition of his contributions to the field of psychology.

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Keane completed his predoctoral clinical internship at the University of Mississippi Medical Center/VA Jackson Consortium. He received his PhD in psychology from Binghamton University and his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Rochester.



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