Lichtenberg receives Anthony V. DeVito II Memorial Award

The University of Michigan Geriatrics Center recently honored Peter A. Lichtenberg, Ph.D., as the recipient of the Anthony V. DeVito II Memorial Award. The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding service, dedication and commitment to excellence in geriatrics education in Michigan.

Dr. Lichtenberg is the Director of the Institute of Gerontology and Professor of Psychology, Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience, and Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at Wayne State University. As director of the IOG since 1999, Dr. Lichtenberg has led this research and education unit to record levels of funding, to an expansion of research focus by recruiting faculty in the area of cognitive neuroscience, and the leadership of several highly successful training and mentoring grants. His particular areas of research include mental health in long-term care, geriatric depression, geriatric psychology and medical rehabilitation, and the early detection and management of Alzheimer's disease. "Receiving the Anthony DeVito Award was thrilling. I greatly admire the director, faculty and staff at the University of Michigan Geriatrics Center which makes receiving this award all that more meaningful," says Lichtenberg.

Dr. Lichtenberg is widely published, and has been the recipient of many honors and awards throughout his career, including a 2009 special tribute from Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm for exceptional service to the health and well-being of older adults. He is a leader in many national, state and community organizations, including serving as chair of the Michigan Dementia Coalition, chair of the Behavioral and Social Sciences Section of the Gerontological Society of America, and a member of the APA Presidential Task Force on Integrated Care for an Aging Population, among many others.

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