

# MENTOR AWARD

**Mentor: An experienced and trusted counselor.**

(Oxford English Dictionary)

Mentoring is a structured and trusting relation that brings younger professionals or students in contact with experienced faculty members or other professional psychologists who offer guidance, support, and encouragement aimed at developing the knowledge, professional skills, competencies, and character of the younger person. SEPA recognizes the importance of the mentoring relation as a vital one in the development of psychology graduates and students at all levels. In 2004, SEPA established a Mentor Award with the support of the Education Directorate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and presented the cash award for the first time. The Mentor Award Committee is comprised of the President of the SEPA, the President-Elect of the SEPA, and the previous recipient.

2004 – Mike Rulon of Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia

2005 - Wallace Kennedy of Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

2006 - Christopher Leone of University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida

2007 – Stephen Nowicki of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

2008 – Charles Brewer of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina

2009 – Sandra Willis of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama

SEPA is seeking nominations for the 2010 Mentor Award. Please nominate a SEPA member who has demonstrated exceptional mentoring through some or all of the following activities:

- a. Involving large numbers of students in the annual SEPA meeting
- b. Shepherding the careers of various members of the SEPA
- c. Supervising and teaching various members of the SEPA
- d. Contributing to the professional development of members of the SEPA

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To nominate a SEPA member for this award, write a brief nomination letter summarizing the person's mentoring by addressing the criteria above.

Send the nomination letter electronically to David Washburn at

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