

RON EDWARDS DISSERTATION AWARD

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The Behavioral School Psychology Interest Group (BSPIG) of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) presents an annual dissertation award (including \$200) in honor of Ron Edwards who's professional and research contributions in behavioral psychology spanned more than three decades. As a former faculty member at Western Carolina University, the University of South Carolina, and most recently, the University of Southern Mississippi, where he also served as Director of the School Psychology Program from 1980 to 1990, Dr. Edwards chaired over 50 dissertations over his long career. His commitment to the training and mentorship of students in a strong empirical, behavioral orientation within school psychology, and particularly in the research enterprise of the dissertation project is his legacy which this award honors.

Each year BSPIG presents the Ron Edwards Dissertation Award to a school psychology student who has completed an outstanding dissertation on a topic that is behavioral in orientation and which merits special recognition and has the potential to contribute to the science and practice of school psychology, and, as such, has the potential to contribute to the literature in behavioral school psychology. The research should clearly address and test hypotheses and/or research questions; the methodology should be sound and appropriate to test the questions posed; and the quality of writing should be clear and concise.

The award will be presented at the BSPIG meeting at the NASP Convention each year. Nominees must (a) have completed or be completing a doctoral school psychology program; (b) have successfully completed their dissertation defense by August 1 (between 8-1-08 and 8-1-09) of the previous calendar year of NASP; and (c) be a member or student member of BSPIG at the time of application for the award. Materials to be forwarded on each nominee should include five copies of (a) the nominee's vita; (b) a brief statement from the dissertation chair confirming the successful defense of the dissertation; (c) supporting letters (minimum of two signed letters from members of the dissertation committee); (d) the dissertation; and (e) contact information for the nominee, chair of the dissertation, nominator (if not the dissertation chair), and letter writers so they may receive the results.

All nominations and related materials should be submitted by September 1, 2009 to the committee chair: Daniel H. Tingstrom, Ph.D.; Department of Psychology (#5025); The University of Southern Mississippi; 118 College Drive; #5025; Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

Only hard copies will be accepted.