



**SSWLHC**  
Society for Social Work  
Leadership in Health Care

**CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS**

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**Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care**

**2017 AWARDS**

*Ida M. Cannon Award*

*Health Care Social Work Leader of the Year Award*

*Eleanor Clark Award for Innovative Programs in Patient Care*

*Hyman J. Weiner Award*

*Joan Upshaw Award*

NOMINATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017



Please send completed nomination form(s) to Megan Stauffer via email to [mstauffer@fernley.com](mailto:mstauffer@fernley.com) or fax the completed forms to (215) 564-2175.

Awards will be presented at SSWLHC's  
52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting & Conference  
October 11 - 14, 2017

## ***Ida M. Cannon Award***

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### ***Background***

The inspiration for this most prestigious SSWLHC award, first presented in 1971, was Ida M. Cannon, who organized the first social work department in an acute care medical setting. Harriet Bartlett explained Ida Cannon's impact on the early field of social work in her 1975 article:

### ***Award Purpose, Expectations of Nominees***

This award honors a national figure in health care social work for outstanding contributions to the leadership of social work in a health care setting and to the Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care. Candidates must be widely recognized leaders in the field of health care social work and demonstrate the qualities that made Ida Cannon successful as the first social work leader in health care.

### ***Award Criteria***

In addition to demonstrating the characteristics of candidates for all Society awards (established by the SSWLHC Board in 1981), the Ida M. Cannon recipient must be a national SSWLHC member who demonstrates:

- Capacity and ability to lead, organize, and evaluate the effective and efficient provision of social work in the health care field.
- Leadership in the practice of health care administration that exemplifies the skills, qualities, and ethics of social work.
- Ability to use knowledge and experience to influence the health care system and the external environment in order to meet the psychosocial needs of patients, families, and populations. Has shown ability to organize and transmit that knowledge and experience in a meaningful way.
- Capacity and willingness to assist/ consult with others to develop management and leadership skills in health care.
- Significant experience and success over time as a contributing member of the SSWLHC.

### **Winner of the Ida M. Cannon Award will receive:**

- **Personalized, specially engraved award presented at the Opening Banquet dinner with five minutes to accept**
- **One (1) complimentary guest ticket to the Opening Banquet dinner**
- **Annual Meeting Conference Registration fee will be waived**
- **Bulletin board at the conference**

### ***Previous Recipients***

1971	Beatrice Phillips	1988	Andrew Weissman	2005	Jill E. Manske
1972	Bernice C. Harper	1989	Lawrence C. Shulman	2006	Mary Norris Brown
1973	Maurice V. Russell	1990	Evelyn E. Bonander	2007	Mary Lou Krieger
1974	John Wax	1991	Robert T. Stepanek	2008	Polly Jones
1975	Helen Rehr	1992	Patricia Meadows	2009	James Zabora
1976	Evelyn McNamera	1993	No Recipient	2010	Richard Woodrow
1977	Jean M. Dockhom	1994	Susan Haikalis	2011	Charles L. Robbins
1978	Abraham Lurie	1995	Candyce Berger	2012	Sheri Hilger
1979	Eleanor Clark	1996	Judith Trachtenberg	2013	Stanley G. Remer
1980	Martin Nacman	1997	Alice Scesney	2014	Margaret Meyer
1981	Jayne B. Shelton	1998	Greg Jensen	2015	Edward Woomer
1982	Barbara Henley	1999	Alice Kitchen	2016	Kathleen Wade
1983	Patricia J. Vollard	2000	No Recipient		
1984	Gary Rosenberg	2001	Rose Popovich		
1985	Susan B. Baillis	2002	Sona Euster		
1986	W. June Simmons	2003	Ellen Perlman Simon		
1987	Herbert J. Allen	2004	Linda Brandeis		

## **Health Care Social Work Leader of the Year Award**

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### **Background**

Established in 1981, this award recognizes a social work leader from any one of the wide range of health care settings in which social work is influential.

### **Award Purpose, Expectations of Nominees**

This award honors a social work leader in health care who develops and implements creative and innovative ways to improve the delivery of social work services. In this context, leader refers to all social workers who have had central involvement in developing the improved delivery systems.

### **Award Criteria**

In addition to demonstrating the characteristics of candidates for all Society awards (revised by the SSWLHC Board in 2003), the Health Care Social Work Leader of the Year recipient must be an individual:

- Works in a health care setting - long term care, rehabilitation, ambulatory, behavioral health care, home care, etc.
- Leads a health care social work program within the department or setting
- Demonstrates excellence in leadership and skill in the solutions of complex psycho social situations as a clinician, supervisor or consultant
- Relates in an effective, assertive manner to all who are active in the social health care system- e.g., health care administrators, physicians and nurses, other professional or support staff, community agency personnel
- Serves on organizational wide committees such as performance improvement, length of stay initiatives, education, long range planning, JCAHO preparation, etc.
- Provides community service by serving on boards of directors of, or as a consultant to, social, health, education and other service oriented groups
- May have responsibility for the day to day supervision of staff
- May offer direct social work services to clients

### **Winner of the Health Care Social Work Leader of the Year Award will receive:**

- **Personalized, specially engraved award presented at the Opening Banquet dinner with five minutes to accept**
- **One (1) complimentary guest ticket to the Opening Banquet dinner**
- **Annual Meeting Conference Registration fee will be waived**
- **Bulletin board at the conference**

### ***Previous Recipients***

1983	Francis Littman	1997	Christopher Carpenter	2011	Margaret Meyer
1984	Gene C. Rifkin	1998	Deborah Chesky	2012	Mary Norris Brown
1985	Jane A. Collins	1999	Roger Lamontagne	2013	Virna Little
1986	M. Susan Schneberger	2000	Sandra Ryant-Devine	2014	Anthony Yamamoto
1987	C. Arlene Castanada	2001	Sarah A. Oland	2015	Carol Maxwell
1988	Michael King	2002	Kathleen Krieg	2016	Laura Taylor
1989	Mary Ann Soerries	2003	Linda May Jones		
1990	Charles S. Hughes	2004	Stephanie Lane Rakofsky		
1991	Virginia Vayda	2005	Daniel Reece		
1992	Jeanette D. Perdue	2006	Kathleen M. Wa		
1993	Gail Rothrock	2007	Paula Crombie		
1994	Barbara J. Cohn	2008	Pamela Thompson		
1995	Suzanne M. Hemp	2009	Rod Fifield		
1996	Susan Saunders	2010	Judy Lukas Arnold		

## ***Eleanor Clark Award For Innovative Programs in Patient Care***

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### ***Background***

The *Eleanor Clark Award* was established in 1985 as a fitting way to honor the memory of SSWLHC leader Eleanor Clark. She served as the 13<sup>th</sup> president of the SSWLHC in 1978, and received the *Ida M Cannon Award* in 1979.

Eleanor's legacy includes nearly 30 years with Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital, serving as the Director of the social work department from 1964 to 1984. At that time, she was promoted to associate general director of the hospital. When she died later that year, Eleanor was actively working on the development of innovative patient care programs. Her last major project was the MGH Coordinator Care Program. Funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the project enhanced patients' abilities to return to their communities by ensuring the provision of services necessary for them to remain in their homes following discharge.

### ***Award Purpose, Expectations of Nominees***

This award honors an individual or team for the development, implementation and evaluation of a clinical or social action program that emulates Eleanor Clark's spirit of discovery and innovation. In addition, the award seeks to promote the creative and valuable new programs throughout the health care field.

### ***Award Criteria***

In addition to demonstrating the characteristics of candidates for all Society awards (established by the SSWLHC Board in 1981), The Eleanor Clark Award recipient must be an individual who developed and successfully implemented an innovative clinical or social action focused program. The program's merits and achievements are evaluated by **all** of the following:

- Fulfills an unmet need for a specific population
- Demonstrates sound conceptualization and program design
- Successful program implementation
- Demonstration of the program's effectiveness

### **Winner of the Eleanor Clark Award will receive:**

- **Personalized, specially engraved award presented at the Opening Banquet dinner with two minutes to accept**
- **Annual Meeting Conference Registration fee will be waived**
- **Bulletin board at the conference**

### ***Previous Recipients***

1986	Sandra McCormick	1997	Stephen E. Corso	2009	No Recipient
1987	Polly Jones	1998	No Recipient	2010	No Recipient
1988	W. June Simmons	1999	Grady Memorial Hospital, Charlotte Turner, Director	2011	Carol Frazier Maxwell
1989	Thomas E. Bryden	2000	No Recipient	2012	No recipient
1990	Anne Groves and Helen G. Clinton	2001	Jaris S.Hammond	2013	Paula Crombie
1991	Cheri Plavnick	2002	Terri Drew	2014	Stephanie Johnstone
1992	Gayle Doucette	2003	Toni Cabat	2015	Wendy Griffith, Donna Suckow and Mark Anderson
1993	Ellen Parker and Laurie Hackett	2004	Virna Little	2016	Jaimie Lyons
1994	Mary Anne Macaulay	2005	Deborah Chesky		
1995	Paula Edwards-Wills	2006	Susan Kheder		
1996	Sarah Meadows	2007	No Recipient		
		2008	Kathleen Wade		

## **Hyman J. Weiner Award**

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### **Background**

Known to many Society members and other peers around the country as “Hy,” Hyman J Weiner was a great social work leader, inspiring teacher, and thoughtful researcher who was instrumental in the advancement of the practice of social work in health care settings. A professor at Columbia University School of Social Work, until his untimely death in 1980, Hy was one of the first directors of the SSWLHC’s Social Work Administration in Health Care Program (formerly known as the 13 Month Course in Social Work Management) , then co-sponsored by Columbia. Consistently popular as a lecturer at the Society’s annual meetings, he made learning a great joy.

### **Award Purpose/ Expectations of Nominees**

This award honors an SSWLHC member who typifies Hyman J. Weiner’s outstanding qualities as a teacher, scholar, advocate, change agent and humorous and compassionate person. Candidates will be evaluated for their *demonstration* of these qualities, as well as for their excellence in their field as described below.

### **Award Criteria**

Work and has made outstanding contributions to the profession through research, publications and/ or teaching in one of the following arenas:

- Innovative application of new thinking and practice in the arena of health care social work leadership
- Introduction and/or development of the social work role in a new program or area of health care
- Creative planning and improvement of social work staff development and student field instruction in health care
- Promotion of school and field alliance in social work health care education

### **Winner of the Hyman J. Weiner Award will receive:**

- **Personalized, specially engraved award presented at the Opening Banquet dinner with two minutes to accept**
- **Annual Meeting Conference Registration fee will be waived**
- **Bulletin board at the conference**

### **Previous Recipients**

1983	Frances Nason	1995	Zelda Foster	2007	Judith Trachtenberg
1984	Alex Gitterman	1996	Charles L. Robbins	2008	Edward Woomer
1985	Abraham Lurie	1997	Richard D. Woodrow	2009	No Recipient
1986	Donna King	1998	William J. Spitzer	2010	William Tietjen
1987	Barbara Berkman	1999	Sona Euster	2011	M. Carlean Gilbert
1988	Claudia Coulton	2000	Susan Blumenfield	2012	No Recipient
1989	Sylvia Clark	2001	Susan Saunders	2013	Carolyn Messner
1990	Thomas Owen Carlton	2002	Margaret Dietz	2014	Linda Brandeis
1991	Candyce Berger	2003	Jane Parker-Domanski	2015	Polly Jones
1992	Kermit Nash	2004	Patricia Kolar	2016	Mary Norris Brown
1993	Kay Davidson	2005	Ann Daniels		
1994	Hans S. Falck	2006	Susan Matorin		

## ***Joan Upshaw Award***

### ***Promoting the Entrepreneurial Spirit of Advocacy and Inclusiveness in Social Work***

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#### ***Background***

The Joan Upshaw Award was established in 2014 as a fitting way to honor the memory of SSWLHC leader Joan K. Upshaw. Joan was a social work leader in health care, a longtime member of the Society and a pioneer in social work enterprise. This award honors the memory of Joan's entrepreneurial spirit.

In 1988, Joan founded her own social work company, first known as Joan Upshaw & Associates, a clinical social work agency, which later became Social Work p.r.n. As the Founder and President of Social Work p.r.n., Joan pioneered the field of social work staffing. Her entrepreneurial drive built Social Work p.r.n. as a nationwide company.

Joan mentored so many social workers throughout her career and was a lifetime member of the Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care.

#### ***Award Purpose, Expectations of Nominees***

This award honors an individual who demonstrates the application of entrepreneurship or intrapreneurship principles in their role as a formal or informal leader in social work in health care, including identifying and starting new ventures, increasing the efficacy and efficiency of social work interventions, generating new social work products and services and advocating for the profession of social work.

#### ***Award Criteria***

In addition to demonstrating the characteristics of candidates for all Society awards (established by the SSWLHC Board in 1981) an individual must demonstrate a commitment to diversity in their role as a leader in social work in health care, including strengthening efforts targeted at increasing diversity within social work in health care and employing practice interventions that promote cultural humility. The individual must demonstrate the following characteristics:

- A commitment to promoting and advocating for social work in their role as a formal or informal leader in social work in health care, including growing practice opportunities for social workers
- Enhance the public image of social work, and increase access to social work services for vulnerable populations
- Demonstrate a mentorship for emerging social work leaders in health care
- Offer opportunities for growth and development for social workers in their role as formal or informal leader in social work in health care.

#### **Winner of the Joan Upshaw Award will receive:**

- **Personalized, specially engraved award presented at the morning plenary session with two minutes to accept**
- **\$300 award check**
- **Bulletin board at the conference**

#### ***Previous Recipients***

2014 – Alice Kitchen  
2015 – June Simmons  
2016 - Melissa McCool



## 2017 Annual Awards Nomination Form

Please complete the information requested below and email or fax the completed form to SSWLHC Headquarters. Email: [mstauffer@fernley.com](mailto:mstauffer@fernley.com) / Fax - Attn: Megan Stauffer (215) 564-2175

**Nominations must be received no later than July 18, 2017 to be considered**

**Award Title:** *(check box that applies)*

*Ida M. Cannon*  *Health Care Social Work Leader of the Year*  *Eleanor Clark*  *Hyman Weiner*  *Joan Upshaw Award*

### A. NOMINEE INFORMATION

Award Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Award Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please note that all nominators will have to submit their own letter of support as well as one additional letter. All nominees will have to submit their resume, headshot, a supporting statement, and one letter of support.