

Dear colleagues,

This year's annual meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (MWAAPL) will be held on March 20-21, 2015 in Pittsburgh, PA at the Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square.

The MWAAPL conference is known for its excellent presentations and is consistently praised by attendants - this year's program continues that tradition. We hope you will encourage your residents to attend this terrific event.

MWAAPL offers two awards with stipends to encourage residents to attend this meeting (see attached for further information on requirements for applying to each award):

- **The Resnick Scholar Award** is a merit based award bestowed upon a resident who has demonstrated a strong record of achievement and interest in forensic psychiatry
- **The Margolis Travel Scholarship** is an award established to encourage residents with a Midwest connection (training in, or planning to do a fellowship or working in the Midwest) to get exposure in the field of forensic psychiatry. Margolis winners will be paired with experienced forensic psychiatry mentors.

In addition, we encourage residents or fellows with an interest in presenting a **poster** to please submit a poster abstract for consideration in this year's meeting.

Award applications and poster abstracts are both due via email to MWAAPL.Submissions@gmail.com by **February 16, 2015**.

Questions can be emailed to Layla Soliman MD at layla.soliman@gmail.com or Abhishek "Beesh" Jain MD at beesh.jain.md@gmail.com. Residents and fellows will be notified of the program committee's decisions by February 23, 2015.

With our best regards,

Layla Soliman MD and Abhishek "Beesh" Jain MD
2015 Midwest AAPL Program Committee

THE RESNICK SCHOLAR AWARD

The Midwest Chapter of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (MWAAPL) created The Resnick Scholar Award to honor one of our profession's greatest teachers: Dr. Phillip Resnick.

The Resnick Scholar Award is a **merit-based award** annually bestowed upon one resident who has demonstrated a strong record of achievement and interest in forensic psychiatry by virtue of elective rotations, scholarly projects, and teaching. Although the resident **does not** need to have a connection to the Midwest to qualify for this award, we strongly encourage Midwest applicants.

The Resnick Scholar will be expected to present some scholarly work during the annual meeting, either in poster format and/or in a short formal presentation. This year's Resnick Scholar Award stipend will cover the cost of the meeting and one night's lodging; residents will be responsible for their own transportation and meals outside of the conference.

The application must include:

- A cover letter indicating the resident is applying for The Resnick Scholarship, his/her current training program, his/her training director, and his/her training year. If the resident has a Midwest connection and wants to be considered for a Margolis Travel Scholarship in the event that he/she is not selected as the Resnick Scholar, the resident should indicate this in the cover letter.
- A letter from the resident's Training Director and/or Forensic Psychiatry Mentor nominating the resident
- A statement by the resident (no longer than 500 words) detailing his/her interest and/or experience in forensic psychiatry, scholarly work, teaching, and long-term career goals. If the resident has a Midwest connection (training in, or planning to do a fellowship or working in the Midwest post-graduation), it should be included in the personal statement.
- The resident's curriculum vitae
- Poster abstract on a forensic psychiatry topic for inclusion at the annual meeting

Completed applications for The Resnick Scholar Award are due via email to MWAAPL.Submissions@gmail.com by **February 16, 2015**. Please indicate "Resnick Scholar Award Application" in the subject line.

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THE MARGOLIS TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

The Midwest Chapter of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (MWAAPL) recently established The Margolis Travel Scholarship established in honor of Dr. Philip Margolis, an exceptional forensic psychiatrist and past president of MWAAPL.

The Margolis Travel Scholarship is aimed to encourage trainees to pursue forensic psychiatry training in the hopes that they will one day establish careers in the Midwest, become productive members of our organization, and contribute meaningfully to our field. MWAAPL recognizes that not all general training programs are rich in forensic psychiatry resources and our organization can help trainees gain forensic experience. Although the residents in contention for this award **do not** need have prior experience in forensic psychiatry, they do need to demonstrate a desire for forensic education and mentorship. They also must demonstrate “need” for the travel scholarship such as limited access to forensic electives and mentors.

The Margolis Travel Scholars are not expected to present at the Midwest AAPL meeting. This year’s Margolis Travel Scholarship stipend will cover the cost of the meeting and one night’s lodging; residents will be responsible for their own transportation and meals outside of the conference. Margolis Scholars are matched with experienced forensic psychiatry mentors to help develop and guide their interest in the field.

The application must include:

- A cover letter indicating the resident is applying for The Margolis Travel Scholarship, his/her current training program, his/her training director, and his/her training year
- A letter from the resident’s Training Director and/or Forensic Psychiatry Mentor nominating the resident
- A statement by the resident (no longer than 500 words) detailing his/her interest and/or experience in forensic psychiatry, scholarly work, teaching, Midwestern connection (training in, or planning to do a fellowship or working in the Midwest post-graduation), need for forensic psychiatry exposure, and long-term career goals
- The resident’s curriculum vitae

Completed applications for The Margolis Travel Scholarship are due via email to MWAAPL.Submissions@gmail.com by **February 16, 2015**. Please indicate “Margolis Travel Scholarship Application” in the subject line.

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