November 5, 2015, Buffalo Grove, Illinois --- The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc. (ABPN) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016-17 ABPN Faculty Innovation in Education Award (previously known as the Faculty Fellowship Award). The award is intended to support the development of innovative education and/or evaluation projects that promote effective residency/fellowship training or lifelong learning of practicing psychiatrists and neurologists. Each year, the selection committee chooses up to two psychiatry and two neurology fellows for the two-year fellowship.

“I continue to be impressed with the quality of the applications we have received for this award,” said Larry R. Faulkner, MD, ABPN President and CEO. “These projects have implications for education not only in psychiatry and neurology but in other medical specialties as well.”

The 2016-17 recipients are:

**Augusto Miravalle, MD**
Dr. Miravalle is an Associate Professor of Neurology and Vice Chair of Education, Department of Neurology, University of Colorado School of Medicine. His project will focus on the development of a competency-based assessment program for residency programs that maps assessment tools to the neurology Milestones.

**Ruth Shim, MD, MPH**
Dr. Shim is Vice Chair for Education and Faculty Development in the Department of Psychiatry at Lenox Hill Hospital, North Shore-Long Island Jewish (LIJ) Health System and an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine. Her project will involve educating psychiatrists to identify the role of social determinants that contribute to mental illnesses and disparities and providing them with essential tools to effect change in their patients and communities.

**Jonathan H. Smith, MD**
Dr. Smith is an Assistant Professor of Neurology and Adult Residency Program Director, Department of Neurology, University of Kentucky College of Medicine. His project will explore the use of unannounced simulated patients to evaluate neurology residents’ communication and interpersonal skills.

**Shilpa Srinivasan, MD**
Dr. Srinivasan is an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Associate Director of Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship Training, Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, University of South Carolina School of Medicine.
She will develop and implement an online curriculum to train psychiatry residents in motivational interviewing to enhance the care of patients with substance use disorders.

Last year’s recipients of the **2015-16 Faculty Innovation in Education Award**, who are currently midway into their two-year fellowship, include:

**Jonathan Avery, MD**
Dr. Avery is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical College. His project focuses on understanding psychiatry residents’ attitudes towards individuals diagnosed with comorbid serious mental illness and substance use disorders and developing interventions to improve these attitudes.

**Andrea Leep, MD**
Dr. Leep is an Assistant Professor of Neurology, Department of Neurology, Mayo Clinic. The goals of her project are to develop a conceptual framework for the assessment and continuous improvement of professionalism among practicing physicians and to propose a model for incorporating professionalism into maintenance of certification (MOC) programs.

**Andrew M. Southerland, MD, MSc**
Dr. Southerland is an Assistant Professor of Neurology and Public Health Sciences, Department of Neurology, University of Virginia School of Medicine. He is assessing the feasibility and reliability of mobile telemedicine using wearable devices for remote evaluation of neurology resident patient examinations compared to face-to-face observation.

**Jill Williams, MD**
Dr. Williams is a Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Her project involves development and testing of an on-line curriculum on tobacco use disorders for psychiatry residents.

**Previous Recipients and Projects:**

**Melissa Arbuckle, MD, PhD** (2014-15), Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons: *Translating Continuing Medical Education to Clinical Practice: Using Quality Improvement Strategies to Facilitate Uptake of Evidence-Based Practices*

**Charles Flippen II, MD** (2014-15), Department of Neurology, David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California Los Angeles: *Evaluation of the Utility of Digital Video Recording as a Method to Improve Neurology Resident Interviewing Skills*

**Michael Jibson, MD, PhD** (2014-15), Department of Psychiatry, University of Michigan Medical School: *Inter-Rater Reliability and Validity of the Clinical Skills Verification (CSV) Model for Assessment of ACGME Milestones*

**Robert Thompson Stone, MD** (2014-15), Departments of Neurology and Pediatrics, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry: *Creation and Analysis of a Comprehensive, Formalized Approach to Neurology Clinical Skills Evaluation*

The **Faculty Innovation in Education Award Committee**, chaired by Robert Golden, MD, includes Drs. Allison Brashear, Deborah Cowley, Steven Epstein, Laurie Gutmann, Ralph Jozefowicz, Jaffar Khan, and Kailie Shaw.

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For additional information about the award, refer to the ABPN website or contact Dorthea Juul, PhD, at djuul@abpn.com. Information about the 2016 application schedule will be posted by January 1, 2016.

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