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*Leonard Handler*

*The Clinical Educator Award*

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*The Society of Clinical Psychology is pleased to announce the second annual award for psychologists displaying excellence in mentoring clinical psychology graduate students, interns, postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty. "The Outstanding Clinical Educator Award" is meant to recognize those individuals who have been outstanding in supporting, encouraging and promoting education and training, professional and personal development, and career guidance to junior colleagues.*

*Leonard Handler has been an inspiring mentor for more than 40 years in the Clinical Psychology Program at the University of Tennessee. During this time he served as a clinical and research mentor to hundreds of students. From 1993-2006 he was the Director or Associate Director of UT's active in-house training clinic. In addition, for 18 years he was the Associate Director of Clinical Training in UT's doctoral program. During his time at UT Dr. Handler maintained an active clinical practice as well as an active program of research, with one informing the other and both enhancing the training experience of students working with him.*

*Dr. Handler has chaired 115 doctoral dissertations. For each of these students, he mentored their professional development; supervised their therapy, assessment, and research activities; and provided guidance about how to navigate professional hurdles, including presenting research or case material at conventions, contending with the peer review and publication process, preparing for licensure, beginning a job, and mentoring their own students. Throughout these activities Dr. Handler created a warm, supportive, and nurturing environment in which his students could grow and flourish, as evident in part from his many students who have gone on to develop prominent careers in psychology. Dr. Handler's example as a role model has fostered the ability of his own former students to carry forward the same kind of inspiring mentorship to new generations of psychologists. With a legacy that stretches for more than forty years, Dr. Handler has been an outstanding clinical educator, integrating science and practice with compassion and generativity.*

*It is therefore both an honor and a pleasure to award Dr. Leonard Handler the 2008 Clinical Educator Award.*