

## Archives

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#### Awards

The Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award is presented by the American Association of Women Dentists to individuals whose achievements in civic, academic and/or professional areas exhibit the role model qualities that positively reflect the image of women in dentistry. The 2005 Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award is presented to **Dr. Teresa Dolan** and **Dr. Paula Friedman**.



**Dr. Teresa Dolan, DDS, MPH**

Teresa A. Dolan, DDS, MPH is a professor and dean at the University of Florida College of Dentistry. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Rutgers University; she received a DDS degree from the University of Texas, and MPH degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. She was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Dental Health Services Research Scholar and she completed a Veterans Administration Fellowship in Geriatric Dentistry. She joined the faculty of the University of Florida in 1989 as the director of geriatric dentistry and was awarded the Geriatric Dental Care Award from the American Dental Association in 1991. In 1995, the American Board of Dental Public Health awarded her Diplomate status. Dr. Dolan previously served

on the Executive Council of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry and she received its President's Award for service in 1999. She currently serves as President of the American Board of Dental Public Health.

Dr. Dolan's research has focused on access to care issues, oral health promotion, and appropriate oral health outcomes for older populations. She has received numerous grants and awards, and has published extensively in the area of geriatric dentistry and geriatric dental education. She has served as the associate dean for education from 1996 through 2002. She served as interim dean beginning in June of 2002 and as dean since May of 2003.



**Dr. Paula Friedman**

Dr. Paula Friedman has, in the words of her colleague Dr. Linda Niessen, "made significant contributions to the dental profession and made a considerable difference for the many women dentists who follow her academics." In 1991, she was promoted to full, tenured professor at Boston University's Department of Diagnostic Services at a time when less than 10% of full professors were women. In 1999, she received the Geriatric Oral Health Care Award from the American Dental Association. In 2001, Dr. Friedman was the recipient of the Harry Bruce Fellowship of the American Dental Educators Association

and was the first woman dentist elected as President of the American Dental Educators Association in 2003.

Dr. Friedman began discussing the role of mentoring and its value in career development for women dentists long before it was topical. Her career epitomizes what the Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award represents. Both Drs. Dolan and Friedman have been pioneers and role models for women dentists throughout their careers.

The University of Southern California (USC) Dental Alumni Association honored Distinguished Emeritus Professor **Clifton O. Dummett** with its Presidential Award at ceremonies held October 28, 2005 in Los Angeles. The award honors individuals for their lifelong contributions to dentistry. In presenting the award, Alumni Association President Scott Adishian recognized Dummett's contributions to USC, his scholarship, research, numerable accomplishments and his devotion to students. "I feel honored that the fates have granted me the privilege of a lengthy forty-year association with the dental school at USC," Dummett said in his accepting the award.

Throughout his career, Dr. Dummett has garnered international recognition for his work in community dentistry, bioethics, the history of dentistry and the advocacy for minority dental students. He became the youngest dental dean when, at the age of 28, he was appointed dean of the Meharry College of Dentistry. He was the first African-American dentist to receive a master's degree in public health and organized the first Institute of Public Health in the South.

For 22 years, Dr. Dummett served as editor-in-chief of the National Dental Association and, for nine years, editor of the American Association of Dental Editors. He is author of 312 articles and 10 books, and has writ-

ten extensively on bioethics and the history of dentistry. His most recent book, *NDA II: The Story of America's Second National Dental Association*, co-authored by his wife Lois Doyle Dummett, chronicles the history of African-American dentists, their leaders and their struggle for equality. The book served as the inspiration for a National Museum of Dentistry exhibition, which has been on a national tour.

Dr. Dummett was part of that history. As an African-American dentist in the South, he fought discrimination and resisted the continued segregation of his profession at a time when doing so was dangerous. Through his efforts, the American Dental Association House of Delegates passed a resolution in 1962

that refused to seat delegates from any state whose racial bylaws conflicted with those of the ADA.

Following his tenure at Meharry, Dr. Dummett was chief of dental services at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama and the V.A. Research Hospital in Chicago before becoming the dental director of the USC South Central Multipurpose Health Services Center in Los Angeles, California. In 1968, he was promoted to associate program director and health center director, and so became the first dentist in the nation to lead an Office of Economic Opportunity's Neighborhood Health Center. That same year, Dr. Dummett was appointed assistant dean for hospital and extramural affairs and chairman of the Department of Com-

munity Dentistry at the USC School of Dentistry, thus establishing the school's first community dentistry department.

Dr. Dummett was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science in 1972. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and numerous dental and public health organizations. He is a past president of the International Association for Dental Research and what is now the American Association of Dental Research. He holds honorary Doctor of Science degrees from his alma mater Northwestern University, the University of Pennsylvania and Meharry Medical College. Retired from USC in 1989, Dr. Dummett remains active as a writer and editor in the field of dentistry.

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## American Dental Association

### Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Dental Research

#### Objective

To honor individuals who through basic or clinical research contribute to the advancement of the profession of dentistry or to major improvement in the oral health of the community.

#### Award and Recognition

The individual selected will receive \$25,000 and a gold medallion at a formal presentation immediately preceding the 147th Annual Session of the American Dental Association in Las Vegas in October, 2006. All expenses for the recipient's travel and lodging will be provided by the Association.

The ADA Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Dental Research will be awarded once every three years. The recipient will serve a three year term as a member of the Council on Scientific Affairs.

#### Sponsorship

This prestigious award is jointly sponsored by the American Dental Association and Church & Dwight Co., Inc.

#### Nomination Procedure

Each candidate's qualifications should be set forth in a formal letter of nomination that is accompanied by a curriculum vitae and list of publications.

#### Deadline

All nominations must be received at ADA Headquarters by June 1, 2006. Please direct letters of nomination to:

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