

Boyce to receive 2018 Whole Child Award

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Tom Boyce, MD [2]

Lisa and John Pritzker Distinguished Professor of Developmental and Behavioral Health W. Thomas Boyce, MD [2], has been selected by the Simms/Mann Institute [3] as one of its 2018 recipients of the Whole Child Award. The honor recognizes extraordinary leaders in the field of care for children ages 0-3 who incorporate new and integrative approaches in education and health.

Boyce, who is also co-director of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research's Child and Brain Development Program [4] and a member of the National Academy of Medicine, will receive the award at the 2018 Simms Mann Institute Think Tank [5] on May 2 in Los Angeles.

Boyce's research addresses the interplay among neurobiological and psychosocial processes leading to socially partitioned differences in childhood health and disease. His work has demonstrated how psychological stress and neurobiological reactivity to aversive social contexts operate conjointly to produce disorders of both physical and mental health in childhood populations.

He spent 20 years at UC Berkeley as a professor of epidemiology and child development, associate dean for academic affairs and research at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, and professor of pediatrics at UCSF before heading to the University of British Columbia, where he was the Sunny Hill Health Centre/BC Leadership Chair in Child Development. In 2013, Boyce returned to UCSF and now serves as professor in the Departments of Pediatrics

and Psychiatry and head of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics. He has also served as a member of Harvard University's National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, UC Berkeley's Institute of Human Development, and was a founding co-director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program at UC Berkeley and UCSF.

Boyce will become the second UCSF faculty member to receive the prestigious award. UCSF Psychiatry's Alicia Liberman, PhD [6], was presented with the honor in 2017.

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