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College of HHP professor recognized for
distinguished scientific contributions to clinical psychology

GAINESVILLE, FL — Jalie A. Tucker, Ph.D., M.P.H., professor and chair of the University of Florida Department of Health Education and Behavior at the College of Health & Human Performance, was presented with the 2015 Society of Clinical Psychology (Division 12) Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions to Clinical Psychology at the August convention of the American Psychological Association in Toronto, Canada. This award honors clinical psychologists who have made distinguished theoretical or empirical contributions to the science of psychology throughout their careers.

Her citation, presented by Division 12 President Terry Keane, noted the impact of her research on evidence-based treatment and treatment services systems for addictive behaviors nationally and internationally and her leadership in an ongoing shift within the field to a public health model for providing clinical services. Her research on natural recoveries from alcohol problems expanded understanding of behavior change beyond recoveries that occur in treatment programs, and her work has spawned new lines of research that have advanced knowledge in her specialty area of addictions and cut across disciplines.

The Society of Clinical Psychology is a major division of the American Psychological Association. Its mission is to encourage and support the integration of psychological science and practice in education, research, application, advocacy and public policy, attending to the importance of diversity.

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