

Dr. William Beardslee Honored by Emory University and Society for Prevention Research

Dr. William Beardslee, a Senior Scientist at Judge Baker Children's Center, has received an honorary doctor of science degree from Emory University and the Community, Culture, and Prevention Science Award from the Society for Prevention Research.

"The subtle influence of family both inspire and absorb your attention as you delve into the mysterious sources in nature of human resilience. Compassionately, you lead children out of the chamber of depression and into the hope of an open future. Your work brings strengths to the Carter Center," noted Emory officials. The award was doubly meaningful to Beardslee because he has collaborated with Emory faculty in his research and his father, William A. Beardslee, was a longtime religion professor at Emory.

The Community, Culture, and Prevention Science Award is given for contributions to the field of prevention science in the area of community and culture. Dr. Beardslee was lauded by the Society for Prevention Research for his groundbreaking, evidence-based studies over the course of many years that have demonstrated the effectiveness of early interventions for the prevention of mood disorders in children who are at risk for these illnesses.

Dr. William Beardslee directs the Preventive Intervention Project at Judge Baker Children's Center and also the Prevention of Depression Study. He has served as the Academic Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Children's Hospital Boston and is the Gardner-Monks Professor of Child Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. In 1998, Dr. Beardslee was appointed to the faculty at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

He is the author of more than 175 articles and chapters and two books, including "The Way Out Must Lead In: Life Histories in the Civil Rights Movement," a story of what enables civil rights workers to endure, and "Out of the Darkened Room: Protecting the Children and Strengthening the Family When a Parent Is Depressed," a book about how parents and caregivers can help families overcome depression. Judge Baker Children's Center is a Harvard Medical School affiliate that promotes the best possible mental health of children through the integration of research, intervention, training and advocacy. To learn more about Judge Baker Children's Center and how it improves the lives of children, visit www.jbcc.harvard.edu.