Margaret Schneider inducted as Society of Behavioral Medicine member delegate

SAN DIEGO, CA – University of California, Irvine (UCI) researcher Margaret L. Schneider, PhD, began her term as Member Delegate on the Society of Behavioral Medicine Board of Directors on Saturday.

The Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM) is a 2,300-member organization of scientific researchers, clinicians and educators. They study how behavior, biology and the environment interact, and they turn their findings into health interventions that improve the well-being of individuals, families and communities.

Schneider was inducted as SBM Member Delegate during the Society’s 38th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions, held Wednesday through Saturday in San Diego, CA. She officially began her three-year term during the Society’s business meeting Saturday morning.

Schneider was elected Member Delegate through a vote by SBM members. She is a long-time SBM member who has served as Chair of SBM’s Program Committee.

As a Member Delegate, Schneider will endeavor grow SBM efforts to increase diversity of the membership by reaching out to individuals who are on training grants funded through the NIH, NSF, RWJ and others.

“These trainees represent a rich source of research-oriented clinicians with the time and the resources to attend professional conferences,” she said. “By involving them in the Society during their training, we can lay the foundation for long-term growth of the membership with increased representation of clinician-scientists.”

Schneider is a Research Professor in the Department of Planning, Policy and Design within the School of Social Ecology at the UCI. She is also Associate Director and Director of Evaluation and Pilot Studies within the Institute for Clinical and Translational Science at UCI.

Schneider’s research focuses on obesity prevention among adolescents, particularly among youth who are at risk by virtue of economic circumstances and/or physical inactivity. Her research has been NIH-supported for the past two decades. As a co-investigator on the HEALTHY Study, Schneider led site efforts to leverage physical education, the whole school food environment, social marketing and health education in the largest school-based diabetes-prevention study ever supported by the NIH (42 schools nationwide). For the past 8 years, Dr. Schneider has directed the tracking and evaluation efforts for UCI’s Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA). Schneider has published over 50 peer-reviewed articles.
Schneider is a permanent member of the NIH Psychosocial Risk and Disease Prevention (PRDP) Study Section and an Associate Editor for the Journal of Behavioral Medicine. She has served as an Associate Editor-in-Chief for the American Journal of Health Promotion and a member of the Editorial Board for the Annals of Behavioral Medicine.

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