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Dr. Mark Gold Honored with John P. McGovern Award

AUSTIN, TX, April 25, 2015 – The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) will honor Mark S. Gold, MD, FASAM with its John P. McGovern Award over a special lunch at the 46th ASAM Annual Conference on April 25, 2015 in Austin, Texas.

The John P. McGovern Award recognizes and honors an individual who has made highly meritorious contributions to public policy, treatment, research, or prevention which has increased our understanding of the relationship of addiction and society.

Dr. Gold is a translational researcher, author, and inventor best known for his pioneering work on the brain systems underlying the effects of opiate drugs, cocaine, and food. He was the first Editor of Addiction Medicine for Up To Date and the author of many practice guidelines, ASAM papers and texts for clinicians.

As the John P. McGovern Award recipient, Dr. Mark S. Gold will deliver the 2015 lecture on Addiction and Society during the Awards Luncheon: "From State Dependency to Clonidine to Dopamine to Second Hand Smoke to Food Addiction: My Career In Translational research From 1972." Currently, Dr. Gold is an Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at Washington University in St. Louis and the Chairman of the Scientific Boards for RiverMend Health.

ASAM President, Stuart Gitlow, MD, MPH, MBA, DFAPA, will individually present recipients with their award during the 2015 Awards Luncheon. Awardees are being acknowledged for their service and contributions to the advancement of addiction medicine, public policy and education.

Those attending the lunch will have the opportunity to draw inspiration from the outstanding accomplishments presented by this year's ASAM annual award winners and to celebrate the 2014 Diplomates of the American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM).

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The [American Society of Addiction Medicine](http://www.asam.org) is a national medical specialty society of over 3,200 physicians and associated health professionals. Its mission is to increase access to and improve the quality of addiction treatment, to educate physicians, and other health care providers and the public, to support research and prevention, to promote the appropriate role of

the physician in the care of patients with addictive disorders, and to establish Addiction Medicine as a specialty recognized by professional organizations, governments, physicians, purchasers and consumers of health care services and the general public. ASAM was founded in 1954, and has had a seat in the American Medical Association House of Delegates since 1988 Follow ASAM on Twitter: @ASAMOrg