

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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To Dr. Richard Gelles:

I have been an admirer of Richard Gelles since I first met him 39 years ago. I also owe a lot to him, as you will see in a moment.

Richard's accomplishments are amazing. First, he is an award-winning teacher. He has also helped many others be effective teachers by editing the journal *Teaching Sociology*. That journal would not exist today if it were not for Rich. I had founded it, but my interest lagged. Lucky for me, and for sociology, Rich stepped in. He got the journal back on track and is now in its 36th year.

Rich's administrative accomplishments include serving as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Rhode Island. Then, at the University of Pennsylvania, under his Deanship, the School of Social Work was reinvigorated and transformed into the School of Social Policy & Practice.

Richard's research accomplishments include 29 grants, 23 books, and so many articles and chapters that I lost count when trying to add them up. But it is more than 200. Many are pioneering studies.

In the early 1970's Rich had done the first-ever study of family violence in a community sample. At the same time, I had developed the Conflict Tactics Scales. Rich suggested that we use these two accomplishments as the basis for applying for a grant to study a *national* sample. The result was the groundbreaking 1975 National Family Violence Survey. It showed the high prevalence of family violence in American families. It also demonstrated the multiplicity of risk factors for family violence and therefore the need for prevention and treatment efforts that recognized this diversity in etiology.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge my indebtedness to as well as my admiration of Richard Gelles, and an even greater pleasure to present to him the National Family Violence Legislative Resource Center award for lifetime research contributions.

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