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## Presented to K. Daniel O'Leary, PhD

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To Dr. K. Dan O'leary

I am honored to be able to present the National Family Violence Legislative Resource Center's Lifetime Achievement Award to you. You deserve this award, not only for your own careful research that has added data to the frequently ideologically driven discussion regarding domestic violence, but also for the mentorship that you have provided to other leading family violence scholars. Your former students or post docs include Alan Rosenbaum, Steve Beach, Iliana Arias, Ernie Jouriles, Rick Heyman, Jenny Langhinrichsen-Rohling, Chris Murphy, Jill Rathus, Miram Ehrensaft, and Amy Smith Slep. The field would not be where it is today, without your guidance of these fine scholars.

Even though many of us believed in the frequently repeated assumption that, "If he has **ever** been violent, he **will** continue to be violent and it **will** escalate", in the 1980's you chose to examine this idea with data conducting a series of longitudinal studies examining the prevalence and stability of marital aggression. Results of these studies challenged many of these widely held beliefs. Your series of carefully conducted studies seeking to understand partner violence and to develop interventions that can make a difference in the lives of individuals and couples has led many of us to rethink our previous assumptions and to consider the data. While the media tends to highlight highly lethal domestic violence in their coverage of the issue, much of your work, including your 2001 book, examines psychological and other forms of aggression that are much more likely to be seen in general psychotherapeutic settings.

Your mentorship of other top domestic violence researchers, your courage in examining issues that others try to avoid because of political correctness, and your groundbreaking research examining issues regarding domestic violence with real-world significance, makes you a clear choice for this award.

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