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**Eric Klinger receives prestigious Murray Award**

*Summary:*

(July 8, 2005)-University of Minnesota, Morris Professor of Psychology Eric Klinger has been awarded the Henry A. Murray Award for distinguished contributions to the study of lives. The award is made annually by the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, which is affiliated with the American Psychological Association, an organization which has both national and international membership. Klinger is believed to be the first University of Minnesota faculty member to receive this prestigious honor.

A member of the psychology faculty at UMM since 1962, Klinger is also a member of the graduate faculty on the Twin Cities campus of the University. He holds an A.B. degree, magna cum laude, in social relations from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Chicago. His fields of specialization include personality and clinical psychology, especially influences of motivation and emotion on cognition, including daydreaming and night dreaming, motivational theory, and applications to treatment of depression and alcoholism.

Klinger has authored and co-authored more than 125 scientific publications, including five books, and has served as associate editor of the Encyclopedia of Psychology, published by the Oxford University Press and American Psychological Association.

Klinger was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the Ruhr University of Bochum, Germany, in 1975-76, and a visiting professor there during 1983-84 and at the University of Konstanz, Germany, in 1995. His awards and honors are many, including as the first recipient of the UMM Faculty Research Award in 2000, as well as the first annual statewide awardee by the Minnesota Psychological Association of the Outstanding Teacher of Undergraduate Psychology Award in 1990. He received the University of Minnesota Horace T. Morse Amoco Award for contributions to undergraduate education in 1972, and was named a member of the Academy of Distinguished Teachers, University of Minnesota, an honor he still holds.

The Murray Award recognizes Klinger for his "impressive body of work that continues and enhances the "Murray tradition.' "

The first Murray Award was made in 1979. The Murray tradition may be characterized as:

- (a) Receptiveness to the value of bringing together a variety of disciplines, theoretical viewpoints, and research techniques.
- (b) Conceptual tools that lend themselves to the integration of the tough and tender in personality research.
- (c) A theoretical outlook that recognizes intrapsychic structure and the thematic unity of individual lives in the midst of phenotypic diversity.
- (d) Interest in imagination and in biography, literature, and myth as psychological data.
- (e) Interest in the biological, social, and cultural contexts of personality.

(f) A style of intellectual leadership that has contributed to outstanding work that exhibits several of these characteristics.

Klinger will address the meeting of the American Psychological Association in New Orleans in August 2006. Klinger's receipt of the award will be announced during the APA convention in Washington, D.C., on August 19 of this year.

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