A UC San Francisco psychologist received a unique accolade during last weekend's VA Psychology Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas — an award named after himself.

Russell B. Lemle, PhD [2], clinical professor in the UCSF Department of Psychiatry and Chief Psychologist at the San Francisco VA Health Care System, was named as the inaugural recipient of the Russell B. Lemle Psychology Leadership Award in recognition of his unwavering advocacy in support of veterans and VA psychologists, and leadership in developing and maintaining the annual conference for the past 20 years.

The Lemle Psychology Leadership Award will be given annually by the VA Psychology Leadership Conference to honor those who build VA psychology communities, empower psychologists to encourage and care for one another, and promote leadership development to ultimately improve mental health care for the veterans they serve.
This honor is the fourth he has received from the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (AVAPL). He previously received the group's Leader Award in 2007, the Antonette Zeiss Distinguished Leadership Award in 2013, and the association's Patrick DeLeon Advocacy Award last year. He has also been recognized previously by the American Psychological Association (APA) with a Presidential Citation in 2005 and the APA Division 18 Harold Hildreth Award in 2011.

About UCSF Psychiatry

The UCSF Department of Psychiatry [3] and the Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute are among the nation's foremost resources in the fields of child, adolescent, adult, and geriatric mental health. Together they constitute one of the largest departments in the UCSF School of Medicine and the UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences, with a mission focused on research (basic, translational, clinical), teaching, patient care and public service.

UCSF Psychiatry conducts its clinical, educational and research efforts at a variety of locations in Northern California, including UCSF campuses at Parnassus Heights, Mission Bay and Laurel Heights, UCSF Medical Center, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, the San Francisco VA Health Care System and UCSF Fresno.

About the UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences

The UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences [4], established by the extraordinary generosity of Joan and Sanford I. "Sandy" Weill, brings together world-class researchers with top-ranked physicians to solve some of the most complex challenges in the human brain.

The UCSF Weill Institute leverages UCSF's unrivaled bench-to-bedside excellence in the neurosciences. It unites three UCSF departments?Neurology, Psychiatry, and Neurological Surgery?that are highly esteemed for both patient care and research, as well as the Neuroscience Graduate Program, a cross-disciplinary alliance of nearly 100 UCSF faculty members from 15 basic-science departments, as well as the UCSF Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases, a multidisciplinary research center focused on finding effective treatments for Alzheimer's disease, frontotemporal dementia, Parkinson's disease, and other neurodegenerative disorders.

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