

2023 SCHONFELD AWARD– Daniel Becker, M.D.

The Schonfeld Award honors the first President and founding member of the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry, William A. Schonfeld, MD This prestigious award is given to individuals recognized for their outstanding contributions to the field of adolescent and young adult psychiatry, as well as for their excellence and dedication to the clinical practice of adolescent and young adult psychiatry throughout the course of their career.

It is our distinct pleasure and honor to award this year's William A. Schonfeld Award to Dr. Daniel Becker. Dr Becker is Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the UCSF. In addition to his ongoing clinical, teaching and research activities, which include his authorship of multiple articles and book chapters, since 2020 he has served as Vice-Chair of Strategy in the UCSF Department of Psychiatry. In that capacity, Dr. Becker plays a lead role in developing and executing a clinical behavioral health strategy focused on an increasingly large network of partners and stakeholders.

Dr. Becker earned his undergraduate degree from Stanford University and his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin. He completed residency training at Yale University and is board-certified in psychiatry addiction psychiatry, and in 1992 was one of the first Diplomates certified by The American Board of Adolescent Psychiatry. He has been an active teacher and researcher throughout his career, with research interests focusing on adolescent and young adult psychopathology. Becker also has extensive experience leading clinical program development and operations in a variety of settings, including community not-for-profit and academic medical centers. He provided extensive education related to adolescent psychiatry to medical students, residents, and fellows while at Yale and Stanford Universities, winning teaching awards there in 2013 and 2014. As a volunteer, Dr. Becker has delivered numerous lectures to high school students, parents, teachers, community groups and to public agencies on adolescent mental health, substance use, and treatment.

Dr. Becker has been a member of ASAP since 1991 and was certified by ABAP in 1992. He served on the Council on Educational and Scientific Activities from 1995 to 2004 and starting in 2001, he has served on the Editorial Board of our Journal, Adolescent Psychiatry. He presented a paper at our 2004 Annual Meeting in 2004 that was subsequently submitted to our Journal Publisher and published in 2005. Since 2020 Dr. Becker has served on the Board of Directors for ABAP and its Secretary/Treasurer since 2021. As an ABAP board member, Dr. Becker is deeply involved in our Certification Program's policy development and ongoing review of our examinations and certification criteria.