The Center for Bioethics congratulates our Faculty Associates on their recent awards and appointments:

Paul Appelbaum, MD, Elizabeth K. Dollard Professor of Psychiatry, Medicine and Law and Director, Division of Psychiatry, Law and Ethics, has been appointed to the Institute of Medicine’s Committee on Health Research and the Privacy of Health Information. He also chairs a working group on clinical research ethics for a national consortium of universities receiving NIH clinical and translational science awards. Dr. Appelbaum was recently reappointed Chair of the American Psychiatric Association’s Council on Psychiatry and Law.

Anke A. Ehrhardt, PhD, has been named Vice Chair for Academic Affairs for the Department of Psychiatry and NYSPI. Dr. Ehrhardt is Professor of Medical Psychology in Psychiatry and has directed the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies at NYSPI since co-founding it in 1987.

Gerald Fischbach, MD, Dean Emeritus of the Faculty of Medicine, was named in July by New York Governor Eliot Spitzer to the Funding Committee of the Empire State Stem Cell Board. The Board was established to help oversee and administer $600 million in funding for the Empire State Stem Cell Trust Fund, promoting stem cell research in New York State. The Funding Committee will make recommendations to the Commissioner of Health for the awarding of grants based upon the analysis and recommendations of an independent scientific peer review process.

Robert Klitzman, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, was named in July by New York Governor Eliot Spitzer to the Ethics Committee of the Empire State Stem Cell Board. The Board was established to help oversee and administer $600 million in funding for the Empire State Stem Cell Trust Fund, promoting stem cell research in New York State. The Ethics Committee will make recommendations regarding scientific, medical, and ethical standards.

Myrna Weissman, PhD, Professor of Epidemiology in Psychiatry, received the Society of Biological Psychiatry’s Gold Medal Award, honoring her for pioneering research in the field of biological psychiatry.