

Dr. Laura Howe Awarded Prestigious National Award



Congratulations to Laura Howe, J.D., Ph.D., neuropsychologist in the Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center, for receiving this year's **Early Career Service Award** from the National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN). This award is designed for someone who is within 10 years of receiving their Ph.D. and who has made substantial early career service contributions to NAN and neuropsychology in general.

Dr. Howe was recognized for her service-related and advocacy efforts for neuropsychology, such as her work as co-administrator of the NPSYCH list serve, an academic list for 2,500 professionals and trainees with an interest in neuropsychology and brain behavior relationships. Additionally, she founded the Group Protecting the Integrity of Psychological Examinations in 2005, which is a coalition of individuals and organizations who submit Amicus Curiae Briefs in select appellate level cases. She is considered an expert on Third Party Observers (TPO) during neuropsychological examinations and Test Security concerns. Her pro-bono consultation with others regarding TPOs has contributed to the creation of a Practice Guideline by the College of Alberta Psychologists (October 2008), a policy statement by the Canadian Psychological Association (March 2009), and a Position Statement by the Colorado Neuropsychological Society (February 2008). She is a member of the Editorial Board of *Psychological Injury and Law*. She is guest editing a special issue of *The Clinical Neuropsychologist* that is specifically devoted to advocacy issues within the field of Neuropsychology and Psychology. She also formally and informally teaches and mentors junior colleagues and is an active researcher who has published 12 articles, one book review, and four book chapters.

Specific to NAN service, Dr. Howe is one of five people on the Conflict of Interest (COI) committee. When she completes her term of service (2007-2010), she has been appointed to the Legislative Action Committee for three years (2010-2013). She was on the event committee for the NAN Women in Leadership (WIL) event held during the 2008 Annual Meeting. She is on the NAN Women in Leadership event committee for the event planned for the 2009 Annual Meeting. She is also on the Editorial Board for *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, which is the journal associated with NAN.