

SOCIETY FOR MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY

Presents this 2019 Presidential Citation to

Rebecca "Becky" Blais, PhD

For her leadership, scholarship, and dedication to mentoring young leaders in advancing the mission and values both within and outside of the Society.

Dr. Blais currently serves as a Division 19 Executive Committee member on the APA Council Representative. As a Representative, Dr. Blais plays a crucial leadership role in representing Division 19 and increasing communication between the divisions. Serving as one of the few early career psychologists (ECP) on the council, she is also a role model for ECPs and graduate students. In addition, Dr. Blais serves as a Faculty Mentor and a Convention Reviewer for the Division, and has taken on roles of Co-Chair/Chair for the Division 19 Program Committee in the past. While these roles show her strong engagement and dedication in Division 19, Dr. Blais goes beyond this by recruiting others to engage with Division 19 as well. This past year she encouraged her graduate students to apply for the Society Leadership Program and supported students through the application process. Additionally, she offered to fulfill the role of Faculty Sponsor at Utah State University for her students as they started the Division 19 Student Chapter in Utah. In just seven years since Dr. Blais earned her doctoral degree, she has provided major contributions to Division 19, both directly through her own work and through supporting her students as they develop relationships with Division 19.

Dr. Blais has previously received recognition for her contributions to Military Psychology and continues to forge ahead with novel research. In 2016, she received the Arthur W. Melton Award for Early Career Achievement and in 2018, she received the Charles S. Gersoni Military Psychology Award, both of which were conferred by Division 19. Dr. Blais has shown strong leadership skills in Military Psychology by organizing several symposia for researchers in the field to present on trauma at both the American Psychological Association and the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. Dr. Blais demonstrates tremendous dedication to training her students in Military Psychology as well. She holds weekly meetings with each of her students and will continue to work on a skill, such as scientific writing, with her students until it is well developed. Through her research and dedication to training future researchers in Military Psychology, Dr. Blais shows clear leadership, mentorship, and service to the field.

For her tireless effort and passion that she puts into her service for Division 19 through mentorship, leadership, scholarship, and commitment, I, Stephen V. Bowles, take great pleasure in presenting the Society for Military Psychology Presidential Citation to Dr. Rebecca Blais.

Stephen V. Bowles, PhD, ABPP
President, Society for Military Psychology

