

In Marian's honor, her husband, Dr. Herbert Kleber, their children and stepchildren, Elizabeth Kleber, Marc and Judith Kleber, Pamela Kleber-Shad and Rees Shad, Eric and Reva Fischman, Sharon Fischman and Michael Lazar, and Amanda and Matthew Henshon, in collaboration with many colleagues, both in CPDD and all across the country, have established the CPDD Marian W. Fischman Memorial Lectureship. It is fitting that the first lectureship established by CPDD be in remembrance of Marian, who was not only a wise, loving, and brave human being, but an outstanding scientist and mentor as well.



Previous Recipients of the Marian W. Fischman Memorial Award

2002	Chris-Ellyn Johanson
2003	Maxine L. Stitzer



*3rd Annual
Marian W. Fischman
Memorial Lectureship*

*Award Presented to Nancy K. Mello
by Richard W. Foltin*



*Monday June 14, 2004 at 12:15 PM
San Cristobal Ballroom, Caribe Hilton
San Juan, Puerto Rico*

Marian W. Fischman

Memorial Lectureship 2004 Awardee



Nancy K. Mello, PhD

Professor of Psychology (Neuroscience)

McLean Hospital, Harvard Medical School

Dr. Mello is Professor of Psychology (Neuroscience) in the Department of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School. She is also Co-Director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Center and Director of the Behavioral Science Laboratory at McLean Hospital. After receiving a PhD in Clinical Psychology at Pennsylvania State University, Dr. Mello was a postdoctoral trainee in Physiology with Dr. J.L. Downer at the Harvard Medical School, and in the Experimental Analysis of Behavior with Dr. B.F. Skinner at Harvard University. Dr. Mello then joined the Stanley Cobb Laboratories for Psychiatric Research at Massachusetts General Hospital and built her first operant behavior laboratory. Subsequently, Dr. Mello entered federal service and directed the first Intramural Research Program of the NIMH National Center for Prevention and Control of Alcoholism, later the NIAAA, NIH. She was also a Research Consultant to the Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention of the Executive Office of the President. Dr. Mello returned to the Harvard Medical School, and with her friend, colleague and husband, Dr. Jack H. Mendelson, founded the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Center at McLean Hospital. Dr. Mello conducts interdisciplinary clinical and preclinical research on substance abuse and has published over 350 scientific papers and 11 books and monographs. One of her long-standing research interests is the identification and evaluation of new medications for cocaine and opioid abuse treatment in both clinical and preclinical studies. Recently, Dr. Mello has focused on the analysis of the interactions between cocaine and opioids, and medication-based treatment of heroin + cocaine "speedball" self-administration. In addition, Dr. Mello is currently studying the interactions between abused substances and the hormonal milieu. The rapid hormonal changes induced by cocaine and nicotine are very similar and may influence their reinforcing effects as well as drug-related reproductive dysfunction. A better understanding of the hormonal correlates of the abuse-related effects of drugs may eventually suggest new approaches to treatment.



Marian Weinbaum Fischman

October 13, 1939 – October 23, 2001

Marian Rita Weinbaum was born in Queens, graduated from Barnard College, earned a M.S. in Psychology from Columbia University, and then a doctorate in Psychology from the University of Chicago in 1972. She then joined the Chicago faculty until 1984 when she moved to Johns Hopkins as Associate Professor in the Division of Behavioral Biology. In 1990, she was promoted to Professor at Hopkins. In 1992, she became Professor with Tenure at Columbia University where she co-founded the Division on Substance Abuse in the Department of Psychiatry with her husband, Herbert D. Kleber, M.D., and founded as well the Substance Use Research Center at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. Although Marian made important contributions to the study of treatment of heroin and marijuana abuse, her primary work was in the area of stimulants. Her Ph.D. thesis on methamphetamine, under the guidance of Bob Schuster and Lou Seiden, opened up the study of long-term methamphetamine toxicity. Her contributions to cocaine research fall in two principal areas. The initial one was to develop innovative techniques for the study of cocaine in humans. Hers was the first laboratory in the United States, in the mid-1970's at the University of Chicago, to be given permission to administer cocaine to human subjects and the first funded by NIDA for that work. She was the first investigator since Sigmund Freud to conduct controlled studies documenting the physiological and behavioral effects of cocaine in humans and the correlation between them. Her second major contribution was the development of unique protocols for assessing the efficacy of potential medications to treat cocaine abuse using a human laboratory model. In 1987, she received the first NIDA Merit Award, which provided 10 years of funding for these endeavors. Her protocol provided a bridge between preclinical studies with non-humans and large-scale out-patient trials, contributing an improved basis for developing substance abuse treatment interventions. Dr. Fischman was a mentor to a generation of young investigators and took a special pleasure in mentoring young women scientists about how to combine career and family. She was an inspiration to many women in the sciences and a passionate advocate both for research and how to carry it out ethically. Her three children and four grandchildren were a critical part of her life and a source of great pleasure. Her enthusiasm, joy for life, and her smile that lit up any room she entered were noted by all who knew her.