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 Stitzer
2004  Nancy K. Mello
2005  Mary Jeanne Kreek
2006  Linda Dykstra
2007  Dorothy K. Hatsukami
2008  Edythe D. London
2009  Harriet de Wit
2010  Linda B. Cottler
2011  Bertha K. Madras
2012  Marilyn E. Carroll

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Award Presented to Kathryn Cunningham
by Sharon Walsh

Monday, June 17, 2013 at 4:15 P.M
Hilton Bayfront Hotel
Indigo BCFG
San Diego, California
Kathryn A. Cunningham, Ph.D.
Professor of Pharmacology, Department of Pharmacology
University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX

Kathryn A. Cunningham obtained a Ph.D. in behavioral pharmacology and is currently the Chauncey Leake Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology, the Director of the Center for Addiction Research and the Vice Chair of the UTMB Department of Pharmacology. Dr. Cunningham founded and created the vision for the UTMB Center for Addiction Research, implementing key strategies to expand research and mentoring activities, recruit high caliber faculty, capture philanthropy, and optimize grant development programs. Her laboratory engages in cross-disciplinary, translational research with chemists, cell biologists and clinical scientists who are focused on target mechanisms and drug discovery in addiction and related disorders. Dr. Cunningham’s research has been funded by NIH for 23 years and her group has made numerous seminal observations and developed new technologies which are described in 104+ peer-reviewed publications and 28+ reviews and commentaries. She has mentored 40+ junior faculty, pre- and post-doctoral fellows who have published 70+ publications and received 25+ grants. She was CPDD President in 2005-2006, and is the 2012 CPDD Mentorship Awardee. She is the current chair of a CSR study section and editor of the 2014 Nature Neurropsychopharmacology Reviews. Dr. Cunningham received the 2007 ASPET-Astellas Award for Translational Pharmacology, was named the Hedwig van Ameringen designate at the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Program for Women and honored with the Distinguished Faculty Research Award at UTMB. She is an active educator, mentor and board member for community programs and colleges in the region.

MARIAN W. FISCHMAN LECTURESHP
2013 Awardee

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 pre-clinical 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.