
Lois T. Flaherty, MD Best Resident Paper Award



In 2019, the annual ASAP Best Resident Paper Award was renamed The Lois T. Flaherty, MD Best Resident Paper Award in honor of many contributions and achievements made by Lois T. Flaherty, MD to the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry for many years until her death in May, 2025.

Dr. Flaherty was a child and adolescent psychiatrist whose professional activities included editing, writing, speaking, and consulting. She was a past president of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP), the International Society for Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychology (ISAPP), and the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry (ASAP). From 2000-2021, she was Editor-in-Chief of *Adolescent Psychiatry*, the official journal of the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry. Prior to that time, she served as Editor in Chief of *The Annals of Adolescent Psychiatry* for many years before it was replaced by the journal. She was Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Maryland in Baltimore, where she spent the major part of her professional career and headed the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. She also held faculty positions at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University and worked in private practice and public and private institutional settings. Until her death, she held an academic appointment as Guest Lecturer at Harvard University.

Dr. Flaherty's special interests were in school and community psychiatry and adolescent psychiatry, and she published widely in these areas. She was a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association (APA), an ASAP Life Fellow, a past recipient of the Schonfeld Lecture Award, and to this date was the only two-time recipient of the ASAP Herman B. Staples Award for distinguished service and leadership to the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry. In June 2021, Dr. Flaherty retired as Editor in Chief of *Adolescent Psychiatry*. ASAP is indebted to her for her many years of service and considering her deep commitment to academic research and teaching, we honor her by continuing to name our Annual Best Resident Paper Award after her.