

Introduction to Stephen G. West's Murray Award Address

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I am honored to introduce Stephen G. West, the winner of the Henry A. Murray Award for Outstanding Contributions to Personology and the Study of Human Lives. Steve's contributions as a methodologist and statistician are appreciated by anyone who has struggled with complex interactions and unusual research designs. These empirical innovations have contributed enormously to broadening and deepening the kinds of data that can be used to study personality. Perhaps less apparent, but crucial in his selection for this award, is Steve's leadership in diversifying the field of personality psychology. In his capacity as editor of the *Journal of Personality* in the 1980s and early 1990s, Steve effectively shepherded personology into the mainstream of personality research. Also important was Steve's willingness not only to mentor his own graduate students, but to rescue a considerable number of strays. In his generativity and inclusiveness, Steve has effectively elevated the field of personality and the persons within it.

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award winners are leaders in the field of personality psychology who maintain the Murray tradition by: (a) bringing together a variety of theoretical viewpoints and research techniques; (b) integrating the tough and tender in personality research; (c) recognizing the thematic unity in individual lives in the midst of phenotypic diversity; (d) including biography, literature, and myth as psychological data; (e) showing interest in the biological, social, and cultural contexts of personality; and (f) providing intellectual leadership that has contributed to outstanding work that exhibits these characteristics.

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