



## CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

Jeannie Beckham, PhD

### Title and Organizational Affiliation:

- Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center: Clinical Psychologist, VA Research Career Scientist, Co-Research Director, Mid-Atlantic Mental Illness Research Education and Clinical Center
- Duke University Medical Center: Behavioral Medicine Division Director, Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

### Education and Employment:

- PhD in Clinical Psychology, 1988, Florida State University
- Associate Professor (1999-2006), Assistant Professor (1994-1999), Postdoctoral Fellow, (1989-1991), Duke University Medical Center
- Psychologist, Outpatient PTSD Team, Durham VAMC (1992-2007)

**Qualifications Statement:** I have had the opportunity to work with veteran trauma survivors since 1992. As a fulltime clinician in an outpatient VA PTSD clinic for 15 years, I learned a tremendous amount from the patients and families we served. I have been a member of ISTSS since 1992. I remember contacting several ISTSS members when I first starting working in PTSD (never having worked with trauma survivors), and recall how enormously helpful they were in terms of sharing their knowledge and support. These encounters sparked my interest in becoming a member of ISTSS; ISTSS and its members have represented that professional nexus for me since. Over the years, I have been tremendously energized by the innovative and creative work of the members of our society. I have attended annual meetings, served as a member of the Annual Program Committee, as a program deputy, as a member on the Student Research Grant Committee, and on the ISTSS Board from 2007-2009. During my board service, I led the Public Education Committee for three years and served as secretary for one year. I have also served as a reviewer, Editorial Board member, Editor-Elect selection committee member and Associate Editor for our society's *Journal of Traumatic Stress*. I have had the opportunity to serve on multiple scientific and policy committees nationally and internationally. In terms of national service, I have worked as a reviewer or member for multiple NIH committees since 1994, DoD panels (as a scientific and relevance reviewer) and for terms as chair for the VA Career Development Awards, Mental Health, and Neurobiology Committees. Internationally, I have served as a reviewer for the Ontario Mental Health Foundation, the Israel Science Foundation and the Netherlands GeestKracht Program for Young Investigator Awards in Mental Health. My clinical research has focused on the physical and psychiatric co-morbidities associated with chronic PTSD, and evaluating interventions to reduce the physical health burden among those with PTSD. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of publishing with more than 65 mentees and 300 professionals in our field.

**Candidacy Statement:** I am seeking election as President-Elect because I would like to continue service to ISTSS through the important mission of implementing the society's strategic plan and priorities. The strategic planning process included qualitative and quantitative components, was based on our aspirational mission, and was completed with the members and leaders of our society in order to provide a roadmap of our activities over the next several years. The priorities include continuing to maximize the exchange between practitioners, organizations and policymakers, to extend our positive impact on society, to operate from an organizational model that is inclusive, transparent and sustainable, and to increase the responsivity of our society to members from all nations. One challenge we face is to increase the connectivity of our members outside the conference meeting through all of the new communication venues that are available, and continue to seek productive avenues to increase society revenue. I am proud of the successes of ISTSS and excited to have the potential opportunity to continue to serve our members.