Honoring Dr. Harold A. Takooshian, PhD

"A Gentleman & A Scholar"
I've had the immense privilege of knowing Harold Takooshian my entire life. If you've ever met him, you know how truly lucky I am. He has been, and will always be, my number one mentor and truest friend. Knowing a hardworking, smart, genuine, trustworthy, kind, and generous person is a blessing; having him as your father is an incredible gift. I appreciate him, not only for everything he has done for me, but for what I have seen him do for so many others. I don't know anyone else like him; his selflessness is truly unsurpassed. The more you get to know him, the more you realize what an incredible person he is. He leaves every conversation with notes on how he can help the person; professionally, or personally. While I wasn't his first student, I was certainly the longest one. I was lucky enough to be raised by someone who not only cared for me, but showed me how to live. The independence he fostered in raising me made me who I am today. The life skills and life lessons he taught me are priceless. I often find myself thinking “What would Dad do” in a situation where I want to do the right thing.

His dedication to the field of psychology is outstanding. People would often ask me “How does your dad do all this? Does he ever sleep?” The answer is what you all suspect—“Not much!” I've seen firsthand how much he puts into his work. It’s not just his hours, it’s his heart. Judging by all these entries from students and colleagues, most who grew into friends, I can tell his dedication shows.

It was my pleasure to collect these collaborations with the prior help of his gracious student, Viany Orozco. I looked forward to reading these entries as they came in. I thank all the contributors for their beautiful words and appreciation. I hope this book brings him as much joy as he brings everyone around him, especially me.

Lori Mary Takooshian, MBA

“In everything set an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned” Titus 2:7-8
Tatiana Akhutina, PhD
Head of the Laboratory of Neuropsychology, Lomonosov Moscow State University

It is my pleasure to say a few words about the very fruitful international activities of Dr. Harold Takooshian. I met him in Moscow, where he was eager to see Prof. Alexander Luria's archive in Moscow State University. I was happy to share with him my worship and adoration of my teacher. Some days I saw Harold on the TV programs speaking about his experiments on Moscow streets. I was impressed by his talent to organize scientific work in a not very easy situation. Harold has organized the International Symposium at the Eastern Psychological Association Conference "Psychology in Russia: Past and future trends" in Boston, and invited Russian scientists to participate in it. I am grateful to Harold that he helped to organize my meeting with neuropsychologists of New York University. This is an excellent opportunity to honor an outstanding professional and active missioner of international friendship. Harold, congratulations! Many happy returns of this day!
To Harold, a Colleague and Brother-in-Christ,
I first met you following a discussion with Dr. Stanley Milgram. As I informed him of my decision to turn down the offer of a place in his CUNY Ph.D. program, he was clearly perturbed. When he learned I had chosen Fordham's program, he insisted I get to know you-his mentee. I am glad he pointed me to you. Harold, you gave me my first teaching job as I "broke in my new PhD" by covering your I/O Psychology course you as you left for your Fulbright. Not long after that we headed off to my church and to dinner, and a warm relationship began.

I have watched you expand your contributions to the field of psychology-from local initiatives to international leadership. But you always remained anchored to undergraduate students, inspiring them to conduct research and to pursue graduate studies. Above all, for you, me, and all who call Jesus Christ Lord, will be what we have done for the Kingdom of God on earth. And in that work, I encourage you to continue your excellence in serving.

Praying God's richest blessings on you,

Paul P. Baard, PhD
Fordham University Graduate School of Business
Harold Takooshian is a man of faith and ethics who will defend the rights of others even when it means that he might suffer. He the consummate professional who works to disseminate what is good and true about the study of Psychology and devotes hours of his free time to mentoring students both here and abroad.

There are sadly few like him in our field. It is an honor to know him.

Rochelle Balter, PhD, JD
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Darren Bedrosian, LP, LPsyA
Fordham University, 2004

The best way I can sum up the influence of Harold Takooshian on my life is to simply summarize a period within it in which he appeared. Dr. Takooshian took an interest in me at a time where I was not taking appropriate interest in myself. I was a college student who wanted to become a future psychotherapist. I wasn’t really doing what was necessary in college to make myself an attractive candidate for graduate school. In fact, I wasn’t thinking much of myself at the time and there came Harold Takooshian, with his eye for talent. In this instance I immediately thought it would not be right to let him waste his ability on a guy like me, which had to be one of his rare misses when it came to character judgment.

But no such luck. Harold forced me to have to contemplate my nature. To begin to ask the question “who would I become” instead of focusing on “who am I now”. That was his most key influence on my life. The way he would appear to be (blindly and without forethought as I perceived it) choosing to back up as a student of worth. I discovered that personal sense of worth and value through him. I learned I was a man who had something to offer, otherwise why was this guy here encouraging me? I just assumed it couldn’t be entirely about masochism. A bit of humor, if you’ll allow it. He was offering up the opportunity to walk a mile in his shoes and see if you like it. To see what it was like to be a man of worth and contribution. And a quote from the music group “Kings of Leon” applies here, at least for me. It goes “I walked a mile in your shoes, and now I’m a mile away, and I got your shoes.” I won’t be returning them. They are too valuable. They are the best pair of kicks a guy could have who wants to go through life and contemplate what more he could be. And that’s how I always saw Dr. Takooshian. A man who could look at you and see what could be. They say a good teacher spots potential. Harold had a way of spotting it and then insisting you not waste it.

Harold was the man who spoke few words and for good reason. If you were going to be unwilling to hear the message behind the few he uttered to you, then the missed opportunities fell on you. In college, I struggled with accepting the idea this man was my mentor. How could I have a mentor? That’s a person who believes in someone and looks to cultivate their abilities. And that’s what he did. He was always there. Few words, a thousand actions.

Every time I reflect back on my life I always have the same reaction to this period of it that Harold was involved in: “where did you come from?”. Where, What and Why? Why me? Why not someone else? The questions ultimately had to stop because Harold would drag his wagon up to you and hitch it to your star. That’s when you knew you were in for it. That’s when you knew you had no choice but to be what you could be. I had to become the man he knew I could be even if I still refused to see it. Because this good man just put it on the line for you. I will never forget him. Because I had no idea where he came from and why. In the end, I didn’t care to answer that question. I was just glad he had come. And here I am at 32, with a budding private practice as a psychotherapist. The thing I have always referred to as “my dream”.

For a time, he did more to help me promote it than I ever could.

So, it’s easy for me to end this with a cliché quote: Harold Takooshian makes dreams come true. But you have to have a dream.
Dr. Takooshian is a highly intelligent amazing man with a refreshing calm demeanor and spirit. His personality draws people in and he is a joy to listen to and work with. I first met Dr. Takooshian over a year ago at a Fordham Westchester Psi Chi event and induction ceremony. His graciousness and hospitality was very impressive. He has this way about him that is direct yet gentle. From that day forward, I knew given the opportunity to work and learn from him I would embrace it and count the time as an honor and privilege.

Immediately after the Rose Hill Psi Chi induction ceremony in April 2010, my quiet private thoughts of working with Dr. Takooshian came true. He asked if I would consider a position in one of the Psi Chi chapters at Fordham University beginning fall 2010.

Dr. Takooshian's impact on me is a long list for such a short time of knowing and interacting with him. He exudes Godliness, humility, class, patience, dignity, respect for self and others, stability, graciousness, compassion, and integrity, to mention a few, which exposed areas I need to continue polishing. Moreover, Dr. Takooshian is a man who is dedicated to Psi Chi, increasing membership and awareness, and furthering the work of the organization and psychology in general. He is giving of his time and talents to others. Dr. Takooshian gave me a dream opportunity of becoming President of the Psi Chi Rose Hill at Fordham University. Under his leadership I have learned a lot about Psi Chi from the organizations inception to current and some of the intricate details and challenges of planning Psi Chi activities and events. Dr. Takooshian always guides, helps, welcomes new ideas and is accessible via email, phone, or in person. I am blessed to know, learn, and work with Dr. Takooshian.

Jazmen Benitez
President, Psi Chi Rose Hill Fordham University 2010
Dr. Takooshian is one of the most dedicated, hard-working and caring professors that I have ever met. I had the pleasure of working with him my junior and senior years at Rose Hill. After I was inducted to Psi Chi, he encouraged me to get involved beyond membership and join the Executive Board to build a charter for Psi Chi on the Rose Hill campus. It was with his help and dedication that we were able to build a case for the Rose Hill chapter and induct some members. What a memorable experience! We worked hard to build out our budget, membership and student activities.

Another way in which Dr. Takooshian helped shape my undergraduate experience was through his community involvement and commitment to research. He was quick to get me involved in independent studies that helped build my psychology concentration experience. Thanks to him, I was able to work on independent case studies that involved neurofeedback treatment to ADHD children and many other survey projects.

Above all, Dr. Takooshian was a mentor and friend. He was quick to lend an ear and help out in any way possible. Although our paths do not cross as much these days (I work in finance), I know, if there was a reason to reach out, he would be there. I am delighted to hear that Dr. Takooshian will be presented with this award this week as he truly is very deserving of it!
Fran Blumberg, PhD
Fordham University, Graduate School of Education

Congratulations to Harold on his much deserved award! I have fond memories of Harold as an advocate for young faculty, which I once was, and for all students! His dedication to psychology instruction is potentially unsurpassed by any with whom I have met in my now 25 years officially in the field! May this award acknowledge one chapter in Harold's career as a psychologist and open a new, even more promising chapter ahead!
Congratulations to Viany Orozco, the Fordham Chapter of Psi Chi, Kathleen Schmidt Kolisko-Rivera, Immediate Past-President, and most of all to Dr. Harold Takooshian, Faculty Advisor Extraordinare!
I am happy that Dr. Takooshian has received this prestigious and well-deserved award! I understand that he is the ONLY faculty advisor to have been awarded the Florence Denmark award twice - certainly a testament to his long-standing dedication to Psi Chi and Fordham students.
I am grateful to be a Fordham alumnus (PD '99; PhD '09) and to have had Dr. Takooshian as a professor. Later, with his encouragement, I served a term as president of the Psi Chi chapter (2001-2002?). Throughout my Fordham studies and beyond, Dr. Takooshian has been a true servant leader and role model. He has inspired, encouraged, and opened doors for me, introducing me to people and opportunities that have made my life - both professionally and personally - that much richer. As a new assistant professor, I aspire to be of service, to encourage, and to open doors for my students like Dr. T has done for me and so many others.

Congratulations again to you all!

Peggy Brady-Amoon, PhD
Fordham University, 1999
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Seton Hall University
I wish to salute a thoroughly student-enhancing professor at New York’s Fordham University, Harold Takooshian, Ph.D. In the 5 years I have known and worked with Harold - whether he was pressing me and my colleagues to include student posters in a forensic psychology conference, distributing flyers to 17 area universities and colleges about students presenting their own psychological research findings, or providing me with co-authorship of an encyclopedia entry he was 95% responsible for - he has been distinguishing himself by improving society in two ways: by highlighting, by his teaching and research, critically relevant social psychological realities; and by himself modeling an improved society - by enhancing the talents, self-confidence, and contributions of the many colleagues and students he has come into contact with.

Thomas A. Caffrey, PhD
Forensic Psychologist
When I think of Harold, I see a gentleman, a diplomat, a scholar, a professor, and most importantly, a humanist. He is a New Yorker who has seen the world, and the world is better off for his visit.
You have been an inspirational leader to many of us. Your first Florence Denmark Award marked the recognition of your dedication to excellence of your local Psi Chi chapter. Moving along you organized many local colleges to host the Greater New York Conference on Behavioral Research as a vehicle for undergraduates to share their research and scholarly activity. It has been a vibrant annual fall event for more than 25 years. Then onto regional organization as Eastern Vice-President of Psi Chi before moving onto the national scene as President of Psi Chi. And along the way you have organized APA Division 52, International Psychology as well as pioneering the inclusion of international chapters of Psi Chi. However, along that path, you did not lose contact with your local students, as shown by your second Florence Denmark Award, the only advisor to have received that Award twice!

You are remarkable mentor and have a quiet persistence that moves others along without insistence, an admirable quality. It has been of comfort to me to know you as friend and colleague for more than 20 years.
Harold made me feel welcome at Fordham from the very first day that I interviewed there at Lincoln Center. That is his special gift - a kindness and concern for others, for colleagues and students alike. Harold loves to build bridges, make connections, and then photograph them!

I have had the pleasure of working with Harold for 16 years, and I can't imagine that time without him. His faith and integrity inspire me, and I am so proud to call him friend. Have a wonderful birthday, Harold, and many happy, healthy ones to follow. God bless you.

John Cecero, S.J., PhD
Professor, Fordham University
Rector, Fordham Jesuit Community
Dr. Harold Takooshian is many things. He is an enthusiastic researcher and scholar of psychology, a caring professor of Fordham University, a caring advisor for students, and a guiding mentor for all psychology majors. My earliest memory of Dr. Takooshian was not the mandatory sophomore meeting between advisor and advisee, but in my junior year when I started questioning about psychology career paths. Dr. Takooshian turned to me and provided me information on different career options, the Psi Chi Society, the psychology major alumni meetings, research opportunities, and much more. Needless to say, my last two years in Fordham were the busiest and most exciting time of my undergraduate life.

I still remember when I first asked Dr. Takooshian to be my mentor for my senior thesis research. Without hesitation, he answered, What do you want to do? I proceeded with my idea and he proceeded explaining the difficulty of my project and recommended another topic. At the end, I researched both topics, instead of one. It took up a lot of time, a lot of effort, and it was extremely frustrating when the deadline for the research paper was closing in. Every step of the way was difficult, but Dr. Takooshian was always there helping me, from researching to writing the last word in the research paper. If it was taking away a lot of my time, it was certainly doing the same for Dr. Takooshian as well. The only difference between us is that he was doing it pro bono for psychology majors, for a student, for me, and I officially thank you, Dr. Harold Takooshian.
I met Harold Takooshian through NYSPA, APA Council, and Division 52 as a fellow psychologist. In coming to know him, his commitment to international issues, and dedication to advancing psychology is unswerving. He shows an incredible energy in "doing psychology"; he often hosts and plans events in psychology to support his colleagues and give visibility to urgent issues in psychology. I am particularly impressed by the personal touch, and know his role as a mentor, teacher, and scholar. He is always remembering to congratulate and appreciate his colleagues.

Jean Lau Chin, EdD, ABPP
Adelphi University
I graduated in May, 2010 and now am in the working world. Dr. Takooshian has had a great impact on me as a faculty advisor and has inspired me in many ways, much of my present success is due to his guidance.
You are truly a Renaissance man who excels as a scholar, researcher, teacher, mentor, networker, organizer, photographer and friend. First you are a well-respected, accomplished Professor at Fordham University who is very knowledgeable about conducting research and writes extremely well. At Fordham, you have headed the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and are well known for your scholarly contributions as a social psychologist. To your credit, your publications are not on narrow, esoteric topics of limited interest to anyone but those working on literature reviews for their dissertations. In your writings you continually address timely, current issues such as the growth of cities and social interactions in urban environments.

In addition to focusing on relevant issues in NYC, you have been a leader within Fordham in developing international activities. At the UN you were selected to represent the American Psychology Association (APA) and also to serve as chair of the Human Settlements Committee. Over the years, you have worked to connect a number of faculty and students with UN activities. I have personally worked with you on six international symposiums at Fordham LC and RH campuses. We have achieved much success in connecting Fordham faculty and students interested in International work and promoting an international agenda at Fordham. At APA, you have been a leader in Division 52 International Psychology where you have been responsible for developing and conducting many programs for psychologists and other related professionals.

You are a very popular teacher. Students continually try to get into your classes and on Rate My Professor you have received the very high grade of 4.6 (A+). As one student wrote “Prof. Takooshian is one of the most inspiring and motivating professors at Fordham. He’s highly intelligent, informative, helpful, and you will learn so much in class. He’s amazing. Really, take him. Probably THE best psych professor you can ask for. You will regret NOT taking him”. Through your excellent teaching skills you are able to interest even the most ambivalent student in learning more about psychology. Not only is your teaching in the classroom excellent, but you continually extend yourself and make yourself available for students and alumni at all times in the evenings and weekends. You also serve as a mentor to many students and alumni in different stages of their careers. In addition to being an outstanding scholar, teacher, and mentor you are also an incredible organizer. Whether planning for a small group lunch at Sapphire or a major conference, you are always incredibly successful. And what a networker! I don’t know how many people you have on your email lists, but a conservative estimate would be 10,000. And this is all done without Facebook or Linked in!

A trivia question - how many pictures have you taken? Never without your camera, you have photographed all of us many times and we have all received shortly afterwards wonderful pictures to commemorate the class, meeting, event, or conference. Finally, you have an unique interest and knowledge that I have never seen before. You know every roof top bar/restaurant in New York City and beyond!

Happy birthday and a 100 more, Harold! Enjoy yourself in the rooftop bar du jour! You are incredible!

Elaine Congress, PhD

Associate Dean & Professor - Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service
When I set out to write a book about Kitty Genovese in 2011, the person I most wanted to speak to was Harold Takooshian, the world's foremost academic authority on the notorious murder of Ms. Genovese in 1964 and the research that grew out of that case. Thus began a relationship that became a friendship. The man I initially thought of as "the eminent Dr. Takooshian" became "Takoosh," a generous ally who served as my guide, my Virgil, to the psychological and sociological aspects of what I came to think of as Genovese studies. Unfailingly generous with his time and expertise, he pointed me to other sources that proved pivotal to my work. His efforts to remind the world of what happened to Ms. Genovese led directly to one of the most important parts of the book I wound up writing: a surprise appearance by A.M. Rosenthal of the New York Times at one of Dr. Takooshian's Kitty Genovese Memorial conferences at Fordham—a moment that wouldn't have happened if not for Dr. Takooshian's devotion to the Genovese case and to the spirit of academic inquiry. Since then I have met many other Takoosh fans. We all prize our encounters with him.

We trade descriptions of his trademark mustache and his penchant for photographing or videotaping practically every event as well as his intellect, his unstinting generosity and great spirit.

Those of us who have crossed his path—we're the lucky ones. We're better for it.

Kevin Cook

Author - "Kitty Genovese: The Murder, the Bystanders, the Crime That Changed America"
Leonard Davidman, PhD
Chief Psychologist, Metropolitan Hospital Center

I have never met a man quite like Harold Takooshian. He is a magician who is the opposite of Harry Houdini. Instead of making things disappear and instead of getting out of things Harold makes things appear and Harold gets “into” things. Who is Harold? He is proud of his ethnic Armenian roots. He inspires psychologists both young and old. He wears a cute bowtie, sports a cute moustache, and has a cute laugh. He is a prolific writer and researcher. He creates memorable events without a sweat. He loves to write about his events, the history of psychology and even Armenia. He loves Russia, Fulbright scholarships, international psychology, Psi Chi, and photographing events which always accompanying his articles and meeting minutes. He loves to encourage everybody.

How I met Harold Takooshian- Between 1974 and 1981 when I was a part-time doctoral student in Urban School Psychology at Fordham University at Lincoln Center I once noticed a newspaper clipping on a bulletin board outside the Fordham cafeteria about a faculty member and social psychologist staging urban experiments by having people breaking into cars in broad daylight in front of many witnesses and watching how almost no one tried to stop it or intervene. One guy was stuffing a lady in a car trunk and hardly anybody reacted. The research was about bystander apathy and the "bystander effect" originally stimulated by the murder of Kitty Genovese in Queens. Underlined in the article was Fordham University and the name Harold Takooshian. What an odd but memorable name I thought. That was the first I had heard of Harold. Over the years I would see his odd name again and again. He was an urban hero staging all kinds of experiments like his role model Stanley Milgram, known for his experiments in obedience - having volunteers "administer" electric shocks to strangers.

Fast forward 30 years - February 12, 2010. I attended an evening event, Fordham University’s Psychology-Law forum where members of NYSPA’s Forensic Division presented about career opportunities in forensic psychology to a large group of undergraduate students. As a member of the division I went to support my colleagues. Lo and behold the evening’s moderator was Harold Takooshian, the man with the unusual name. I approached him at the social after the class. I was dying to talk to him. This was almost a dream come true. I could hardly catch my breath and I thought I would collapse being in his presence. We quickly bonded. Over the weekend I wrote a summary of the student event for the NYSPA Listserv and worked with Harold online through the wee hours editing and refining the story. We bonded again at a very different level. I then began to attend many of Harold’s events which were mainly educational or social happenings commemorating some famous psychologist or forums where students would present their research. He created a 50th anniversary event in honor of the death of Stanley Milgram. He even orchestrated an 80th birthday party for psychologist Phil Zimbardo. Harold always invited his colleagues and dignitaries from other countries to these events as guests of honor. They would get medals and certificates. I once got one, too. In each of Harold’s events psychologists would form new relationships leading to deep friendships. I can attest to it because it happened to me.

I am so honored to count Harold as a friend. I am doubly honored that he joined my beloved Manhattan Psychological Association and will be its 2015 president.
I met Professor Takooshian at the 2009 Genovese Forum and had the honor of working with him as co-chair of the 2014 Forum. I have always been deeply impressed by him, not only for his brilliance, but for his humanity. He is an outstanding scholar with the rare ability to speak about his field of expertise--and do so clearly--without seeming to talk down to his listeners. He is a deeply religious man, but sees religion as a demanding code of conduct to impose on himself, not others. He is a true romantic, as anyone who has ever been with him in his wife’s company can attest. His never fading love and respect for her are genuine--obvious but not ostentatious. It’s a rare departure from a society in which too many relationships seem founded on simple convenience and self-interest.

What Professor Takooshian is most known for is his dedication to the life and death of Kitty Genovese—a woman he never knew, but whom has been the focal point of his decades-long study of the human condition. Where others saw the circumstances of her murder as an intellectual problem to be solved, he saw it also as a human tragedy to be mourned and remembered—for her sake as well as for the sake of others who suffered a similar fate. The ability to empathize so completely and selflessly with the suffering of other human beings is too rare a trait.

If men are known by the company they keep, then my brief association and long acquaintanceship with him has greatly increased my stature.

Joseph De May, JD
Kew Gardens Historian
I first met Harold over 40 years ago when he was a student in the Social/Personality program at the CUNY Graduate Center. He was a student in the first psychology of women doctoral course I taught. He was outstanding, even then. The next year, when I was the Executive Officer of the CUNY Graduate School of Psychology Program, Harold asked whether I could hire his sister, Doris (called DeeDee) as a student aide. I could, and did. DeeDee, a student at Lehman College, was an outstanding assistant. Many was the time we worked late into the evening. Through Harold and then DeeDee, I got to know their mother and father and later on Harold's wife, Silva, and their beautiful daughter Lori. Silva died when Lori was quite young, and more recently, another beautiful member of the Takooshian family is Anne Stout Takooshian, Harold's charming wife. I declared myself an honorary member of the Takooshian family.

Now back to Harold. Over the years we've remained close, sharing many activities including Psi Chi, several APA Divisions, ICP, the UN, and NY SPSSI. No one effectively organizes meetings better than Harold. The topics he selects are timely and his choice of participants is very inclusive. No one does it better. He is also an excellent teacher, and a creative researcher.

Personally, I am very indebted to Harold for making it possible for me to be awarded the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award. As a former student of mine, he credited me with inspiring him to establish FIRST, the Fordham Institute for Research, Service, and Teaching. This committee has a continuing impact on Fordham. Finally, and best of all, we will always be friends.
Deborah W. Denno, PhD, JD
Arthur A. McGivney Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law

I have been Professor Harold Takooshian's colleague for about a decade. Our mutual interests in psychology and law have overlapped at Fordham and beyond in a number of ways. Professor Takooshian is one of the few scholars I know who is so incredibly well versed in the individual fields of psychology and law as well as their substantive and conceptual intersections -- thereby possessing a remarkable level of interdisciplinarity in terms of perspective, insight, and sophistication. Professor Takooshian is also one of the most energetic and generous colleagues I have -- gifts that can result in stunning once-in-a-lifetime achievements. For example, Professor Takooshian's program on Stanley Milgram was a landmark event, both for Fordham University and those in the audience; it was truly one of the highlights of my professional career given how much I learned as an audience member from the extraordinary range of speakers. On a personal level, Professor Takooshian has been consistently enthusiastic, supportive, and encouraging. Indeed, it was because of my association with him that I even became a member of Psi Chi. Professor Takooshian exceeds anyone's expectations of what constitutes an exceptional colleague. He really is that good. I can think of no one who deserves more the 2010 Psi Chi Florence Denmark award for outstanding U.S. Faculty Advisor.
Professor Harold Takooshian is the most dedicated professor I have ever come across. He truly cares for the student and for the field of psychology. His brilliance is evident, yet he is extremely modest and never condescending. He is an inspiration to all.

Clotilde Dillon, MSW
Fordham University, 1982
Provost/VP for Academic Affairs at TCI College
I will always be indebted to Dr. Takooshian for encouraging me to take an active role in presenting research that I completed as an undergraduate student. The presentation I made at the Eastern Psychological Association Convention and then again at Fordham at Lincoln Center was very helpful in supporting my application to Ph.D. programs in clinical psychology. I have been practicing as a psychologist, first in New York and now in Pennsylvania for 21 years and have had a rich and rewarding career thus far.

I remember Dr. Takooshian as a very friendly and approachable fellow with a wonderful smile. I hope that as these words are read that his smile is on display for all who are in attendance.

Best Regards.
I have been afforded the honor of working closely with Dr. Harold Takooshian over the past year in various forensic-related academic arenas. I first met Dr. Takooshian in February, 2010 at The Future of Forensic Psychology, a conference featuring a panel of distinguished guest-lecturers, held at Fordham University. He was a dynamic leader of this conference, facilitating an organized and enriching educational experience for students and faculty alike, while capturing many photos of the memorable event.

In March, 2010, with the invitation of Dr. Takooshian I then was given the opportunity to participate as a student volunteer at the psychology morning breakfast at the United Nations with Dr. Philip Zimbardo. I was afforded the unique and privileged distinction of connecting with Dr. Zimbardo during a private tour of the United Nations along with Drs. Takooshian, Anthony DeLuca, and Rivka Bertisch Meir. During the tour we attended several meetings and later enjoyed a formal lunch together in one of the dining rooms of the U.N. This experience was one of the most exciting and rewarding events in my professional academic career.

At the 81st Annual Eastern Psychological Association Program Meeting in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Takooshian invited me to attend the International Psychology - Division 52 executive board meetings and dinner. He introduced me to several professionals in the field and allowed me to connect and network with other graduate students and faculty. I now serve as a Forensic Division Student Representative for the New York State Psychological Association (NYSPA), due to the support of Dr. Takooshian. As a Student Representative, I met with three other graduate students and Dr. Takooshian on a July afternoon to discuss the facilitation of future forensic events. He encouraged us all to attend the dynamic NYSPA Forensic Division Conference, an event that proved to be inspiring, enriching, and comprehensive in scope.

Dr. Takooshian is a very organized, motivated, dedicated, and kind individual. I value each of the opportunities he has presented me with and consider myself extraordinarily fortunate for having been given the opportunity of meeting such a wonderful role model. He continues to make me aware of ongoing events and academic opportunities. My interactions with Dr. Takooshian have had an immense impact on both my personal development and academic growth as an aspiring forensic psychologist.

Samantha E. DiMisa, MA

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Jennifer Doran
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The New School for Social Research, New York City

I owe much of my professional development to Dr. Harold Takooshian. It was he who, after researching a graduate-student journal I was spearheading, reached out to me and first introduced me to the word of academic conferences. Dr. Takooshian took me under his wing, inviting me to come speak about my project at a meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association. It was my first professional conference presentation. Harold introduced me to many people that day - from Psi Chi, from APA's Division 52, and many impressive students. Through Harold's efforts, I made connections that have been invaluable to me, and received exposure into the workings of Division 52, where I have now become actively involved.

Harold is a pleasure to work with in all ways - he is always thinking of ways to include you, to keep you engaged, and to help further your development. He selflessly dedicates himself to students and their excellence, and works hard to create a network full of student energy and achievement. I have become involved in many exciting projects and have had many unique opportunities due to Harold's confidence in me and his attitude of inclusion. I am grateful to Dr. Takooshian for his endorsement, mentorship, and support - and I look forward to having him as a colleague and friend for many years to come.
As I will be unable to attend the Psi Chi Award Presentation on October 20th, I am pleased to have this opportunity to express my appreciation to Professor Harold Takooshian for the exceptional learning experience I enjoyed as an adult student attending his evening psychology classes.

Professor Takooshian's classes were profoundly interesting, as he so generously shared with his students the information and understandings he had gleaned through years of study, work and research. I recall Professor Takooshian's efforts to inspire his students to explore and appreciate the relevancy of social psychology in our modern society, and his efforts, as well, to imbue his students with his own enthusiasm for the science of psychology. Dr. Takooshian was always accessible and eager to respond to his students' requests for guidance or suggestions for an appropriate approach to the completion of some task or assignment.

Since graduating from Fordham CLC in 1993, I have been working with professionals, the aged and the infirm, and I am convinced that the basic psychology courses I completed were pertinent to the success of my personal and professional activities.

My congratulations to Professor Harold Takooshian on receipt of this well-deserved honor.

Emily C. Eller
Fordham University, 1993
ECE Services
Debbie Joffe Ellis, MDAM

Dr Harold Takooshian is well known for his outstanding work in, and contributions to, the field of psychology; for his ongoing and unending display of energy, resourcefulness, supreme efficiency and reliability; his dedication to the field - and for so much more.

I have witnessed all of the above displayed by him par excellence.

But the aspect of Harold which inspires me the most, which touches my heart the deepest, is his kindness, his compassion, his moral sensitivity and convictions, the goodness of his character and nature, and the love he displays for those dearest to him.

All too rarely have I had the privilege of meeting people of the fine and consistent humanity and caring nature which Harold displays and lives by.

One example here, out of a good many helpful actions from Harold for me: In my mission to honor my husband in his centennial year in 2013, Harold showed his respect for the occasion and went out of his way to introduce me to people who arranged for me to celebrate Al, at Fordham and other Universities.

That is just one of many examples of Harold enthusiastically introducing people to one another who he feels may enhance a cause, or a project, or the other's life in one way or another.

An image that stays with me and warms my heart is the love he displays for his dear wife Anne, and his beloved daughter Lori.

The way he lovingly looks at them, the pride and love he feels for Lori, the gentlemanly and gallant way he will gently kiss Anne's hand as his eyes gleam with appreciation of her: a sweet gift to behold!

Harold, in many significant ways - some of which may be obvious, and others not so obvious, to observers - makes this world a better place.

He models what it is to be a fine, elegant, caring, sharing, compassionate and contributing human being.

I feel deeply fortunate, grateful and delighted to know him, and wish him joy, delight and every fulfillment always...
Rarely one is privileged to encounter a person of Harold Takooshian's caliber in a lifetime. Soft, but not in the least naive; Thoughtful, and at the same time not immune to motivation, competent, but reassuring. Hank is a downright person I am proud to relish as a friend. Over the three plus decades that we've known each other, most of it oceans apart, I could always rely on him for meaningful advice, shrewd analysis, and unassuming understanding when most needed.

Artashes Emin, LLM, AJJC
Honorary Consul of Canada in Armenia
Armenia
I have had the honor to team teach at Fordham with Harold. It is hard to believe it has been over 25 years. I thoroughly enjoy watching the passion and energy Harold brings to the students on a weekly basis. I take special delight in hearing the stories he uses about his family to illustrate his points (even if I heard some of them before—a byproduct of 25 years of teaching). Harold is one of the reasons Fordham at Lincoln Center is a special place. Have a great birthday Harold and here's to 25 more years!
When I think about psychology as a science - I picture my lovely teacher - Harold Takooshian. I have never met someone so involved in the psychology evolution as Harold. The first time I met him was in 2010, during the Milgram conference in Russia. From that time on, he is the only man who I can call my teacher, in the true sense of the word. We headed so many inspiring projects here in Russia with professor Takooshian while he was here, and even more under his influence. If you want to find the person who can integrate the science - just write a few strokes to him via email, and be sure he will be in contact with you.

Thank you - to the best teacher, the best friend, and the best man I have ever known.

Aram Fomichev

National Research University Higher School of Economics
Russia
I met Professor Takooshian in my senior year at HSE in Moscow, and very quickly realized that I had never before encountered a Professor as dedicated and involved. I couldn’t believe my luck! I got to conduct research, assist in Urban Psychology field experiments, present my findings at a conference and ultimately publish an article in an academic bulletin, and all thanks to Professor Takooshian. But, more importantly, this wonderful mentorship gave me the confidence I needed to excel in my final year of college and start my professional life. Amazingly, Professor Takooshian was doing as much for many others as he was for me - spreading his enthusiasm and proactive attitude among the students and staff at HSE as well as students from other Moscow universities, visiting students from Tashkent and many, many others. I think many of us were wondering how on earth he found the time to do as much as he did every single day. Professor Takooshian’s boundless energy and enthusiasm inspires everyone around him and brings people together. I have Professor Takooshian to thank every time I succeed at something in my work, because he helped me take myself seriously as a researcher and professional.

Many thanks Professor Takooshian!

Anna Formozova
National Research University Higher School of Economics
Russia
Christine Fornabia, PhD
Fordham University, 2000
Licensed Clinical-School Psychologist
Adjunct Professor at Baruch College

I graduated from Fordham University (Lincoln Center Campus) in 2000. I am currently a Clinical-School Psychologist living in NYC and working in Westport CT. I am also an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Baruch College. Although I did not have a tremendous amount of contact with Professor Takooshian during my undergraduate career, I do remember his encouragement with respect to joining Psi Chi. In fact, I recently reconnected with him via email and was pleasantly surprised that 10 years later, nothing had had changed, that is, he immediately responded to my inquiry with thoughtfulness and once again encouragement. Moreover, he proceeded to virtually introduce me to other professionals that could have provided further insight. I am pleased to see that he will be recognized with this honor.

It is one of the great privileges of my life to have been Harold Takooshian's student. As a professor, Harold was always engaged in interesting, important research while his deep knowledge and engaging classroom style motivated all of us to pursue psychology deeply and broadly. However it is as a mentor, guide and friend that Harold's impact on his students is most deeply felt.
As an undergraduate student at Fordham University, I had the opportunity, honor, and privilege to learn from Dr. Harold Takooshian, PhD, in the "Law and Psychology" course, which was co-taught by Robert Emmons, JD. Despite the fact that this class was scheduled on Friday evenings from six to nine—a time-slot that would frighten many college students, especially seniors—I strongly desired to register for two main reasons. First, the premise of the course interested me, given the significant crossover and constant dialogue between the fields of law and psychology. In this course, Dr. Takooshian elucidated the importance of psychology behind understanding the criminal, the victim, the police, the public, and the criminal justice system. Whether we were in the classroom or in the Bronx Criminal Court on Grand Concourse, Dr. Takooshian always deepened my appreciation for the psychology that is inherently coupled to the practices of law enforcement and enriched my gratitude for police work. Second, I enrolled in this particular class because it was my only opportunity to be taught by the same professor who had taught my father 30 years earlier. Not only did I walk through the same halls that my father walked, but we learned from the same professor! Based on my father's unforgettable and incredibly-rich experiences in Dr. Takooshian's classes and research, I knew that Dr. Takooshian had a great personality and superb, mind-stimulating teaching lessons.

Dr. Takooshian is an exceptional and sedulous professor, whom Fordham is extremely fortunate to have as part of the faculty as I was fortunate to have learned from him.

Thank you, Professor Takooshian.

Frank J. Frasca

Fordham University, 2012
Currently Studying at NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine
I've known Professor Harold Takooshian since 1979, when I studied at Fordham University and majored in Psychology. I agreed to be his research assistant on a challenging field experiment to reduce the problem of street crime, which ended up being published in the Journal of Insurance (1981) and People Magazine. One of the best memories (that I will never forget) with Professor T. was looking forward to every class, because he possesses the following traits of a great teacher: enthusiastic, accessible, caring, passionate, engaging, flexible, and professional.

Professor Takooshian provided his subject matter knowledge with a smile in a positive learning environment. The memories continued when my son attended Fordham and experienced the "Best of Psychology" once again. Thank you for the experiences, and the membership to Psi Chi.
Like so many of your students, friends, and colleagues I admire your generosity, your willingness to do so many things for so many people, your deep involvement in so many organizations, and that stream of photographs and emails that shows that you really care -- and that you must be very well organized, indeed.

I deeply appreciate our friendship that has endured over so many rears, our shared involvement in international-global psychology with its inclusive goals, those lunches at Sapphire Restaurant, and the good will you radiate.

From your grateful old friend and admirer,

Uwe Gielen, PhD
St. Francis College
Throughout the years, Fordham University has been lucky to have Professor Takooshian as its Psi Chi advisor. Psi Chi has had a big impact on numerous students at this university. Without Professor Takooshian's hard work and dedication, this club would probably not be able to plan inspiring events and have the membership it does. I worked with Professor Takooshian for one year (2008-2009) at the Rose Hill campus. During this year the number of members doubled. Because he was able to excite students about their futures in the field of psychology, attendance at events boomed. His interest in Fordham students and his dedication to enhancing their knowledge of psychology has enabled students to help choose what type of careers they are interested in and has made them excited about pursuing their goals. I would like to thank Professor Takooshian for his enthusiasm for Psi Chi and unflagging commitment to this university.
Renée Goodstein, PhD
St. Francis College
Chair, Division 52's Ursula Gielen Global Psychology Book Award

I want to begin by congratulating Harold on being recognized for his fine work with this prestigious award. I know Harold through our work together on Division 52's Ursula Gielen Global Psychology Book Award Committee, where Harold has been a dependable, supportive, hard-working, enthusiastic, critical member of our team. Anytime he is needed, he is there -- whether to create criteria, review a book, attend a meeting, or any other task that may be at hand. I am sure that the qualities Harold brings to our committee, he brings to his work with students. I am so pleased that he has been recognized with this great and meaningful, and well-deserved honor.
I have known Dr. Takooshian for nearly thirty years, and I can’t imagine a more deserving person to be awarded this honor from Psi Chi. Harold would be the last person to admit to the tireless work and dedication he has put into the Lincoln Center chapter and to making sure that the college’s most deserving psychology students receive just recognition for their hard work. Now it’s time for Harold to receive some justly deserved recognition for his devotion and commitment to his students. I began taking courses with Harold in 1981. His bystander intervention studies had begun to receive some public attention, and his course on Law and Psychology was quite popular. He was always quick to recognize students who were highly motivated and was always interested in stimulating our interests. I asked him if there was anything else I could do to prepare myself for applying research skills to the study of psychology and he mentioned a study he was doing with older Armenian American’s regarding their social integration and adaptation. He welcomed my interest and we spent countless hours interviewing people and entering the data in his account on the Fordham mainframe. If you think data collection and analysis is difficult today, imagine working with an early version of SPSS which pulled data from a mainframe and spit out results in FORTRAN coded broad-sheets. The nights were long, but Harold was undaunted. It was Harold and some others who urged me to consider graduate school in psychology, but it was Harold alone who intervened, in ways I will never fully know, to allow me to be awarded a full fellowship at the CUNY program in Social/Personality psychology and to be a graduate assistant for Harold’s mentor, Dr. Stanley Milgram. What an experience! Although I never completed my doctorate, I cherish those times dearly. And all of that was made possible by my mentor Harold Takooshian. Fast forward 27 years to 2008. After a successful career in business, I had decided to work in social welfare by getting my masters degree in social work at Fordham. And where did I turn for a letter of recommendation; would he remember me? Harold not only remembered, he was able to talk about a specific course of his where he got to know me. I have attended a few Psi Chi meeting over the years, and I truly wish I could see Harold receive an award he so richly deserves. Dr. Takooshian is not only a scholar, researcher, and dedicated mentor. He is a truthful and giving person of the world. Congratulations, and God bless you Harold.

Arthur Greenspon
Fordham University, 1983
Charter Member, Psi Chi
Principal Recovery Guide at Recovery Services of Fairfield County
As a full-time, evening student at Fordham CLC it was difficult to engage in University life. Harold devoted more time than any student could expect or deserve to help bring me into the fold of psychology at Fordham. He all but dragged me into Psi Chi and helped me every step of the way as I presented my first paper at an annual Eastern Psychological Association meeting. His guidance, encouragement and mentorship - not to mention recommendations - led to my acceptance into a doctoral program and to my career as a psychologist. Twenty-five years later, I still find myself quoting him.
I don't remember when I first met Harold, but over many decades he has been a trusted friend and colleague. Harold is deeply committed to his family, his students, his friends, and to the citizens of the world. He has advanced psychology through his teaching, mentoring, and selfless contributions internationally. My own life and those of countless others have been enriched by Harold.

Harold, enjoy your special day. You are much loved.

Diane F. Halpern, PhD
Dean of Social Sciences, Minerva Schools at Keck Graduate Institute
Mary Hughes, MA & Erika Pietrucha, MS
Fordham University, 2010

Special Education Teacher for Children with Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities
Mental Health Counselor, Park Slope Center for Mental Health

We had the pleasure of being students who worked with Dr. Takooshian as the president and vice president of the Psychology Association of Fordham at Lincoln Center. Dr. Takooshian was extremely encouraging and empowering. He provided us with a wealth of information and proved to be a great person and professor, as well as a mentor. We have both been enrolled in graduate programs and give many thanks to our opportunities with Dr. Takooshian in leadership for the Psychology Association. Best of luck and congratulations!
I am happy to welcome Professor Harold Takooshian with the new award! I have been on his research team for many years, enjoying his friendly company and professional greatness. Professor Takooshian has had great impact both on my professional activities and on my personality. Whatever I am able to do in Psychology, eighty percent is coming from Professor Harold Takooshian and belongs to him. Some people make the world special just by being in it. Thank You, Harold!

Samuel Jeshmaridian, PhD
Professor, Borough of Manhattan Community College & Technical Career Institute College of Technology
I have worked with Dr Takooshian for over 30 years starting with collecting data for his research while I was in high school. We have continued working together throughout the years on Armenian issues and research, events at APA with Div 52, International psychology, organizing and chairing programs at Fordham, career development panels both at Fordham as well as other universities around the Tri-state New York, as well as organizing conference at the UN. It is indeed a pleasure to work with Harold as he is very well organized, well connected, and keeps information handy and sorted for use any time in need. He is very caring, thoughtful and compassionate about psychology, research, and about connecting people and providing opportunities for growth and development. He is also very caring about his students and guides them closely in research, presentations, and career development.

I am grateful for our connection and continued professional growth and development. I think he is very deserving of this award. Congratulations Harold!
Harold’s wife & Lori’s late mother, Silva, a long-time family friend of mine, invited my husband & me to their apartment in NYC, when they were expecting Lori. We also met his parents who were visiting from California. Harold impressed me from the start since he was a psychology staff at Fordham & I, a graduate student in psychology at Seton Hall University. Silva had a BA in psychology & was to pursue a law degree. The field of psychology brought us even closer. Over the years, we kept in touch, attended professional conferences. Thus, I came to know Harold both personally & professionally. Personally, Harold is a fine individual, a very polite, good-hearted person who is ready to offer his assistance to anyone who needs it. He is a survivor too.

Professionally, the field of psychology brought me closer to him. My early memory of him is when he organized a lecture at Fordham on a poignant social issue on public indifference, when the incident of an individual, left to die on a curb by passers-by who did not get “involved,” became a news item. The social message of the lecture was loud & clear. In fact, social indifference seems even more relevant today & Harold’s progressive ideas prove to be ahead of their time.

Harold is not only a thinker but a do-er! He has devoted his good years to the field of psychology, has organized numerous conferences, on national & international level. In the 1970s or early 1980s, he was instrumental in the founding of the Armenian Behavioral Scientists of America (ABSA), the torch of which he carries until today. He collected names of social scientists, honored those who achieved success in their fields, regularly sent newsletters to ABSA members, sharing news about happenings and always establishing links with & between people. He generously offered his time to developing (for the first time) directories of psychologists in the United States and in Armenia. His objectives seemed to include bringing people together, sharing knowledge. I was impressed by his early research on the Armenian women, the results of which he shared at an APA convention we had attended.

He was active in the International Council of Psychologists until the founding of APA’s Division of International Psychology, being one of its founding members. I remember when at a dinner/meeting, following a conference at Mulloy College, on Long Island, he collected signatures from psychologists to apply for a division in APA and sometime after, APA Division 52 came to be. He was friends with prominent American psychologists, such as, Doctors, Anne Anastazi, Leonore Loeb Adler, Florence Denmark, Uwe Gielin, and others.

Harold loved taking pictures and videotapes & sharing them. He had a sense of social & professional history. For example, before his first Fulbright, he recorded the messages of social scientists to take to fellow psychologists in Armenia, made a DVD of it, & last year, and donated the DVD to psychology professors & students at Abayon Institute in Yerevan (Armenia), some of who were thrilled to recognize themselves & their colleagues from 25 years earlier! Harold is obviously very, very proud of being a member of APA, EPA, & Psi Chi! He was a Fulbright scholar lecturing at Yerevan State University in Armenia. His second Fulbright award, last year, was to Russia. After the earthquake of 1988, Harold & I invited a small group of social scientists to acquaint with psychology in the United States & to present at the APA Convention in Boston. The social scientists were all very pleased & thankful for this experience. He later invited other Armenian & Russian social scientists.

Harold has the qualities of a good professor & a social leader. He is prolific & an amazing individual!

Meline Karakashian, PhD
Armenia
Nancy J. Karlin, PhD
University of Northern Colorado

Harold Takooshian is one of the most talented researchers and academics within higher education today. He is admired by some of the finest peers and has been honored at the highest level. Harold is also one of the kindest and most welcoming peers I have ever encountered. As a new member to Psi Chi’s board, I found Harold to be engaging and helpful. Since my first encounter, Harold continually finds a way to encourage others toward excellence while recognizing the individuality of all. He has a positive impact on all that are around him. For example, when my daughter was 5 years old she attended the American Psychological Association’s annual meeting including Psi Chi’s fall Board Meeting. One of the individuals she was most intrigued by was Harold. Harold took the time to talk to Julia recognizing her individual uniqueness. Harold, like usual, made a difference. This kind soul put together for her upcoming first day of kindergarten a backpack with supplies. Never has a gift had so much impact. Without a doubt, the best part of my being involved with Psi Chi’s National Board was getting to know Harold and being able to call him friend.
It is my pleasure to state a few words about Dr. Harold Takooshian, who has been a beloved presence at Fordham University since 1983. In fact, I knew of Dr. Takooshian long before I met him. When not teaching, he seldom took time for himself. He was always visible, a fixture in the psychology office - offering aid, advising students, smoothing difficulties away for both students and faculty alike. It is one of those wonderful coincidences in life that Fordham University and Dr. Takooshian found each other. It is my good luck that I was there, for a brief period, to see it. Like most students, I experienced some difficulty - I think it concerned my course load - a semester or two before my graduation. Although I didn’t know Dr. Takooshian very well and stammered a bit, he quickly made me feel welcome. With his usual graciousness, he thought nothing of interrupting his own work to pitch in and help me with my problems - and all was smooth sailing from there on.

Dr. Takooshian suggested to me that I join Psi Chi. Psi Chi was perfect for me; a membership I have always been proud of. He also suggested that I act as a mediator during a couple of debates - a curiously prescient suggestion, because I later went on to become an attorney.

I offer the opinion, perhaps obvious, that Dr. Takooshian has always distinguished himself by his leadership and his scholarship; as well as by kindness, alertness, foresight and humility. It is good to know that he will be receiving the Florence Denmark Award to commend the qualities that so many of us have known about, and relied upon, for such a long time.

Congratulations, Dr. Takooshian. With affection and respect,

Colette T. Katz, JD

Fordham University, 1987
Dr. Takooshian was the invited speaker at the New York University Psi Chi Spring 2010 Induction Ceremony, where I was inducted as President. I am so very lucky to have met him. We both share an interest in forensic psychology and a dedication to providing students and professionals alike with information regarding the profession. Dr. Takooshian has shared many opportunities that have opened doors for me, which has ramified to other students I share these opportunities with. Therefore, those who have never met him benefit by his dedication to student development. Additionally, due to Dr. Takooshian’s influence, I now hold several leadership positions that I would not have pursued if it wasn't for his guidance and encouragement. The result is that I am now an empowered and motivated student (complete with business cards, which he always reminds students to have!). Though I have not taken a class from him or met any of his students or advisees, I am sure that they feel the same way. Thank you for your dedication. Cheers to you!
I have been really grateful for the opportunity of working with and learning from Dr. Takooshian. Since the Eastern Psychological Association in March, he introduced me to his diverse interests and kindly involved me in many projects. He made me aware of all the amazing opportunities within division 52 and discover the field of international psychology. He encouraged me in participating in interesting panels, various conferences, and helped me to meet many established professional psychologists. He supported me in writing two articles on international students' difficulties when applying to the U.S., learning more about psychological literacy, and much more. He has motivated me in continuing my studies in the U.S. He is extremely dedicated, committed and enthusiastic to help students succeed. I am glad he is receiving the Florence Denmark Award for outstanding U.S. faculty advisor.

Dr. Takooshian, I wish you well and the best continued success,

Congratulations!

Giulia Landi
Hunter College, CUNY
I had the privilege of being a student in Professor Takooshian's social psychology class around 1977. I also participated in his field experiment of passer-by reactions to witnessing suspicious characters breaking into cars parked on Manhattan streets. Professor Takooshian's passion had a significant impact on my future career in the social services field. I now own and operate a substance abuse treatment center in Manhattan and have been in the field for about 30 years. Professor Takooshian has never failed to maintain contact with me over these many years. What other professors maintain contact with alumni for three decades? His compassion and commitment to his work and students remain an inspiration for my own work. I have never lost the respect and appreciation for the guidance provided by this special mentor. Congratulations on an award well-deserved.
Harold Takooshian was a mentor and friend during my years as a PhD student at Fordham at Lincoln Center. We worked together the many years that I was president of Psi Chi, he sat on my dissertation committee, we attended conferences together, presented together and were good friends. His love of his work and his students always stood out. He was my role model when I was an adjunct at Fordham. He brought out the very best in me and in so many of the students who were in his classes, did research with him or knew him through Psi Chi. He is a superstar and it is an honor to call him a friend. Congratulations Harold.

I want to wish you good health and happiness. You are a wonderful teacher, researcher and advocate for students. I was fortunate to have met you, got to work with you and learn first hand from an outstanding role model. I fondly remember the many interesting speakers you brought to our meetings. I remember your encouragement both personally in my studies and in my work with our Psi chi chapter. You were never too tired or busy to sit with a student. You were there supporting your students and colleagues as they studies and grew. Life has peaks and valleys and you have had your share of awards and sadness but even in the worst of times you were always an advocate of students and stood for what was honorable and right. I feel lucky to call you a mentor and a friend.

Jane C. Levine, PhD
Fordham University Ph.D., 1996
I am a fellow social psychologist who has had the great pleasure to be associated with Harold Takooshian as a colleague, collaborator, and friend. Harold has a passion for social psychology that is infectious. I always leave a conversation with him feeling more energized than before. His own work is always interesting, provocative and targeted at social issues. Perhaps his most outstanding attribute, however, is Harold's selflessness. He is psychology's great connector—the rare intellectual who is focused on the betterment of everyone around him. He is as good as they come. Happy Birthday from a fan, big fella.
Professor Takooshian is a brilliant, humanitarian who has nurtured students not only at the beginning of their studies but over the span of their careers. Harold has been a beacon to many of us helping us realize our talents, hone our intellectual passion, and apply it to meaningful causes. He has had an enduring and unforgettable influence on his students.

Carla Lewis, PhD

Fordham University, 1979
Senior Director National Network, Program Development and Evaluation
Children's Health Fund
Harold and I have had many, many adventures over the years. And one of my fondest memories is when we first met many, many years ago. Harold and a cadre of his students were collecting questionnaire data from APA participants following their attending different program sessions. This was long before program evaluation was standard fare and captured Harold's caring for students, his attitude of psychology as a scientific discipline, and the benefits of experiential learning. What a fine picture this makes of what it means to be a youthful Professor and an Applied Psychologist. He has been a fine friend and colleague who I cherish greatly.

Paul Lloyd, PhD
Consulting Psychologist
When I think of Harold back in the days when we were in the Social-Personality Doctoral Program at the City University Graduate Center, I remember him vividly as the quintessential Grad Student. He did not take his studies lightly - he was always reading, or maybe I should say devouring course related books. The second thing which was striking about him is that he was always a gentleman.
I've known Harold since last year (2013), when he came to Moscow. I'm so lucky and proud that I met a person who so enjoys, and is so interested in, the work he does. Harold inspired me and all the people around us to do a lot of things (research, conferences, organizations) especially for international psychology. I very much enjoyed the time I spent with Harold. We also had a great time with him and his wonderful wife in Washington DC at an APA Convention and in NY. I wish Harold a lot of happiness, interesting work, great people around, good friends and strong family!

Thank you Harold!

Valeria Lyanguzova
Moscow State University
Russia
I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Takooshian when I was an undergraduate at Fordham University. Some of my friends had mentioned what a great person he was, and that I could not leave college without having a class with him. At first, I worked on some research with him at the college, and quickly learned what a caring, compassionate, and kind person he was. It was so refreshing to encounter someone who had a genuine interest in students. I definitely had good professors during my time at Fordham, but to say that Dr. Takooshian was great is an understatement.

Dr. Takooshian helped me to such a great extent, that no words can do him justice. When I told him that I wanted to go into a field that was different than his own, he gave me nothing but full support. He not only gave me advice and connections with people, but he gave me such encouragement and support that I can honestly say that I am where I am today because of him. After becoming friends with his daughter Lori, and getting to see more of Dr. Takooshian, I felt like I was family to him.

Dr. Takooshian’s enthusiasm, compassion, and drive to be the absolute best has definitely influenced my life. I continue to strive to be like him in the classroom, and hope that one day I can have as much of an impact on some of my students as he has had on me. I consider Dr. Takooshian a dear and lifelong colleague, and it always brings me great joy to reconnect with him at events. I wish him nothing but the most wonderful future in all that he does.
With the recent retirement of Margot Nadien, Harold Takooshian is now the senior Lincoln Center psychology professor. Harold started at Fordham as an adjunct in 1975, became an instructor in 1978, an assistant professor in 1979, and is now full professor of psychology. It has been my privilege to work with Harold since 1989. He has a remarkable ability to establish and maintain social networks: Everywhere I go and meet psychologists, they know Harold. He is the glue that brings together psychology departments across New York City, and he also connects nationally and internationally through SPSSI and APA's Division of International Psychology and his Fulbright trips. Harold founded and has mentored the FCLC Psychology Association and Psi Chi chapter since the 1980's. I have a question: Is Harold still riding his motorcycle? Either way, best wishes for a happy birthday to my colleague and friend, Harold Takooshian.
Harold is always remembered as a psychologist who is dedicated to motivate international and national students to pursue careers in psychology and to foster professional growth in colleagues. Specifically Harold's mentorship and coaching during my APA Div. 52 Presidential term (2012-2014) and my term as VP of Eastern Region of Psi Chi International Honor Society (2011-2013) term is outstanding and valued. His wisdom and guidance helped me to function well in these positions. In addition Harold is an important friend. Such a friendship developed in middle life and is greatly valued. I am lucky for his friendship.

Thank you Harold!

Mercedes McCormick, PhD
Pace University
People always frame other people, but very few times do we look at their virtues. You are one of those people who always looks at the positive qualities of others; And let me add that you also are honest, humble, honorable, a doer, a giver and righteous. You were always this way for us, and you are the type of person that everyone is not only proud to know, but also enjoys being in your company.
You have many people under your wings that love you and care for you.
With much appreciation and gratitude.

Michael Meir, MD
Coach, Trainer & Consultant
Former Dean, TCI College
Riuka Bertisch Meir, Ph.D., MPH, LMHC
Psychotherapist, Life Management Counseling

This is an excellent opportunity to honor an outstanding professional and dear friend. It is with a profound sense of respect for him that I would like to express my deep and sincere gratitude to my friend and colleague Dr. Harold Takooshian. Since the moment I met him at the Eastern Psychological Association several years ago, he invited me immediately to participate in the board of the International Division of the APA. From the very beginning he encouraged me to expand and use my creativity to contribute my gifts. He does this to many from the bottom of his heart. Very few professionals open their circle and extend their hand to someone new; including and encouraging them to contribute their gifts and abilities.

Professor Takooshian directed me to a wide range of resources, answered constantly all my questions as well as asked me questions that helped me and guided me through several professional challenges. I owe my most sincere gratitude and appreciation to Professor Takooshian, who gave me the opportunity to work and organize with him so many activities and ongoing projects.

Congratulations on a well deserved award.
I took many intellectually stimulating courses at Fordham College at Lincoln Center with Dr. Takooshian; my favorite was his course in organizational psychology. I have always found his research projects fascinating.

It was an honor to work on a research project along with Dr. Takooshian on the accuracy of the polygraph, this was a great learning experience. Prior to this, Dr. Takooshian oversaw another student and me through a large research project on Deception Detection; over 200 people participated in our research project. He then arranged for us to present the results of our research at Adelphi University.

Dr. Takooshian took an interest in my academic success and encouraged me to become a member of both the honor society in psychology and sociology. I became the Vice-President of the local chapter of Psi Chi, which never would have happened without Harold’s encouragement. Also, Dr. Takooshian was instrumental in getting me a research job with Fordham’s graduate school in Counseling and Education while still an undergraduate. I am forever indebted to Harold Takooshian, he made my studies at Fordham so much more meaningful and productive. I recognize how fortunate I was to be under his tutelage during the 1980s. I have tremendous respect for him personally and professionally, and I appreciate his witty sense of humor.

Thank you for everything!!!!!

Marianne Melley
Fordham University, 1988
Owner, Advanced Communication Int’l
There are not enough words to describe what an amazing teacher Dr. Harold Takooshian is.

I was one of Harold’s earlier students and had the unique opportunity of being part of the many social psychology experiments that were conducted throughout NYC and participated or attended Psychology Symposiums over the years.

It has been both an honor and privilege to experience the many career triumphs of Dr. Takooshian over the years and to also share these moments with his family, friends and his daughter Lori. It was an especially joyous occasion for my family [My Mom, Judy (my fiancée), Dee (Judy’s sister) and Jamal (Judy’s son)]- to meet Dr. Takooshian, Lori and Anne at the last Fordham Alumni reunion and to be able to share my experiences with them.

Over the years Dr. Takooshian has become more than just a Professor, but a mentor and friend.

Anthony Mickey
Fordham University, 1981
I am an 80 year old Professor who would like to share with you one or two of the many blessing I have received from the grace of friendship from Harold Takooshian.

On any occasion, when I needed his support- Harold went "beyond the call of duty" to come to my side. In addition to having a serious support system in my professional life, much of the joys in my life are due to Harold's "generous loving heart" -in China, in "roof tops of NYC," in socializing with VIP's, just receiving tokens of his care. The deep love in his heart glows like the Sun- he extended love and care to my friends everywhere -including Russia. At my age -in order to keep teaching and writing- I need energy- and beauty brings me love->then energy-power-and peace. To that end, I seek salvation in the works of Plato, Music of Beethoven, art of Rembrandt, smile of mothers at their children, flowers in gardens and heavenly stars. When I need more - I imagine the joyful-sacred loving care and smile from the eyes of Harold (even if he is not Irish). That is the most. He is a tribute to not only Armenians, Americans, and Christians -but all of humanity.

Thank you Lord for making my loving brother -nephew Harold- as the messenger of heavenly salvation for my soul. My mother’s soul can rest in peace in the heavens- As I always can look into my heart and feel the glow of Harold’s graceful presence.
Harold Takooshian is a remarkably generous man. He gives himself away without diminishing what seems like a perpetually full reservoir of enthusiasm and goodwill. I know this from experience; beginning on the occasion of our first encounter in April, 2002 when Harold arrived on the campus of Brookdale Community College, in New Jersey, to conduct an installation ceremony for the brand new Psi Beta chapter my students and I established during the preceding months. He was an emissary from the Psi Beta national organization chosen because of his status as a master teacher who cares deeply about student involvement in Psi Chi and the newer Psi Beta. Little did I know then that Harold would become a constant supporter of our chapter, a wonderful professional mentor and a valued personal friend.

Through Harold's gentle persuasion, my honor students and I began attending and presenting at conferences: first at Hunter College, then Eastern Psychological Association and even APA. As we got to know each other more fully, Harold encouraged me to join the APA Divisions 1 and 52 and become active in them. Since we share an interest in photography (Harold always keeps a camera on hand) he was very supportive of my ambitions to make presentations on the history of psychology and photography at major conferences, some under banner of Division 1 and others for Division 52 including a traveling photographic exhibition titled Psychologists in Focus. Likewise I would ask Harold to come as an honored guest to speak at Brookdale so that our students could have the benefit of his generous style and willingness to share his extensive experience with eager minds. His presentations were always memorable. I am grateful to Harold for doing so much to support Brookdale's chapter of Psi Beta, for helping me move into the regional and national world of Psychology and for including me among his friends (several of whom have become mine as well.) Harold Takooshian is a remarkably generous man, filled with good will and overflowing with the desire to be of service to students and colleagues. This is a wonderful and well deserved honor rightfully bestowed on Dr. Harold Takooshian, aka "Mr. Psi Chi".

Joel Morgovsny, PhD
Psychology Department, Brookdale Community College
Suffice to say, Fordham University has an extraordinary staff of professors and student advisors. However, when I think of my time at Fordham, Dr. Takooshian truly eclipses all others. Studying psychology with Dr. Takooshian was by far the most inspiring, stimulating, and captivating experience.

Little did I know that my time with him at Fordham was the beginning of lifelong friendship. We discovered that we were neighbors and our families grew quite close. Despite voicing a subtle objection to me perusing a legal career as opposed to psychology, which is just one small example of his unwavering honesty, he continued to be a trusted mentor and is there for me any time I need counsel. He would even stop by my house and leave literature that he thought would either interest me or help bring me closer to my goals. That is truly rare and is just one small example of what sets him apart from the rest.

A truly amazing man that I am privileged to know. Congratulations Dr. Takooshian! Well deserved.

Mark Mullane
Fordham University, 1999
Student, Pace University Law School
Margot Nadien, PhD
Professor - Fordham University

I have known and greatly respected Harold Takooshian from the time he joined the Psychology Faculty in the 1970's through to the present. He was, and is, an outstanding professor, with exceptional abilities in establishing and directing various organizations (e.g., Psi Chi at Fordham University, first at the Lincoln Center Campus and then at the Rose Hill Campus, as well as various other student organizations at Fordham and elsewhere) and he has been an effective leader within many divisions at the APA. He has been a very caring and devoted teacher, initiating research projects that have involved student participation and also helping students to do their own research.
Abel Gallardo Olcay  
Universidad de Atacama, 1984  
Chile

"From an isolated I-O soldier, a little recognition to a great man...

"I remember when I was working in the Technical Professional School, in dependence with the University of Atacama (UDA), from Copiapó city, Chile, Southamérica; and after obtained my "philosophy teacher" title, as undergraduate "professional". I joined to a new and "rare" (to Chilean experience) postgrad program, called I-O Psychology, offered by UDA with Fordham University. Provided with excellent teachers- Dr. Harold Takooshian, Dr. Frank Crowley, Dr. Derek Vidler and Dr. Anthony DeVito. They began with us, as students, to apply a new perspective of science in Chile, according to the international and universal standards of APA, that nobody in good standing rejects and/or doubts its legitimacy.

Through the undetermined horizon of my conscious entity, Harold and "gringo teachers" lit a new beam in my "brain pipe", that is to say, gave energy to my active mind, my interest in being and doing, and paved me the way for psychology. An issue that I had played before with European roots, but that had not enjoyed completely.

That is why the "grace" of Mr. Takooshian injected into me and/or us (students of the program), with his colleagues of Fordham University and Derek Vidler, the good spirit of applied science to human work. This new knowledge captivated us, and to our continuous intellectual concern joined with the permanent importance of the "correct" applied and theoretical science. That beam of light was transmitted principally by Harold Takooshian, who injected new blood to my intellectual spirit that was then becoming more and more humble, because I was being educated by this very great person that expressed, simply, a lot of human virtues.

The clear knowledge, the ordered teaching and the excellent pedagogical techniques applied by this special prominent personage, remarked into us, the new logic to apply, the good principles of the good scientific behavior.

After my studies and passing many troubles, because of the actualized scientific paradigm of APA was not completely absorbed and understood by Chilean schools of psychology, and also the Chilean universities. Including a bad, bad attitude from them to our "gringo" mentors and guides. Now I can say: "Excuse me Dr. Takooshian, but they did not know what they have done". After that, through the years, Harold helped us to rise our heads and expand our I-O specialist knowledge into the local "cannibal-mice" environment (because a cannibal mice are just little things and that eat each one another), and I have learned that a great man, does not have to simulate his own virtues, but also only have to prove them.

So I can only say that Harold is a great teacher and eminent scientist, he is an example, and I thank God for placing him in my path. And he is also ... a very good man, a great father, husband and friend.

I received from him, permanently good support and unconditional professional help always, I must also note that in professional and science stuff he is a high demander, so by that he is recognized and he gives adequate recognition too. Harold helps give birth to the light of the knowledge and skills development in the fields of specialized knowledge and higher criteria, as well as the highest standards.

Harold often helps at his own expense, in a disinterested way, which is why having a greater and greater grace and virtue. Receive my humble appreciation, for you are appreciated Harold, I consider you a great man, an excellent teacher, finest scientist, very good father and good man in moral and attitudinal aspects, Dr. Harold Takooshian, congratulations in your birthday dear professor. That joy, peace and strength flood your heart and of your own, with yours forever."
Dr. Harold Takooshian
Colleague, Friend, Creative Artist
Humanitarian, Egalitarian, Transformational Leader Who Carries
Global Caring
For Young and Old, For Large and Small
For Individuals Weak and strong, For Organizations New and Historic

Personal smiles remember sidewalks in Boston and Philadelphia and carpets in DC and convention centers, as I pay tribute to your humorous gift, chalk art and photographic skills. My favorite photo is one from you and our organizational psychologist collaborator on many probono projects, Paul Lloyd. That's the one where you and he frame the image of the DC Spy Museum, but you are each half hidden behind a corner. Thank you for always sending the "thumbs up" photos and messages, to me and to so many others.

Ann Marie O’Roark, PhD, ABAP
International Council of Psychologists, Inc.
I've known Prof. Takooshian since the Fall of 2009, when I took his Introduction to Psychology course. I clearly remembered him mentioning that the course was integral to Fordham's emphasis on eloquentia perfecta in its revised curriculum, intended to improve the written and oral communication skills of students. Prof. Takooshian integrated the use of these skills thoroughly throughout the course, and it was clear that he was doing it because he believed it was important for students to develop these skills, and because the learning experience would be enhanced. This was just one of the many ways in which Prof. Takooshian communicated to his students that he cared about their learning, which made me want to excel in his course. His excellence in teaching, then, is the first trait that I was introduced to about Prof. Takooshian. After expressing my interest to pursue a Ph.D in psychology, Prof. Takooshian, asked if I'd be interested in presenting a paper at the 21st Annual Greater New York Conference on Behavioral Research. I was thrilled about the opportunity, although hesitant to accept it since my work responsibilities consumed a lot of my time. Prof. Takooshian, however, was immensely kind with his time and guided me in analyzing the data and writing up the findings I presented. This was my first presentation at an academic conference, which made me feel proud and capable of doing it again. I'm grateful to Prof. Takooshian for this wonderful experience, which I thought would be available to me far in the future.

As I've gotten to know Prof. Takooshian better, I see how he continues to mentor students and organize events that give students the opportunity to test the waters like I did at that conference. Prof. Takooshian is aggressive in putting university resources, professional venues, the city of New York, and the endless connections he has cultivated over the years at the service of students. He wants students to shine and achieve, and he makes himself fully available towards this end. Prof. Takooshian truly embodies Fordham's philosophy of cura personalis, or looking after the whole person, and is one of the most thoughtful and dedicated professors I have met. This award could not have found a more deserving and meritorious candidate. Congratulations Prof. Takooshian!

Viany Orozco, MA
President, Fordham-LC Psi Chi, 2010
Ph.D. Student
Janyce Osenbach, MA
Doctoral Student in Psychometrics
Psychology Department, Fordham University

I was blessed to meet Dr. Takooshian on a trip to Yale University for the Psi Chi 80th Anniversary event. During our entertaining two-hour road trip, where five of us were crammed into a Ram Van, I came to realize how much he is devoted to Fordham University and the students, as well as Psi Chi and the other organizations in which he is a member of. His optimism is infectious and he always looks at the bright side of any situation (a very rare and much welcomed trait during long road trips). Since then, he has presented me with many opportunities for growth, not only as a student but also as a future colleague. He has also been extremely encouraging and always strives to give the best advice; above and beyond any other professor that I have worked with. The fact that he is not one of my personal program advisors or teaching professors makes his support all the more impressive and amazing. During a project that I began with the Walsh Library and the Psychology Department, I ran across many publications and presentations that Dr. Takooshian completed in the last several years. It was at that time, while compiling all of these documents, that I began to understand how devoted he is to Fordham University. He has worked with several students in so many different areas of study (from psychology, to law, etc), and his devotion to his students really stood out. His impact on the lives of the people he touches is considerable, and all of us at Fordham are all lucky to have him.
You are a gem, a real one, in so many ways. All the years we have known each other you have shown care for me and for many, many others, always giving and helping someone for whom the need is real. I have never known you not to do that. What more in this life could be asked of a person than that? I remember staying at your house when I needed to, welcome mat always there. And I remember you opening your door to others in the same way. To me, behavior of that kind is a bottom line, it says what a person is really made of, the real stuff, not mere words or attitudes (and don't we people in social psychology know that attitudes and behavior are not always congruent!). Your personal giving, cordialness, and honesty stick out like a big (positive) thumb. I, and I am positive that I speak for a lot of other people, have been the recipient of and am grateful for that. I am deeply grateful for you.
I first met Professor Harold Takooshian in 2006. I had just begun work on an ambitious project - a nonfiction book about Kitty Genovese and the legacy of her notorious 1964 murder. Aware of Professor Takooshian's longstanding attention to the Kitty Genovese case and his compassionate dedication to the plight of crime victims, I sent him an e-mail requesting a meeting. I still recall his reply: "I am at your service." And he truly was. Not only did he meet with me and provide some material to aid in my research, he also pledged his continuing support.

The assistance and encouragement he offered me then and throughout the ensuing years went far beyond best-of-luck, keep-in-touch. Professor Takooshian genuinely cares. His sincerity and devotion shine through in everything he does. It was my great good fortune to meet him, and I feel blessed to call him my friend. My respect and admiration for Harold Takooshian are unbounded. What a wonderful world it would be if we were all a little more like him.

Catherine Pelonero
Author, Kitty Genovese: A True Account of a Public Murder and its Private Consequences
Wilfred Perera, MSW  
Fordham University, 1977

I immigrated to the US in 1977 from Sri Lanka and lived on W 3rd St in NYC and began to attend Fordham CLC in the Fall Semester of that year. In the subsequent four years, I must have taken almost every Psych Course that Professor Takooshian offered to undergraduates.

He was the very first teacher I ever knew who spoke to students with great respect and with a genuine desire for them to do well scholastically. The lesson plan that he put up on the board at the commencement of each class was all that one needed to study. The most salient points were there as well as a hint of what might appear in a test. The latter was emphasized by Professor when so questioned, with only a hint of a smile and his inimitable facial expression which said 'Hmm, it's possible.'

It was a pleasure to join in one of the student-research teams he put together. I still remember the first one I participated in was on Bystander Intervention, " in crime settings. Instructions given on Methodology, Validity of evidence gathered and its presentation with suggestions for future research were so very clear, that even after thirty-three years, I seem to remember some of the salient points that Professor Takooshian suggested.

He was also one of the most accessible teachers ever. It was an honor to have been a student of his. The great respect I've had for him remains undiminished to this day and in closing, I wish that he has stopped riding that motorcycle now. Many future generations of Fordhamites would benefit from that, Im sure.

Congratulations to Professor Takooshian on being awarded the richly deserved, Florence Denmark Award
Harold: Generosity without borders

Somewhat strange, I remember I first met Harold on the phone! I was volunteering for the International Psychology Division at the APA 2007 in San Francisco. Harold was on his way to SF, as usual, taking care of everything and everyone. Now, with great honor, I can say Harold is my mentor and my friend.

Over the years I have been amazed by Harold’s unlimited kindness, generosity, understanding and compassion. Harold is always positive and so selflessly giving and reaching out to everyone in need, be it scientific research, professional development, health, existence or whatever is important to someone.

When I talk about Harold to colleagues and friends in Serbia, I like to cite how a student (who has never actually been Harold’s student) explained his connection with Harold "A friend told me there was a professor at Fordham willing to help and support all students, so I approached Prof. Takooshian and he took me under his wing."

Not once, I heard people, speechless by Harold’s generosity, say "That’s Harold!" I have been citing other people for a reason - I have experienced it all and knowing Harold and being lucky to work with him and have him as my mentor made me a better person and enriched my life. And I believe it is the same with all the wonderful people around Harold.

Harold is many things... Sensitive psychologist, devoted and inspiring professor, curious and witty scientist, extraordinary urban psychologist and NYC rooftop expert, creative and relentless photographer and skillful selfie taker... Great son, father, and husband. Spiritus movens of the international psychology. Humble citizen of the world. An exceptional person, great friend and great mentor...

Simply, that’s Harold... And Harold only! Keep on being Harold for all of us who love you and admire you.

Ivana B. Petrovic, PhD
University of Belgrade
Serbia
I have known Dr. Harold Takooshian since the summer of 2004 when he recruited me for Division 52 in Hawaii. Since then, Harold has been a great mentor to me, as well a friend and a great inspiration. One of the great characteristics of Dr. Takooshian is that he is a great contributor. He has contributed with endless volunteering hours and dedication, tireless to improve the profession and bring people together. He is one of the greatest team builders I have ever known. I am going to name only few of his contributions from the age of 23 as a young faculty to the present time, and his long biography, his dedication to social psychology. He has taught in both the U.S. and in South America. He was named a U.S. Fulbright Scholar to the USSR in 1987-88, and to Russia (fall of 2013) at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow. Also, he serves as Council of Representatives member (2013-2015) representing Division 52 (International Psychology). Dr. Takooshian is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, and has served as a national officer or President of Psi Chi (1993-2000), President of APA Divisions of International Psychology (2003) and General Psychology (2007), chair of the New York group of SPSSI, and a representative of APA to the United Nations. In 2010 Psi Chi honored Dr. Takooshian with the Florence L. Denmark National Faculty Advisor Award.

One of the interests of Dr. Takooshian is cultural psychology and I coming here as an immigrant in 1968 from Greece, I appreciate that. Besides all the accolades and awards Dr. Takooshian is a great father to Lori and wonderful husband to Anne Takooshian, and a sincere and dedicated friend to all of us. Harold has great compassion and care for his fellow man, a unique sense of humility and humanity. I remember this past summer in Paris, although I was in charge to bring the goodies for the international Council of Psychologists party, Harold volunteered to help me. I really appreciate that. Dr. Takooshian showed his good heart and kindness. Also, in many other occasions Harold loves to bring those great cakes that bring the spirit of giving and festivity to all students and faculty and guests and connect people together to celebrate the profession and life.
Congratulations to Prof. Takooshian! At all times an advocate of educational advancement, Harold has always strengthened and encouraged continuing involvement in all areas of study. Like so many others, I reaped the many benefits of his scholarship and dedication to student enrichment. He always pressed for more and understood the potentials that lay within each of us. Continued good luck Harold! A well deserved recognition!

Miriam Prince
Fordham University, 1986
Psychotherapist
I owe you a great debt for getting me involved in Psi Chi at the regional and national levels that I can never come close to repaying. You also showed me so much about how to run a successful chapter that all our accomplishments are really your responsibility!

Thank you and best wishes for many more years of fabulous successes!
I was an undergraduate student in Psychology studying and working with Prof. Takooshian between 1992-96. I am currently in my 12th year as an Elementary School Counselor. My professional affiliations include membership in the American Counseling Association, the American School Counselor Association, and, the American Group Psychotherapy Association. I currently hold an MA, EdM. in Counseling Psychology and Education, a NYS Mental Health License and am an AGPA Certified Group Psychotherapist.

Prof. Takooshian introduced me to the field of Psychology when I took his Intro. to Psych. class, as he took me under his wing, utilizing my experience and discipline from my career as a professional ballet dancer transitioning to a new field.

I always viewed Psychology as the Performing Arts of the Mind in its vast realm of possibilities and creativity. Prof. Takooshian fostered that idea as he introduced me to a fellow post-graduate dance-career "transitioner" with whom I engaged in fruitful research work, as well as, involved me in various psychological organizations including Psi-Chi. Prof. Takooshian encouraged me to present at national psychology conferences at which he was presenting, as well as, engage in some of my own research involving dance and, at other times, my Russian cultural background.

I am indebted to Prof. Takooshian for his support, guidance and pedagogy, and to his holistic approach to my education. It is a pleasure for me to see him at Fordham Reunions when I am able to attend and to receive his e-mails describing the continuing work of Psi-Chi. I am truly proud and deeply happy that Prof. Takooshian, his dedication to the Psychology profession and, his work ethic are being recognized and honored.

Valerie Radetzky, MA, EdM
Fordham University, 1996
Grant Rich, PhD
Juneau, Alaska

Harold has been simply an amazing influence upon me since we first met about five years ago. His boundless energy and enthusiasm for psychology are positively contagious, and his dedication to the discipline and to his colleagues unparalleled. One of the characteristics that makes Harold so special is that his efforts extend not only to the highest echelons of national and international psychology, but he also has (I mean makes!) time for many devoted students, junior, and mid-career psychologists as well. As for time, I can't begin to imagine how he juggles his editorial duties, with his many publishing and leadership roles, and service to so many people and groups.

Harold is the consummate group builder and projects he begins are worthwhile and indeed often inspiring; so many involve building bridges internationally. It is absolutely essential to mention that he accomplishes this all with a sense of grace and care for others, and deep sense of humbleness that is without a trace of the arrogance that some of those who have risen as high as Harold sometimes show. I thank you Harold for all you have done for me personally and professionally, and for all you continue to do in the service of psychology and in the broader world beyond.
Ever since we first met in 1975 at Fordham Lincoln Center, Harold’s loyalty, friendship, and support have been unwavering. He has personally sent select students to work with me throughout all these years, and they have proved to be not only efficient workers but very enjoyable human beings. He has shared his multinational contacts with me so freely, which has enriched my personal as well as professional life. I know the high regard his students have for him; he has consistently offered quality scholarship while keeping a very warm human touch.

Throughout these years, his steadfastness stands out as the quality that impresses me most. He does not seem to be possessed of the same demons as I! I have never seen him as irritable or unfair in any way. And for all this, he remains a steadfast friend amidst this chaotic life full of pitfalls.

In deep admiration and respect,

Charles Edward Robins, PhD, STD
Dr. C.E. Robins & Associates
Under Dr. Takooshian, I was able to harness the energy of my fellow students to host a lecture series that was one of a kind. Supported by the Albert Schweitzer chair, African American Studies and Latin American and Latino Studies Institute, Sociology Department, the Jesuits and the Hispanic culture clubs we welcomed a sociologist, a psychologist, and a medical anthropologist to speak on culture bound syndromes. Nothing can erase the memory of a group of Fordham students and faculty rolling coconuts on the floor of the president's dining-room. As undergraduate level students we were able to pull off in terms of programming, what had not been attempted by the Graduate student associations or the Psychology Department itself; a catered culturally competed lecture series with speakers in varied disciplines. This could only have happened with a supportive, respected and connected faculty advisor who understands his role in promoting leadership among students.
I have just learned that Dr. Harold Takooshian has been selected as the 2010 Psi Chi outstanding U.S. faculty advisor! I cannot think of a more deserving individual to receive this honor and distinction. Besides years of service in support of Psi Chi, which included serving on Psi Chi’s Board of Directors, Dr. Takooshian has been a friend and staunch supporter of Psi Beta, Psi Chi’s sister organization. I first met Harold while he was on the Psi Chi Board and I was serving on Psi Beta’s National Council. I soon learned that Dr. Takooshian was a man of impeccable character and kindness who gave freely of his time to mentor both students and colleagues. I learned also that Ruth Hubbard Cousins, long time Executive Director of Psi Chi, and her daughter, Carol Tracy, co-founder of Psi Beta, had the greatest of respect for Harold and his endless support for both organizations. Since I became executive director of Psi Beta, Harold Takooshian has continued to be a positive force for this organization. When we meet at conferences, we often discuss various strategies for strengthening and expanding Psi Beta. Three years ago, for example, Harold inspired the creation of a DVD designed to promote and encourage more chapters; the Psi Beta organization has grown considerably because of that DVD project. Several months ago, Harold renewed my interest in helping to create a high school honor society. Such an organization is something that may soon provide a high school-to-college pipeline for many of the nation’s brightest psychology oriented students. Psi Chi, Psi Beta and Fordham University have been fortunate to have a man of Dr. Harold Takooshian’s passion, ability, and caring. I am honored to know that Harold is my friend. I congratulate you Harold. You are in inspiration to us all!

Jerry Rudmann, PhD
Executive Director - Psi Beta
Pascal Sauvayre, PhD
Fordham University, 1982
William Alanson White Institute - Faculty and Supervising Analyst

I first participated in Harold’s experiments on bystander intervention in the late 70s as part of his social psych class. As we staged various street crimes (one was stealing my own motorcycle), I remember just how terrified I was that we would be arrested on the spot with guns drawn at me, but as Harold’s video of the staging showed, it all happened repeatedly without a hint of interference in full view of police parked in their car about 200 ft. away. What struck me most and what was most inspiring to me about Harold was that behind his unassuming and low key manner, I could read a real defiant passion for his work, and for learning.

I found in Harold a true supporter and nurturer of my own similar passion as he encouraged me in several projects that included the journal of philosophy and social sciences, and the writing of my undergraduate thesis that I did as a tutorial with Harold. The work on my thesis has turned out to be pivotal and transformative for my career. It was on the issue of quantification in the social sciences and he guided me through, or into, what he referred to as a "freewheeling exploration." We had, and I believe we still have, very differing views on these subjects, but his guidance allowed me to engage in one of the most exciting intellectual projects I have ever undertaken and that I treasure to this day - this was truly learning for the sake of learning.

I have dug out the annotated copy of that thesis, and Harold commented that I approached my college education as an "opportunity which you seek to make the most of." He added, "I hope you keep this attitude through your doctoral and professional work as well." So Harold, now almost 30 years later, I believe that I have, and that is in large part thanks to you and what you have meant to me.
There are two kinds of people: Givers and Takers. Harold is the giver personified. When he visits my house he brings the pizza and will eat nothing that I offer. When I visit within 30 miles of his home, he appears, unannounced, offering, no, requiring, his services as chauffeur, errand-runner, and general factotum. His altruism is so complete, he remains opaque while I spill out my troubles. Causes are to him as possessions are to others. Whether human or animal, he has taken up the banner and is there for every march. I am indebted to him for his support of my humble efforts for the animals for over 3 decades and for his friendship.

Kenneth Shapiro, PhD
Animals & Society Institute
Thank you for all of your support through the years. You have unselfishly gone out of your way to help me with my professional growth and development. There are two very specific professional accomplishments that I would not have achieved without you: Rejoining and becoming a Fellow and active participant in the Eastern Psychological Association and joining and becoming a Fellow in APA Division One. There are also two professional development opportunities that I would not have had: Addressing students at Fordham University, and addressing 22nd Greater New York Conference on Behavioral Research.

I’ve also had the opportunity to use some of the photos and the video which you made at Fordham in subsequent presentations and promotional materials. Additionally, I use one of the photos you took of me as one of my professional photos!!! I still maintain contact with some of the students at my programs. On the more practical side, I’ve discovered lots of uses for 2 sided scotch tape!

All of this is, of course, in addition to the benefits I have received from attending your programs and our discussions.

I really appreciate your unconditional support and do look forward to continuing to work with you for many years to come.
I am pleased to write in honor of Dr. Harold Takooshian, who received the very well-deserved Florence Denmark Award for his outstanding leadership and guidance as a U.S. faculty advisor for Psi Chi. Over the last few years, I have had an opportunity of witnessing Dr. Takooshian’s fervor, creativity and deep and genuine interest in his Psi Chi and other Fordham students. He is constantly considering how he can encourage students to be involved more and to help both explore and actualize their potential abilities. He also exposes students to great psychological figures of their time and helps them appreciate the rich history of psychology and theory development.

I, myself, have benefited tremendously by both knowing and having an opportunity to work alongside Dr. Takooshian. I have had an opportunity to participate in a variety of projects with him, most recently the 22nd Annual Greater NY Behavioral Conference and helping with a New Encyclopedia on the History and Theories of Psychology. Dr. Takooshian is a stellar professor, advisor and leader in our psychological community. It gives me great pleasure to see him receive this honor. My best wishes to him in all of his current projects and all of his future endeavors.

Nava Silton, PhD
Marymount Manhattan College
I first met Harold through my husband Charles Skoller, who was the prosecutor in the Kitty Genovese case in 1964. We were attending a forum on the Kitty Genovese case at Fordham University, which Harold was hosting. I immediately felt relaxed and comfortable by the congeniality and warmth Harold projected towards my husband and myself. Charlie had a great deal of respect for Harold's knowledge and devotion in keeping the memory of Kitty Genovese alive for so long, and the connection Charlie felt for Harold was one of friendship and deep respect. When Charlie passed away in 2012, Harold graciously allowed me to speak on my husband’s behalf first at a forum in 2009 and then again at the last one in 2014. Although I am not completely comfortable with public speaking, with Harold’s easy-going guidance and gentle persona, he instilled the confidence I needed to stand up and relate my story to the audience.

After Charlie’s passing, the book "Twisted Confessions" which Charlie authored was released once again, as the original issue had fallen out of print. Harold was so gracious as to give the updated edition his endorsement. He also describes Charlie as a gifted writer with a passion for the truth. I wish Harold all the success and happiness on this birthday with many, many more to come.
That Takooshian Guy, who is following me into the MPA Presidency in the Spring. We have known each other since grad school at CUNY. Harold, I often say you are the Stan Laurel to my Oliver Hardy (Laurel & Hardy of Silent and Early talkie fame). Hardy would often exclaim "Another Fine Mess you’ve got me into, Stanley!" How often have you pulled me into interesting projects before I really knew what I was getting into? How often did we do interesting and important things together that You initiated without even telling me I was involved? You are the guy who pulled me back into college teaching in the 1990’s when you needed someone to cover your Social Psych Course; you got me involved with colleagues from Russia who have come to present their stuff in my classroom; you got me chairing a SKYPE session to a Russian conference on Milgram a couple of years ago; and you got me involved with ETS, grading High School AP exams, (an activity I’ve enjoyed immensely and where I’ve met many other interesting folks who have become my colleagues and friends).

This isn’t really a complaint Harold, I’m charmed that you have seen fit to include me in so many professional activities, presentations...conferences...meetings...and fun stuff. My all-time favorite was the "Museum of the City of New York Speakeasy Caper". You even got Lori involved and, I suspect that she still can't believe we did it. Closing the Speakeasy on their last day dressed as Keystone Cops...complete with clubs and cuffs for the director is a gig I won't ever forget.

I look forward to many more professional and fun activities in your company.

Henry Solomon, PhD
President, Manhattan Psychological Association
Alexey Sozinov, PhD
Researcher - Institute of Psychology
Russian Academy of Sciences

It's always hard for people to find sense. We sometimes doubt whether anything we do is worth it. And there are very special people in life - not many - who are free from this virus, and just seem to have their own mission.

Dear Harold, for me you're one of these exemplar engines, who dissolve the problems of sense and bring the fleshy feeling of living. Because when you are living, the sense is there, it's obvious.

I thank you for this gift.
Dr. Takooshian was an incredible inspiration for me. As my honors mentor, he did the two things most required. He encouraged me with positive support to step outside my comfort zone to present research, take courses at a graduate level, and take leadership in Psi Chi and the Psychology Association and FCLC. Dr. Takooshian also pushed me at those moments when I needed it most. If I was procrastinating on a paper he frankly reminded me it was time to get it done.

Dr. Takooshian provides the education and encouragement for generations of young people to excel in academics and he does this with kindness and a gentle smile. I cannot thank him enough and I am so glad when I hear about all the accomplishments he continues to have.

Philip J. Spencer, MD
Fordham University, 2005
Harvard Medical School, 2011
Massachusetts General Hospital
Harold has been a special source of joy for me at Fordham, as I am sure he has been for many, many others. He has made happen a wide variety of special sessions and programs at Fordham and beyond, arranged for outstanding speakers, shared his books and some of his work with me, connected me with many overseas visitors and local experts, arranged for my joining the editorial board of a new Russian journal, and introduced me to the wonderful world of NYC roof tops.... Not to mention taking and sharing ever so many pictures of our various roof top and classroom adventures. His warmth and over-the-top generosity in acknowledging and expressing appreciation of others sets an unmatchable standard of how to say ever so positive and caring things about one’s colleagues and friends.... Making me wish I could live up to that standard in my own life and work -- a standard I assume many other folks also wish they could approach.

Perhaps the highest of many high points that Harold made possible for me and many others was Phil Zimbardo’s session at Rose Hill a couple of years back - the best two hour presentation I think I have ever been in. That session built richly and appreciatively on the work of Stanley Milgram, Harold’s thesis advisor, mentor, and I am sure friend, and a classmate of Phil Zimbardo. Phil and Harold bring and share a rich appreciation of a man who, in his short life, made as indelible a mark on our knowledge and awareness of ourselves and others as almost anyone we can think of. Building on the work of Milgram, Harold, and Phil remind us of both the commonality of the possible dark side in each of us, and, simultaneously show - both in their words and deeds -- how we can move past those possible dark sides to access our inner angels. We are all so very fortunate to have Harold as a friend and colleague.

James A. F. Stoner, PhD

Fordham University, School of Business
I have known Harold for about ten years, and worked closely with him in the last six years. We first met in planning a presentation at the UN, when I was with Parsons Brinckerhoff. Having quite a few interests in common, we quickly established a close working relationship. He was instrumental in arranging for several additional presentations for me at the UN and at Fordham on issues such as sustainability, human settlements and engineering topics. When we started the Armenian Engineers and Scientists of America (AESA) mentoring program, he joined our committee and became one of our most active, key members. We held our yearly AESA Mentoring Forum successfully for four years in a row at Fordham, through Harold’s efforts.

Harold is always ready and available whenever his kind assistance might be helpful. Our common interests include everything Armenian, roof bars, Everek natives, and most importantly mentoring young professionals. He is a hard working, trustworthy, dependable true gentleman and a great friend. Congratulations Harold for a well deserved recognition.
You may be the most thoughtful, generous, innovative and energetic friend I have ever known. I remember how kind you were to my mother during the Psi Chi conventions. She also enjoyed your visits in between conventions and the time that you gave to her and Psi Chi. I shall never forget your encouragement to and recognition of Psi Beta students, advisors and National Council members. Your networking, advice and guidance make you a major contributor to Psi Beta's success. Thank you!

Ferb and I truly appreciate your longtime friendship!
Occasionally you meet someone who always sees the positive side of people, who builds them up rather than knocking them down. This sort of person is often overlooked in today’s world of glib answers and snappy come backs, often delivered at another's expense. These people are few and far between, but such a man is Harold Takooshian.

I've had the pleasure of working with Harold on three occasions over the past six years, giving lectures on anti-aging, social networking and social media to both his classes at Fordham and at the U.N. NGO Committee on Human Settlements. On all three occasions, he was a gracious host, who made me feel right at home. Those of us who are supposed social networking experts could learn a lot from Harold on how to treat people who come to our events, no ego, no pretense, just a warm, friendly greeting followed by all the support we need.

On numerous other occasions Harold has attended my events, often promoting them like a pro to those around him who he thought would benefit from the experience. Harold is a rare individual who thinks of others first, I'm proud to call him my friend.

Andy F. Troy, MS, CSCS, CPT
Fitness consultant, writer, filmmaker and social media expert
My research interest in the Armenian community gave me an opportunity to meet dear Prof. Takooshian. I met him in person during the Second International Congress on Armenian Studies, which took place in Yerevan-Armenia. Before the conference, we had contact only via e-mail. During that time, one of the things that impressed me about him, is that he is always accessible and he is always willing to give guidance, advice, and suggestions to improve scientific research. When I met him in person, I can say that I also admired his friendly personality.

It was a great pleasure for me to meet Prof. Takooshian.

Iren Yeresyan Utas, MSc

Ph. D. Student in Developmental Psychology - Bielefeld University
Germany
Amanda Vardi  
Fordham University, 2010

Dr. Takooshian has been a great mentor. In my sophomore year of my undergraduate career at Fordham I took Urban Psychology with Dr. Takooshian. Dr. Takooshian was the only Professor who during my 4 years at Fordham encouraged research outside of the classroom and gave students the opportunity to experience field work. This was quite unique, and it was this experience that led to the replication of Milgram’s 1970 Lost Child Experiment, which Dr. Takooshian oversaw. I presented this research with others in the Urban Psychology course at conferences at Fordham and Hunter College. My work was also published in MPS due to Dr. Takooshian’s guidance. Ever since that course, I started working closely with Dr. Takooshian and began doing more research and field work, which led to many other research presentations and another publication. I was also inducted into Psi Chi that year and began getting more involved with the Fordham University Chapter.

Ultimately, Dr. Takooshian became my advisor in my senior year as I took on working on an interdisciplinary honors thesis in Psychology and Economics. He coached me throughout it all and we worked closely over my last year at Fordham. It was an honor working with him. Dr. Takooshian is much more than a professor-he is a mentor, who guided me throughout my years at Fordham and who helped create many opportunities and open doors that I otherwise would have not known about. I applied for the Thelma Hunt Research Grant with Dr. Takooshian’s guidance, to complete a national field experiment on reducing students’ financial stress by providing financial literacy education in the form of credit card education. Upon receiving the grant, he brought together individuals from different fields and areas at Fordham and beyond in order to help produce a DVD that was sent out to the many different Psi Chi chapters. CNN, Newday, and the Daily News covered the story in February 2010. This work will also be published in Eye on Psi Chi.

Dr. Takooshian, I thank you for challenging me and for creating research opportunities that went far beyond the classroom experience. You have truly been a great mentor, and I thank you for all of your advice and guidance throughout my years at Fordham. I wish you the best always.
I am very grateful to know Harold, who I consider to be one of the most energetic, passionate, and caring individuals I know. He’s just a terrific person! In addition to being a productive scholar and an excellent educator, Harold is a dedicated mentor to so many students and colleagues both in the U.S. and abroad, with his exceptional energy, ability, and passion to help share his knowledge and experience with others.

I have known Harold since I was hired as an Assistant Professor at Pace University in 1994. We collaborate on a number of research projects, and in so many service-related activities in the American Psychological Association, and in local conferences in the New York City area. I consider him one of the most influential people that have helped propel my career as an academic, especially given my active involvement in service work within the field, including my involvement in APA, particularly in Division 52 (International Psychology) and in Division 1 (General Psychology), as well as in Psi Chi (The International Honors Society in Psychology). He has done the same with many students and colleagues. He has greatly helped many, including me, to take on leadership roles in these organizations.

Harold continues to serve as a mentor for international students AND faculty in the area of international psychology, by training, educating, and/or preparing students to be active participants in international psychology. He has also mentored early career psychologists who are now functioning as international psychologists. He has also worked outside of the U.S. and continues to serve as a mentor and collaborator on projects with colleagues abroad. Within APA, he has unselfishly mentored both students and colleagues to become more involved in international psychology through Divisions 1, 52, and through Psi Chi.

Harold is widely known in many academic and professional psychology circles, especially in New York where he has assisted many in terms of promoting career and student development. For example, he co-founded the annual Greater New York Conference on Behavioral Research, since its inception in 1989 where many students, as well as academic and professional psychologists have presented their scholarly work.

I remember that Harold has been recognized with the highly esteemed Florence L. Denmark Advisor of the Year Award from Psi Chi not just once, but twice! I also know that at Fordham University, he was also the award-winning faculty mentor for all three Psi Chi chapters, two psychology clubs, and four other student groups. He has personally inducted over 500 students at Fordham into Psi Chi since 1983, and published articles on how to mentor in the U.S. and abroad. I have heard many refer to Harold as “Mr. Psi Chi”, having served as the organization’s President who continues his active involvement in many of its activities. He certainly has been (and continues to be) the motivating force behind expanding and promoting Psi Chi globally to students in other nations.

I thank Harold for his unwavering dedication to and advocacy for international psychology. He has and continues to influence the careers of so many people in positive ways. Cheers to you Harold... a wonderful mentor and colleague!

Richard Velayo, PhD
Pace University
Dr. Takooshian is an excellent steward of a most precious resource - student’s futures. As an undergraduate I had the opportunity to take his I/O Psychology course; he made the material come alive. As a student doing research on a difficult topic, one many laughed at, Attitudes Toward Terrorism - I found in Dr. Takooshian a mentor, a scholar who never built himself up by tearing down others and a father figure within the discipline of psychology.

He not only supported the research, shepherded my efforts and sometimes carried a large share of the project. He used every chance during that project to make research and the process come alive. Igniting within me the passion for the field. Thank you.
I came to know Harold so long ago that it seems like peeling back layers and layers of time. When I became an interim Assistant Dean because Ully Hirsch was ill in the late 1980's, I found a great source of strength, and information, and dedication in Harold. He was one of the stalwart professors of the Excel program and a participating faculty member in the Life Experience program and a member of a strong Psychology department.

One of the amazing things that I discovered about Harold over the years is his tremendous generosity - whether it was helping Psychology majors to present their research at conferences, or mentoring an adult learner through the writing of a lengthy Life Experience portfolio, or collaborating on numerous tutorials and independent studies and internships, or serving on a wide array of university and college committees, almost ad nauseum, or whether it was organizing his church to pray for a student or a colleague in need, or tackling the challenge of piloting a new major in Organizational Leadership at Fordham.

A modest man, a gentle man, he has dedicated himself to learning, to growing and to helping others to achieve to their highest potential. I remember my own surprise, years ago, to discover that Harold was an avid motorcyclist - truly a Hell's Angel - before his accident. He showed so much grit in recovery and returning to the things he loved best - his family and his profession and his college.

All the best, Harold, on this most auspicious milestone birthday and I hope to share many more with you.
Professor Takooshian is an excellent and caring professional. I had the pleasure of working with him when I was the Associate Director of Career Services in the Lincoln Center Campus at Fordham University. We collaborated on many projects together such as the Careers in Psychology Symposium and Speaker Panels. Professor Takooshian always recommended students to speak to our department and we worked closely with each other to provide the best support and assistance for the students. All the students I worked with spoke very highly of Professor Takooshian. Congratulations Professor on receiving the Florence Denmark Award. I cannot think of any other Professor who deserves this recognition. You are truly a distinguished leader and mentor.

Marion Viray
Career Counselor at Baruch College
STARR Career Development Center
Paul C. Vitz, PhD

Professor of Psychology, Institute for the Psychological Sciences
Professor Emeritus, New York University

"Just thinking about him at Fordham, in the Psychology Department, being a good Christian has often made my day."
Only in 1990 did the Russian citizen (me) learn about Stanley Milgram's obedience experiments; it was the bolt from the blue.  
20 years later, this Russian (me) accidentally gets information about the 24 March 2010 New-York forum, dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the first obedience experiments of Stanley Milgram, sends an e-mail to the chairman of the forum - the best student of Stanley Milgram - You! - about my desire to take part in this event and immediately gets your response. This is how our acquaintance started.

And here are details of this unexpected and fantastic acquaintance, which are being warmly and gratefully kept in my heart and memory:

1. You insisted I occupy -absolutely free of charge- your guest room during the whole week of my trip to New York
2. You didn’t even tell me that the guest room is one of the rooms in your home
3. You prolonged my term of stay in this room right after my request from Russia
4. You introduced me to the other disciples of your great Master (Milgram), and introduced me to the most outstanding and interesting colleagues
5. You gave me a wonderful opportunity to get access to the materials in the big cardboard box "Milgram" (your priceless home source of archive materials of your cooperation with Your Master).

On Your Birthday, my dear friend and colleague, please accept my sincere and absolutely immeasurable gratitude for the 4.5 years of daily cooperation, which since March 2010 are so happily filling my life.

Alexander Voronov, PhD
State Academic University for the Humanities
Moscow, Russia
Harold is one of my dearest friends, and one of the finest psychologists I know. He cares passionately about the profession, and he is devoted to those APA divisions in which he has played leadership roles. I know him best through his service to the Division of International Psychology (D52) and the Division of General Psychology (D1), and I truly appreciate the selfless time and energy he has given to our Division and our Association.

Harold is also a consummate scholar, and he is one of my best reviewers for PsycCRITIQUES, APA's journal of book and film reviews. However, he is humble enough that he is more interested in promoting the careers of junior colleagues than in advancing his own career and reputation. Our profession -- and the world -- would be better if there were only more Harold Takooshians!

Thank you for everything, Dear Friend.

Danny Wedding, PhD, MPH
American University of Antigua
How wonderful to be able to write a few lines to honor Harold Takooshian on his birthday. Suzanne and I are so lucky to be able to call you a friend and to have shared so many important parts of our lives with each other. Great ups, downs and sideways. Professional and personal successes, public accolades and private moments of accomplishment, frustration with formal systems and blind bureaucracies, moments of satisfaction for overcoming frustrating formal systems and blind bureaucracies, and the amazing moments of realization that we may have contributed to the development of some special students and/or ideas who in turn may help others.

And beyond all this is the recognition of an amazing human being so smart, so giving, so accomplished, so loving, so humble and so adventurous. Whether making yogurt for a sick friend, riding his hog with the woman of his dreams to a rooftop bar rendezvous, packing his bags for a Fulbright scholarship adventure, taking endless photos at meetings until one worthy of sharing is created, or talking lovingly about his daughter Lori and other family members, Harold never ceases to amaze us with the amazing breadth and depth of his character and integrity.

It's said that in ancient when someone died the single most important question to ask was "Did they have passion?" In Harold’s case the way he lives his life is obvious..... with passion and so much more. How lucky we are to have Harold in our lives. How lucky we are to wish him a very happy birthday. And to wish that many many many decades from now he dies young. We love you Harold and we love you forever bride Anne, who brings to you all that is most important... unconditional love.
I am extremely heartened to see Prof. Takooshian receiving this distinctive honor from Psi Chi, the highest award that this organization awards to faculty advisors within the Psi Chi chapter family. Of course, Harold has been much more than a faculty advisor for the Psi Chi organization, having served in the past as its National President, its Eastern Region Vice-President, and a well-respected and frequently contacted advisor on matters of organizational import. As the only advisor to have received the Florence Denmark Award for Distinguished Faculty Advising twice, there are few others in Psi Chi whom I have seen receive as much well-deserved recognition.

Furthermore, as current Eastern Region Vice-President of Psi Chi for the past 4 years, I have had the opportunity to work with a wide range of chapters in the Eastern region with varying levels of activity and overt displays of commitment to professional matters in Psychology. The Fordham chapter has routinely distinguished itself with its range of activities that address not only such pressing student concerns as applying to graduate programs, but also -and significantly-those pressing issues for the field of Psychology, making the discussions accessible to students and all others in the community that Fordham's Psi Chi chapter has forged through the persistent and overwhelmingly effective efforts of Prof. Harold Takooshian. Both Psi Chi and Fordham University are richer places for these impressive efforts.
Harold Takooshian is a gentle warrior, whose actions help make the world a better place for so many people in many nations--in his truly heroic non-stop journey. May he continue to challenge injustice and promote peace and harmony as long as possible.

Phillip Zimbardo, PhD
Professor Emeritus, Stanford University
Dr. Harold Takooshian is the man who has "discovered America" for Peoples' Friendship University of Russia psychologists, and for the psychologists from many other Russian universities. People's Friendship University, justifying its name, is very international and friendly. We were lucky to meet (in 2010) a representative of American psychology, who had these same qualities. From the first meeting, we were impressed by his charm, energy, openness, courage in scientific experimentation and honesty in science and in the relationship.

Since then, Harold Takooshian has become an important part of our lives for many of us. We have organized many scientific events, together with Harold. And all of them, thanks to his involvement, were bright events in the life of the psychological community of PFUR and the partner universities. Among the others, the most significant event was the opening of People's Friendship University's Psi Chi chapter. It was Harold from whom we first learned of this society, and his commitment to the society has caught the attention of our students and faculties.

We are pleased that Dr. Takooshian continues to work closely with our university as a member of the editorial board of our scientific journal Bulletin of the PFUR. We hope that our scientific collaboration with Harold will continue in the future.

Dr. Takooshian's scientific research and his field experiments have become a benchmark and an inspiration for our students. Harold is a very harmonious person; his scientific career is inseparable from his life. For many of us, he became a model of humanity, the true love for his country and his historical roots, for his city, his family and his profession. Harold has a unique talent to bring people together. Thanks to him, we met a lot of like-minded people and friends from different parts of the world.

On his birthday we wish Harold a long and happy and fruitful life, love of his family and friends and respect from colleagues and students.

Irina Novikova, PhD, Alexey Novikov, PhD, Elena Chebotareva, PhD, Vladimir Chebotarev, Anastasia Chebotareva, Elena Belovol, PhD, Vladimir Belovol, Olga Maslova, PhD, Valeria Tarkhova, Olga Kudilnikova, Elina Kaminskaya, Asyat Murzakanova, Juliya Kezhuhkova

Peoples' Friendship University of Russia
Harold Takooshian

A psychological scientist-practitioner since 1979, educational consultant,
Professor of Psychology & Urban Studies at Fordham University,
and Director of the Fordham Program in Organizational Leadership.
International psychology activities appear in bold below.

EDUCATION

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
Director, FIRST (Fordham, Institute for Research, Service, Teaching, 1997-now).
Consulting faculty, Post-graduate program, Ignatius University at the United Nations.
U.S. Fulbright Scholar, to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, 1987-88, Lebanon (deferred), Russia (2013-14),
Visiting Professor, Masters Program in Education, University of Talca (Summer, 1983);
Director, various U.S. and global research projects funded by government, industry, or university (1974-now).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (& present/past offices): Amer. Psychological Assoc. (Fellow; APA rep to United Nations; Chair APA Membership Committee; Council rep; President of APA Divisions of General, International) / American Psychological Assoc. (Northeastern US rep) / Eastern Psychological Assoc. (Board of Directors 1996-99, 2003-2005) / International Council of Psychologists / Psi Chi Honor Society (national officer/President 1993-2000, International Ambassador) / Society for Armenian Studies / Society for Industrial-Organizational Psychology / Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (Fellow; Chair NY regional group; co-founder of Russian group) / Armenian Behavioral Science Assoc. (Executive officer) / N.Y.S. psychologist (license #0052).

Within APA and its Division of International Psychology: Petitioner and co-founder of the Division, Charter Fellow, Inaugural Division 52 program chair in 1996, Fellows chair, Associate Editor of the IP Bulletin, elected President and Representative to APA Council, chair of several committees, an APA Representative to the United Nations, organizer of New York international activities, since 2003 co-founder and sometimes-chair of the new International Task in the EPA program and lover of Division 52.


- 2011 APA Henry P. David International Mentor Award
- Distinguished Member of Psi Chi (elected in 2010), Psi Chi International Ambassador (2011-)
- 2010 Florence L. Denmark Award, from Psi Chi international honor society, #1 faculty advisor
- The 2005 Benjamin B. Wolman Award, for promoting international psychology.
- The 2001 SPSSI Distinguished Service Award, for advancing psychology applied to social issues.
- Honorary Life Member, Psi Beta, Psychology Honor Society for community & 2-year colleges (2001).
- The 1993 Ruth Hubbard Cousins Chapter Award, for outstanding U.S. Psi Chi chapter, at Fordham.
- The 1990 Kurt Lewin Award, from New York State Psychological Assoc., for social psychology.
- The 1988, Florence L. Denmark Award, from Psi Chi national honor society, #1 U.S. faculty advisor.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
Published 40+ empirical studies on diverse topics, applying scientific psychology to social issues. Areas include: industrial, law, urban, international, teaching, student excellence.
Supervised over 200 student research presentations and publications.
Editorial board of several behavioral science publications: books, journals, bulletins
This international teaching, research, and professional service are described in many non-USA publications such as:
www.nusrep.ru/article/2013/12/11/pshologiya-bolshogo-goroda
and videotapes such as: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggtq6FVAJjY