

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY  
THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ETHICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY

**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

PRESENTED TO

**ANGELA PEACOCK, M.S.W.**

Angela Peacock has distinguished herself through an illuminating multi-year journey from misinformed psychiatric patient to well-informed and humane consultant for people in emotional distress. Her journey started after enduring traumatic experiences while on deployment with the U.S. Army in Iraq and being diagnosed mentally disordered. This began a long and painful struggle with the effects of hospitalizations and more than 50 psychiatric drugs. Despite this, Angela persisted in her efforts to be free of the chemical and physical straitjacket of psychiatry and re-find herself outside this paternalistic and harmful system. Most notably, she told her story in the film *Medicating Normal* and was active in the producers' outreach efforts, organizing scores of community events so others could learn from her experiences. This included traveling the country in an RV to promote the film and its message. Angela's most recent project in her efforts to rehumanize the helping professions was to start a consulting service for people who have struggled as she did. She is one of the forerunners of a new kind of human helping that rejects the medicalization of emotional distress. Hers is truly an example of real and practical help to get people out of the clutches of a potentially harmful system. Angela's outstanding work is inspiring and warrants the receipt of ISEPP's Special Achievement Award.

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