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For the second time this year, Lawrence University psychologist Peter Glick has been recognized with Fellow status by a national psychological organization.

The American Psychological Association, the world's largest scientific and professional organization with nearly 150,000 members, has named Glick a Fellow for "outstanding contributions in the field of psychology." Glick joins a select body of psychologists to obtain APA Fellow status. Only three percent of the Washington, D.C.-based association's current membership have been recognized as Fellows.

Glick's APA honor comes on the heels of his election in June as a Fellow in the American Psychological Society (APS). He is the first psychologist in Lawrence history to hold Fellow status in both national organizations.

In announcing Glick's selection as a Fellow, APA membership committee chair Janet Matthews said Glick's "diligent work and commitment" have enhanced the field of psychology and "the public is better served."

"It is especially gratifying to receive recognition for my scientific contributions from the largest and most venerable national organization in psychology," Glick said of his latest honor. "Such recognition more typically goes to researchers at larger universities, where research productivity is emphasized over teaching. I'm particularly proud of having achieved some degree of prominence in psychology while maintaining my commitments as a teacher at a small, undergraduate liberal arts college."

A social psychologist who joined the Lawrence faculty in 1985, Glick's research interests focus on both the subtle and the overt ways in which prejudices and stereotypes foster social inequality. In research he co-authored, Glick introduced the concept of "ambivalent sexism," asserting that not just hostile, but subjectively benevolent views of women as pure but fragile, reinforce gender inequality. Such "benevolent sexism," Glick argues, rewards women for conforming to conventional gender roles and results in hostile attitudes toward women who fail to do so.

In collaboration with research associate Susan Fiske of Princeton University, Glick developed the Ambivalent Sexism Inventory, which has since been administered to more than 30,000 people in 30 countries. The research earned them the Gordon Allport Intergroup Relations Prize from the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues in 1995.

Glick serves on the editorial board of four professional journals, including the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology and Psychology of Women Quarterly and regularly delivers lectures at conferences and universities across the country as well as abroad.

He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology at Oberlin College and his Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of Minnesota.