

Martha C. Tompson, Ph.D.
Candidate for Division 53 Member at Large for Science and Practice

Biography

Martha C. Tompson, PhD, Associate Professor in the Clinical Psychology Program at Boston University, was awarded her PhD in 1992 from the University of California, Los Angeles after completing internship at the UCLA Medical Center. She has conducted NIH-funded research focused on the course and outcome of childhood psychopathology; the impact of family environmental risk factors on adults and children suffering from schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, anxiety and depression; development and testing of interventions to alter those risk factors and improve outcomes; and integration of mental health intervention into pediatric practice in community health centers in low income neighborhoods in Boston. She has served as sponsor/co-sponsor on training awards and reviewer on NIMH grant-review panels. She is a Fellow of SCCAP and ABCT (Child & Adolescent Depression Special Interest Group Chair, 2013-2014) and member of the *International Society for Research in Child and Adolescent Psychopathology* (ISRCAP). Her service to the field includes roles as JCCAP Editorial Board member (2015-present), *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology* Associate Editor (AE; 2013-2017), and current *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology* AE (2015-present). She is currently the representative from the Boston University Clinical Training Program to the ABPP Clinical Child and Pediatric Psychology Training Council.

Candidate Statement

I am proud of the role that SCCAP has taken as the voice of child and adolescent clinical psychology nationally. As Member-at-Large I would have a number of priorities. First, SCCAP has made enormous progress in expanding training opportunities and support for clinicians – growing the knowledge base of our members through enhanced training initiatives and communication and resources through our website, newsletters and directory. Continued expansion of these efforts is one major priority. Second, throughout my career my work has focused on families – enhancing their resilience as they manage mental health challenges in one or more family members. SCCAP has made strides in providing information on evidence-based treatment to families, and I am well-positioned to contribute to the development of more initiatives aimed at reaching and strengthening families. Third, changes in healthcare have increased the need to adapt, develop and disseminate treatments, apply treatments to diverse settings (e.g., Primary Medical Home, school mental health clinics) and through new mediums (e.g., online), and promote efforts to ensure that treatments are available to youth. I am committed to expanding the reach of psychology through dissemination and implementation of prevention and treatment strategies in a broad range of settings. Overall, I believe I have much to offer SCCAP as Member-at-Large, Science and Practice, I am honored to be considered for this important role, and I look forward to opportunities to collaborate closely with colleagues in this crucial work.