

Warren K. Bickel, Ph.D.



Dr. Warren Bickel joined the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute in 2011 and serves as Director of the Addiction Recovery Research Center. In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to research and scholarship achievements, Dr. Bickel was recently awarded the Virginia Tech Carilion Behavioral Health Research Endowed Professorship.

He received his Ph.D. in developmental and child psychology from the University of Kansas and completed post-doctoral training at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He has taught and led research programs at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the University of Vermont, and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Dr. Bickel's research examines the decision-making processes underlying dysfunctional behaviors such as addiction and other poor health behaviors. He is one of the first scientists to have applied behavioral economics to addictions and he received a MERIT Award from NIDA to study behavioral economics of tobacco use. Since then, he has studied temporal discounting as a measure of self-control in various forms of drug dependence and consequently developed the competing neurobehavioral decision systems theory. NIH has funded Dr. Bickel's work continuously since 1988.

Dr. Bickel is an accomplished scholar and researcher whose accolades include receipt of the 2011 APA International Don Hake Translational Research Distinguished Contributions to Basic Research Award; the 2012 Brady-Schuster Award for Outstanding Behavioral Science Research in Psychopharmacology and Substance Abuse, Division 28 of the American Psychological Association (APA); and being named a 2014 Fellow in the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research. Dr. Bickel was honored to be the recipient of the 2016 Nathan B. Eddy Award from the College on Problems of Drug Dependence.

He has served as President of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, President of APA Division 28, and President of APA Division 50. Dr. Bickel was Editor of the journal, *Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology*, has co-edited five books, and has published over 340 papers and chapters. Dr. Bickel's work is frequently cited and receives national and international recognition.