



## James Anthony '71

### Distinguished Achievement

James Anthony is an internationally renowned researcher and scientist in psychiatric epidemiology, specializing in mental and behavioral disorders. "Almost everyone in the fields of drug abuse and psychiatric epidemiology has at one time or another worked with him, or at least has benefited from his work, which has always been at the forefront of scientific rigor and innovation," writes one nominator.

Anthony's studies and research accomplishments, many of which have been recognized with awards and honors, appear in more than 350 peer-reviewed publications. His contributions to the field have been designated as "highly influential," ranking in the top one percent of highly cited papers in the areas of psychology/ psychiatry and general social sciences. His peers refer to his research in the field of psychiatry and substance abuse as "groundbreaking, both substantively and methodologically," and say "he is the leading researcher in the world on the issue of epidemiology of drug and alcohol dependence."

A National Institutes of Health Senior Scientist awardee, Anthony's research endeavors have been recognized through the ongoing support of the NIH since the early 1980s. He was founding director of two NIH-funded drug dependence epidemiology training programs, one for U.S. citizens and one for epidemiologists from overseas (now in its 13th year of funding), with a South American base in Lima, Peru.

He worked for many years at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health before he chose to move on to chair the department of epidemiology at Michigan State University from 2003 to 2008. He is currently director of the National Institute of Drug Abuse Dependence Epidemiology Training Program at the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State.

Beyond his pioneering research, Anthony's teaching and mentorship is noted as one of his great career achievements. "Where Jim even more exceptionally stands out is in his support of the next generation of scientists," notes a nominator. The majority of his career has included the teaching and mentoring of students, and more than a dozen of his trainees have become NIH principal investigators. Anthony has received the Mentorship Award from the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, the National Institute on Drug Abuse's International Programs Award of Excellence for Mentoring, the National Hispanic Science Network's National Award for Excellence in Mentorship, and numerous other awards honoring his commitment to developing scientific leaders.

Jim and his wife, Patricia Banks Anthony '72, live in East Lansing, Michigan, and are parents of two Carls, Rebecca '03 and Jaime Anthony '06.