

Gordon Bower's Remarks upon receiving the *Mentoring Award*  
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I thank the APS Awards Committee for this Mentoring Award. I also thank Bob Sternberg, my ex-student, who rounded up some of my former graduate students to write letters supporting my candidacy. I thank them all.

I've had a lucky life. I was lucky to have been inspired by charismatic teachers and mentors like Neal Miller and Bill Estes. I tried to carry on their tradition of treating one's students as research collaborators, as important colleagues. I was lucky to get a job at Stanford, an academic paradise. At Stanford, I've been lucky to work with some of the brightest graduate students of their generation, many of whom have gone on to distinguished careers. I especially enjoyed our weekly one-on-one brainstorming sessions where we'd try to think up some original experiment to do; or later when we'd analyze their data and I'd help them write a report for publication or prepare their talk for a convention.

I have always thought of my students as my jewels and my lasting legacies to our field. I am continually grateful for their presence in my life. Not only have I been blessed by having them as student collaborators, I've been doubly blessed by having their continuing friendship through the years. So, it is fitting that I share this meaningful award with my many students and post-docs who have collaborated with me over the past half century. I thank them all.