



PROFESSOR PETER ADLER WINS PRESTIGIOUS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On August 16, 2010, Professor Peter Adler, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Denver, along with his wife, Professor Patti Adler, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, was presented with the George Herbert Mead Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction in Atlanta, GA. This is the first time this honor has been presented jointly to a collaborating couple. This Society represents one of the three major branches of theoretical sociology, and traces its roots to the Chicago School in the 1920s. It is most often associated with the qualitative research traditions of field research and ethnography. The previous winners of the Mead Award are some of the pioneering scholars who brought the philosophy of pragmatism to the social sciences.

The Adlers have been co-authoring since 1972 and their career accomplishments include the co-writing and/or editing of over twenty books, more than 100 scholarly articles and chapters, and the reprinting of their work more than 100 times in readers and anthologies. They received their A.B. degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, their M.A.s from the University of Chicago, and their Ph.D.s from the University of California, San Diego. Paradise Laborers, published in 2004, was the recipient of the North Central Sociological Association's Scholarly Achievement Award. Their most recent book, The Tender Cut: The Social Transformation of Self-Injury, is forthcoming with NYU Press. From 1986-94, they served as Editors of the Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, and they were the Founding Editors of Sociological Studies of Child Development. Their work has been translated into Dutch, French, Italian, German, and Japanese. From 2006-2007, they served as Co-Presidents of the Midwest Sociological Society.

Dr. Adler was previously named the University Lecturer in 1997 and was the United Methodist Church Scholar/Teacher of the Year in 2005 at the University of Denver.