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Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) was honored to present **Dr. Jeremy Sugarman, MD, MPH, MA**, with the ***Distinguished Service Award (DSA)*** at the ***2008 Advancing Ethical Research Conference*** on Nov. 17 in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Sugarman was selected as the 2008 DSA recipient based on his valuable and unique contributions to the field of research ethics, and his distinction in promoting PRIM&R's purpose and ideals through writing, teaching, and research. In particular, he conducts both theoretical and empirical research in medical ethics. His work concentrates on informed consent, research ethics, and the ethical issues associated with emerging technologies. He is the author of more than 150 publications in peer-reviewed journals, and he is the co-editor of four books.

His contributions to both the field of research ethics and to PRIM&R have been profound and numerous: Dr. Sugarman has presented at PRIM&R conferences in roles ranging from keynote speaker to breakout facilitator. With his powerful and entertaining presentations, Dr. Sugarman's messages resonate strongly with conference attendees, as well as fellow speakers and educators. The PRIM&R conference sessions in which he presents consistently receive the highest attendance and outstanding evaluation ratings.

Dr. Sugarman is the Harvey M. Meyerhoff Professor of Bioethics and Medicine, Professor of Medicine, Professor of Health Policy and Management, and Deputy Director for Medicine of the Berman Institute of Bioethics at Johns Hopkins University. He is a contributing editor for *IRB* and is on the editorial boards of *Accountability in Research*, the *American Journal of Bioethics*, *Clinical Trials*, and *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*. He serves on the Scientific and Research Advisory Board for the Canadian Blood Service and is a member of the Maryland Stem Cell Research Commission. Among his other involvements, he is currently Chair for the Ethics Working Group of the HIV Prevention Trials Network, the Ethics Officer for the Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium, and Co-Chair of the Johns Hopkins' Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee.

In spite of these time demands, Dr. Sugarman remains approachable and generous in his commitment to serving the PRIM&R community.

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