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Distinguished Fellowship Committee
American Psychiatric Association
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Dear Fellowship Committee Members:

I unhesitatingly recommend Jerald Grobman M.D. to be recognized as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. I have been honored to call Dr. Grobman a professional colleague for nearing a decade, when I first began my association with SENG, first as a board member, and then in my current position. Dr. Grobman is a clinician of the first quality, dedicated foremost to the mental health and well being of his constituency of gifted, creative and inspiring patients. His longtime focus in this specific area of psychiatry is not only crucial, but also one that is typically overlooked and misunderstood. His contributions through conference presentations, writings, and clinical psychoanalytic work, have advanced the field.

For nearing 40 years, Dr. Grobman's psychiatric practice with gifted patients has added much to the literature on issues such as gifted underachievement, existential depression, anxiety, twice-exceptionality, and the uniquely complex needs of the highly and profoundly gifted. The generosity of Dr. Grobman in sharing his wisdom and experience is unbounded. He has presented his work at multiple conferences, regularly supervises psychology interns, and is a teaching instructor in psychotherapy. Available online is Dr. Grobman's free two-part videotaped session from SENG 2013 entitled *Learning Disabilities & The Gifted*, reveals his wealth of knowledge and expertise. His professional website is a veritable goldmine of information [<http://psychotherapyservicesforthegifted.com>] for the education of patients, families, educators, and healthcare providers. I often refer others to the articles and case reports contained within.

Dr. Grobman is a deeply dedicated professional providing a caring, commendable and consistent voice to a population that often feels invisible, in a world that doesn't always accept nor understand that gifted individuals suffer in very profound ways. Dr. Grobman's expertise, as well as his character, propels me to wholly recommend him without reservation to be recognized as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

Sincerely,

Marianne Kuzujanakis, M.D. M.P.H.
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