National Academy of Medicine Elects APS Fellow Deanna Barch

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APS Fellow and past Board Member Deanna Barch has been elected to the U.S National Academy of Medicine (NAM), considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine. Barch, who is chair and professor of psychological and brain sciences, as well as a professor of psychiatry and radiology, at Washington University in St. Louis, was selected for "helping identify neural and psychological mechanisms that give rise to the symptoms of psychosis and other forms of mental illness that contribute significantly to disability."

Established as the Institute of Medicine in 1970 by the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Medicine addresses critical issues in health, science, medicine, and related policy across sectors in the United States.

In her lab at Washington University in St. Louis, which she has led since the early 1990s, Barch heads a team of researchers who study how humans exert control over their thoughts and behavior, and how this control can break down. Barch served on the APS Board of Directors from 2016 to 2019 and has also had roles including chairing the APS Publications Committee from 2017 to 2019. Barch and 99 other newly elected members bring NAM's membership to more than 2,200. In recent years, NAM has also elected APS Fellows including Ted Abel (2019), Terrie Moffitt (2018), and Valerie F. Reyna (2015), among others.