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Gilligan Wins Heinz Award for the Human Condition

Foundation cites professor's work in human psychological development

WASHINGTON, DC—Dr. Carol Gilligan, Ph.D., of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, was named today as the recipient of a \$250,000 Heinz Award for the Human Condition for her pioneering research into the psychology of women, which established standards of practice, treatment and understanding of fundamental differences between the sexes.

Author of the landmark book *In a Different Voice: Psychological Theory and Women's Development*, Dr. Gilligan is credited with discovering the ways in which the moral development of females differs from that of males. In September, she was named the first holder of a chair in gender studies at Harvard's School of Education, a position that carries with it a research endowment of \$500,000.

Until Dr. Gilligan's work, psychologists from Freud to Piaget had assumed that the moral development of men and women was identical and used research into men's development to make recommendations for women. Dr. Gilligan's research challenged this approach and revolutionized the way the medical and psychological communities viewed women's moral development.

"Carol Gilligan dared to challenge the notion that men represent the paradigm for our understanding of the human condition," said Teresa Heinz, chairman of the Heinz Family Foundation. "By introducing women's voices, she transformed that paradigm and greatly enhanced our understanding of what it means to be human, for both women and men."

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By category, the other 1997 Heinz Award winners are:

Arts and Humanities: John Harbison. Composer of three string quartets, three symphonies, two operas and the Pulitzer Prize-winning cantata “Flight into Egypt,” John Harbison of Massachusetts Institute of Technology has enriched the world through his talent as a composer, his generosity as a teacher and his commitment to uplifting the human spirit through his art. The Metropolitan Opera has commissioned him to compose a third opera, “The Great Gatsby,” to premiere on New Year’s Day in the year 2000. Of Harbison’s abilities, Andre Previn has said, “He has managed an almost impossible task in the musical world of today. He has written music of the most personal profundity, wit and intellectualism without making it impenetrable to a concert audience. His music speaks to the heart and to the emotions...”

The Environment: Amory B. Lovins. A forceful advocate of alternative energies and critic of nuclear power, Lovins has alerted the world to the immense potential of energy efficiency and renewable energy resources. Chosen several years ago by *The Wall Street Journal* as one of the people most likely to change the face of world industry, he has done more than virtually any other individual in the world today to redefine the debate over energy policy. Working through his Rocky Mountain Institute, Lovins has challenged conventional wisdom by demonstrating the profitability and superiority of energy-efficient technology.

Public Policy: Ernesto Cortes, Jr. Southwest Regional Director of the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), Cortes has made government more responsive by increasing citizen participation in the political process at the community level. He has organized community groups that represent some 500,000 mostly poor families throughout the Southwest and trained a new generation of community leaders from within their own communities.

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Technology, the Economy and Employment: Ralph E. Gomory. Dr. Gomory has made significant contributions to scientific knowledge through his own discoveries and those of researchers under his direction. Trained as a mathematician, the former IBM Research Director, who is today President of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, has also been a persuasive advocate of the role of technological innovation in a dynamic economy.

Called one of America's "25 Most Influential People" by *Time*, Dr. Gilligan is the author of five books, the most recent of which is *Between Voice and Silence: Women and Girls, Race and Relationship*, published in 1996. A member of the Graduate School of Education faculty at Harvard, she has taught at Cambridge University in England.

The Heinz Awards, five individual prizes of \$250,000 each, were established by Teresa Heinz in 1991 in honor of her late husband, Senator John Heinz, to recognize outstanding leaders in areas in which he was most active. Among the largest individual achievement prizes in the world, they recognize significant and sustained contributions in the Arts and Humanities; the Environment; the Human Condition; Public Policy; and Technology, the Economy and Employment. Past winners include poet Rita Dove, environmentalists Paul and Anne Ehrlich and Intel Corp. President Andrew Grove.

The annual awards program is the primary activity of the Heinz Family Foundation, which began as a charitable trust established by Senator Heinz in 1984. The Heinz Family Foundation also directs a grantmaking program with an emphasis on the environment.

Heinz Awards nominations are submitted by a Council of Nominators, who serve anonymously and are reviewed by jurors appointed by the Foundation. Award recipients are selected by the Board of Directors of the Heinz Awards upon review of the jurors' recommendations. The award money is for the recipients' unrestricted use. Heinz Award winners will receive their awards at a private ceremony in Washington, DC.

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