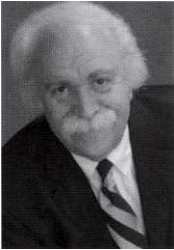


# Public Understanding of Sociology Award

This award is given annually to a person or persons who have made exemplary contributions to advance the public understanding of sociology, sociological research, and scholarship among the general public. The award may recognize a contribution in the preceding year or for a longer career of such contributions.

## Jack Levin | Northeastern University



This year's winner of the Public Understanding of Sociology Award is Jack Levin, the Brudnick Professor of Sociology and Criminology and co-director of the Center on Violence and Conflict at Northeastern University in Boston. Professor Levin's work on hate crimes, mass murder, serial killers, and prejudice has made him one of the most widely recognized and quoted sociologists in the public sector. He has

published over 100 op-ed columns in major newspapers, 30 books (many directed at the lay public and/or policy makers), and he appears frequently on national television programs. For over 25 years, Professor Levin has used the sociological perspective to contextualize sensational media stories, dispel myths, influence public policy and change how people think about violence and hate crimes.