

Bio sketch of Geetha Jayaram MBBS., M.B.A.

Dr. Geetha Jayaram is a Professor of Psychiatry in the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and Schools of Public Health and Nursing (all #1 this year in the country, Public Health being #1 in the world). She is on the faculty for The Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety. She is a **Distinguished Fellow** of the APA.

As a community psychiatrist, she has directed both inpatient & outpatient services, winning the Psychiatric Services **Gold Award** for her outpatient clinic. A successful solo private practitioner in the Baltimore area for 28 years, and as a clinician leader and administrator she was the Physician Advisor for her department for 21 years. In this role, she developed and directed a quality assurance program that is unique in psychiatry. As a pioneer in innovative community psychiatric services, she has paved the way for international efforts in patient safety and Global Community psychiatry. She established and chaired the Patient Safety Committee for the American Psychiatric Association (**APA**) for 17 years. Her contributions to the Maryland Psychiatric Society, the American Medical and Psychiatric Associations span over 3 decades of service and leadership. She has served on dozens of committees as Chair, as **Assembly representative**, and as an administrative leader. She is the **Past President of the Association of Women Psychiatrists, Past President of the American Association of Psychiatric Administrators, and the elected Chair of the Global Caucus**. She has served on the Councils for Quality of care and International Psychiatry. She was the only woman to chair the **Scientific Program committee** of the APA very successfully, hosting 21000 to 27000 attendees for the Annual meeting. She worked on that committee for 11 years.

Her scholarship includes over a 150 articles, abstracts, online teaching modules and book chapters. She has authored books on Women Psychiatrists and Patient Safety. She has received national and international awards for her leadership, teaching and clinical service, and has been named 'Best Doctor' for almost 20 years in her area. She is elected to the **American College of Psychiatrists** and most recently elected to the **Johns Hopkins Distinguished Teacher's Society**, an honor given to only 5 of 12000 attending physicians at Hopkins annually. She serves on Editorial boards and as peer reviewer for many leading journals. She had been the **Chair of the Editorial Board for Psychiatric News** for several years. She is the first woman and the first person of color to be promoted to Professor on the East Baltimore Campus at Hopkins, and the 4th physician in 35 years. She is a consultant to other countries.

As a community psychiatrist, the pinnacle of her achievements is a sustained trans- Atlantic effort to deliver direly needed integrated services to poor mentally ill in 212 villages in rural Southern India, to a population of over 2 million households. (www.ProjectMaanasi.org). She has been invited to Canada, Lithuania & Kenya to replicate her successful low cost model of Global psychiatry which she directs. Her work has been supported by at least 15 global grants from the Rotary Foundation and has extended volunteer services to over 4 million households. She has served for 18 years on the Disabled Persons Review Board for Howard and Prince George's Counties appointed by the Governor.

Her work is recognized by the **WHO**. She has won numerous awards for her service, teaching and publications. In June 2015, she was awarded the prestigious **Global Alumnus Service to Humanity Award by Rotary International at Sao Paulo, Brazil, being the only person in the world** to receive it for global mental health and humanitarian efforts; was recognized by the **World Bank** for International Women's Day in 2018 for her efforts in psychiatry across the globe. She was awarded the **APA Administrative Psychiatry Award and the Kun Po Soo Award** for her leadership/ Administrative work and promotion of Asian American Psychiatry as well as advocacy for their causes to name a few.