Presentation to Marcia Angell

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This year’s recipient of the Council of Science Editors Award for Meritorious Achievement is a graduate of Boston University’s School of Medicine, is trained in internal medicine and anatomic pathology, and is a board-certified pathologist.

Marcia Angell is a prolific writer whose work has been published in professional journals and the popular media on a wide array of subjects, particularly medical ethics, health policy, the nature of medical evidence, the interface of medicine and law, care at the end of life, and relations between industry and academic medicine. She wrote the critically acclaimed book Science on Trial: The Clash of Medical Evidence and the Law in the Breast Implant Case, published in 1996 by W W Norton. And she was a coauthor of the first three editions of the textbook Basic Pathology (first with Stanley Robbins and later with Vinay Kumar).

Our awardee is a member of the Association of American Physicians, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, and the Alpha Omega Alpha National Honor Medical Society and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She has served on committees of the Council of Biology Editors and was a member of the Board of Directors from 1992 to 1995.

In 1979, Dr. Angell joined the editorial staff of the New England Journal of Medicine; she became executive editor in 1988 and was editor-in-chief from 1999 to 2000. She is now senior lecturer in the Department of Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

In 1997, Time magazine named Marcia Angell one of the 25 most influential Americans, and we are pleased to bestow on her the 2003 Council of Science Editors Award for Meritorious Achievement.