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Nominations are requested for the Mindel C. Sheps Award in Mathematical Demography, to be presented for the third time in 1978 and every second year thereafter. The award has been established by the Mindel C. Sheps Memorial Fund and is sponsored by the Population Association of America and the University of North Carolina School of Public Health. It is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to mathematical demography or demographic methodology.

Individuals should be nominated for this award on the basis of important contributions to knowledge, either in the form of a single piece of work or a continuing record of high accomplishment. The award is intended to honor an individual whose future research achievements are likely to continue a past record of excellence rather than as a tribute to a demographer who is ending an active professional career. There are no specific requirements as to age, nationality, or place of residence; nor is the award restricted to members of the Population Association of America.

The award is named for Mindel C. Sheps who, at her death in January, 1973, was Professor of Biostatistics at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health and Second Vice-President of the Population Association of America. She enjoyed a distinguished career as physician, biostatistician, and demographer, applying mathematics and statistics to studies in these areas. She received great recognition for studies of the relationships between the biological determinants of fertility and observable demographic variables; this work focused on the development of mathematical and computer simulation models of human reproduction and population change and on analysis of measurement problems in actual populations. She served as adviser or consultant to many international projects. Her extensive publications include several books, *Public Health and Population Change*; *On the Measurement of Human Fertility*, an annotated translation of work by Louis Henry; and *Mathematical Models of Conception and Birth*.

The recipient of the Mindel C. Sheps Award will be selected by a committee appointed by the President of the Population Association of America and the Dean of the University of North Carolina School of Public Health. Presentation of the award, comprising a certificate and \$1000, will be made at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America. The recipient of the first award was Ansley J. Coale and the recipient of the second award was Nathan Keyfitz.

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