

DR. DONALD FIDLER



Fidler (right) lecturing residents at WVU

Dr. Donald Fidler brings over thirty years of experience as a psychiatrist, actor, educator, screenwriter, playwright and filmmaker to Symptom Media. Don built his reputation as the cutting edge leader in utilizing film to teach the behavioral sciences, combining his unique skill set to create accurate, realistic portrayals of psychiatric symptoms, phenomena and disorders. Don's expertise and background is the cornerstone of this unique collaboration between professional filmmakers and mental health professionals.

Dr. Donald Fidler has lectured and taught throughout the United States as well as in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, and Oman. Don served as President of the Association for Academic Psychiatry, Chair of the Video Committee for the American Psychiatric Association, and was awarded the Life Time Achievement Award for the Association for Academic Psychiatry.

As of 2012 Dr. Donald Fidler is an Adjunct Professor in the WVU Division of Theatre and recently retired from the Farnsworth Endowed Chair of Educational Psychiatry and Director of the Teaching Scholars Program at WVU. He graduated from the School of Medicine and completed his Psychiatry Residency both at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served on the Psychiatry Faculty at both the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and West Virginia University as well as serving as a psychiatrist in Australia and New Zealand. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. He teaches playwriting at MTPockets Theatre in Morgantown, West Virginia and consulted and appeared for educational programs with psychiatric content for PBS, HBO and FOX. He is the composer/author of over 50 produced educational videos, 12 major plays, and three musicals.

Since retiring from West Virginia University, Don splits his time between Symptom Media and pursuing his other passion, theater. Don is currently starring in the play "Boogieban," which he also wrote, about a military psychiatrist counseling a returning veteran suffering from nightmares that he mysteriously doesn't want to go away. Over



the course of the play, which unfolds across a series of psychiatric sessions, the audience learns just what those horrifying nightmares mean. The play is dedicated to several of Dr. Fidler's close friends, those that came home from war, those that didn't, and those that suffer from PTSD.

Travis Teffner (right) as Specialist Jason Wynsky and Dr. Fidler (left) as Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence Caplan in Dr. Fidler's new play "Boogieban".