

University of Maryland School of Medicine

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Professor Bankole A. Johnson, DSc, MD, MBChB, MPhil, FRCPsych, DFAPA, Dip- ABAM, Dip- ABDA, FACFEI

Professor Johnson serves as The Dr. Irving J. Taylor Professor and Chair in the Department of Psychiatry, Professor of Pharmacology and Anatomy & Neurobiology, and Director of the Brain Science Research Consortium Unit (BSRCU) at the University Maryland School of Medicine, effective October 15, 2013. In 2015, he was appointed to the Maryland Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force, and currently serves as the Director for the Clinical Neurobehavioral Center (CNC) in Columbia.

Prior to that appointment, he was the Alumni Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Neurobehavioral Sciences at the University of Virginia, beginning on September 1, 2004. He was a Professor in the Department of Neuroscience and a Professor in the Department of Medicine.

Professor Johnson graduated in Medicine from Glasgow University in 1982, and trained in Psychiatry at the Royal London, Maudsley, and Bethlem Royal Hospitals. Additional to his medical degree, he trained in research at the Institute of Psychiatry (University of London) and conducted studies in neuropsychopharmacology for his doctoral thesis (degree from Glasgow University) on the Medical Research Council unit at Oxford University. More recently, in 2004, Professor Johnson earned his Doctor of Science degree in Medicine from Glasgow University—the highest degree that can be granted in science by a British university.

His primary area of research expertise is the psychopharmacology of medications for treating addictions. Professor Johnson is a licensed physician and board-certified psychiatrist throughout Europe and in the U.S. He is the Principal Investigator on National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded research studies utilizing neuroimaging, neuropharmacology, and molecular genetics techniques. Professor Johnson's clinical expertise is in the fields of addiction, biological, and forensic psychiatry. Honors include service on numerous NIH review and other committees including special panels. Professor Johnson was the 2001 recipient of the Dan Anderson Research Award for his "distinguished contribution as a researcher who has advanced the scientific knowledge of addiction recovery". He received the Distinguished Senior Scholar of Distinction Award in 2002 from the National Medical Association. Professor Johnson also was an inductee of the Texas Hall of Fame in 2003 for contributions to science, mathematics, and technology, and in 2006 he received the American Psychiatric Association's (APA's) Distinguished Psychiatrist Lecturer Award.

In 2007, he was named as a Fellow in the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and in 2008 he was elected to the status of Distinguished Fellow of the APA. In 2009, he received the APA's Solomon Carter Fuller Award, honoring an individual who has pioneered in an area that has benefited significantly the quality of life for Black people. In 2010, he was named as a Fellow in the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology. He received the NIAAA's Jack Mendelson Award in 2013. Professor Johnson recently served for 2 years as Field Editor-in-Chief of *Frontiers in Psychiatry* and currently serves on the Editorial Boards of *The American Journal of Psychiatry* and *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, among others, in addition to reviewing for over 30 journals in pharmacology, neuroscience, and the addictions. He has authored more than 200 publications.