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Each year the *Linacre Quarterly* award is presented to an author who, in the judgment of the selection committee, has written the best article to appear in our quarterly during the previous year. Committee members include the editor and two of our contributing editors, Eugene F. Diamond, M.D. and John J. Brennan, M.D. It is a very difficult task to pick and choose because of the high quality, literary skill and subjects addressed. Hence it is a very subjective choice, arrived at by consensus of the committee.

This year, the committee has chosen Arthur James Dyck, Mary B. Saltonstall Professor of Population Ethics, Harvard School of Public Health and co-director of the Kennedy Inter-faculty Program in Medical Ethics at Harvard. Unfortunately, a sudden emergency prevented Dr. Dyck from being on hand to receive the award; he sent his deep regrets. Therefore, it will be given to Dr. Dyck *in absentia*. In addition to his academic appointments already mentioned, Arthur Dyck is a member of the Harvard Center for Population Studies and a member of the faculty of the Harvard Divinity School.

The *Linacre Quarterly* award is presented to Dr. Dyck for his article "Mental Retardation as a Label: A Problem in Justice" which appeared in the May, 1978 issue.

Dr. Dyck was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in April, 1932. He married Sylvia Williams in 1952 and has 15 year old twin daughters.

He received his B.A. from Tabor College in 1953, his master's degree in psychology from the University of Kansas in 1958 and his master's in philosophy from that university in 1959. He then went to Harvard for his Ph.D. in religious ethics and was awarded this degree in 1966. His thesis topic, for which he received an "excellent," is entitled, "A Gestalt Analysis of the Moral Data and Certain of Its Implications for Ethical Theory."

Professor Dyck is a member of the American Academy of Religion, American Association of University Professors, American Society of Christian Ethics and the Population Association of America.

His many academic distinctions include membership in Phi Beta Kappa; the Frank Knox Memorial Scholarship in 1960-61 at Harvard; the Henry Bromfield Rogers Memorial Fellowship during those same years at Harvard, and a rating of excellent on his Ph.D. thesis exam at Harvard.

A prolific writer, he has authored two books and 47 articles, four of which appeared in *Linacre*, plus many other prestigious medical, philosophical and religious articles on population ethics, mental retardation, euthanasia, experimentation on human subjects and additional medical-ethical topics.

It is with great pleasure that I present this award to Professor Arthur Dyck.

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