

## What is the Section on The Clinical Psychology of Ethnic Minorities?

Section VI, the Clinical Psychology of Ethnic Minorities, is one of the sections within Division 12 (Clinical Psychology) of the American Psychological Association (APA). It is comprised of persons who have an interest in the scientific and/or professional aspects of the diverse mental health issues of ethnic minorities. Section VI provides exciting opportunities for the exchange of ideas, clinical experiences, and research findings, and also for the forming of friendships and networks.

Examples of issues that the Section has addressed include:

- ethnic biases, diagnoses, and the treatment of ethnic minorities
- minorities as victims (racially related, substance abuse, etc.)
- mental health needs of underserved ethnic minorities
- cultural considerations in assessment and treatment of children and families

## What are the Activities of Section VI

- **The Clinical Psychology of Ethnic Minorities Newsletter.** The newsletter is published twice a year as a forum for communication among Section VI members, the sharing of ideas, and for providing information on Section activities and other meetings, conferences, and publications.
- **Task Forces.** Section VI commissions task forces to explore concerns related to the clinical psychology of ethnic minorities.
- **APA Convention Activities.** Section VI provides a forum for presentations on research, practice, and clinical training as part of the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association. Activities include symposia, conversation hours, and paper and poster sessions on a variety of topics related to the clinical psychology of ethnic minorities.
- **Activities for Students.** Section VI seeks graduate student membership and encourages graduate student participation in section activities, including an Annual Student Research Award Competition. Graduate students serve on the Executive Board of Section VI as student representatives.
- **Collaboration with the Division 12 Board and Sections.** Section VI works with the Division 12 Board and other Sections within Division 12 to address issues relevant to the clinical psychology of ethnic minorities.

## How do I become a Member or Affiliate of Section VI?

There are two categories of membership: Member and Affiliate. To be a Member, one shall be a Member or a Fellow of Division 12 of the American Psychological Association (APA). To be an Affiliate, one shall be either a) a Member or Fellow of the APA; or b) Enrolled in a graduate program and in a training sequence in clinical psychology; or c) a Member of a related discipline (but not of the APA) who possesses a demonstrable interest in the clinical psychology of ethnic minorities.

A membership application form is on the reverse side for your convenience. The membership fee is U.S. \$15.00 (U.S. \$5.00 for students).

**Please JOIN US!** We need your help with our efforts to continue to work to improve all aspects of ethnic minorities' mental and physical health.

For current members, please complete the membership application form with an updated address.

## Membership Application, Section VI: The Clinical Psychology of Ethnic Minorities

I wish to join/renew membership in Section VI, Division 12, APA. Enclosed are my dues of U.S. \$15.00 (U.S. \$5.00 for students)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Status for which I am applying:

\_\_\_\_\_ Student, Member, Division 12

\_\_\_\_\_ Member of APA, not of Division 12

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-APA member (Section Affiliate)

\_\_\_\_\_ Student, Member, Division 12

\_\_\_\_\_ Student, not Division 12

If student, indicate training program currently enrolled in: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: APA Section VI—Division 12

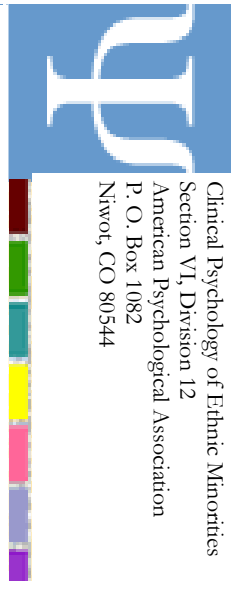
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