

**Eduardo Morales, PhD of CSPP-SF
Receives Prestigious 2006 Star Vega Distinguished Service Award
from the National Latino Psychological Association**

The National Latino Psychological Association conferred the 2006 Star Vega Distinguished Service Award to Professor Eduardo Morales, PhD interim Director of the PhD Clinical Program at CSPP-SF of Alliant international University at their biannual convention on October 14, 2006 in Milwaukee, WI. This award is given to psychologists whose contributions have advanced an agenda in the area of service that is congruent with NLPA's mission. His nomination was selected from among a highly impressive set of candidates and notes his outstanding contributions to psychology as a whole and to Latina/o psychology in particular says Esteban Cardemil, PhD, Chair of NLPA's Awards Committee. He has made significant contributions on local state and national levels that center around social justice issues and issues related to diversity and the Latino community.

Dr. Morales has received numerous awards for his contributions that include a Citation in 2005 for Outstanding Service and Visionary Leadership from the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues (Division 45) of the American Psychological Association (APA), the 2002 Distinguished Career Contributions to Service Award from Division 45 of the APA; the 1994 Outstanding Achievement Award given by the Committee of Lesbian and Gay Concerns of the APA; and the Distinguished Contribution Award (1991) in Ethnic Minority Issues, Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian and Gay Issues (Division 44) of the APA.

He was one of the founders and president of Division 45 of APA-Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues (2004–2006), and was member of various committees and boards of APA. He is a member of several Divisions and fellow of four APA Divisions.

He has consistently stepped up to the plate with challenges in the professional arena and in social justice issues regarding Latinos. Dr. Morales organized the first symposium on Latino gay and lesbian issues ever held in a professional conference at the second COSSMHO conference held in Houston Texas in 1978. He also blazed the trail around this issue at APA where he organized the first symposium on gay and lesbian people of color at the 1983 APA convention. At a controversial time in the early 1970's he raised the issues about psychological testing among Latinos and ethnic minorities as reflected in his professional presentations and dissertation.

Dr. Morales has been very active in developing programs in the community that address important health challenges. In 1984 he helped found and was the first director of the UCSF AIDS Health Program in SF, which had the first multicultural health team in San Francisco. He was one the founders and co-principal investigator of which is now known as the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS) and lead the first ethnic minority team of scientists in the U.S. to generate studies on prevention of HIV in communities of color, the Multicultural Inquiry and Research on AIDS (MIRA). He also

help develop substance abuse services for Latinos in S.F. in his role as an appointed member of the S.F. Citizens Alcoholism Advisory Board for seven years where he served as chair of the program committee. He also designed and launched a day treatment program in the Mission District of S.F. for Latino Adolescents. He helped found AGUILAS an HIV prevention program for Latino gay/bisexual men in S.F. where he continues to serve as its executive director of the HIV program since its inception in 1994.

Dr. Morales has an active professional career as professor of psychology at the California School of Professional Psychology-S.F. where he lead the effort in developing and establishing multicultural competencies for students and faculty and a multicultural training program. He is currently the Interim PhD Clinical Program Director at CSPP-SF. His areas of expertise include health prevention and promotion, HIV, substance abuse, community interventions, program evaluation research, and strategic planning and policy development in various types of communities and organizations.

Dr. Morales co-founded and was co-chair of the National Latino Coalition for Community Prevention, Treatment and Recovery of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). Currently, he is a member of the Hispanic Stakeholders Group of CSAT who just got funded to start a National Latino Substance Abuse Resource Center for the United States. He does consulting to various nonprofit organizations, who serve Latinos/as and other ethnic minorities throughout the United States assisting in developing their corporate infrastructure and setting up program interventions. His current research areas include interventions with drug-exposed infants and their mothers, HIV prevention interventions with Latino and African American gay/bisexual men, and interventions with high-risk ethnic minority juvenile offenders.

Dr Morales is very active in obtaining research and service grants related to Latinos. His resume reflects him being a principal investigator or co-investigator in research grants totaling 13,300,926, in program evaluation grant totaling 3,330,8098, and in service grants totaling 5,168,534, for a grand total of 21.8 million dollars in grants received targeted for Latinos and other ethnic minority groups.

Dr. Morales received his BS degree at Fordham College in NYC and his PhD in Counseling Psychology at Texas Tech University where he was a Ford Foundation Fellow and a Summer Fellow at the Educational Testing Service (ETS) at Princeton, N.J.