



The APA Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs  
*2009 Jeffrey S. Tanaka Memorial Dissertation Award in Psychology*

The APA Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (CEMA) continues to strive for increased research that will promote a better understanding of the complex issues facing communities of color (i.e., African Americans/Blacks, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders, American Indians/Alaskan Natives, Hispanics/Latino(a)s). To this end, CEMA sponsors an award for the **most outstanding dissertation in psychology which addresses concerns relevant to populations of color**. The *Jeffrey S. Tanaka Memorial Dissertation Award in Psychology* is so designated in the memory of an outstanding scholar and psychologist of color whose career stressed the critical importance and relevance of the role of culture and ethnicity in the scientific understanding of behavior. Dr. Tanaka was actively involved in APA, where he was a Fellow of the Division of Evaluation, Measurement, and Statistics, and Member of the Divisions of Personality and Social Psychology, and the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues. He was chair-elect of the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs at the time of his death on November 3, 1992. CEMA welcomes applications from ethnic minorities, as well as non-ethnic minority individuals who are APA members/student affiliates that have filed their dissertations in 2007 and 2008, on research involving one or more of the following areas:

- *Contribution which enhances the understanding of people of color*
- *Contribution to the enhancement of psychological service delivery systems to persons of color.*
- *Development of new concepts and/or theories relevant to populations of color.*
- *Development of new and creative methodological paradigms which promote more effective research on and for communities of color.*
- *Creative approach in methodology sensitive to the unique values, beliefs, and needs of communities of color.*

Selection will be made by a CEMA appointed Dissertation Award Selection Sub-committee utilizing a masked review process. **Evaluation of abstracts and dissertations submitted will be based on the following criteria: (a) Potential impact upon ethnic minority populations; (b) Completeness and clarity of abstract/dissertation; (c) Creativity of project; and (d) Effectiveness of research design.**

Semi-finalists will be chosen from an initial review of all abstracts submitted and requested to provide copies of their entire dissertation for the final selection process. The author of the dissertation determined to be the most outstanding shall win a \$500 cash prize, \$300 travel award, and will be invited to the APA annual convention. Non-APA member/student affiliate applicants will be required to be an APA member/student affiliate prior to commencement of the competition review process.

To apply, please send a total of five (5) copies of a 1000 word abstract [four (4) must be anonymous copies; only one copy should indicate author's name, current address, and daytime telephone number] to the APA, *Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242, (202) 336-6029*. In addition, please ensure that the title of the dissertation appears on all copies of abstracts submitted.

**SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**