

**The APA Board of Educational Affairs (BEA)
Award in Support of Conferences and Workshops
on Graduate and Postgraduate Education and Training in Psychology
Application**

1. Title and Date(s) of the Conference or Workshop:

The National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology (NCSPP) 2017 Midwinter Conference will be focused on “(Re)claiming our identity: Rediscovering our social relevance as NCSPP and psychologists.” The conference will be held January 17-20th, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach, California.

2. Name(s) of group organizing the Conference or Workshop:

The National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology (NCSPP)

**3. Name, email, phone number, and organization of a single contact person.
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Conference Goals and Objectives:

NCSPP is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. As we reflect back on our identity and the impact that higher education can have in our society, we are reminded that the original NCSPP leaders (Peterson, R.L., Peterson, D.R., Abrams, J.C., and Stricker, G., APA, 1997) proposed an educational model which emphasized the role of NCSPP in providing leadership in exploring and understanding the social nature of professional psychology and the social responsibilities of both programs and graduates.

Our conference will provide an opportunity for us to reflect on our core values, beliefs, challenges, and aspirational goals as a training council and re-ignite our dedication as health service psychologists to serve the diverse communities in which we live, teach, and practice. We are at a critical time in society in which we as health service psychologists may be best able, in partnership with one another and with those we are seeking to serve, to expand our development of socially relevant pathways for further inclusion into our communities.

Specifically, the conference objectives are to:

- Highlight current pedagogical interventions which illustrate the integration of theory and practice in a manner that reflects social accountability
- Share innovative ways of translating psychological services within our communities
- Identify current practices of change management that integrate the realities of our systems with the emerging needs of our communities
- Promote socially relevant and culturally competent program development

- Understand the privilege and responsibilities of our role as educators in partnership with the diverse communities in which we live, practice, and teach

We are having several panels of keynote speakers who will provide a historical overview of NCSPP's beginnings as a Council who is invested in educating students to be effective social change agents who are able to address the underlying societal/psychological issues and values which have led to individual suffering in our communities (Panelists include: Roger Peterson, Ph.D., James Dobbins, PhD, and LaPearl Winfrey, PhD). Our second day of keynote speakers will provide examples of how these leaders were able to be innovative in meeting the needs of all their constituents in the midst of internal and external challenges (Panelists include Gilbert Newman, PhD and Wendy Paszkiewicz, PsyD). Our third day's keynote speaker will be Isaac Prilleltensky, PhD, who will expand on his perspective that mattering, a key experience that one is important and that one's life has meaning, is critical to our training of the next generation of health service psychologists.

Leadership

The conference is being planned by Dr. Lavita Nadkarni, who is the President of NCSPP and Associate Dean/Professor at the University of Denver-Graduate School of Professional Psychology. Dr. Nadkarni has been a faculty member and administrator within higher education for over 15 years. As the Associate Dean at the University of Denver, Dr. Nadkarni is responsible (with the Dean) for higher-level administrative oversight of our APA Accredited Doctoral program, our APA accredited Exclusively Affiliated Internship, our Master's Degree Programs in Forensic Psychology, International Disaster Psychology, Sport and Performance Psychology, and Online Sport Coaching. Dr. Nadkarni has been the Chair of NCSPP's Education and Pedagogy Committee for over ten years, before serving on NCSPP's Executive Committee. Dr. Nadkarni serves as the liaison to CCTC, BEA and CUDCP. Dr. Nadkarni has been active in education and training on a national level, through her publications and presentations, and has contributed to the translation of psychology as Past Associate Editor and Editor of *Psychotherapy Bulletin*. Her conference committee members include individuals who have been active in education and training within NCSPP, locally, and nationally.

The 2017 Conference Planning Committee Members are:

- Megan O'Banion, PsyD (Conference Planning Committee Chair), Director of Clinical Training and Associate Professor, American School of Professional Psychology, Argosy University, San Francisco Bay Area
- Cheryll Rothery, PsyD, ABPP, Chair and Director of Clinical Training, Chestnut Hill College
- Torrey Wilson, PhD, Associate Professor, Illinois School of Professional Psychology, Argosy, Chicago.

Participants

The conference attendees will include administrators and faculty from NCSPP member programs, 8 students selected from NCSPP member programs, a student representative from the APAGS Board, and liaisons from other training councils. We will be accepting proposals for

poster presentations from members of NCSPP programs, including faculty and administrators. All participants will be key stakeholders in driving the conference theme forward and in realizing the goals of the conference in their home programs.

Impact

The intent of this conference is to allow key program personnel and experts to share recommendations and best practices in the education and training of psychology graduate students which reflect their roles and responsibilities as socially responsible and relevant practitioners and scholars in the communities in which they live and work. We anticipate that attendees will be given the opportunity to reflect upon and share positive and innovative aspects of their program with others. Attendees will also gain insights, advice, and new ideas to help them make or advocate for improvements in their programs, especially at this critical juncture in our society. It is estimated that the conference will have 180-200 attendees representing about 60 different doctoral programs in clinical psychology across the country. Each attendee will receive a flash drive containing electronic versions of presentations, suggested readings, and other information from NCSPP member programs, as well as our keynote speakers/other presenters that they can take back to their programs and share with their faculty and staff.

Budget:

The conference is funded by the registration fees paid by attendees as well as by conference sponsors. We have made a concerted effort to obtain sponsorship for this conference from various stakeholders. The budget for the conference is as follows:

Anticipated total revenue for the conference: \$66,000 (registration fee x participants)

Conference Expenses

Hotel, space, food, and beverage	60,000
Keynote speaker (fee, travel and lodging)	2,500
Attendee packets, including flashdrives	2,000
Poster session supplies	500
Staff expense	800
CE expense	400
Shipping	400
Anticipated conference expenses	66,600

A block grant award of \$2,000 would be used to offset the expenses incurred by hosting our conference keynote and other speakers, and allow us to allocate funds generated by registration fees to provide small honoraria to these presenters. Funds may also be used to help offset the cost of document production and/or flashdrives.