

APA Education and Training Awards Committee 2024 Annual Report

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The Education and Training Awards Committee, which reports to the APA Board of Educational Affairs (BEA), selects two awards annually:

1. Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training in Psychology (can be given as a career award)
2. Distinguished Contributions of Applications of Psychology to Education and Training

The Committee works to recognize individuals who have made a positive influence on the education and training of students, such as the engagement in important research in education and training, the development of effective materials for instruction, the establishment of workshops, conferences, or networks of communication for education and training; the achievement and leadership in administration that facilitates education and training; and the activities in professional organizations that promote excellence. The Committee advances APA's strategic goal of standing as an authoritative voice for psychology by recognizing and rewarding excellent work done by psychologists in the education and training community.

Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training in Psychology Award

In 2024, the Education and Training Awards Committee reviewed the nominations for the upcoming 2025 APA Distinguished Career Contributions to Education and Training in Psychology Award and selected Dr. Y Barry Chung. The APA Board of Educational Affairs and Board of Directors approved the selection.

Dr. Chung was selected for his significant contributions to scholarship, training and mentorship in the field of counseling psychology. The breadth and depth of his involvements span a national and global scale and include, but are not limited to, his research and advocacy on racial/ethnic, sexual orientation, gender identity, and international population issues in psychology education and training. His leadership in APA (as former Division President of the Society of Counseling Psychology) and school administration (as Dean of the College of Education at San Diego State University) further demonstrates his commitment to mentoring a diverse workforce of mental health scholars and practitioners in both psychology and counseling on the master's and doctoral level. Dr. Chung will receive the award at the 2025 APA Awards Ceremony, which will be held in late 2025.

Distinguished Contributions of Applications of Psychology to Education and Training

In 2024, the Education and Training Awards Committee reviewed the nominations for the upcoming 2025 Distinguished Contributions of Applications of Psychology and selected Dr. Clarissa Thompson. The APA Board of Educational Affairs and Board of Directors approved the selection.

Dr. Clarissa Thompson was selected for her esteemed contributions to the field of cognitive, developmental, and educational psychology education and practice. Dr. Thompson's research and scholarship has been funded through grants from well-renowned federal organizations such as the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the US DOE Institute of Education Sciences (IES) to study mathematics education, adult-based decision making, and data interpretation, with distinct focus also on minoritized racial/ethnic students in the classroom. Dr. Thompson also possesses leadership roles

in the scientific community as current Associate Editor of the *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*. Dr. Thompson will receive the award at the 2025 APA Awards Ceremony, which will be held in late 2025.