WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

This November we witnessed the re-election of the United States’ first African American President. Several news accounts report that it was the nations’ people of color that helped to catapult President Barrack Obama to victory; helping to secure 332 Electoral College votes. This is just one in a long list of indications that the demography of the United States is rapidly changing. The US Census estimates that by 2050, people of color will comprise more than 50% of the nation’s population, necessitating a paradigm shift in our field in order to appropriately address the mental health needs of our increasingly diverse society. For instance, recruiting and training psychologists of color is not just an affirmative action issue, but it is now a crucial requirement in order to ensure that psychology’s workforce adequately reflects America’s increasing diversity. It is psychologists of color that often act as leaders in service to communities of color and champions in moving the extant literature concerning multicultural psychology forward.

Our special section on The Five Pillars of Ethnic Minority Psychology: Strengthening Psychology’s Vision and Purpose to meet the Demands of an Evolving Discipline focuses on the five national psychological associations that were specifically organized to address the needs of psychologists of color in the profession and communities of color in our society. These organizations are helping to usher in a shift in the profession by serving as incubators for some of the greatest minds in psychology in general and multicultural psychology in particular. In this section, each organization provides a synopsis of their history, mission and vision along with their current priorities and major initiatives.

Following our special section, we provide a brief update on OEMA’s recent activities, which includes the current progress of our new initiative, the Ethnicity and Health in America Series, designed to raise public awareness concerning the varied health concerns of America’s people of color. A full description of this initiative is included. The update also includes other relevant calls and announcement emanating from the Public Interest Directorate.

Our goal for this issue was to highlight the ways in which organized psychology is working to address the needs of our diverse society. We hope that you have found this thematic issue informative. As always, I want to thank the staff of OEMA for their continued effort to produce the work of our office. I also want to extend a very heartfelt thank you to the presidents of each of the ethnic minority psychological associations for their contributions and endless support.

Tiffany G. Townsend, PhD.
Senior Director of OEMA
The Five Pillars of Ethnic Minority Psychology: Strengthening Psychology’s Vision and Purpose to meet the Demands of an Evolving Discipline

The Asian American Psychological Association
Richard Lee, PhD
President, AAPA

The Asian American Psychological Association (AAPA) was founded in December 1972 by a group of Asian American psychologists and other mental health professionals in the San Francisco Bay Area. With the leadership of Derald Wing Sue, PhD (AAPA’s first President) and Stanley Sue, PhD the first core group was formed and included educators, social workers, master’s level psychologists and other mental health professionals. The group was vitally interested in Asian American psychology and mental health issues, in the training and education of Asian American mental health professionals, and in collaborating and networking with their peers. Since its inception, the Association advocated on behalf of Asian Americans as well as advancing Asian American psychology. In the 1980's, for example, the AAPA pressed the U.S. Bureau of the Census to include Asian American subgroups in its census data, and fought against the English-only language movement in California.

Throughout its history, AAPA has published journals and newsletters focused on the education and training of Asian American psychologists, Asian-American psychological topics, and methods of improving mental health services for Asian Americans. The Association leads and guides other professional organizations on Asian American psychology and is in the forefront of the multicultural psychology movement.

Today, the association has over 600 members, who are psychologists, psychology students, master’s-level practitioners and others interested in Asian-American research and practice. The organization has a dual mission: to advocate for Asian-Americans’ mental health and to “create a space” for those committed to Asian-American issues, says Alvin N. Alvarez, PhD, AAPA’s delegate to APA’s Council of Representatives.

In recognition of the community’s diversity, AAPA now has several divisions that address the special interests, which includes The Division on Women, Division of Students, Division on South Asian-Americans and Division on Filipino-Americans. One highlight of AAPA’s activities is its annual convention, typically held the day before APA’s own. Focused on Asian-American mental health, the event features more than two dozen breakout sessions, poster presentations and a banquet. The association launched an Asian American Journal of Psychology, published by APA, in 2009.
Society of Indian Psychologists: Honoring the Ancestors, Strengthening the Future
Jacque Gray, PhD
President, SIP

Just four decades ago in a meeting in Oklahoma City, two American Indians who were involved with the American Psychological Association met to talk about how American Indian psychologists could come together for support, discussion of treatment and scholarship, and to better serve the Native American people. Those two people had each started this journey on their own, but came together for the beginning of the Network of Indian Psychologists or NIP. Carolyn Attneave, PhD, a Delaware and Cherokee psychologist, thought that a Network of Indian Psychologists could better serve American Indians’ need for culturally competent psychological services and Joseph Trimble, a Lakota psychology student at Oklahoma City University, began an American Indian Interest Group in cooperation with the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI), Division 9 of APA. Later the name was changed to Society of Indian Psychologists (SIP) since the acronym NIP reinforced the stereotype of the drunken Indian. Under the guidance of Dr. Attneave, SIP grew from a handful of psychologists and students to nearly one hundred fifty at the time of the 25th Annual Conference of American Indian Psychologists and Psychology Graduate Students in Logan, Utah this past June.

During the conference we were reminded of those who have gone before, and that the current generation may not have ever heard about including the three American Indian graduate students who worked with Muzafer and Carolyn Sherif during the Robbers Cave experiments on social norms. Very few knew that there was an American Indian theorist, Carolyn Attneave, who developed Networking Theory as it related to families in the 1970s. It was also unknown by many that Logan Wright, PhD, president of APA from 1986-1987, was American Indian from the Osage Nation. How much of our history of psychology has omitted these indigenous pioneers from the knowledge of our next generation.

The Society of Indian Psychologists initially met during the APA annual convention; however, the cost of attending prevented many of our number, who were providing services in Indian Country, from attending. In 1987, Damian Vraniak, PhD brought together the first meeting of American Indian Psychologists and Graduate Students at Utah State University in Logan, Utah with about 30 participants. Over the past 25 years, the conference has grown to be the home of indigenous psychologists and graduate students who may be working in isolation on reservations, in academic institutions, or as students in programs. This conference continued to grow and develop through the nurturing guidance of Carolyn Barcus, EdD adding the retreat before the conference as a time of coming together and rejuvenation. It has become known as the SIP Conference and is the annual gathering of indigenous people in psychology. Many have participated along this road.

Indigenous peoples of the United States make up less than two percent of the population, but over half of the diversity in this country. At this time the APA membership has an opportunity to benefit from the rich culture of our indigenous populations. By passing the bylaws amendment change to include a seat for each of the four ethnic minority psychological associations as part of the APA Council of Representatives, the leadership would be enriched by the diversity and wisdom that has been offered by our indigenous families for centuries. This diversity will make us stronger, wiser, and richer in our understanding and work to benefit psychology as a discipline.
The Association of Black Psychologists
Cheryl N. Grills, PhD
President, ABPsi

The Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) sees its mission and destiny as the liberation of the African Mind, empowerment of the African Character, and enlivenment and illumination of the African Spirit. ABPsi, as the first national ethnic psychological association, led the field of psychology in the area of cultural competence – social justice, cultural psychology, racial/ethnic identity, and multicultural competencies. ABPsi publishes a quarterly newsletter (Psych Discourse) and a peer-reviewed journal (Journal of Black Psychology). The Association is organized to operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including but not limited to promoting and advancing the profession of African Psychology, influencing and affecting social change; and developing programs to assist in solving problems of Black communities and other ethnic groups.

Black psychologists have redefined the approach to the provision of mental health services to people of African ancestry and have developed an authentic African-centered/Black Psychology that is consistent with and predictable from African and African American cultural wisdom traditions. ABPsi has created an intellectual discipline with a paradigm and episteme, and a body of theories about behavior that is grounded in those traditions of African peoples. More recently, ABPsi has begun the process of certifying practitioners in African-centered psychology through a licensing, certification, and proficiency program.

By working in partnership with our members internationally, The ABPsi is poised to extend its support to service providers and consumers alike in addressing the challenges facing our community-at-large, e.g., developing effective culturally based; group mentoring programs for youth; a framework for a self-help model of community healing; culturally grounded solutions for mental and behavioral issues; advocating against the “War on Drugs”; addressing incarceration and re-entry challenges for African Americans; and speaking out against the death penalty. ABPsi is also actively collaborating with psychologists of African ancestry throughout the world, and developing policy statements and critical alliances with elected officials, national organizations, government agencies, community-based organizations, academic groups, and other interested parties.

Current ABPsi Initiatives

The ABPsi is committed to vision, mission, service, and action. In support of our commitment important initiatives, signature programs and critical alliances have been established. A few of these are highlighted below.

The Pen or Pencil Program

ABPsi plays a central role in the national Pen or Pencil mentoring partnership and demonstration grant with The National CARES Movement and The National Alliance of Faith and Justice. We are in 14 cities across the nation delivering culturally based community and school group mentoring that includes a research evaluation component.
Emotional Emancipation Circles

ABPsi and the Community Healing Network (CHN) are working together to establish a global network of Emotional Emancipation (EE) Circles—self-help groups focused on emotional emancipation, healing, and wellness for Black people. In partnership with CHN, ABPsi developed the framework and model for implementation of “Emotional Emancipation Circles” (EECs). EECs are designed to help people of African ancestry in the US, and throughout the diaspora, Defy the Lie of the Myth of Black Inferiority.

War on the “War on Drugs”

The Institute of the Black World 21st Century (IBW) has launched a national Drug Policy Reform Initiative to end the war on drugs and the derivative policing and criminal justice policies and practices that have disproportionately and adversely impacted Black Communities. Along with other national Black organizations, ABPsi has joined IBW’s national campaign to create a safe, humane and just system to address the issues of drug use and addiction in our society.

Culturally Grounded Mental/Behavioral Health Solutions

ABPsi collaborated with the African American Health Institute (AAHI) to develop a blueprint for providing culturally grounded solutions for mental and behavioral issues in the African American population, created by people in our community. The report Results were shared from the historic initiative commissioned by the California Department of Mental Health and funded by the Mental Health Services Act, Prop 63.

African Centered Reentry (ACRE) program

ABPsi continues its commitment to the California Institution for Women to test a culturally tailored approach to re-entry to redress recidivism for AA women, and has trained over 500 women in one component of the ACRE model (Choice Theory training).

International Collaborations

ABPsi, as an organization, presented at the Caribbean Psychology Conference did an invited focal session at the International Conference of Psychology held in South Africa on the subject of African Centered Psychology and the Association’s history, mission, and trajectory of work. ABPsi also sent a delegation to Cuba to explore African cultural retentions, and continued its relationship with the Psychology Department at the University of Ghana.

The Journal of Black Psychology

The Association’s signature journal continues to be a well-respected, highly referenced resource to the scholarly and practitioner community, with current circulation and readership total average of 8,185; a 5 Year 2011 Impact Factor of 1.47; and an extensive institutional geographic reach, including 16% from the US, 21% from Africa, 27% from Europe, 14% from South America, and 13% from Asia/Southeast and Southwest Asia.
It is a distinct pleasure and honor to write about the National Latina/o Psychological Association (NLPA), formerly the National Hispanic Psychological Association. Since its reestablishment in 2002, NLPA’s mission has been to create and sustain a supportive professional community that advances psychological education and training, science, practice, and organizational change to enhance the health, mental health, and well-being of Hispanic/Latina/o populations in the United States. Recently, our mission was revised by the NLPA Leadership Council and adopted by NLPA’s membership to ensure it captured the supportive and personable nature of NLPA. This salient aspect of the mission resonates for so many of us, who are involved with NLPA. While the support we receive from NLPA is ever-present, it was clearly evident in our 5th Biennial Conference that recently took place in New Brunswick, NJ, where hundreds of students, researchers, and practitioners met to celebrate the unity and diversity that exists in the Latina/o community.

In 2005 I had the pleasure and honor of serving NLPA as its second secretary and I am currently serving as NLPA’s fifth president. My presidential efforts have primarily involved sowing seeds of sustainability. The past presidents, Patricia Arredondo, EdD; Azara Santiago-Rivera; PhD, Jose Cervantes, PhD; and Edward Delgado-Romero, PhD, have all made tremendous contributions to the association and I wanted to develop an infrastructure that captured all their efforts and subsequent efforts, as I am confident our incoming President, Lynda Field, PhD and future Presidents will contribute substantially to NLPA. To this end, we have strengthened and clarified our relationship with our association management vendor; revised our bylaws; overhauled our antiquated web platform and replaced it with a state-of-the-art infrastructure; and are engaging in formal strategic planning efforts, under the guidance of Sandra L. Shulman, PhD, Managing Partner of the Executive Development Group. The main focus of this process will be on creating mechanisms of sustainability and communication as well as focusing on membership recruitment, engagement, and retention.

As part of a recent strategic planning activity, we surveyed our members and asked them in what ways NLPA has been most helpful. Members repeatedly noted that NLPA provided opportunities for networking, collaboration, and connection; allowed members to explore mutual interests and secure support; as well as offered helpful information and resources. NLPA offers its members many valuable services, including a very active listserv, a biannual newsletter, Special Interest Groups, and the Journal of Latina/o Psychology. While we are orgulloso (proud) of our many accomplishments, resources, and strengths, we recognize that there are areas that require further attention. Therefore, the association should see major growth in the next five years, as it works toward implementing its newly amended bylaws, which include new advocacy roles in teaching, practice, policy, and research. Moreover, further association developments will be informed by our current strategic planning efforts. As our members advance in their careers, we would like to ensure they continue to receive the support they received as students and early career psychologists.
Personally, NLPA has served as my professional family and holds a special place in my heart and mind, as it has created and maintained a lively and supportive environment for my personal growth and professional endeavors. I can only hope that other psychologists enjoy similar experiences in their professional associations. To learn more about NLPA, I invite you to visit us at: https://nlpa.memberclicks.net. Should you have any questions about NLPA, please feel free to email me at fuentesm@mail.montclair.edu. ¡Saludos!

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**APA Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues (Division 45)**

Justin (Doug) McDonald, PhD  
President, Division 45

Hau Oyate! (“Hello Family/Tribe”)

Despite the flurry of activity and many accomplishments it’s hard to believe the APA convention is over and Winter is just around the corner (well, for those of us in the North Country anyway!). And what a year it’s been for our Division! Our membership is stable, our journal is profitable and enjoys a high impact and rejection rate, and our finances are very solid.

One of my presidential initiatives has resulted – among other things - in the creation of a new committee – the Governance Committee – which is tasked with recruiting members interested in governance at all levels within APA, divisions, states, regions, etc. This committee is also responsible for coordinating these efforts with APA staff, Boards and Committees, the APA Council of Representatives, and state and regional governance entities. My initiative established a goal of increasing representation of People of Color in APA governance by 15% by 2015 and 30% by 2020. Dr. Asuncion Miteria Austria has agreed to serve as our inaugural Governance Committee Chairperson.

As the lead division, we are also busy preparing for the National Multicultural Conference and Summit (NMCS) in Houston, Texas, January 17-18, 2013. The current NMCS planning coordinators, led by Debra Kawahara, PhD, are doing an excellent job and we eagerly anticipate a stimulating and enjoyable gathering. Casey McDougall, PhD has thankfully agreed to return as Division 45’s APA convention Program Chairperson for the 2013. We are also working with Iva GreyWolf, PhD, 2012 CEMA chairperson, in calling for another APA membership vote on the bylaws amendment that if passed would allow for seats on the APA Council of Representatives (COR) for representatives of the four national ethnic minority psychological associations. Many thanks to our COR representatives, Jessica Henderson Daniel, PhD and William D. Parham, PhD.

In terms of works-in-progress we are pursuing several initiatives, including potential investment of some of our funds, and continuing the discussions surrounding the Division’s name and what implications that might have in terms of whether or not to consider a change, and if so, to what? Joseph Trimble, PhD is taking the lead on this initiative in his role as Chairperson of the Past-Presidents Committee. Please feel free to submit comments/suggestion to either him, Joseph.Trimble@WWU.EDU or myself justin.mcdonald@email.und.edu. We are also very interested in recruiting volunteers to take the lead in...
planning the third biennial Division 45 Research Conference which Dr. Robert Sellers so wonderfully ran previously at the University of Michigan. Anyone interested please contact either Luis Vazquez, PhD lvazquez@nmsu.edu or me.

As this will be my last report as Division 45 President, allow me to close by saying once again what an honor it’s been serving this family I love and respect so much. We got a lot done. But the credit really goes to the EC that you elected; they’ve been incredible to work with. We like to call ourselves “family” in Division 45 and that’s never been clearer in working with my EC brothers and sisters. We say goodbye to Jean Lau Chin, EdD as Past-President, Priscilla Dass-Brailsford, EdD as Secretary, Jeffrey Ring, PhD and Melanie M. Domenech Rodriguez, PhD, as Diversity and Latina, Members-at-Large, respectively. This Executive Committee has served the Division with distinction and honor so, please hug or shake their hands when you get a chance. I believe our Oyate is stronger and more viable than ever, and your next presidents, Luis A. Vazquez, PhD (2013), and William E. Cross Jr., PhD (2014) will only increase our fortunes. Have a wonderful fall and holidays. Work hard, hug your loved ones, honor your elders and ancestors and we’ll see many of you in Houston!

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OEMA UPDATES

Ethnicity and Health in America Series

Overview

The Ethnicity and Health in America Series is designed to raise public awareness concerning the varied health concerns of America’s people of color, while highlighting the impact of psychology and psychological factors on those health concerns. During four of the national heritage months dedicated to ethnic minority Americans (i.e., Black History Month in February, Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May, National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month in September, and National American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month in November); OEMA focuses on a chronic health condition particularly relevant to the ethnic group honored during that month. A website is dedicated to providing information for each health concern (http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/resources/ethnicity-health/index.aspx) and educational forums/workshops are sponsored in the community to educate the public regarding the significance of psychology to health. Please see previous issue of the Communiqué for descriptions of activities honoring Black History Month in February and National Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May.
In recognition of National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15, 2012), OEMA partnered with the Washington DC Office of Latino Affairs, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, and The National Latina/o Psychological Association to raise awareness concerning mental health and treatment considerations among Latino populations with special attention given to Hispanic-Latino women. On September 28, 2012, OEMA in collaboration with Azara Santiago-Rivera, PhD, and the Chicago School of Professional Psychology presented renowned scholar and psychologist, Patricia Arredondo, EdD who discussed issues concerning contemporary Latino immigrant families. The talk, which was very well attended was held from 3-5 pm at the main campus of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Washington DC Campus and included a special introduction of Dr. Arredondo by APA Past President, Melba J. T. Vasquez, PhD and additional remarks by APA CEO, Norman B. Anderson, PhD and OEMA Senior Director, Tiffany G. Townsend, PhD.

In addition on Wednesday, October 10, 2012, from 10:30 am 12:30 pm OEMA, in partnership with the Washington DC Office on Latino Affairs sponsored a workshop on depression awareness for Latino women led by Giselle Hass, PsyD, which was held at the Office of Latino Affairs, 2000 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 2009.

National American Indian /Alaska Native Heritage Month will be the focus of the next Ethnicity and Health in America Series events. Please check the website for specifics on the topic and the upcoming events. It should be noted that the Ethnicity and Health in America Series is an opportunity to for members to work with OEMA to provide content and information. This may be a great opportunity for students or early career scholars to get some experience writing on-line articles and to gain name exposure. If you are interested in working on the Ethnicity and Health in American Series with OEMA, please contact the office at oema@apa.org.
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are sponsored in the community to educate the public regarding the significance of psychology to health.
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Public Interest Directorate Government Relations Office Update
Stefanie Reeves, MA, CAE

Advocacy for the Minority Fellowship Program

Over the course of 2012, PI-GRO coordinated an advocacy campaign in support of the Minority
Fellowship Program (MFP) that included: federal advocacy trainings and Capitol Hill visits for members
of the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs
and participants in the MFP Psychology Summer Institute; the participation of APA member Sherry
Davis Molock, PhD, at a congressional briefing on the MFP entitled Addressing the Behavioral Health
Needs of Minority Populations; and advocacy by members of the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs
(CEMA), for which PI-GRO staff provided training for CEMA members to meet with staff in their
congressional district offices in support of the MFP.

PI-GRO, OEMA Present at Division 45 Biennial Conference

In May 2012, PI-GRO presented with the Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs (OEMA) and a member of
CEMA on APA’s Programmatic and Public Policy Efforts to Advance Ethnic Minority Issues at the 2nd
Biennial Division 45 Conference in Ann Arbor, MI. The presentation centered around the collaboration
between OEMA and PI-GRO in advocating for ethnic minority issues within psychology and on Capitol
Hill respectively.

APA Hosts Congressional Briefing on Immigration

PI-GRO coordinated a May 2012 congressional briefing and Capitol Hill visits to share the findings of
the report of APA’s Presidential Task Force on Immigration, in which Melba J. T. Vasquez, PhD,
ABPP, Carola Suárez-Orozco, PhD, Dina Birman, PhD, and Usha Tummala-Narra, PhD,
participated.

Friends of Indian Health Coalition Meet with Congressional Staff

In April 2012, PI-GRO, as a member of the Friends of Indian Health Coalition, participated in bipartisan
meetings with key staff from the offices of six members of the Senate and House Appropriations
Committees to advocate for additional Indian Health Service funds to better serve the needs of AI/AN
populations.
APA member provides expertise at Congressional Black Caucus event on veterans’ issues

APA secured the participation of Josef Ruzek, PhD, for a September 21 Veterans Braintrust event at the 2012 Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s Annual Legislative Conference. Dr. Ruzek shared his knowledge and experience as director for the Dissemination and Training Division of the Department of Veterans Affairs National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. He was joined for the discussion, called "Mental Health & the Workplace: Social Messaging, Interventions and Help Seeking Behavior," by Billy E. Jones, MD, MS, senior advisor to the assistant secretary for policy and planning, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Donna H. Barnes, PhD, co-founder of the National Organization for People of Color Against Suicide.

Get Involved!

There are a number of ways to get involved with advocacy through APA’s Public interest Government Relations Office including:

- Sharing research and clinical expertise with policymakers
- Attending an advocacy workshop and advocacy day
- Participating in state/district visits with policymakers
- Testifying or presenting at congressional hearings or briefings
- Applying for a fellowship or internship in Washington, DC

APA hosts the Public Policy Advocacy Network, PPAN which allows APA members to take action on the important legislative issues of the day. We encourage you to learn more about PPAN and sign up to receive our alerts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APA’s BSSV Program Presents at the US Conference on AIDS

The American Psychological Association’s (APA) Behavioral and Social Science Volunteer Program (BSSV) Program staff participated in the 16th Annual US Conference on AIDS in Las Vegas, NV held on September 30 through October 3, 2012. The BSSV Program was featured in two presentations. The first was on its HIV Integrated Care curriculum: Integration of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and HIV: Connections with High Impact Prevention. The second presentation was given by a BSSV (Kimberly A. Parker, PhD, MPH) who is currently leading the BSSV Program’s evaluation capacity building assistance for the

Pictured right: BSSV Program Director – Edna Davis-Brown and Olivia Marr (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) at the BSSV program USCA booth.
Texas Black Women’s Initiative: Addressing the Impact of HIV among Black Women in Texas through Capacity-Building, Community Mobilization, and Strategic partnerships. The conference, attended by over 3000 people, gave the BSSV Program an opportunity to share information on how to access free capacity building assistance services for community based organizations that are implementing HIV Prevention programs. For more information about the BSSV Program, visit us on-line at www.apa.org/bssv. You may also contact us at (202) 336-6164.

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**Integration of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and HIV Prevention and Care Training**

Mental health issues and substance use delays HIV testing and negatively affects HIV treatment adherence and treatment outcomes. It is less well known that HIV infection can also increase the risk for mental health conditions and substance use, thus making it even more difficult to engage and retain in care those most needing services. **APA’s Behavioral and Social Science Volunteer Program is offering HIV Integrated Care Trainings aimed at increasing** participants’ proficiency in developing sustainable partnerships with their HIV clients with co-occurring disorders in order to: (1) more effectively link them to needed services; (2) assist them in engaging in and staying in care; (3) effectively motivate adherence to all of their treatment regimens; and (4) assist program administrators in developing more user-friendly service systems that minimize stigma.

Those invited to participate include Program Managers, Case Managers, Clinicians, Mental Health Providers, and other key CBO staff. A minimum of 18 attendees is required and must participate for the full training which is designed for either two or three full days. Trainings are scheduled to be held in Dallas, Texas on December 4-6, 2012 and in Philadelphia on January 15-17, 2013. Trainings in Chicago, Miami and Boston are also being planned in Spring 2013.

For more information contact, **Danielle N. Pope**, BSSV Program Coordinator, (202) 218-3993, dpope@apa.org
Long-time Special Populations NIDA leader Lula A Beatty, PhD Retires

Nora D. Volkow, MD
Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

It is with mixed emotion that I inform you that Lula A Beatty, PhD has retired from NIDA. Dr. Beatty has been a singular presence at NIDA and her inspiration and leadership will be missed. At the same time, we know that Dr. Beatty will continue working to improve the health of those affected by drug abuse, to reduce health disparities between majority and minority populations and to enhance the training needs of the special populations that she so ably represented. Therefore, we celebrate Lula’s contributions to NIDA and NIH and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

Dr. Beatty served as Director of NIDA’s Special Populations Office from 1993 to September 30th, 2012. During that time she conceptualized, developed and implemented a science-based strategic plan for NIDA’s special populations research programs; developed the Institute’s Health Disparities initiative; enhanced NIDA’s relationships with national organizations; administered the Office’s Diversity Programs including the Diversity Supplement Program, the Diversity Institutions Drug Abuse Research Program (DIDARP), the Summer Research program; and initiated and Chaired a host of racial/ethnic minority workgroups including The African American Research and Scholars, American Indian/Alaska Native Workgroup, Asian American/Pacific Islander Workgroup, the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, the Consortium on Minority Concerns and the Health Disparities Committee.

In February 2002 while on an assignment with the NIH National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Dr. Beatty developed a five-year strategic plan for the Office. The plan is comprehensive and forward looking. It recognizes the complexity of drug addiction, its uniqueness as a brain disease, its impact on minority communities and it offers a way forward that is both realistic and strategic. Under Lula’s leadership, the office has supported the research efforts of many minority scientists through its research supplement program, has encouraged high school and undergraduate students to pursue scientific careers through its summer research program, and has increased the visibility of health disparities as well as the needs of special populations through a colloquium series that features invited scientists from the extramural community.

Prior to directing the Special Populations Office, Dr. Beatty served as a Psychologist/Health Scientist Administrator in NIDA’s Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research. Before joining NIH, Dr. Beatty was the Director of Research at the Institute for Urban Affairs and Research, Howard University. Most recently, she was on special assignment to the American Psychological Association where she served as Senior Advisor on Health Disparities.

In expressing our gratitude, we recognize that NIDA has benefitted enormously by Dr. Beatty’s dedication to the NIDA mission. Moreover, thanks to Dr. Beatty’s efforts, NIDA’s reach has been extended to those populations in challenging circumstances that might otherwise have been overlooked.

Please join me in thanking Dr. Beatty for her many contributions and wishing her a wonderful next phase of her career.
Success! Former OEMA Intern – Dr. Akhenaten Benjamin Siankam Tankwanchi

OEMA extends its heartfelt congratulations to Akhenaten Benjamin Siankam Tankwanchi, PhD on the successful completion and defense of his PhD dissertation: *Doctors Beyond Borders: Data Trends And Medical Migration Dynamics From Sub-Saharan Africa To The United States*; October 25, 2012 Community Research and Action Psychology, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University, Tennessee.

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Kudos

**Dr. Nancy Boyd-Franklin recipient of the prestigious 2012 Beckman Award**

Twenty-two distinguished professors from universities around the United States will each receive a $25,000 one-time cash award from the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award Trust for inspiring their former students to make a significant contribution to society. The awards ceremony will take place at The Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

The Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award Trust was founded in 2008 under the will of Gail McKnight Beckman in honor of her mother Dr. Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman. Dr. Beckman was an educator, a renowned author and a pioneer in the field of psychology. She was one of the first female psychology professors at Columbia University and later taught at the University of Pennsylvania.

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The 2013 Public Interest Directorate Awards

Recipients have been selected and awards will be presented during the APA annual convention in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest (Early Career): Thema Bryant-Davis, PhD**

Dr. Bryant-Davis has conducted socially-relevant research and published countless articles and book chapters on the overarching topic of trauma recovery, and on global issues of HIV/AIDS and human trafficking. As president and past-president of the Society for the Psychology of Women (SPW), she undertook a bold initiative; production of a video on human trafficking that illustrates the connection between trafficking and slavery, the persuasiveness of the problem internationally and within the U.S., and best practices for working with trafficking survivors.

**Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest (Senior Career): Derald Wing Sue, PhD**

Dr. Sue began his five-decade career as one of the first psychologists to explicitly identify the harmfulness of culturally-incompetent practice. His call to the field to address racial-cultural bias was
revolutionary for its time, and subsequently, Dr. Sue chair a 1981 Division 17 committee charged with the development of multicultural counseling competencies. Under his leadership, the committee submitted a final report that was eventually adopted as the APA’s Multicultural Guidelines (APA, 2002). This watershed document helped pave the way for psychologists’ subsequent examination of all forms of identity and intersectionality throughout research, theory, and practice.

Distinguished Contributions to Research in Public Policy:

**Michelle Fine, PhD**
Dr. Fine has made substantial contributions to psychology that supports the solution of intransigent social problems. Professor Fine has made significant and long-term contributions to our understanding of educational inequalities, the impact of prison experiences, and violence against women. From this research, she has authored countless articles and books. Her research in these three areas has included a strong focus on the ways that gender, race, and social class operate within education and prison settings, and are played out in the context of violence against women. Dr. Fine has contributed expert and other forms of testimony with the legal system and has worked closely with an enormous number of community organizations and institutions in each of these areas.

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**Congratulations to 2012 American Psychological Association Award Recipients**

**Yelena Wu, PhD** Division 54, winner of the C. Eugene Walker Education Award in Pediatric Psychology
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Title: "Dissemination of Pediatric Medical Regimen Adherence Assessment and Intervention Strategies: Translating Research into Clinical Practice"

**Laurie R. Santos, PhD**, Yale University, 2012 award recipient for Distinguished Early Career Scientific Contribution to Psychology

**Fanny Cheung, PhD**, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2012 APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology, one of China’s leading research psychologists, and at the forefront of advancing international cross-cultural research.

**Lawrence H. Yang, PhD**, Professor, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. 2012 recipient of the Committee on Socioeconomic Status Leadership Award

**Le Ondra Clark, PhD**
2012 APA Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs'(CEMA) Jeffrey S. Tanaka Memorial Dissertation Award in Psychology competition. Seeing through our clients’ eyes: An assessment of cultural competence in a community mental health agency (The University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2010).

**Marisa Franco**, University of Maryland College Park
Division 31, Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund 2012 Award Recipient
Ms. Franco’s research is focused on health outcomes for people of black/white mixed race heritage. She is investigating the physiological responses to race-related stressors for this under-studied and at-risk
group. The study will assess whether racial identification and levels of chronic social invalidation influences physiological stress responses to race-related stressors

**Anahi Collado-Rodriguez**, University of Maryland College Park  
Division 31, Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund 2012 Award Recipient  
Ms. Collado-Rodriguez is in her third year of graduate study. Her research is focused on evaluating a novel depression treatment, Behavioral Activation Treatment for Depression (BATD), in Latinos with limited English language proficiency. BATD has demonstrated efficacy but has not been evaluated in Latinos.

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**CALLS**

**American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship Program: Call for Fellowship Applications**

MFP Fellows receive much more than financial support; they join a community committed to their success. Fellows are mentored by leading ethnic minority psychologists and become part of a lifetime network of professional psychologists interested in ethnic minority behavioral health issues.

**Fellowship Opportunities**

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Predoctoral Fellowship**  
This fellowship is aimed at those pursuing doctoral degrees in clinical, counseling, and school psychology, as well as other behavioral health services or policy areas.

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Postdoctoral Fellowship**  
This fellowship is aimed at early career doctoral recipients who are interested in developing a career in behavioral health services or policy.

**About the Minority Fellowship Program**

The APA MFP is an innovative, comprehensive, and coordinated training and career development program that promotes psychological and behavioral outcomes of ethnic minority communities. MFP is committed to increasing the number of ethnic minority professionals in the field and enhancing our understanding of the life experiences of ethnic minority communities. The application deadline is January 15. For more information or to apply, please visit our web site at [www.apa.org/pi/mfp](http://www.apa.org/pi/mfp).
Call For Nominations: Division 45 Executive Committee

The Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues (Division 45) is soliciting membership nominations to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee in 2014. This is an excellent opportunity to get more involved in division leadership and help to impact and support education, public policy, research, treatment and care for diverse populations. If you or someone you know is interested in any of these positions, please nominate them. Nominations for the following offices on Division 45’s Executive Committee:

President (Asian American Slate) (Jan. 1, 2014-Dec. 31, 2016) *
Treasurer (Jan 1, 2014-Dec 31, 2016)
Member-at-Large (African American) (Jan 1, 2014-Dec. 31, 2016)
APA Council Representative (Jan 1, 2014-Dec 31, 2016)

*The President role is a three-year term on the Executive Committee serving 1 year each as President-Elect, President, and Past-President. This year’s candidate will serve as President from Jan. 1, 2015 –Dec. 31, 2015.

Please be sure that the person nominated is willing to run for the office and eligible based on the criteria set out in the Division 45 by-laws (http://www.division45.org/assets/pdf/Div45_bylaws.pdf) before nominating them. Send all nominations to Jean Lau Chin, Past-President and Chair of Awards and Nominations at ceoservices@yahoo.com. All nominees will be asked to write a brief statement of their perspective, and what they believe make them eligible to carry out the responsibilities of the position they are seeking. Nomination materials are due by January 1, 2013.
**OEMA Students**

**Nere Ayu** is a doctoral student and Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) fellow who holds a Master’s degree from Howard University and a Bachelor's degree from Bowie State University in psychology. As an undergraduate, she was certified as a crisis youth interventionist, working with disadvantage youth and their families. Since then, she has been involved with different child and family agencies, such as the Behavior Therapy Center of Greater Washington, the Child and Family Wellness Center in Virginia Beach, and residential group homes, in Prince Georges County, MD. Her research interests focus on cultural socialization and its influence on psychosocial and academic outcomes among minority children, especially those placed in out of home care. Her research experience extends into the development of instrument tools, creation of study designs, facilitation of focus groups, data collection and analysis. Also, Nere has been a teaching assistant and instructor for several courses at Howard University. In addition, her work has been presented at several professional conferences, including the National Black Graduate Conference in Psychology. Outside of her research, Nere enjoys being a sister mentor for the nonprofit organization EduSeed and a volunteer with Greater DC Cares.

**Miles Holland** is a senior at Howard University, majoring in psychology with a minor in political science. He has a genuine interest in the effects of environmental components on the mental health of African American youths. Outside of school, Miles coaches basketball for inner-city D.C youths from sixth to eighth grade. His current plans include pursuing graduate-level training in School Psychology upon completion of his undergraduate degree.
Student Resources

**APA Student’s Page**
http://www.apa.org/about/students.aspx

**OEMA’s Student Information Page**
http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/resources/students.aspx

**National Science Foundation: Active funding Opportunities**
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_list.jsp?org=NSF&ord=rcnt

**APA’s Scholarships, Grants, and Awards Page**
http://www.apa.org/about/awards/index.aspx

**APSSC Online Funding Database**
http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/members/apssc/online_funding_database

**Early Career Psychologist Resources**
Resource Guides for Early Career Psychologists
Academia, Research, Parenting and Life Issues
Guelda Nicolas, PhD & Deborah Weber, PhD

**APA’s Head Start for Early Career Psychologists**