Mission Statement
As approved by APA’s Council of Representatives in August 2006:

*The mission of the Committee on Socioeconomic Status (SES) shall be to further the major purpose of the APA—“to advance psychology as a science and a profession and as a means of promoting health, education and human welfare”—by ensuring that issues of SES receive the full attention of the Association. The Committee will identify and act as a catalyst in the Association’s efforts to address issues of SES, and promote appropriate attention to SES in psychological research and practice. In this regard, the committee shall: (a) collect information and documentation concerning SES; (b) promote scientific understanding of the roles of poverty and SES in health, education and human welfare; (c) develop approaches to the application of psychology that take into account the effects of SES on psychological development and well-being; and (d) advocate for social policy that will alleviate or reduce the disparities between SES groups.*

Member Composition

**Chair**
Rosario Ceballo, PhD (1/15-12/17)
Darren R Bernal, PhD (1/17-12/19)
Ramani Durvasula, PhD (1/14-12/17)

**Chair-Elect**
Wendy R. Williams (1/16-12/18)

**Patton Garriott, PhD (1/16-12/18)**
Ryan Pickering, PhD (1/17-12/19)

Staff Liaisons
Keyona King-Tsikata, Director
Maha Khalid, Program Coordinator
Lauren Montgomery, Program Coordinator

CSES 2017 APA Convention Programming

CSES co-sponsored the following convention programming for 2017

- The Walk a Mile Experience: Families Living in Poverty Awareness Session.
- Challenging Class Inequality and Exclusion: Insights, Barriers and Opportunities.
- *The Raising of America* Discussion.
- CSES hosted its annual SES Network & Leadership Award Meeting where it recognized Laura C. Smith, PhD (Distinguished), Michael Kraus, PhD (Emerging), and the DC-based organization, The Homeless Children’s Playtime Project.

Major Initiatives/Programs

- 10-year anniversary of the Office on Socioeconomic Status and the Committee on Socioeconomic Status
- Committee members Drs. Bernal, Garriott, and Williams participated in the Congressional In-district Visits organized by the Public Interest and Education Government Relations Offices. The In-district Visit participants completed advocacy training provided by the government relations offices and met with their individual congressional representatives, accompanied by current students of psychology, to advocate for the preservation of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program under the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.
- Current and former committee members, Dr. Patton Garriott and Dr. Kipp Pietrantonio, published a commentary on graduate student debt in psychology.
- SES Intersecting Fact Sheet Updates. The fact sheets continue to be among the most visited web pages in the Public Interest Directorate.
- Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Low-income and Economically Marginalized Clients
- “StopSkipping Class” Campaign to increase reporting characteristics related to SES/class in journal articles – Letter writing campaign engaging APA Affiliate Editors and Associate Editors of APA division journals.
- APA Publication Manual revision contribution