

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS \* DIFFICULT DIALOGUES \* SYMPOSIA \* POSTERS

Submission EXTENDED Deadline: **May 31st, 2017 at 11:00 p.m. PST**

Submit proposals at <http://forms.apa.org/aapa/>

## ASIAN AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION

October 6 – 8, 2017

Las Vegas, Nevada

THEME:

### **RISE IN SOLIDARITY:**

#### **Comradery Through Our Interdisciplinary Efforts, A Call to Action**

Within the fiber of Asian American history is our activism and fight against injustice and exclusion. Asian American psychology emerged from the Civil Rights movement, a time when communities across and within racial groups incited change for more equitable treatment. While honoring our rich and complex past and celebrating our triumphs, let's continue to come together in solidarity to push forward inclusive community activism. Our hope is that this year's convention will continue to bring diverse communities together to foster comradery, empower, re-energize, inspire, and ignite action.

The theme, 'Rise in Solidarity' directly builds on last year's theme of going beyond Asian Americanness and examining our own diverse identities. 'Comradery Through Our Interdisciplinary Efforts' encourages members to reach out to different fields with the goal of strengthening practice and research in Asian American psychology. Further, the aftermath of the 2016 election has left many disenfranchised, especially those with multiple, targeted identities. We hope this 'Call to Action' galvanizes AAPA members to heal and mobilize, while protecting those pushed to the margins. This theme also addresses marginalized identities within our own 'borders.' During the closing panel of last year's convention, AAPA members of various AAPI subgroups painfully shared stories about the invisibility of their intersectional identities. By encouraging AAPA members to go beyond just acknowledging diverse identities, we aim to move towards inclusion and celebration of all marginalized identities within our AAPI community. As with every convention, we also emphasize the importance of networking, mentorship, and other professional development experiences, while remembering to HAVE FUN!

We are seeking proposals that draw attention to the experiences of the underrepresented Asian American groups (Southeast Asian, Pacific Islanders, LGBTQ, Multiracial People, and Women etc.), with a focus on those with multiple intersecting identities. In addition, we are interested in submissions that focus on collaborative projects (both nationally and internationally), interdisciplinary scholarship, multicultural perspective, cross-cultural psychology, and other works that further the social justice movement. We encourage submissions from researchers, community leaders and activists, mental health providers, and educators who work with underrepresented communities. Moreover, we welcome submissions from professionals and scholars in allied fields (e.g., Anthropology, Asian American Studies, Communication, Education, History, Law, Nursing, Political Science, Public Health, Psychiatry, Social Work, and Sociology) with whom we collaborate and whose work informs Asian American Psychology.

Proposals may address, but are not limited to, the following topics within AAPI Psychology: Research or outreach with underrepresented AAPI groups (Southeast Asian, Pacific Islanders, LGBTQ, Multiracial People, and Women etc.)

- Collaborative and interdisciplinary work examining the diversity of the AAPI community
- Intersections of social identities such as race, gender, and sexual orientation (examining complexities of our different identities, focus on the different experiences)
- Research, outreach and other topics involving the LGBTQ community
- Social reform, public policy, and political action (involvement of Asian Americans in current political movements)
- Social justice and equity
- Immigration, immigration reform, needs and challenges of immigrant communities (examination of different adaptation experiences, process of acculturation, code switching, etc.)
- Racial and ethnic identity development across different racial minority groups
- Similarities and differences of racial discrimination across the different racial/ethnic groups
- Intergroup conflicts; intergroup coalitions
- Mental health and health disparities (research, outreach, programs that focus on access to care)
- Increasing visibility in the education system and clinical and counseling settings
- Colorblind, multicultural, and polycultural perspectives

### **Who May Submit**

AAPA members at all levels of training (professional, graduate level, and undergraduate level), including non-psychologists interested in psychological issues affecting AAPIs are encouraged to submit proposals. Non-AAPA members at all levels may also submit proposals. We particularly encourage submissions from those interested in AAPI psychology who have not previously participated in AAPA conventions. Because strengthening the diversity of our colleagues in other organizations is of particular importance for psychologists of color, we *strongly encourage* submissions from members of other organizations, including but not limited to, the Association of Black Psychologists, Society of Indian Psychologists, and the National Latina/o Psychological Association.

While there is no limit to the total number of submitted proposals per person, individuals can only be the first author of **one** proposal submission. In the event that multiple first author submissions are received from an individual, the committee will review only the first proposal received. Exempted from this rule are presenters who are invited speakers.

- Deadline for all submissions is **May 15th, 2017 at 11:00 p.m. PST**
- Please submit presentations at: <http://forms.apa.org/aapa/>
- All presenters are required to officially register for the convention

### **Types of Submissions**

- *Interactive Sessions*: In a typical 90-minute session, a facilitator introduces the topic and sets up a context for subsequent discussions and interactions among participants. For questions about submitting an interactive session proposal, please contact Sessions Co-Chair Huijun Li at [aapa.sessions@gmail.com](mailto:aapa.sessions@gmail.com).
- *Difficult Dialogues*: In this new 90-minute session, a facilitator engages participants in a meaningful dialogue about issues that are difficult to discuss in everyday conversations. Proposal submissions must delineate how facilitators will establish and manage a safe space that promotes respectful expression of opposing views, and provides an environment in which differing perspectives are defended, heard, and considered by participants who hold conflicting cultural values and ideas. For questions about submitting a difficult dialogue session proposal, please contact Sessions Co-Chair Huijun Li at

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- *Symposia*: In a typical 90-minute symposium, three or four presentations are given around a common theme. An expert discussant may provide feedback. The symposium proposal submission must include one program summary that integrates the multiple presentations within the session. It must also clearly indicate the titles and contents of each presentation within the symposium. A chair for the symposium must be named on the application portal. No individual paper proposals for symposium presentations are accepted. For questions, please contact Sessions Co-Chair Huijun Li at [aapa.sessions@gmail.com](mailto:aapa.sessions@gmail.com).
- *Posters*: Posters are displayed to disseminate information on various conceptual and/or empirical reports. During the designated 90-minute poster session, participants are invited to interact with poster presenters. Single research papers should be submitted as posters. For questions, please contact Poster Session Co-Chair Sunny Ho at [aapapostercommittee@gmail.com](mailto:aapapostercommittee@gmail.com).

### **Guidelines for Proposals**

- All online proposals should include:
  - Contact information for each presenter
  - Abstract (50 to 100 words) with no author names
  - Program Summary (500 to 700 words) with no author names
  - 3-4 Learning Objectives (not required for poster submissions)
- Proposals will be sent for anonymous reviews. As such, the Abstract and Program Summary should *not* include identifying information of the author(s) and/or presenter(s).
- Submitters will be notified by email upon receipt of their proposal.
- For submissions highlighted as being potential programs, which can award Continuing Education units (CEs), individual authors will be contacted to provide additional information.
- Submission outcomes will be sent via email by June 10th, 2017.

### **Proposal Rating Criteria**

Proposals will be rated based on the following criteria:

- Relationship to convention theme
- Relevance/timeliness of topic
- Membership appeal
- Innovation and creativity
- Scientific/empirical soundness (for research symposia and posters)
- Adequacy of strategy for involving audience (for interactive sessions)
- Contribution to the field

### **Additional Information**

Presenters should bring their own laptops (those with Mac laptops should bring the appropriate adaptor to connect to the LCD projector). LCD projectors for PowerPoint presentations will be provided. Requests for additional AV equipment will be addressed after the final selection of presenters has been decided.

Visit the AAPA website at [aapaonline.org](http://aapaonline.org) for more information on the 2017 Convention. For all other questions regarding the 2017 AAPA Convention, please email one of this year's co-chairs, Gloria Wong-Padoongpatt at [gloria.wong@unlv.edu](mailto:gloria.wong@unlv.edu) or Nic Rider at [nicole.rider@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.rider@gmail.com).