



WALKING WITH OUR **ANCESTRES**

Honoring Indigenous Wisdom & Decolonizing
Our Psychology Toward Our Collective Liberation

OCTOBER 26 - 28, 2023

Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS & NOMINATIONS

Submissions and Award Nominations Deadline
May 15

For more information visit nlpa.ws

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING PROGRAM ABSTRACTS

NLPA and its Conferencia seek to create, maintain, and promote an inclusive, welcoming environment that honors and celebrates racial, ethnic, cultural, immigration, gender, sexual, dis/ability, religion/spiritual beliefs, age, and size diversity. Program proposals must observe APA's inclusive, non-discriminatory style (please refer to the APA Publication Manual, 7th Edition).

To submit a proposal, please visit the [submission website](#). The submission portal is open and the **due date for proposals is 11:59PM EST on May 15, 2023**. **Please note:** Proposal length constraints are represented with character (not word) limits. Characters include letters, spaces, and punctuation. Below is a key for estimates of characters-to-words: 130 characters=20-26 words; 1,000 characters=150-200 words; 2,000 characters=300-400 words; 3,000 characters=450-600 words.

Symposia include 3 formal presentations around common themes within scholarship, practice, research, training, or policy; a discussant is optional (60-minute total). Authors should allow significant time for audience discussion and participation. Additional required materials include: a title (up to 130 characters) and an overview summary of the full symposium (up to 1,000 characters). For each of the presentations, include the individual titles (130 characters) and presentation abstracts (up to 2,000 characters each). **IMPORTANT:** If you want your presentation to be considered for CEs, please indicate this in the submission process; interested individuals whose proposals are accepted will be contacted after acceptance and asked to provide additional required materials.

Roundtables provide a small group forum for discussion and debate of a specific issue. Facilitators open this session with brief remarks or viewpoints on a specific topic that can be discussed with the audience. This format is especially appropriate for exploration and feedback of a topic, engaging in in-depth discussion or dialogue, and meeting colleagues with similar interests. One or more facilitators may lead a roundtable discussion (60 minutes). Additional required materials include a title (130 characters), abstract (up to 3,000 characters), and 3 learning objectives.

Workshops provide in-depth learning experiences and teach relevant new skills in a specific area. The workshops should have a clear outline of the learning activities, skills taught, and measurable outcomes to be assessed. One or more instructors may teach a workshop (120 minutes). Additional required materials include: a title (130 characters), 3,000-character summary of the learning activities planned, the outcomes to be produced, and a clear timeline of training activities. **IMPORTANT:** If you want your presentation to be considered for CEs, please indicate this in the submission process; interested individuals whose proposals are accepted will be contacted after acceptance and asked to provide additional required materials.

Posters display author(s) contributions to theory, research, training, policy, or practice through illustrative materials mounted on poster boards. The primary presenter is to remain with their posters during the full poster session so attendees have the opportunity to ask questions and exchange ideas (60 minutes). Additional required materials include: a title (130 characters) and abstract (up to 3,000 characters).

DIRECTIONS

To submit a proposal, please visit:

<https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/284a77a7-287a-4d08-8e03-01cafc9af2c> and follow the online instructions.

The following information must be provided:

- ▶ Format proposed (e.g., symposium, poster, etc.)
- ▶ Title of presentation (130 characters)
- ▶ Abstract
 - *Symposia*: 1,000-character general summary, plus 2,000-character summary per presentation
 - *Roundtable Discussion*: 3,000 characters
 - *Workshop*: 3,000-character summary of the learning activities planned, the outcomes to be produced, and a clear timeline of training activities.
 - *Posters*: 3,000 characters
- ▶ Three learning objectives (except posters)

GUIDELINES

Please have all required information collected before logging on and have all first authors create an account before you submit your proposal. Please allow approximately 30 minutes to complete the proposal online; you may edit or add to your proposal at any time up until the due date of **May 15th**. If you are submitting a proposal for a symposium, the abstracts must be entered by just one person in one submission. Be sure to have all information, including complete, up to date contact information and accurate email addresses for all authors before beginning the process. You will be notified by e-mail that your proposal was received. All proposals will receive masked reviews by at least two reviewers. First authors will be notified via e-mail on or about **July 1st** regarding acceptance. **Note:** One individual should not submit more than two proposals as first author and no more than four presentations (including roles as moderator, discussant, or co-author) altogether. **CE Program Eligibility:** If interested in CEs for your presentation, presenters of accepted proposals will be asked to provide additional documents shortly after notification of acceptance. **Equipment:** LCD projector will be provided. Please bring your own computer.

Please reach out to the Scientific Program Co-Chairs Desi Rios and Melissa Ertl at mertl@uwalumni.com with any questions.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2023 NLPA AWARDS

This is the call for nominations for the 2023 NLPA Awards to be given at the 2023 NLPA Conference from October 26-28, 2023, in Chicago, IL. The following NLPA Awards will be presented during the last night of the conference, October 28, 2023.

Please note: While persons who are not members of NLPA may be nominated to the awards, all awardees would need to be members of NLPA before the bestowing of an award. In other words, nominees selected to receive an award must join the organization before the conferment of the award. It is expected that awardees will register for and attend the conference to receive their award.

NLPA informational details and application for NLPA membership can be found at:

<https://www.nlpa.ws>

STUDENT AWARDS

Nominees for student awards must be enrolled students (undergraduate or graduate) and must be student members of NLPA at the time of the award's bestowing. Include additional submission requirements noted below.

Cynthia de las Fuentes Dissertation Award

The purpose of this award is to support students in finishing their dissertation project. This award includes \$500 through a generous donation by Dra. Cynthia de las Fuentes, who is a private practitioner in Austin, Texas. Criteria for the award include: (1) Focusing on issues related to Latinx Psychology theory, research, or practice; and (2) Contributing in a substantive way to the advancement of knowledge related to Latinx Psychology. Nominations for this award should include a two-page summary of the project. Include the additional submission requirements below for all awards.

Distinguished Student Service Award

This award is conferred upon a graduate student who has made outstanding service contributions to the U.S. Latinx community. This award includes \$500 through the generous donation of members of the Leadership Council. Service contributions can include activities such as the development of creative educational programs or other novel activities in the advancement of service, working to increase funding for agencies, working on legislation regarding mental health, involvement in policy-related issues, and initiating outreach programs. A letter from the academic advisor or training director verifying good standing is required. Include the additional submission requirements below for all awards.

Stephen C. Rose Award

This award is conferred upon an undergraduate or graduate student who promotes the emotional well-being and mental health of youth in racial and ethnically diverse communities. The scholarship aims to encourage Latinx scholars committed to 1) conducting research with and about Latinx youth in high school or young adults in college; and 2) helping the Latinx community overcome challenges that negatively impact Latinx young adults. The Stephen C. Rose scholarship aim is two-fold: 1) to promote Latinx scholars; and 2) to advance the research in the psychosocial factors that negatively impact youth and young adults of color, increase understanding of barriers to success and promote resiliency.

This award includes \$1,000 plus travel to and from NLPA Conference and room & board for two nights at NLPA Conference location. Awardee is to present at the NLPA 2023 Conference through the generous donation from the Steve Fund in memory of Stephen C. Rose who received a graduate degree in psychology and had a passion for diversity. The financial award of \$1,000 will be given to the award recipient after the research study has been accepted and will be presented at the NLPA 2023 Conference Noche De Gala.

Guidelines for the Stephen C. Rose Award: Being a member of NLPA; enrolled as undergraduate or graduate student; demonstrated commitment to research on Latinx youth in high school or young adults in college; and presentation of research findings at the NLPA 2023 Conference. Application materials must include: 1) Personal statement (500 words or less) that reflects on the applicant's personal or career experience and/or interest in aiding Latinx youth in high school or young adults in college; 2) Curriculum vitae indicating research and/or experience working with Latinx youth in high school or young adults in college; 3) A summary/abstract of ongoing or proposed research focused on the emotional well-being and mental health of Latinx youth in high school or young adults in college; and 4) University Transcript.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL NLPA NOMINATION APPLICATIONS

In addition to any specified requirements requested in each NLPA Award, all nominations should also include the following:

1. a completed cover letter to the NLPA Awards Committee,
2. a copy of nominee's curriculum vitae, and
3. one letter of support documenting how the nominee fulfills the criteria for the award.

E-mail all supporting documents in ONE PDF file to the Awards Committee Chair, Oswaldo Moreno, to ensure receipt of the nominations: oamoren@vcu.edu

Deadline: May 15, 2023.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

While persons who are not members of NLPA may be nominated to the awards, all awardees need to be members of NLPA before the bestowing of an award. In other words, nominees selected to receive an award must join the organization before the conferment of the award. Include additional submission requirements noted below.

Outstanding Dissertation Award

This award recognizes exceptional dissertation research projects that are completed and have been defended before the deadline of this award. The dissertation topic must cover issues related to Latinx psychology and make a unique contribution to the literature. This award includes \$500 through the generous donation of members of the Leadership Council.

Nominations for this award should include a two-page summary of the project, and the nomination letter should specify the date the dissertation was defended. A letter from the chair of the dissertation is also required. Include additional submission requirements below for all NLPA awards.

To qualify for this NLPA Outstanding Dissertation Award, you must have defended the dissertation, and the defense date should not be more than two years post-award submission.

Star Vega Distinguished Service Award

This award is conferred upon a psychologist who has distinguished themselves through service to the Latinx community. The award is named in honor and memory of Dr. Star Vega. Dr. Star Vega, Practitioner, Professor of Psychology, and advocate for all psychologists, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at the young age of 55 due to leukemia. Dr. Vega was core faculty in the doctoral program in Clinical Psychology at Phillips Graduate Institute. She was also the 2002 President of the California Psychological Association, the first Latina to occupy this position. Include additional submission requirements below for all awards.

The Following NLPA Awards Make Direct Reference to NLPA Mission Statement (Source: <https://www.nlpa.ws/our-mission>). Our mission is to create 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 Latinx populations. Our Objectives are to:

1. Generate, promote, and advance Latinx Psychology in the United States and globally.
2. Cultivate relevant and effective psychological science, practice, education, and training to build knowledge, foster research, and/or promote culturally competent delivery of services.

3. Promote and encourage the efforts of professionals that have demonstrated a sustained commitment and dedication to Latinx Psychology through exceptional research, practice, and/or education and training efforts that have contributed to the discipline/field and/or to the health and well-being of Latinx communities/populations.

4. Encourage the educational and professional advancement of Latinx psychologists and students by identifying and reporting on research, education, and training programs that effectively prepare Latinx psychologists and facilitate cooperation among them.

5. Cultivate and promote open communication with members and leaders of Latinx communities, organizations, institutions, and society at large for our mutual education and understanding.

6. Promote awareness and understanding of issues and concerns that Latinx psychologists, students, and/or mental health professionals might have related to their personal, educational and/or professional experiences.

7. Encourage and assist in the advancement of psychological science, knowledge, research, practice, education, service, and training that educates, informs, and influences public knowledge and awareness of Latinx Psychology, as well as public/institutional policymakers that may be relevant to and/or affects Latinx at the national, regional, state, and local levels.

Distinguished Professional Early Career Award

This award is conferred upon a psychologist whose contributions have advanced an agenda congruent with NLPA's mission. Early career is defined as 10 years or less since earning a doctoral degree. Include additional submission requirements below.

Jeanett Castellanos Mentorship Award

This award is conferred to an NLPA member who has dedicated their career to mentoring students in Latinx psychology. The award is named for Dr. Castellanos who has spent her career forming the careers of young scholars to be multiculturally competent in Latinx psychology as practitioners, researchers, and administrators. Dr. Castellanos herself was mentored by the legendary Joe White who sent hundreds of students to graduate schools across the country. Recipients of this award should be at least 10 years post-graduation and have established a record of mentees who have contributed significantly to the NLPA mission.

Distinguished Professional Career Award

This award is conferred upon a psychologist whose contributions have advanced an agenda congruent with NLPA's mission. Distinguished career is defined as 15 years or more since earning a doctoral degree. Include additional submission requirements below.

Alberto Figueroa-Garcia Distinguished Contributions to Organizational Leadership Award

The purpose of the award is to recognize exceptional organizational leaders. The award is named for Dr. Alberto Figueroa-García who dedicated his career to supporting and advancing diversity in the field of psychology through increasing the visibility and contributions of psychologists of color and expanding the pipeline for students of color across organizations, most notably the American Psychological Association and the ethnic minority psychological associations, including NLPA, Association of Black Psychologists, Society of Indian Psychologists, and the Asian American Psychological Association.

Applicants will provide strong documentation of achieving meaningful impact in organizational leadership. Impact may be demonstrated by initiating or sustaining important organizational changes consistent with NLPA mission. Organizational leaders work within systems that may be educational, public, or private, non-profit, or for-profit, and advance social change, advocacy, or inclusion for Latinx or other ethnocultural groups. Applicants will provide evidence of outstanding organizational leadership. Applicants' work will reflect an active engagement with advancing the NLPA mission. Applications from candidates at any stage of their training and/or career are encouraged.

Application Materials: Candidate's CV; a letter from the nominee detailing their fit with award; one letter of support, preferably from someone closely knowledgeable of the candidate's contributions to organizational leadership. Additional letters are welcome but not required. Supplementary materials documenting organizational leadership (e.g., news reports, press releases) may be submitted as well and are not required.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL NLPA NOMINATION APPLICATIONS

In addition to any specified requirements requested in each NLPA Award, all nominations should also include the following:

1. a completed cover letter to the NLPA Awards Committee,
2. a copy of nominee's curriculum vitae, and
3. one letter of support documenting how the nominee fulfills the criteria for the award.

E-mail all supporting documents in ONE PDF file to the Awards Committee Chair, Oswaldo Moreno, to ensure receipt of the nominations: omoreno@vcu.edu

Deadline: May 15, 2023.

2023 CONFERENCE THEME RECOGNITIONS

Persons for these three recognitions do not need to be members of NLPA before the bestowing of these recognitions. In other words, nominees selected to receive these recognitions (e.g., student, professional, or community recognitions) do not need to join the organization before the conferment of the conference theme recognition. **Note: The awards committee has intentionally used the word 'recognitions' in place of 'awards' for the categories below in alignment with the theme. We do not view recognition or award as more or less 'prestigious' than the other.**

Walking with our Ancestres Student Recognition

This recognition recognizes a Latinx undergraduate or graduate student in how they honor and follow the guidance of their ancestres in their writing, work (personal or academic), and/or research within their school and/or home community(ies). This student brings forth a psychology of healing that intentionally respects ancestral wisdom. Application materials must include: 1) Personal statement (500 words or less) that reflects how they honor and follow the guidance of their ancestres in their writing, work (personal or academic), and/or research within their school and/or home community(ies); and 2) A summary/abstract of ongoing or proposed work on psychology of healing that respects ancestral wisdom to be presented at NLPA. We are not asking for CVs – in this way, we are de-centering the emphasis we place on academic achievements/positions in academia and allowing applicants to show the impact of their work in other ways. The awardee will receive a conference registration waiver for the 2023 NLPA Conference in Chicago.

Decolonizing Latinx Psychology Professional Recognition

This recognition honors a Latinx psychologist in academia or in the field who, through their work, advances perspectives, frameworks, epistemology, or paradigms within what we now name psychology that do not emanate from Western, Eurocentric, individualistic models of knowledge. Their work actively de-centers the contemporary colonial paradigm toward the direct benefit of those most negatively affected by colonialism in terms of their development, identity, and overall wellness and wellbeing. Application materials must include: 1) Personal statement (500 words or less) that reflects how they actively de-center the contemporary colonial paradigm; and 2) A summary/abstract of ongoing or proposed work on decolonial Latinx Psychology to be presented at NLPA. We are not asking for CVs – in this way, we are de-centering the emphasis we place on academic achievements/positions in academia and allowing applicants to show the impact of their work in other ways. The awardee will receive a conference registration waiver for the 2023 NLPA Conference in Chicago.

Recognition

This recognition celebrates a community organization or partner whose work promotes the wellness, wellbeing, and/or healing of the Latinx community in connection with the wisdoms of the Indigenous peoples of the Americas. Application materials must include: 1) Personal statement (500 words or less) that reflects the mission of the community organization/partner, their service and honoring Indigenous Wisdom, and how they actively de-center the contemporary colonial paradigm in their communities; 2) Name, position, and contact information of the representative from the community organization and partner. The awardee(s) will receive a conference registration waiver for the 2023 NLPA Conference in Chicago.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR NLPA NOMINATION APPLICATIONS

In addition to any specified requirements requested in each NLPA Recognition, all nominations should also include the following:

1. a completed cover letter to the NLPA Awards Committee,
2. one letter of support documenting how the nominee fulfills the criteria for the conference-theme recognition.

E-mail all supporting documents in ONE PDF file to the Awards Committee Chair, Oswaldo Moreno, to ensure receipt of the nominations: oamoren@vcu.edu

Deadline: May 15, 2023

Honoring Indigenous Wisdom Community