

**Get Involved!**

**Resource Guide**



A product of the Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity and Race (Division 45) Student Committee

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## ***Foreword***

The goal of this resource guide is to provide information to students of Division 45, Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity and Race, and ethnic and racial minority psychology students overall, with information about ways they can get involved with different ethnic- and race-related projects throughout APA divisions, professional organizations and state organizations within the field of psychology. Specifically, the following resources provide information about different task forces, committees, and sections related to ethnicity and race that are available to student members. It is important to note that this is not an exhaustive list. It is our hope that this list will continue to grow as we expand our collaborations with different APA divisions and other psychology-related organizations.

## **American Psychological Association Divisions**

**Division:** 12 - Society of Clinical Psychology

**Name of the committee:** Committee on Diversity and Health Disparities.

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### **Brief description:**

The mission of the Health Disparities/Diversity Committee of the American Psychological Association's (APA) Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers (APAHC) is to: Support APAHC in maintaining an equitable environment for diverse psychologists in Academic Health Centers.

-Ensure that issues of diversity in race, gender, sexual orientation and ability status remain central to the mission of APAHC.

-Foster discussion among AHC psychologists on research, clinical care and policy related to health disparities in behavioral health and academic medicine.

-Promote research on training models and clinical care to address health disparities.

-Support skill development and mentorship attainment in areas relevant to diversity (broadly defined) among early career psychologists and trainees.

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**Division:** 12 -Society of Clinical Psychology

**Name of the section:** Section 10: Graduate Students & Early Career Psychologists

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### **Brief description:**

The purpose of this Section is to help evaluate, organize and institute initiatives to increase the number of graduate students and early career psychologists who transition to full member status, as well as the number of early career psychologists joining the Division for the first time. The section aims to collaborate in the development and implementation of the recruitment and

retention initiatives of the membership committee. The section shall support the development of new mechanisms and the enhancement of existing mechanisms to increase participation of graduate students and early career psychologists in the Division.

**Additional Information/Comments:**

The benefits of the Section include the following: mentorship, awards, convention programming, internship resources, publications, listserv, and leadership. The Section values participation and welcomes new ideas about how to improve.

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**Division:** 15 – Educational Psychology

**Name of the committee:** ad hoc committee on international activities

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**Brief description:**

Educational Psychology is a field that addresses educational and developmental issues and concerns that are relevant to a wide range of contexts across cultures and nations. Our mission is to advocate, foster, and promote an international perspective within Division 15.

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**Name of Organization:** Society of Counseling Psychology (Division 17)

**Name of group:** Student Affiliates of 17 (SAS)

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**Website:** <http://www.div17.org/students/student-affiliates-of-17-sas/about-sas/>

**Brief Description:**

Student Affiliates of Seventeen (SAS) is a national membership organization for students associated with the Society of [Counseling Psychology, Division 17](#) of [the American Psychological Association](#). SAS is a vehicle for enhancing communication between counseling psychology leaders and counseling psychologists-in-training. SAS members are encouraged to increase their identification with the profession by experiencing formal involvement with the discipline's professional organization, and the division benefits from the commitment and active participation of students who bring new ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to the division. SAS

members benefit by learning about SCP and APA, developing leadership skills, networking with professionals in the field, and mentoring and being mentored.

The purposes of SAS are:

- To enhance contact and communication between students and SCP membership.
- To enhance student engagement in SAS and SCP.
- To promote the professional development of counseling psychologists-in-training.
- To promote diversity and social justice within SAS.

**Additional Comments:**

Benefits of joining SAS include, but are not limited to:

1. Monetary Awards
2. Becoming involved in Social Justice Advocacy Initiatives within the Society of Counseling Psychology
3. Leadership Opportunities
4. Networking with counseling psychology professionals and students from across the US
5. Access to webinars and educational materials

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**Division:** 19 - Society for Military Psychology

**Name of the task force/committee/section/group:** Diversity in the Military

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**Website:** <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-19/>.

**Brief description:**

Division 19's Diversity in the Military Committee has the following six goals: To provide a forum for the exchange of research results on women, ethnic minorities, and gays and lesbians in the military; to promote the membership and networking of women and minorities in Division 19; to provide a setting for the exchange of information on professional training and career development; to encourage mentorships and networking among Division 19 women and minorities; to share information on the goals and activities of APA's Committee on Women in Psychology; to act as liaison to other relevant divisions within APA, such as Divisions 35 and 44, on relevant issues.

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**Division:** 22 – Rehabilitation Psychology

**Name of the committee:** Diversity Committee

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**Website:** <http://www.div22.org/diversity-committee/>

**Brief description:**

The Diversity Committee is concerned with addressing issues of diversity as they relate to Rehabilitation Psychology. To this end, the Committee seeks to encourage research and training on culture, class, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and other dimensions of diversity as they relate to the experience of disability and chronic health conditions and the process of adjustment to these conditions. The Committee encourages and facilitates the adoption of clinical practices that permit effective service to diverse consumers and implements measures to attract diverse students and professionals to the field of Rehabilitation Psychology.

**Additional Information/Comments:**

Activities in which we are involved include:

1. Communicate with leaders of funding agencies to emphasize the importance of supporting research on issues of diversity as they relate to prevention and treatment of disabilities and other chronic health conditions.
2. Promote the presentation and publication of research on diversity in Division publications (e.g., *Rehabilitation Psychology*), meetings (e.g. [APA Annual Convention](#), annual Mid-Winter Conference), and other venues (e.g., [National Multicultural Conference and Summit](#)).
3. Solicit input from organizations representing rehabilitation consumers about their rehabilitation needs with respect to cultural diversity.
4. Collaborate with bodies that set professional training and practice guidelines (e.g., [American Board of Rehabilitation Psychology](#)) to ensure that they promote the best clinical practices available with respect to treating diverse consumers.
5. Advocate for the use and development of appropriate assessment instruments and norms for culturally diverse populations.

6. Create a database of experts and a repository of materials on diversity issues as they relate to the experience of disability for the purpose of continuing education, training, and consultation.
  7. Promote the entry of diverse students and professionals into Rehabilitation Psychology by disseminating information about the field, including information about training opportunities, to culturally diverse audiences.
  8. Confer and recommend to the Executive Committee potential candidates for elected and appointed Division offices and potential members on Division publication editorial boards.
  9. Serve as Divisional liaison with the [Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest \(BAPPI\)](#) and [APA Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs](#) and coordinate among sections and special interest groups such as psychologists with disabilities and other professional organizations that have an interest in diversity issues (e.g., Divisions 35, 40, 44, and 45)
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**Division:** 27 - Society for Community Research and Action: Division of Community Psychology

**Name of committee:** Committee of Cultural, Ethnic, and Racial Affairs

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**Website:** <http://www.scra27.org/who-we-are/committees-and-interest-groups/>

**Brief description:**

Mission- To represent issues of cultural diversity and promote the concerns of people of color as a focus of community research and intervention; to promote training and professional development of people of color interested in community psychology; to advise the Executive Committee on matters of concern to people of color; and to inform and educate the Executive Committee regarding the implications of decisions as they pertain to people of color.

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**Division:** 35 – Society for the Psychology of Women

**Name of the section:** Section 6 American Indian, Alaska Native and Indigenous Women

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**Website:** <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-35/sections/section-six/index.aspx>

**Brief description:**

The purpose of section 6 is to create a forum where Alaska Native/American Indian Indigenous Women can network and get mentoring and support from each other; to provide outreach,



guidance and mentoring to Indigenous female students of psychology; to promote the fundamental objectives of the American Psychological Association and the Society for the Psychology of Women; to advance understanding of the psychology of indigenous women; to further the development of research methods and models of treatment and intervention that are ethnically, culturally and gender appropriate for indigenous women; to advance the scientific understanding of features of ethnicity, culture and class among indigenous women which pertain to the psychology of women; to accentuate the importance of adequate education and training in service and investigative approaches related to indigenous people to advocate on behalf of indigenous women psychologist with respect to the formation of policies of Division 35; and to provide a systematic forum for the presentation of policy, clinical and research findings in the area of services to AI/AN and other indigenous women, children, youth, and families at APA meetings.

**Additional Information/Comments:** We invite you to become a member of our section! Please contact Keith Cooke at 202-336-6197 or [div35@apa.org](mailto:div35@apa.org)

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**Division:** 40 –Society for Clinical Neuropsychology

**Name of the task force/committee/section/group:** Ethnic Minority Affairs Sub-Committee

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**Website:** <http://www.scn40.org/piac-ema.html>

**Facebook group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/div40ema/>

**Brief description:**

The PIAC EMA Subcommittee is an integral part of PIAC’s mission, as it promotes the integration of diverse populations into the fabric of neuropsychological practice, research, teaching, and training in order to provide neuropsychologists with the knowledge and resources to better understand and serve an increasingly diverse U.S. population. Similarly, EMA aims to reduce the historic inequities present in the field of neuropsychology.

**Additional Information/Comments:**

The committee has established a variety of means to support its overarching goal, including:

- Providing information and education on culturally relevant topics in neuropsychology,
- Supporting mentoring program/database to encourage the career development of neuropsychologists of diverse backgrounds,
- Hosting scheduled mentoring and other events at the APA and INS conventions, and
- Maintaining a listserv for all who are interested in crosscultural/multicultural issues in neuropsychology.

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**Division:** 41- American Psychology-Law Society

**Name of the committee:** Minority Affairs Committee

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**Website:** <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-41/leadership/committees/minority.aspx>

**Brief description:**

The Minority Affairs Committee (MAC) is committed to facilitating activities and developing opportunities within the psychology and law division that embrace, respect, and value diversity. The MAC is dedicated to the recruitment and retention of culturally and linguistically diverse students into psychology and law related doctoral programs, and faculty into psychology and law related academic and professional positions.

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**Division:** 42 - Psychologists in Independent Practice

**Name of the committee:** Diversity Committee, but soon to be The Committee on Diversity Concerns

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**Website:** [division42.org](http://division42.org)

**Brief description:**

The Committee on Diversity Concerns shall consist of two or more members, co-chaired by the Diversity Member-at-Large and the Diversity Representative to the APA Council of Representatives. The Committee, shall design and implement relevant diversity-related programs, with the advice and input of the Board of Directors. It shall also engage in such other diversity-related projects as may be referred to it by the Board of Directors.

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**Division:** 44 – Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues

**Name of the committee:** Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (CoRED)

**Contact Person and email:** Chairs: [Cirleen DeBlaere](#), [Carleton Green](#)

**Website:** <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-44/leadership/committees/index.aspx>

**Brief description:**

CoRED's mission is to increase the diversity of the division by representing the concerns of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender communities of color and providing information on these issues to the members at large. Of particular concern to the committee is the intersection of Ethnic Diversity and LGBT concerns and supporting professionals and students personally and professionally. The Committee meets annually at APA in the division suite and the Chair attends Executive Committee meetings. The committee sponsors the Dr. Richard A. Rodriguez Div. 44 Student Travel Award to the APA Convention to encourage greater participation in Div. 44 annual convention activities by LGBT students of color.

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**Division:** 45- Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity and Race

**Name of the committee:** Student membership & student executive committee

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**Website:** <http://division45.org/students/>

**Brief description:**

The Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race, a Division of the American Psychological Association (APA), is the major representative body for psychologists who conduct research on ethnic minority concerns or who apply psychological knowledge and techniques to ethnic minority issues. The Division's purpose is to advance psychology as a science and to promote public welfare through research, to apply research findings towards addressing ethnic minority issues, and to encourage professional relationships among psychologists with these interests. It also represents ethnic minority concerns within the governance of the APA.

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**Division:** 48 – Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence: Peace Psychology Division

**Name of the task force/committee/section/group:** N/A

**Contact Person and e-mail:** NA

**Website:** [peacepsychology.org](http://peacepsychology.org)

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**Division:** 54 – Society of Pediatric Psychology

**Name of the group:** Diversity Special Interest Group

**Contact Person and email:** Dr. Lizzie Pulgaron

**Website:** <http://diversitysig.weebly.com/>

**Brief description:**

There are opportunities for trainees to participate in this executive committee as student board members of the SIG.

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## **Professional Associations**

**Name of organization:** Association for Applied Sport Psychology

**Name of the group:** Race and Ethnicity Special Interest Group (SIG)

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**Website:** <http://www.sportpsychsynergy.com/>

### **Brief description:**

The purpose of the Race and Ethnicity in Sport SIG is to address racial and ethnic disparities in the way sport psychology is accessed, promoted and represented in educational training, sport psychology literature and practiced in professional settings.

### **Additional Comments:**

This SIG is open for membership among students (of all degree levels) and professionals interested in the topics associated with race, ethnicity and sport.

## **State Associations**

**Name of the organization:** Alaska Psychological Association

**Name of the committee:** Diversity, Social Justice, and Human Rights committee

**Contact Person and email:** Ruddy Taylor, PhD; [diversity@ak-pa.org](mailto:diversity@ak-pa.org)

**Website:** <https://www.ak-pa.org/advocacy/diversity-social-justice-human-rights/>

**Brief description:**

Members of AK-PA's Diversity, Social Justice, and Human Rights Committee strive to be change agents who work toward the health and well-being of others. Students are encouraged to become involved with the committee and its initiatives.

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**Name of organization:** Indiana Psychological Association

**Name of the committee:** Diversity Committee

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**Website:** [http://www.indianapsychology.org/diversity\\_committee.php](http://www.indianapsychology.org/diversity_committee.php)

**Brief description:**

The purpose of the Indiana Psychological Association Diversity Committee is to recognize and value diversity, which we define as differences within identities including but not limited to culture, economic class/status, gender, sexual/affectional orientation, mental health, religion or spiritual affiliation, age, heritage, nationality, geographic region, capabilities, job, race, and family roles.

**Additional Information/Comments:**

The Indiana Psychological Association Diversity Committee developed a Resource Guide, which can be found on IPA's Diversity Committee page.