Call for Nominations for the 2019 NLPA Awards

This is the call for nominations for the 2019 NLPA Awards to be given at the 2019 NLPA Conference taking place October 17 to 20, 2019 in Miami, Florida at the Miami Marriott Dadeland.

The following NLPA Awards will be presented during the Noche de Gala: Awards, Dinner, and Dance on the evening of Saturday, October 19, 2019 in Miami, Florida.

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 would need to join the organization before the conferment of the award. It is expected that awardees will attend the conference to receive their award.

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

http://www.nlpa.ws/

STUDENT AWARDS

Nominees for student awards must be matriculated graduate students (including pre-doctoral interns) and must be student members of NLPA at the time of the award’s bestowing. Include additional submission requirements noted below.

1. NLPA - 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 Latina/o Psychology theory, research, or practice; and (2) Contributing in a substantive way to the advancement of knowledge related to Latina/o Psychology. **Nominations for this award should include a two-page summary of the project. Include additional submission requirements below for all awards.**

2. NLPA - Distinguished Student Service Award
This award is conferred upon a graduate student who has made outstanding service contributions to the US Latina/o 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 additional submission requirements below for all awards.**
3. NLPA – Stephen C. Rose Award
This award is conferred upon an undergraduate or graduate student who promote the emotional well-being and mental health of youth in ethnically diverse communities. The scholarship aims to encourage Latina/o scholars and support their research of Latina/o youth who is committed to: 1) conducting research with and about Latina/o youth in high school or young adults in college; and 2) helping the Latina/o community overcome challenges that negatively impact Latina/o young adults. The Stephen C. Rose scholarship aim is two-fold: 1) to promote Latina/o 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 stipend that includes travel to and from NLPA Conference and room & board for two nights at NLPA Conference location. Awardee is to present at the NLPA 2019 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.

Eligibility: is being a member of NLPA; enrolled as undergraduate or graduate student; demonstrated commitment to research on Latina/o youth in high school or young adults in college; and presentation of research findings at the NLPA 2019 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 Latina/o youth in high school or young adults in college; 2) Curriculum vitae indicating research and/or experience working with Latina/o 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 Latina/o youth in high school or young adults in college; and 4) University Transcript. The financial award of $1000 will be given to the award recipient after the research study has been accepted and will be presented at the NLPA 2019 Conference Noche De Gala.

E-mail all supporting documents in ONE file in a PDF file to nlpa.awards@gmail.com and cc copies to the Awards Committee Co-chairs to: edelgado@uga.edu and carrera@vitanovachicago.com to ensure receipt of the nominations. Deadline May 3, 2019.

OTHER NLPA AWARDS

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4. NLPA – Outstanding Dissertation Award
This award recognizes exceptional dissertation research projects that are completed and have been defended before the deadline of submitted for this award. The dissertation topic must cover issues related to Latina/o 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 already defended the dissertation, and the defense date should not be more than two years.

The Following NLPA Awards Make Direct Reference to NLPA’s Mission

NLPA Mission Statement (Source: http://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 Hispanic/Latina/o populations.

Our Objectives are:
1. Generate, promote, and advance Latina/o Psychology in the United States and globally;
2. Cultivate relevant and effective psychological science, practice, education, and training in order 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 Latina/o 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 Hispanic/Latina/o communities/populations;
4. Encourage the educational and professional advancement of Latina/o psychologists and students by identifying and reporting on research, education, and training programs that effectively prepare Latina/o psychologists and facilitate cooperation among them;
5. Cultivate and promote open communication with members and leaders of Latina/o communities, organizations, institutions, and society at large for our mutual education and understanding;
6. Promote awareness and understanding of issues and concerns that Latina/o 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 Latina/o Psychology, as well as public/institutional policy-makers that may be relevant to and/or affects Latinas/os at the national, regional, state, and local levels.
5. NLPA - 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.

6. 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.

Submission Requirements for ALL NLPA Awards

• 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) two letters of support documenting how the nominee fulfills the criteria for the award.

• E-mail all supporting documents in ONE file in a PDF file to nlpa.awards@gmail.com and cc copies to the Awards Committee Co-chairs to: edelgado@uga.edu and carrera@vitanovachicago.com to ensure receipt of the nominations.

Award Nomination Deadline: May 3, 2019

Please contact Awards Committee Co-chairs by email if you have any questions:
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Friendly Reminder!

ALL NLPA Awards will be announced to the NLPA membership and presented during the NLPA’s 2019 Annual Conference to be held October 17 - October 20, 2019 in Miami, Florida at the Miami Marriott Dadeland. These NLPA Awards will be presented during the Noche de Gala: Awards, Dinner, and Dance on the evening of Saturday, October 19, 2019 in Miami, Florida.

Information and Registration for the NLPA 2019 Annual Conference

http://www.nlpaconference.org