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Congratulations to all of the student recipients recognized at the Annual PPA Convention!

Guidelines for Clinicians on Racial Trauma, Violence & Islamophobia

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In our current sociopolitical climate, we may be asking ourselves, "How can I best support the clients and communities I serve which are impacted by racism, Islamophobia, xenophobia and other forms of discrimination? How can I engage meaningfully with my clients by acknowledging and deepening my understanding of the sociocultural context in which I, and they, are immersed?"

The APA Guidelines for Providers of Psychological Services to Ethnic, Linguistic, and Culturally Diverse Populations provides excellent recommendations regarding the knowledge, information and skills which will enable us to be more effective and competent clinicians when working with these particular communities. These guidelines specifically states that providers and mental health professionals should "understand that socioeconomic and political factors significantly impact the psychosocial, political and economic development of ethnic and culturally diverse groups" and in order to do so, must "seek out educational and training experiences to enhance their understanding to address the needs of these populations more appropriately and effectively. These experiences include cultural, social, psychological, political, economic, and historical material specific to the particular ethnic group being served".

For additional resources, visit: PPAGS Resources

Congratulations to the Student Award Winners!

PPAGS would like to commend all those who received these prestigious scholarships.

Pennsylvania Psychological Foundation Student Education Award winners:

Krystal G. Schultz, M.A., Chatham University, Adrian Wilson Memorial Award

Pegah Eftekharzadeh, B.A., Lehigh University, Rex Wellness Award

David Nguyen, B.A., Lehigh University, Samuel J. Knapp Education Award

Lorenzo Lorenzo-Luaces, M.A., University of Pennsylvania, Frank and MaryAnn Dattilio Scholarship

Melody Beth Miller, M.A., Carlow University, Matthew Small Memorial Award

Anthony T. Powell Jr., M.S., Chestnut Hill College, PPA Membership Award

Student Multiculturalism Award:

Anthony T. Powell Jr., M.S., Chestnut Hill College

Emerging Leaders Class of 2016-2017

PPAGS is excited to announce the first class of the Emerging Leaders Program. This prestigious program links students and early career psychologists with mentors from PPA leadership. The purpose of this program is to help the Emerging Leaders further develop and fine-tune their leadership abilities.

The following 5 candidates were chosen from a large pool of very qualified applicants:

Monika Parikh, Ph.D., Associate in Pediatric Psychology, Geisinger Medical Center

Camille St. James, M.S., Fourth year student in Psy.D. program in Clinical Psychology at Chestnut Hill College

Jessica Reinhard, M.A., Fourth year student in Psy.D. program in Clinical Psychology at Immaculata University

Katie Chipman, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist, James E. Van Zandt Altoonta VA Medical Center (DuBois CBOC)

Shannon Deets, Ph.D., Licensed Professional Counselor, Shannon Deets Counseling LLC, Assistant Professor, Thiel College

Congratulations to this year's class! For more information on the Emerging Leaders Class of 2016-17 or the Emerging Leaders Program, visit www.papsy.org.