The Winners of the 2017 Dr. Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship are Liz Weber Ollen and Madison Silverstein

The Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund committee has selected two winners for 2017. They are Liz Weber Ollen of Clark University and Madison Silverstein of Auburn University.

Liz Weber Ollen’s research focuses broadly on diverse couples and families, with an emphasis on adversity and trauma through the use of qualitative methodology. Her past work included examining adverse experiences of LGBTQ families formed through foster care and adoption, including the impact of public policy on family dynamics. More recently, Liz has explored help seeking in LGBTQ communities related to accessing couples therapy, brief relationship interventions, and resources for dating violence/sexual assault. Her dissertation marries her interests of LGBTQ couples, interpersonal trauma, and help seeking to explore the ways in which diverse women navigate experiences of interpersonal trauma in same-sex relationships. In an effort to include the voices of those who have multiple marginalized identities, Liz deliberately aims to include diverse samples in her work on LGBTQ issues and often utilizes a minority stress framework.

Ollen is a fifth year doctoral student in clinical psychology at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Madison Silverstein’s research Scholars Committed to Opportunities in Psychological Education (SCOPE) aims to reduce education disparities amongst individuals of color by providing culturally competent mentoring and training to undergraduate students of color who are interested in pursuing graduate education in psychology. SCOPE’s mission is to strengthen relationships between faculty and participants, increase participant knowledge of the graduate application process, and provide participants with resources they need to be successful applicants to psychology graduate programs. At this time more than 40 undergraduates of color have graduated from the SCOPE program, with the majority seeing a decrease in their stress levels about applying and an increase in self-efficacy, confidence, and knowledge about the application process and the GRE.

Silverstein is a fourth year doctoral student in the Auburn University Clinical Psychology program.

This is the tenth year for the Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship. Past winners are:

- 2016 Stacy Ko, Iowa State University & Chassity Whitman, City University of New York
- 2015 Caitlin Cavanagh, The University of California, Irvine & Barbara Wood Roberts, Idaho State University
- 2014 Calia A. Torres, University of Alabama & Jeremy J. Eggleston, Fordham University
- 2013 Jim Kim, University of California-Davis & David Luck, University of California-Los Angeles
- 2012 Marisa Franco & Anahi Collado-Rodriguez, University of Maryland
- 2011 Ana Fernandez, Long Island University/Brooklyn Campus
- 2010 Ariz Rojas, University of South Florida
- 2009 Sangetta Parikshak, University of Kansas
- 2008 Janelle Hines of University of Cincinnati

About the Dr. Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund

This scholarship supports research/training and community projects in the area of diversity/multiculturalism. Awards up to $500 per recipient are granted once a year, and the winner(s) are announced in March. Grants support or assist applicants in covering expenses related to their projects or research. The deadline for submission is the second Friday in January. The award application must be submitted electronically to the chair of the review committee by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

The Dr. Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund is supported by generous gifts, grants and contributions from individuals and organizations who seek to honor Dr. Sullivan and advance diversity initiatives or research in states, provinces and territories.
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The Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund was created to provide financial assistance to support graduate student research projects in honor of Dr. Sullivan’s work with the American Psychological Association, state, provincial and territorial psychological associations and his commitment to diversity and inclusion. It has been funded by gifts, grants, contributions and bequests that have been made in honor of Dr. Sullivan over the years since he retired from the American Psychological Association.

Dr. Michael Sullivan served as the Assistant Executive Director for State Advocacy at the American Psychological Association. In this position, he managed the Practice Directorate’s program of making resources available to 60 affiliated psychological associations in every state and several Canadian provinces and U.S. territories. A fellow of APA, Dr. Sullivan has been a strong supporter of state psychological association involvement as a means of promoting diverse and multicultural leadership in psychology and positively impacting communities.

Additional information about the Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship is available at www.ohpsych.org/visitors/foundation.

Call for applications for the 2018 Scholarships begin in the fall of 2017.

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