The Winners of the 2013 Dr. Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship are...

Jin Kim & David Lick

The Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund committee has selected two winners for 2013. They are Jin Kim of University of California, Davis and David Lick of University of California, Los Angeles.

Ms. Jin Kim’s research examines disparities in mental health treatment access, utilization, and outcomes in ethnic minority populations, with a particular emphasis on Asian Americans. This study in particular examines psychosocial barriers and facilitators of help-seeking among Asian American college students who are in psychological distress. The overarching goal is to better understand why underutilization has persisted as a major disparity among Asian Americans, and how to address this problem to close the gap in unmet need.

Mr. David Lick’s research integrates methods from various disciplines to better understand prejudice against members of stigmatized groups. He is especially interested in how low-level features of the target (e.g., facial features, body shape, body motion) and higher-level features of the perpetrator (e.g., identity threat, intergroup contact) interactively shape prejudice in the early moments of person perception. His upcoming study will test how visual exposure to masculine faces affects evaluative biases against real women who vary in their gendered appearance.

This year there were 20 applications for the Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship. Submissions were of extremely high quality. Applicants were from Suffolk University, Indiana State University, University of Florida, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Columbia University, University of Cincinnati, Indiana University, John Jay College, University of California-Davis, Ryerson, University, UCLA, University of Michigan, Pacific University, Baylor University, The Chicago School, Pepperdine University, University of Maryland and the University of California-Santa Barbara.

This is the sixth year for the Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship. Past winners are:
2012-Marisa Franco and 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, 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 will be granted once a year and the winner will be announced in March. Grants are to be used to 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 important 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 2014 Scholarships begin in the fall of 2013.

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