The Winners of the 2014 Dr. Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship are...

Jeremy J. Eggleston

&

Calia A. Torres

The Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund committee has selected two winners for 2014. They are Calia A. Torres of the University of Alabama and Jeremy J. Eggleston of Fordham University.

Ms. Torres’ research is focused on furthering the understanding of the pain experience and pain management strategies used by Hispanic patients with chronic pain, who are served at the Federally Qualified Health Center in Central Alabama. Her qualitative approach evaluates cultural influences to determine their relationship to pain management disparities among Hispanic patients and seeks to identify potential cultural determinants in the way Hispanics report and manage pain.

Mr. Eggleston’s research examines the concept of posttraumatic growth following diagnosis of HIV/AIDS in minority-identified populations, often facing double stigmas of both ethnic minority status and sexual orientation. These stigmas often create impediments to accessing medical and mental health care. This research will examine the factors that work to promote a personal growth model of adjustment amidst chronic and pervasive levels of social-cultural stigma and shame.

This year there were 30 applications for the Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship. Submissions were of extremely high quality. Applicants were from: Pacific University, Stony Brook University, University of Florida, University of California-Santa Barbara, Suffolk University, University of Guelph, University of California-San Diego, University of Missouri, Adler School of Professional Psychology, Columbia University, Kent State University, Rutgers University, Miami University, University of Maryland, George Fox University, California School of Professional Psychology, Virginia Commonwealth University, University of California-Irvine, University of Cincinnati, Walden University, University of Akron, Emory University and John Jay College of Criminal Justice-CUNY.

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

2013-Jim Kim, University of California-Davis and David Luck, University of California-Los Angeles
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 Parikh, 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 2015 Scholarships begin in the fall of 2014.

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