The Winners of the 2016 Dr. Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship are Stacy Ko and Chassitty Whitman

The Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund committee has selected two winners for 2016. They are Stacy Ko of Iowa State University and Chassitty Whitman of the City University of New York.

Stacy Ko’s study tests a moderated mediation model in examining the link between family appearance-focus, perfectionism, and body image dissatisfaction in the South Korean college student population. The results from this study serve to specifically delineate the development and intensification of body image dissatisfaction among Korean college students, thus having the potential to contribute to interventions that might mitigate the impact of factors contributing to body image concerns.

Ko is a Korean-American student in the Counseling Psychology Department at Iowa State University.

Chassitty Whitman’s research seeks to elucidate the complex processes of gender identity development among non-binary and gender non-conforming individuals. In addition, her project seeks to understand relationships between experiences of gender-based discrimination and/or victimization and mental health (flourishing, grit) and psychopathology (depression, anxiety) among individuals who identify as transgender or gender non-conforming.

Upon being named a recipient of this scholarship, Ms. Whitman stated, “I am ecstatic to have been selected for the Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship! This award will allow me to complete my project to improve the experiences of people who identify as transgender or gender non-conforming with mental health care and criminal justice systems.”

Whitman is a doctoral student in clinical psychology at the City University of New York.

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

- 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 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.

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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.

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