The Winners of the 2018 Dr. Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship are Anna Abate and Kathleen Collins

The Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund committee has selected two winners for 2018. They are Anna Abate of Sam Houston State University and Kathleen Collins of the University of Massachusetts.

**Anna Abate**'s research focuses on the relations between perceptions of the justice system, chances for success, ethnicity, and recidivism among juvenile offenders. Moreover, her research includes investigating the role of trauma in the development of aggression and stereotype threat on offending patterns and aggression in inpatient adolescents and justice-involved youth as well as the impact of racial differences in parental expectations on parental dysfunctional discipline. Currently, she examines neurobiological and social cognitive mechanisms associated with the mental and behavioral outcomes of stereotype threat in a police encounter among minority young adults. As the first study to examine the relations among stereotype threat, social cognition, cortisol/testosterone, aggression, and affective states, her research seeks to elucidate the fundamental mechanisms by which stereotype threat relates to psychopathology in minority young adults.

Abate is a third year doctoral student at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

**Kathleen Collins**' research explores the intersection of LGBTQ mental health and psychotherapy process work through the use of mixed methodology. Her recent projects include testing the ability of online expressing writing interventions to reduce distress in LGBTQ adults who have experienced heterosexism and conducting a task analysis of these writing responses to identify micro-processes that progress in productive and unproductive ways. Her current project uses grounded theory to analyze interviews with participants who completed the aforementioned study to understand what they found helpful about the process of expressive writing. Through this work, Kathleen aims to gain a nuanced understanding of how people derive benefits from expressive writing so as to inform the development of low-cost, population-specific, and empirically-supported interventions that help LGBTQ people heal from experiences of marginalization.

Collins is a second year doctoral student in clinical psychology at the University of Massachusetts in Boston.

This is the eleventh year for the Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship. Past winners are:
- 2017 Liz Weber Ollen, Clark University & Madison Silverstein of Auburn University
- 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 Parikhshak, 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.

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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 2019 Scholarships begin in the fall of 2018.

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