

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS \* SYMPOSIA \* POSTERS

Submission Deadline: **February 13, 2015 at 11:00 p.m. PST**

Submit proposals at <http://forms.apa.org/aapa/>

## ASIAN AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 2015 ANNUAL CONVENTION

“Perspectives Across the Lifespan: Toward a More Holistic Understanding of Asian American Psychology”

August 5, 2015

Toronto, ON – Location TBD

The demographic landscape of the U.S. is rapidly changing, and the massive influx of immigrants from Asia in recent years has made Asian Americans the fastest growing racial minority group in the nation. With the increased presence of Asian Americans in the U.S. comes an important opportunity to spotlight the diversity that exists within the AAPI community and to replace the public’s often simplified view of Asian American experiences with a more nuanced perspective.

The narratives of Asian Americans in the U.S. are numerous and varied; stories of struggles and successes differ depending upon one’s age and life stage. Thus, to get a more accurate and holistic picture of Asian American lives, it is vital to examine the experiences of Asian Americans across the lifespan. To this end, the 2015 Asian American Psychological Association Convention theme is “**Perspectives Across the Lifespan: Toward a More Holistic Understanding of Asian American Psychology.**”

We are seeking submissions that highlight varying aspects of the AAPI experience, the role of a lifespan perspective in clinical and community work, and innovative approaches in working with AAPI individuals from various age groups. We also encourage submissions from professionals and scholars in allied fields (e.g., Anthropology, Asian American Studies, Education, History, Law, Nursing, Public Health, Psychiatry, Social Work, and Sociology) with whom we collaborate and whose work informs Asian American Psychology.

Furthermore, because the 2015 AAPA convention will be held in Toronto (where the rate of Asian immigration mirrors that of the U.S.), we invite researchers and practitioners working with Asian Canadians to submit proposals. We believe that the experiences of Asian Canadians likely closely mirror that of Asian Americans and both groups would benefit from collaborations across borders.

Proposals may address, but are not limited to, the following topics within AAPI Psychology:

- Issues that affect less studied AAPI populations (e.g., children and the elderly)
- Ethnic identity development across the lifespan
- Challenges associated with immigration and acculturation among new immigrants (e.g., acculturative stress)
- Family intergenerational conflict and generational differences in values
- Variations in academic achievement and expectations (as well as educational challenges) among AAPI students; issues relevant to the model minority myth as they apply to Asian American school-age children and college students
- Challenges associated with discrimination and racial discrimination among working adults
- Mental health needs of Asian Americans from different age groups

### **Who May Submit**

AAPA members at all levels of training (professional, graduate level, and undergraduate level), including non-psychologists interested in psychological issues affecting AAPIs are encouraged to submit proposals. Non-AAPA members at all levels may also submit proposals. We particularly encourage submissions from those interested in AAPI psychology who have not previously participated in AAPA conventions. Because strengthening the diversity of our colleagues in other organizations is of particular importance for psychologists of color, we strongly encourage submissions from members of the Association of Black Psychologists, Society of Indian Psychologists, and the National Latina/o Psychological Association.

- While there is no limit to the total number of submitted proposals per person, individuals can only be the first author of **one** proposal submission. In the event that multiple first author submissions are received from an individual, the committee will review only the first proposal received. Exempted from this rule are presenters who are invited speakers.

- Deadline for all submissions is **February 13, 2015 at 11:00 p.m. PST**
- Please submit presentations at: <http://forms.apa.org/aapa/>
- All presenters are required to officially register for the convention

### **Types of Submissions**

- *Interactive Sessions*: In a typical 60-minute session, a facilitator introduces the topic and sets up a context for subsequent discussions and interactions among participants. For questions about submitting an interactive session proposal, please contact Sessions Co-Chair Ariane Ling at [ariane.ling@nyu.edu](mailto:ariane.ling@nyu.edu).
- *Symposia*: In a typical 60-minute symposium, three or four presentations are given around a common theme. An expert discussant may provide feedback. The symposium proposal submission must include one program summary that integrates the multiple presentations within the session. It must also clearly indicate the titles and contents of each presentation within the symposium. A chair for the symposium must be named on the application portal. No individual paper proposals for symposium presentations are accepted. For questions, please contact Sessions Co-Chair Ariane Ling at [ariane.ling@nyu.edu](mailto:ariane.ling@nyu.edu).
- *Posters*: Throughout the day, posters are displayed to disseminate information on various conceptual and/or empirical reports. During the designated 60-minute poster session, participants are invited to interact with poster presenters. Single research papers should be submitted as posters. For questions, please contact Poster Session Co-Chair P. Priscilla Lui at [aapapostercommittee@gmail.com](mailto:aapapostercommittee@gmail.com).

### **Guidelines for Proposals**

- All online proposals should include:
  - Contact information for the presenters
  - Abstract (50 to 100 words) with no author names
  - Program Summary (500 to 700 words) with no author names
  - 3-4 Learning Objectives (not required for poster submissions)
- Proposals will be sent for anonymous reviews. As such, the Abstract and Program Summary should *not* include identifying information of the author(s) and/or presenter(s).
- Submitters will be notified by email upon receipt of their proposal.
- For submissions highlighted as being potential programs which can award Continuing Education units (CEs), individual authors will be contacted to provide additional information.
- Submission outcomes will be sent via email by the third week of March 2015.

### **Proposal Rating Criteria**

- Proposals will be rated based on the following criteria:

1. Choice of Topic

2. Membership Appeal
3. Theoretical Framework
4. Methodology/Mode of Inquiry
5. Interpretation
6. Innovation and Creativity
7. Contribution to the Field
8. Relationship to Convention Theme

### **Additional Information**

- Presenters should bring their own laptops (those with Mac laptops should bring the appropriate adaptor to connect to the LCD projector). LCD projectors for power point presentations will be provided. Requests for additional AV equipment will be addressed after the final selection of presenters has been decided.

Visit the AAPA website at [aapaonline.org](http://aapaonline.org) for more information on the 2015 Convention. For all other questions regarding the 2015 AAPA Convention, please email one of this year's co-chairs, Monique Shah Kulkarni at [moniqueshah@utexas.edu](mailto:moniqueshah@utexas.edu) or Nori Lim at [noriel.lim@emory.edu](mailto:noriel.lim@emory.edu).