Dear AAPA Family,

I started my term as President this past fall and I have done my best to fill the shoes of our amazing past President Sumie Okazaki. Having worked with Sumie for years now, I have been very grateful for her ability to assist me in understanding the vast range of AAPA presidential duties – from representing AAPA in national dialogues to knowing how to handle our taxes. I’m also very lucky to have Helen Hsu as a Vice President; she has been instrumental in making sure that we are covering everything that we sought to do— including increasing our visibility, becoming more involved in policy and advocacy, and collaborating more with our fellow Psychological Associations, like the Society of Indian Psychologists, the Association of Black Psychologists, the National Latina/o Psychological Association, and the American Psychological Association.

The Executive Committee is a wonderful team to work with – they all do amazing things to help AAPA continue to thrive. Razia Kosi has been a fantastic treasurer; she oversees our humble budget and financial accounts, making sure we pay our bills on time. Winnie Ma, our secretary/historian, has been instrumental in overseeing EC business like taking minutes at our meetings and handling our elections and any voting processes. Frances Shen and Stephanie Pituc have both excelled as Membership and Communication Coordinators while also ensuring that our new AAPA Job Board is operational. Karen Suyemoto has been a fierce advocate for AAPA issues in the APA Council of Representatives and has done her best to give a voice to Asian Americans (and other marginalized groups) in APA governance. Brandon Yoo, Ulash Dunlap, Glenn Masuda, & Fanny Ng (Board of Directors) have all contributed in multiple ways – including the administration of our Scholarship Programs and Student Travel Awards, assisting with the conference, being a liaison for our students, and posting on our social media pages. We are offering a new scholarship: the Steve Fund – dedicated to students interested in psychology research with Asian
American students. Bryan Kim has had a very successful run as editor for the Asian American Journal of Psychology - last year, AAJP’s impact factor went up to 1.686 and was ranked #1 among Ethnic Studies Journals. Congratulations to Dr. Kim, his editors, his review board, and AAJP founding editor Dr. Fred Leong for all of their hard work on producing a phenomenal publication.

AAPA has also grown tremendously through our six Divisions. Our newest division, the Division on Practice, was officially recognized in October 2015. Congratulations to Chia-wen (Winnie) Hsieh and Frances Shen for organizing this petition, and I look forward to seeing how you can help make clinical work and training more visible in AAPA. I also had the honor to attend the Division on Filipino Americans first annual conference which took place at the Wright Institute in Berkeley, CA. Congratulations to the conference coordinators for bringing such a wonderful and prestigious group of old and new AAPA members together to discuss issues related to Filipino American mental health. The Division on South Asian Americans has continued to succeed and grow particularly in ensuring that mental health concerns of South Asians are addressed. The Division on Students has also continued to flourish particularly in getting more students involved in AAPA, while assisting students in reaching their educational goals. The Division on LGBTQQQ People is still actively attaining new members and has been instrumental in creating safe spaces for our current and new AAPA members who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning. Finally, as one of the oldest divisions, Division on Women has been a group that has provided safe spaces for AAPA women, while also addressing issues related to sexism in Asian American communities and general society. Currently, we are looking for new leadership to assist in reviving the DoW; if you are interested, please let any of the EC members know.

Our AAPA Convention is set to be an amazing one, thanks to our coordinators Noriel Lim and Gloria Wong and all of their volunteer coordinators. The theme is “Beyond ‘Yellow’ Borders: Revealing Our Diverse Community, Expanding Our Coalition Horizon.” I’m very excited to see the type of programming that they select as well as the wonderful presentations from our membership. I am honored that they chose a theme that matches my presidential platform of increasing representation of the diversity of our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities particularly as related to skin color, phenotypic appearances, social classes, sexual orientations and gender identities, immigration statuses, religions, and many more. I hope the conference will further the conversation about marginality within our AAPI communities, as well as ways that we can promote cohesion and collaboration with each other and other communities of color.

As for me, I’ve kept myself busy these first six months of office - through my everyday work, my civic involvement, and my work with AAPA. Through my job as an Associate Professor of Psychology in the City University of New York, as well as the Executive Director of CLAGS: The Center for LGBTQ Studies, I continue to teach and work on research projects related to microaggressions, intersectional identities, and mental health. I’m also coordinating the Filipino American National Historical Society biennial conference in New York in June 2016 and am overseeing the national LGBTQ Scholars of Color network.

Specific to my AAPA presidency, my main goals have been to maintain the traditions of AAPA while increasing our visibility as the oldest national mental health organization dedicated to Asian American and Pacific Islander issues. I’ve been working diligently on various projects, also with the hope of assisting with this mission. First, following Sumie Okazaki’s lead of “giving psychology away,” I have worked closely with our Communications Officer Steph Pituc and other EC members to increase our social media presence. As of today, over 3,000 follow our Facebook fan page and over 400 follow our twitter. Many of our posts are read by over 1,000; some posts are shared and retweeted to over 10,000 people. Our most viewed post these past few months includes the call for more mental health awareness in Asian American communities
– following the suicide of a South Asian American woman. Our second most popular post discussed how jokes towards Asian Americans (similar to the ones at this year’s Academy Awards) could have an impact on mental health.

Second, through our work with the Alliance of National Psychological Associations for Racial and Ethnic Equity, I represented AAPA on a grant involving issues related to juvenile justice. Under the leadership of Drs. Cheryl Grills and Leon Caldwell of Association of Black Psychologists and generous funding from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, we are creating a report that discusses the needs of youth of color in the criminal justice system.

Third, after speaking at a recent SAMHSA meeting last year, I was invited to work with Dr. Ford Kuramoto of the Okura Foundation to create a brief on the state of Asian American and Pacific Islander Boys and Men. Given that many initiatives on boys and men of color tend to focus on Black Americans and Latinos, it was necessary for us to create a review of how our boys and men are doing. So far, this brief has been shared with over 4,000 people on Facebook and I hope that you all can help in spreading it too. I also aim to continue to do these types of briefs, in addition to the wonderful fact sheets that AAPA produces each year.

Fourth, I’ve been representing AAPA at NCAPA (National Council on Asian Pacific Americans) – an umbrella that AAPA has been a member organization of since 2014. In December, I attended the NCAPA Retreat in Washington DC with our treasurer Razia Kosi. I had the pleasure of meeting the diverse national AAPI organizations and hearing the different ways NCAPA is advocating for policy. These projects range from advocating for the first AAPI Supreme Court Justice to addressing disparities in our communities. As one of the few organizations with missions related to mental health or health, our presence in NCAPA is necessary to address how mental health issues affect every aspect of our communities (e.g., immigration, education, civics, etc.). I hope to continue our partnerships with the White House Initiative on AAPIs and with DJ Ida of NAAPIMHA to ensure that AAPI mental health issues continue to be addressed and less stigmatized.

Finally, I hope that we can continue to increase the familial aspect of AAPA. I know that it can be challenging to create strong bonds when we are spread out across the US and only see each other once a year at our AAPA Convention. I encourage everyone to take initiative to meet other members in your area and to create informal social networks. For instance, in January, a group of 10 AAPA members gathered in Chinatown in New York City for a dinner in a dim sum restaurant. Organized initially by Sumie Okazaki, Lisa Suzuki, and me, we all decided to bring at least 2-3 people each (including students). These small things I believe can lead to bigger and stronger bonds thus helping everyone feel more connected to our community.

So with that, I wish you all a great spring! I hope to see you all in August! Please reach out if you have any ideas of how we can strengthen AAPA as well as ways that you personally might want to get involved! And please consider running for office in May! We need your energy and your passion!

Maraming salamat (many thanks),

Kevin Nadal
When to disaggregate Asian Americans: The case of diabetes in South Asian Americans

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The U.S. Census has often categorized Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) together. AAPIs comprised approximately 5% of the U.S. population in the 2010 U.S. Census, which was over a 40% increase from the 2000 U.S. Census. AAPIs also comprised of numerous subgroups, of which individuals of Chinese (>3 million), South Asian (2.8 million), and Filipino (2.6 million) descent are three of the largest AAPI subgroups. Despite within-group heterogeneity, Asian Americans are commonly classified in combination with Pacific Islanders with minimal attention to variation among AAPI subgroups (i.e., East Asian Americans, South Asian Americans, etc.). The practice of aggregation Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders into a single large group can mask variation in the risk and prevalence of diseases among AAPI subgroups. In the context of health, type 2 diabetes mellitus (hereafter referenced as diabetes) is a specific area of research where the disaggregation of AAPI groups has been necessitated. Substantial differences have been indicated in the prevalence of diabetes among AAPI subgroups.

In recent years, a handful of researchers have sought to understand AAPI subgroup differences. The Diabetes Study of Northern California (DISTANCE) used a large cohort of over 2,000,000 adult patients receiving care in an integrated health delivery system during year 2010 to estimate differences in diabetes prevalence and incidence across Whites, Filipinos, Chinese, Japanese, Native Americans/American Indians/Alaska Natives, Pacific Islanders, South Asians, Southeast Asians, Koreans, Vietnamese, and other/unspecified Asians. Whites were used as the reference group and had 7.25% prevalence of diabetes. Among the variation within AAPI subgroups, Filipino prevalence was 16.13%, Chinese prevalence was 8.15%, Japanese was 10.28%, Pacific Islander prevalence was 18.27%, South Asian prevalence was 15.85%, Southeast Asian prevalence was 10.52%, Korean prevalence was 9.85%, Vietnamese prevalence was 9.85%, and other/unspecified Asian prevalence was 12.12%.

Interestingly, the study also created aggregate categories Asians (Filipino, Chinese, Japanese, South Asian, Southeast Asian, Korean, Vietnamese, and other/unspecified Asian; n = 280,858) and Pacific Islanders (n = 288,590) to examine the current categorizations that are used at the national and state levels to describe demographic data. The aggregated category of Asian indicated 12.2% prevalence and the aggregated Asians/Pacific Islander category yielded 12.3%, prevalence. Clearly, the variation in diabetes prevalence by AAPI subgroup as described above is masked when the aggregated categories are applied.

The Mediators of Atherosclerosis in South Asians Living in America (MASALA) and the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA) were two additional studies that examined participants with no known cardiovascular disease who were 44-84 years of age. South Asians were examined separately through MASALA, and were compared to the major ethnic minority groups in the U.S. 799 South Asians were compared with 2,611 Whites, 1,879 African Americans, 1,493 Latinos, and 801 Chinese Americans. South Asians had a significantly higher age-adjusted prevalence of diabetes (23%) than Whites (6%), African Americans (18%), Latinos (13%), and Chinese Americans (13%). Moreover, by studying South Asian Americans separately, findings from these
studies indicated that the higher South Asian prevalence of diabetes was not explained by traditional risk factors, such as body mass index.

As demonstrated by DISTANCE and MASALA, aggregation does mask variation in risk among AAPI subgroups. DISTANCE demonstrated that the very high risk for Pacific Islanders, South Asians, and Filipinos is masked by the lower prevalence rates of the large subgroups of Chinese and Japanese, which exert a strong influence on the overall rates of incidence and prevalence. MASALA further supported South Asian Americans as a high-risk group for diabetes, and further indicated that this group’s prevalence of diabetes is not explained by traditional risk factors. Not only do the DISTANCE and MASALA findings presented here emphasize the importance of studying AAPI subgroup differences in diabetes, but they also indicate that current assessment of typical diabetes risk factors may not be appropriate for at least one subgroup of AAPIs, which has considerable clinical implications for that subgroup.

Even the Obama Administration White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders emphasized improving current data collection practices by using disaggregation of AAPI subgroup data to unmask subgroup disparities. Interestingly, educational disparities among AAPI subgroups has been a high priority of the AAPI White House Initiative, indicating that disaggregation is necessary across multiple areas of study (i.e., health, education, etc.).

Data disaggregation can greatly improve understanding of risk factors and prevalence rates of mental and physical health illness among AAPI subgroups, particularly high-risk AAPI subgroups. In addition, the study of health risk across various intra-racial ethnic groups can benefit AAPI individuals in all subgroups by under-covering nuances between ethnicities that can indicate important biological and psychological ethnic differences that may impact treatment. Disaggregation is a necessary practice, particularly when health outcomes are expected to differ among AAPI subgroups. The practice of disaggregation is being applied across other races/ethnicities, and differences in diabetes incidence and prevalence have been indicated among Hispanic/Latino subgroups in the Hispanic Community Health Study/Study of Latinos. Based on substantive area, AAPI researchers should continue to disaggregate subgroups to ensure research findings are appropriate and can be effectively carried over and generalized into clinical practice with the AAPI population.
**Interview with Dr. Catherine Hsieh**

**Dr. Gurminder Sandhu**  
*Postdoctoral Fellow at University of La Verne CAPS*

Dr. Hsieh completed her undergraduate degree at UC Irvine and her Master’s and Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Missouri in 2012. She returned to California for her internship at UCLA CAPS and her post-doc at Loyola Marymount University. Dr. Hsieh took her first job as a licensed psychologist at CSU San Bernardino counseling center, and joined a group practice in Torrance. She began working as a staff psychologist at UC Irvine’s Counseling Center in 2014, where I met her during my training as a post-doc. Dr. Hsieh is a role model for Asian American women psychologists and has offered invaluable support and advice to me as I navigate the road to licensure and beyond. The following interview is a glimpse into her professional journey:

Did you find any aspect of your professional journey particularly difficult?

*Graduate school was obviously challenging. Internship was a transformative and challenging experience as well, but I think it was the transition from being a student to a professional that was particularly challenging. Especially because it was not just focusing on my educational goals anymore, but also considering my personal and career goals.*

Do you have a mentor?

*I’ve been blessed to have many mentors along my educational journey since my undergraduate program. I participated in a summer research program designed to prepare first-generation, minority students for graduate school. I also was involved with the School of Social Sciences and my mentors really helped me be academically prepared for graduate school and instill a sense of confidence that it was something attainable for me. During graduate school, I also had many supportive, talented, and strong faculty mentors who shaped my professional identity today. My advisor/mentor, Dr. Puncky Heppner, was probably the most influential person in my career development. He has taught me about what it means to be a counseling psychologist, to get involved with APA, and to give back to my community. It was his mentoring that propelled me to get involved and stay involved with APA. I just counted it the other day; I’ve been involved with APA for the past 9 years. And through my involvement with APA, I was able to connect with so many other wonderful mentors. I started by volunteering for Division 17 hospitality suite. Then I was on the convention committee for APAGS. Over time, Division 17 and Division 35 Section 5 - Psychology of Asian Pacific Women has become my professional home. I found that the best way to connect with others is through working together for something that you believe in, something of an interest, and to be part of something larger than myself.*

What do you think it means to be a mentor?

*To me, being a mentor or finding a mentor is all about relationship building. I never understood networking. As an introvert, the idea of "networking" always felt awkward and intimidating to...*
What I learned over time is that it is just about meeting people, connecting with others, and forming relationships, and the best way to do this within a professional setting is to work together. And because these leadership services are voluntary, I get to choose to get involved with only things that I enjoy doing.

Describe your career and your current position at UCI.

I’m a senior staff psychologist at UCI counseling center. In addition to providing clinical services, my passion is in cross-cultural adjustments and the cultural context of coping. Therefore, working with international students, documented and undocumented immigrant students became a natural fit for me. At the center, I’m the liaison to the International Center and I work with the Dreamers coordinator at UCI to provide outreach programming. How I became working so extensively with international students was really happenstance. I think a lot of my career development has been happenstance. John Krumboltz’s Happenstance Learning Theory really resonates with me as I reflect back on my career development. I think it really was a combination of happenstance and my curiosity and openness to try new things. I am constantly reflecting on who I am, what I want to do, and who I want to become. These reflections motivate me to engage in exploratory actions with different opportunities, and embracing my fear and anxiety by taking advantages of unplanned opportunities. Lather. Rinse. Repeat. And I continue to be actively involved within my center, campus, and with national organizations. My mentors have been instrumental in encouraging me to take the plunge and to challenge myself time and time again.

What are some of the main associations you are involved in? With a full time job, how do you find time for these additional commitments?

Currently, I’m the President-Elect for Division 35 Section 5 - Psychology of Asian Pacific American Women and Membership Chair for Division 17’s Section on College and University Counseling Centers. I’ve been involved with Section 5 since I was a graduate student and I started out as the student representative in 2009. This is a very rewarding and meaningful community of Asian American feminist psychologists and central to my identity. I participated in Division 17’s Leadership Academy in 2014 and from that experience I decided to get more involved with Society of Counseling Psychology. Being a college counseling psychologist, SCUCC seems like a natural fit for me to be able to contribute to my professional community.

I find time to do those things by staying organized, working with people who are supportive and collaborative, and enjoying what you do so it feels less like work. I focus on the skill development and personal connections with others.

As an Asian American woman in this field, what challenges did you face?

The biggest challenge early on in my career was probably the isolation that I experienced as the only Asian American woman in my graduate department. There is something very powerful to be able to observe and learn from different AAPI feminists and how they define their professional/personal identity as a feminist psychologist. Attending AAPA was very important to me to connect with other AAPI psychologists/students. Also, being involved with Division 35 Section 5 and having many role models helped me think of the diverse ways that we define what it means to be an AAPI feminist psychologist.
We are in the seventh year of AAJP's operation and the third year for me and my editorial team (with Associate Editors Chu Kim-Prieto and Tiffany Yip). My editorial team began making decisions on manuscripts on January 1, 2014. I am very fortunate and grateful to have two very capable associate editors in Drs. Kim-Prieto and Yip. In 2015, we received a total of 79 new submissions, among which we accepted 28 manuscripts. The editorial lag time was 1.3 months, which is 0.5 months shorter than that of 2014. The Impact Factor for AAJP is a healthy 1.686, as shown on http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/aap/.

In 2016, we increased the number of editorial board members by one, to 46. Two new members joined the board and one member rotated off the board. As we continue to see a steady flow of manuscript submissions, having a larger board has allowed us to avoid overtaxing each board member with too many review requests. With the current board, we have been able achieve an average of no more than one review request per month per board member. I believe that the current board well represents the breadth of Asian American psychology, as well as depth of expertise in each of its sub-discipline areas.

In the middle of 2015, we sent a Call for Papers for a Special Issue on "Asian Americans and Positive Psychology." We received three manuscripts and one has been accepted for publication while the other two are still in review. If these remaining two papers are ultimately accepted, it will be published as a Special Section in a future issue. In late 2015, we sent a Call for Papers for a Special Issue on "Qualitative Methods in Asian American Psychology." I hope to receive many submissions for this issue. Most recently, we have partnered with the Asian Caucus of the Society for Research on Child Development to develop a special issue titled "Moving Beyond the Model Minority." I'm excited about this collaboration and look forward to the papers that will be developed. Furthermore, my associate editors and I have approved two proposals for Review Papers. One paper is on the topic of "Asian Americans and Trauma" and the other paper is on the topic of "Cultural Complexities of Social Support among Asian Americans." My plan is to phase out the Annual Reviews of Asian American Psychology and replace them with a shorter and more focused Review Papers that target a narrower topic that is relevant to Asian American psychology.

In an effort to increase the journal's visibility, we have been selecting one article in each issue as the Feature Article. The lead author's biography and a summary of interesting experiences from conducting the research study are disseminated via the social media outlets (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, listservs) of Asian American Psychological Association.

Overall, I believe we have made a good start during past two years and am looking forward to the next three years of editorial work.
We are delighted to report that the Division on Practice (DoP) is now officially an AAPA Division, and we are actively seeking members who are interested in becoming a part of this new and exciting endeavor. We appreciate the guidance from the AAPA executive committee in solidifying the Practice Task Force’s vision on bridging the gap between Asian American Pacific Islander (API) researchers and practitioners, and their support on the formation of this Division. We also extend our gratitude to the editors of the Asian American Journal of Psychology (AAJP) for involving the Practice Task Force in developing case study guidelines for the journal and fostering collaborations between API researchers and practitioners within the Asian American psychology community. Last but not the least, we would like to thank all the AAPA members who supported this important goal by voting to establish the DoP.

To provide some history on the events that led to the development of the DoP, the AAPA Practice Task Force was informally established in 2007 by a small group of practitioners who wanted to bring issues relevant to practitioners to the AAPA forum. Initially, the Task Force struggled to gain the momentum needed to attract enough attention among AAPA members towards sharing these goals. In early 2014, another small group of API psychologists gathered once again to re-examine and refocus the original vision of the Task Force, and formally launched the Practice Task Force to explore how to best facilitate and foster research collaborations between researchers and practitioners that would truly inform practice with API clients and identify current practice trends that can guide future research on API mental health issues. With this goal in mind, the Task Force began to develop a series of collaborative projects within the AAPA, such as presenting at the AAPA convention, endorsing the Asian American Students Mental Health conference, and providing feedback on AAJP's Case Study manuscript guidelines.

In summer 2015, members of the Practice Task Force felt that given the current evidence-based practice environment and the increasing concerns that this culture of evidence-based practice may not adequately address practice trends within the ethnic community, the next logical step would be to establish a Division to continually address the API practice-related needs within the AAPA. Seven goals for the DoP were proposed:

1. to create a bridge between researchers and practitioners and to connect research to practice when serving API community;
2. to provide practitioners with resources and support in order to promote research by practitioners that best serve the API community;
3. to provide researchers with resources and support in order to promote practice-informed research that utilizes the clinical trends currently observed in the API community;
4. to advocate for research that is informed by practice and culturally informed policies;
5. to increase API practitioners’ membership and active involvement within AAPA;
6. to advocate for culturally informed policies that influence the manner in which training, research, and clinical services for API community are delivered and implemented;
7. and to create a platform for mentoring API students and new professionals who are
seeking careers as practitioners, and to connect with academic programs and training agencies that promote practitioner development.

Through a series of collaborative efforts between the AAPA executive committee, the Practice Task Force, and AAPA members at large, we are pleased to announce that the Division on Practice has been formally established. The DoP is now actively seeking members and elected officials to carry on the vision, mission, and goals widely shared and acknowledged by Asian American psychological community. Moving forward, DoP is looking to establish a forum for practitioners/scholars/educators exchanges, endorse practitioners to present API clinical practice findings at regional/national conferences, and identify other venues to encourage further collaboration between researchers and practitioners within the Asian American psychology community and to promote clinical practices relevant to the API community.

We look forward to your continual support and contribution to Division on Practice by getting involved, becoming members, and running for leadership positions in the upcoming DoP elections. Please consider joining the DoP on the AAPA website, and keep your eyes open for an upcoming election of DoP leadership.

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**Membership Report**

*Frances Shen, Ph.D.*

Hello AAPA Members,

AAPA currently has a total membership of 663 members. The breakdown for the membership categories are as follows:

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If you have not renewed your AAPA membership, be sure to renew your membership on our website so that you can begin to enjoy the many benefits of being a current AAPA member! There are many benefits for AAPA members only, such as the AAPA listserv, professional development blogs, annual subscription to the *Asian American Journal of Psychology*, membership discounts for the AAPA convention, etc. Your membership will last for an entire year from the date that you renew your membership.

You can easily join or renew your AAPA membership through our website at [www.aapaonline.org](http://www.aapaonline.org).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding AAPA membership, please do not hesitate to contact me at fshen625@gmail.com. Thank you for your continuing support of AAPA!
2016 AAPA Membership Application Form

Please check one:  _New Member  _Renewing  _Renewing, but new category (e.g., Student to Early Career)

If you were referred by an AAPA member, please list person: ________________________________

A. All Members -- Please complete the following:

Name: _______________________________________  E-mail: ________________________________
Mailing address: ____________________________________________  City______________________
State ____________ Zip ____________ Phone: ________________________________ Gender: _________
Highest degree earned: ____________ Year degree earned: ____________
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Ethnicity: _______________________  Languages (other than English): __________________________
Research/Practice Interests (5-6 words):
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Areas in psychology in which you received or will receive your degree (e.g., clinical, I/O, social, etc)
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I permit AAPA to release my contact information (name, address, email) and/or research interests:
To professional organizations?  ____ YES  ____ NO
In AAPA member directories (e.g., print or on the website)?  ____ YES  ____ NO
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B. Professional & Retiree/Emeritus Members -- Please complete these items:

Institutional/Organizational affiliation (if employed, current; if retired, previous and year retired):
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C. Student Members only -- Please complete these items:

School where you are enrolled:____________________________________________________________
Degree objective (e.g., Ph.D., Psy.D., MA., M.S.W.) : ______________
Expected graduation date:____________

Please Note: Membership in AAPA runs one year from the date when membership dues are received. You
can register online (for new or renewed membership) at our website, www.aapaonline.org. If you wish to
mail in your membership application form and payment to our central office (see address below), please al-
low 6-8 weeks for processing. Checks not honored by your financial institution will be subject to a $25.00
fee.

Please make your check payable to AAPA and send this entire form with your payment to:

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Description of Membership Statues

**Professional Members** - Persons with a master’s or doctorate degree in psychology, mental health, health, or related fields and/or professionals whose work and interests are consistent with the purposes of the Association.

**Retiree/Emeritus members** - Professional members who are retired from their positions. These persons must have been a member of AAPA for at least 5 years before paying dues at this level. Retiree/emeritus members pay dues at one-half the rate as professional members.

**Student members** - Undergraduate or graduate students in psychology, counseling, mental health, or related fields. *Student members of AAPA also automatically become members of the Division on Students with no additional fee. Ten dollars in dues support the Student Division, while the remaining dues support AAPA.*

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¹Membership in the Division on Women, Division on South Asian Americans, Division on Filipino Americans, or Division on LGBTQ Issues is optional, but you must be a member of AAPA to join.

²AAPA is a tax-exempt organization under IRS code section 501c (3) and all donations to AAPA are tax deductible. As a nonprofit, AAPA and its Divisions accept donations to help finance activities. Please consider donating.

Razia F. Kosi, Financial Officer

It gives me great pleasure to report the AAPA financial standing in the first quarter of 2016. We currently have a total of $62,599.73. Our assets are in three accounts: Paypal total is $39,544.76, with our income this past quarter totaling $16,565, E-Trade Checking total is $19,223.10 and E-Trade Money Trade total is $3,831.87.

A total of $637.00 in fees have been paid in services to Bust Out Solutions for the website and AAPA job postings. Expenditures for AAPA Journal have totaled $11,127. The final costs in the past quarter were for two AAPA members to attend a retreat at the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans. Their hotel expense was paid for and totaled $1,186.22.

This report has been prepared and respectfully submitted by Razia Kosi, Finance Officer.

The Peggy Lore Leadership Scholarship Fund at University of Colorado Denver

The portrayal of Asian Americans Pacific Islanders (AAPI) as the model minority often excludes AAPI from scholarships considered for underrepresented students. CU Denver has one of the highest number of AAPI students among all the higher education institutions in the state. Over 50% of CU Denver’s student population is on financial aid, and a high percentage of students are first generation college students.

To provide more financial support to students, the CU Denver faculty and staff created a scholarship to honor Peggy Lore, the former Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Success, and the longest serving director of the Asian American Student Services program. During Peggy Lore’s thirty years of service at CU Denver she has imparted onto countless students the skills needed to surmount the sometimes daunting challenge of completing college. The scholarship will be used to recognize students who have overcome obstacles and have been actively engaged in the AAPI community.

The Asian American Student Services (AASS) at the University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver) is co-sponsoring this year’s AAPA Convention. Please consider donating to the Peggy Lore Leadership scholarship that is awarded to outstanding Asian American student leaders who are actively involved in AAPI community, particularly in issues related to social justice.

For more information about the Peggy Lore Leadership scholarship and to donate to the scholarship fund, please visit: http://www.cufund.org/peggy-lore-scholarship-fund/
Greetings from the 2016 Convention Planning Team! We are so excited and pumped to see all of you at this year’s conference! Over the past few months, we have been working hard to get everything ready for the convention from developing a theme, finding a venue, and identifying a keynote speaker to soliciting book donations, considering banquet menus, and revising the details of the rating rubrics. We hope to make the 2016 convention in Denver a memorable one.

The Site
Bordered on the west by the majestic Rocky Mountains and home to over 16,000 Asian Americans, Denver is the site of this year’s AAPA annual meeting. The conference will be hosted by the University of Colorado, Denver, and it will be held at CU Denver’s Auraria Campus, right in the heart of downtown.

The Theme
Inspired by the anniversary of the Immigration Act of 1965, this year’s convention theme, “Beyond ‘Yellow’ Borders,” underscores the importance of AAPA’s mission of upholding social justice. Fifty years after the passage of the historic Act, our nation is once again faced with a tense socio-political climate; the theme, therefore, places front and center the racial and cultural tensions in our society today. As our nation’s social fabric continues to diversify, it creates opportunities for social reform and for a cultural revolution. Through the theme, we aspire to fuel dialogue, incite change, galvanize action, and empower our community. In developing the theme, we wanted to draw attention to a much more diversified AAPI community fifty years post-1965. Further, we want to strengthen our alliance with other ethnic minority groups whose struggles and stories mirror our own.

The Keynote Address
Dr. Ali Mattu, Ph.D., will jumpstart our program this year with a keynote address. Dr. Mattu has recently made headlines by launching the hashtag #ThisPsychMajor in response to Jeb Bush’s controversial comments about psychology majors. Dr. Mattu is a clinical psychologist at Columbia University who specializes in treating anxiety disorders. Dr. Mattu is also passionate about making psychology more accessible to the public through social media. He hosts “The Psych Show” on YouTube, and maintains the blog “Brain Knows Better: The Psychology of Science Fiction.”

What’s In It for You?
What are you going to get out of attending the conference, you ask? A whole lot! From meeting renowned and influential individuals in the field of Asian American Psychology to expanding your personal and professional networks with like-minded scholars and mental health providers who are as passionate as you are about helping the AAPI community, you will have the chance to learn, share your ideas, and collaborate with other conference attendees.

So get excited, get psyched, and come Rock it with us in Denver!
Call for Submissions to “ConditionallyAccepted” – A New Column at Inside Higher Ed

ConditionallyAccepted.com is now a biweekly career advice column at Inside Higher Ed, with posts focused on inequality, discrimination, and harassment in and related to academia. The new column can be viewed at: https://www.insidehighered.com/users/conditionally-accepted.

Scholars from various backgrounds, disciplines, and career paths are encouraged to contribute their voices. Guest blog posts from 750-1,250 words should offer narratives about the experiences of scholars who have been, at best, “conditionally accepted” in academia. Also welcome are advice, resources, and information to enhance marginalized scholars’ professional development.

All submissions should be emailed to conditionally.accepted@insidehighered.com. Please include a brief description of how your proposed post fits into the blog’s focus. Suggested guidelines for contributions are available at: http://conditionallyaccepted.com/contribute/.
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