

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS \* SYMPOSIA \* POSTERS

Submission Deadline: **March 21, 2016 at 11:00 p.m. PST**

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

## ASIAN AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 2016 ANNUAL CONVENTION

August 3, 2016  
Denver, Colorado

THEME:

### **Beyond 'Yellow' Borders:**

### **Revealing Our Diverse Community, Expanding Our Coalition Horizon**

Our psychology is born from our history: Asian American Psychology today is a product of a long history of personal narratives, pioneering research, and social activism. This past year marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, a pivotal moment in our nation's history that helped catalyze the already changing sociocultural landscape of the U.S. A period marked by racial tension and unrest, this moment helped rally Asian American activists to reclaim the word "yellow" (from its historically derogatory origin) and use it to mobilize and empower our community; it facilitated the construction of Asian Americans as a sociopolitical category. As we forge ahead and participate in shaping the next 50 years of our history, AAPA challenges you to look *BEYOND*: *Beyond* the stereotypical conception of Asian American (i.e., to reflect on how diverse our community has become over the past 50 years) and *beyond* a view of history that only focuses on the Asian American journey (i.e., to consider how our stories are entwined with the stories of struggle and successes of other marginalized groups in the U.S.).

This year's theme, "***Beyond 'Yellow' Borders: Revealing Our Diverse Community, Expanding Our Coalition Horizon***," brings together two important foci. First, the theme highlights the presidential mission of drawing awareness to the diverse identities within the AAPI community, which helps challenge the conventional image of Asian Americans as primarily of East Asian descent. Increasing visibility of our different identities and understanding our complexities equip AAPA with the necessary tools to advocate for equity and justice for all members of the AAPI community. With Asian American Psychology rooted in the social justice movement, the second focus underscores the importance of building coalitions and strengthening ties with other

minority/marginalized groups in the U.S. AAPA encourages the AAPI community to focus on the commonalities between the social struggles of AAPIs and those of other marginalized groups (e.g., Latinos, Native Americans, African Americans, refugees). As AAPA continues to further its social justice agenda, we invite the AAPI community to think about our role in the larger social reform movement.

We are seeking proposals that draw attention to the experiences of the underrepresented Asian American groups (e.g., South Asians, Filipinos, religious minorities, LGBTQ). In addition, we are interested in submissions that focus on collaborative projects (both nationally and internationally), interdisciplinary scholarship, multicultural perspective, cross-cultural psychology, and other works that further the social justice movement. We encourage submissions from researchers, community leaders and activists, mental health providers, and educators who work with underrepresented communities. Moreover, we welcome submissions from professionals and scholars in allied fields (e.g., Anthropology, Asian American Studies, Communication, Education, History, Law, Nursing, Political Science, Public Health, Psychiatry, Social Work, and Sociology) with whom we collaborate and whose work informs Asian American Psychology.

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

- Research or outreach with underrepresented AAPI groups (Southeast Asian, Pacific Islanders, LGBTQ, etc.)
- Collaborative and interdisciplinary work examining the diversity of the AAPI community
- Intersections across race, gender, and sexuality (examining complexities of our different identities, focus on the different experiences)
- Research, outreach and other topics involving the LGBTQ community
- Social reform, public policy, and political action (involvement of Asian Americans in current political movements)
- Social justice and equity
- Immigration, immigration reform, needs and challenges of immigrant communities (examination of different adaptation experiences, process of acculturation, code switching, etc. )
- Racial and ethnic identity development across different racial minority groups
- Similarities and differences of racial discrimination across the different racial/ethnic groups
- Intergroup conflicts; intergroup coalitions
- Mental health and Health disparities (research, outreach, programs that focus on access to care)
- Increasing visibility in the education system and clinical and counseling settings
- Colorblind, multicultural, and polycultural perspectives

### **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 **March 21, 2016 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 Anne Saw at [aapa.sessions@gmail.com](mailto:aapa.sessions@gmail.com).
- *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 Anne Saw at [aapa.sessions@gmail.com](mailto:aapa.sessions@gmail.com).
- *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 Kimberly Langrehr 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 April 2016.

### **Proposal Rating Criteria**

- Proposals will be rated based on the following criteria: Relationship to convention theme, Relevance/timeliness of topic, Membership appeal, Innovation and creativity, Scientific/empirical soundness (for research symposia and posters), Adequacy of strategy for involving audience (for interactive sessions), Contribution to the field.

### **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 2016 Convention. For all other questions regarding the 2016 AAPA Convention, please email one of this year's co-chairs, Nori Lim at [noriel.lim@emory.edu](mailto:noriel.lim@emory.edu) or Gloria Wong at [gloria.wong@unlv.edu](mailto:gloria.wong@unlv.edu).