

Society of Counseling Psychology Division 17

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

2022 Awards Program

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022

2022 SOCIETY OF COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY, DIVISION 17, APA AWARD RECIPIENTS

Staci Ouch, Ph.D.

Barbara A. Kirk Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research

Staci Ouch received her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at the University of Florida. She completed her pre-doctoral internship at the University of Houston's Counseling and Psychological Services and will begin her post-doctoral fellowship at Deep Eddy Psychotherapy. Her passion and commitment to social justice has led her to pursue related professional activities, such as serving as Chair of the Diversity Awareness and Affirmation Committee at UF, working with diverse and underserved clientele at free counseling services, and publishing her master's thesis which revealed aspects of stigma and coping efficacy that are salient in LGBTQ+ people of color's psychological distress as well as publishing her dissertation which revealed key factors associated with Asian American people's intragroup solidarity and collective activism with Asian American people and with other people of color. Staci would like to thank her advisor, Dr. Bonnie Moradi and her family, for their support and guidance throughout the years.



Devon Washington, M.S.

Donald E. Super Fellowship for the Support of Dissertation Research on Career Development Award

Devon Washington obtained her Master's in Applied Psychology at the University of Baltimore where she first engaged in vocational psychology research. Devon is a Doctoral Candidate in the Counseling Psychology program at the University of Missouri-Columbia. During her time at the University of Missouri, Devon has provided career counseling to university students and developed a career exploration course for underrepresented first-year students. Additionally, she was elected as the Counseling Psychology Student Organization president, where she engaged in advocacy to promote graduate student well-being. Devon is currently a doctoral intern at the University of Maryland Counseling Center. She would like to thank Dr. Patrick Rottinghaus, Dr. Lisa Flores, and Dr. Courtney Gasser who have contributed greatly to her professional achievements by continuing to foster and support her passion for vocational psychology and social justice.



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Jioni A. Lewis, Ph.D.

The Fritz & Linn Kuder Early Career Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions to Counseling Psychology

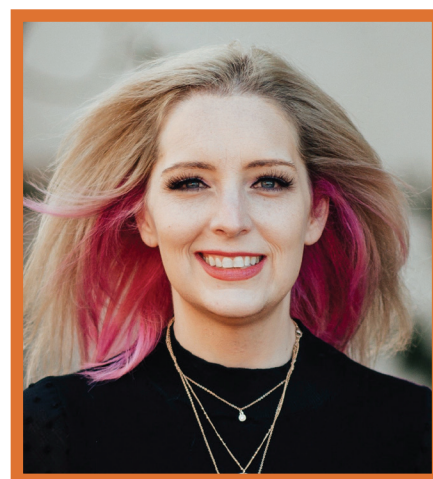
Jioni A. Lewis, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor in the Department of Counseling, Higher Education, and Special Education at the University of Maryland, College Park. She received her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2013. Dr. Lewis is a leading expert on gendered racial microaggressions, which refers to subtle and everyday discrimination based on the intersection of racism and sexism. She also examines protective factors that buffer individuals against the harmful effects of racism and sexism, such as radical healing, collective coping, and resistance strategies. Dr. Lewis has received several national awards for her research, teaching, mentoring, and social justice advocacy. She is Past-President of the Psychology of Black Women (APA Division 35-Section I), where she served as Lead Coordinator of the Inaugural Psychology of Black Women Conference. Dr. Lewis also serves on the editorial board for several academic journals, including the *Journal of Counseling Psychology*.



Melanie Wilcox, Ph.D.

The Fritz & Linn Kuder Early Career Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions to Counseling Psychology

Dr. Melanie Wilcox is an Assistant Professor at Augusta University. She earned her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the UAlbany in 2015. Her research foci include antiracist and anti-oppression psychotherapy and training, racial and socioeconomic inequity in higher education, and critical Whiteness and antiracism. Her 33 publications and 106 presentations span these pillars, and she is often invited to speak to interdisciplinary health professionals about how to think more complexly about addressing racism, White supremacy, and intersectional oppression. Hers is amongst the first research on Multicultural Orientation in supervision and on inequities in psychology student debt. She fervently advocates for antiracist psychological science and education. She has far more people to thank than she can name, but is especially grateful to Drs. Alex Pieterse, Jesse Owen, Candice Hargons, and one of her best friends and last year's recipient, Kerrie Wilkins-Yel; her other wonderful mentors and close peers; and her partner, Andrew.



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Em Matsuno, Ph.D.

Early Career Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Counseling Psychology

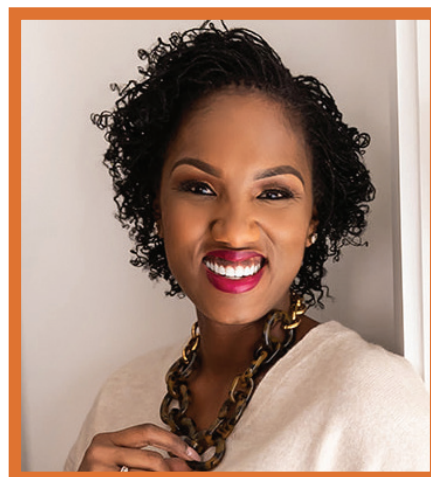
Dr. Matsuno is an assistant professor in Counseling and Counseling Psychology at Arizona State University. They graduated in 2019 with a PhD in counseling psychology from the University of California, Santa Barbara and completed a two-year research fellowship at Palo Alto University. Dr. Matsuno engages in research, training, and advocacy to promote the liberation of Two-spirit, trans, and nonbinary people (2STNB). Dr. Matsuno has advanced the research literature on nonbinary people and regularly conducts clinical training on providing trans affirmative therapy. Dr. Matsuno was selected to be a member of the task force for revising the APA Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Transgender and Gender Nonconforming clients and serves on the editorial board for *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*. Dr. Matsuno is grateful for the invaluable mentorship from Drs. Tania Israel, Kimberly Balsam, Stephanie Budge, Paz Galupo, and Heidi Zetzer as well as support from the 2STNB community.



Delishia M. Pittman, Ph.D., ABPP

Early Career Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Counseling Psychology

Delishia M. Pittman is an Associate Professor of Counseling in the Graduate School of Education and Human Development at The George Washington University and the Founder and Clinical Director of Paradigm Shift Psychological Wellness Collective. She is dually licensed as a psychologist and licensed professional counselor, and the first African American to be board-certified in counseling psychology in the District of Columbia. Dr. Pittman is a scholar-activist-practitioner, earning her PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Georgia and an MPH in epidemiology from The George Washington University. Initially envisioning a clinical career, Dr. Pittman quickly realized that as she ascended the educational ranks, she was moving further from the communities she was most eager to serve. Consequently, she pursued an academic career committed to shaping the future of mental health service delivery by preparing clinicians who were better equipped to serve Black and Brown communities who have been historically excluded of culturally responsive and informed mental health care. Dr. Pittman is a native of Phoenix, AZ and adds balance to her very full professional life by spending time with family, friends, and her dog T'Challa, travel, and loving on her godchildren, Tomás, Kaidence, and Andreas.



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Betty Lai, Ph.D.

Dorothy Booz Black Award for Outstanding Contributions in Counseling Health Psychology

Betty Lai is an Associate Professor in Counseling Psychology at Boston College. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Miami. Lai's research focuses on the impacts of the climate crisis and disasters on children. Her work has examined children's mental health symptoms, physical health symptoms, and school functioning following large-scale disasters (e.g., Hurricanes Katrina, Ike, Charley). Lai is also dedicated to training the next generation of scholars. Lai's book, *The Grant Writing Guide: A Road Map for Scholars* (Princeton University Press), includes strategies and insights gleaned from her interviews of scores of grant writing experts. Lai's work has been funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Mental Health. Lai was a Fellow in the Next Generation of Hazard and Disasters Researchers Program and a National Scholar for the Academy on Violence and Abuse. Her work has been recognized with awards from the American Psychological Foundation and the American Educational Research Association.



Jill Fish, Ph.D.

Social Justice Award in Counseling Psychology

Jill Fish is from the Tuscarora Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. She earned her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Minnesota in 2020. Jill is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Care Delivery and Outcomes Research at the Minneapolis VA, and an incoming tenure-track assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at Macalester College. Jill's scholarship centers the voices and lived experiences of Native American and Indigenous peoples. She is invested in creating a psychology that is not just for, but that is also by Indigenous peoples, resulting in a culturally and historically rich scholarship that challenges oppressive narratives and fosters systemic change. This is most apparent in her community-based project, *OrigiNatives*, which features digital stories of the lives, histories, and cultures of Native American and Indigenous peoples from Minneapolis, Saint Paul, and greater Minnesota. Jill is grateful for her mentors turned colleagues, including Amy Reynolds, Moin Syed, and Joe Gone, who have given her a sturdy foundation for pursuing a professional path with deep personal meaning.



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Skyler Johnson, Ph.D.

Social Justice Award in Counseling Psychology

Dr. Skyler Jackson is a stigma researcher, clinician, and diversity consultant. He received his BA in Psychology from Stanford University and his PhD in Counseling Psychology from University of Maryland-College Park. Currently, he is an Associate Research Scientist at Yale School of Public Health. Dr. Jackson's research focuses on the ways individuals' social identities (e.g., race, gender, sexual orientation) shape their everyday lives and influence well-being. In particular, he is interested in complex and understudied experiences of oppression (e.g., intersectional stigma)—and how they interfere with psychological functioning and contribute to health disparities. For over 20 years, Dr. Jackson has worked as a social justice trainer, speaker, and consultant working to reduce personal bias, intergroup prejudice, and structural inequities in a variety of clinical and non-clinical settings (e.g., K-12 schools, cultural institutions). Blending his research, clinical, and organizational consulting expertise, Dr. Jackson received NIH funding to work with a community organization test a stigma-coping treatment to improve the health of Southern queer men of color.



Jeanne E. Manese, Ph.D.

Lifetime Mentoring Award in Counseling Psychology

Jeanne E. Manese, Ph.D. received her doctorate from the University of Maryland, College Park. Dr. Manese is now an independent consultant and a national advisor with The Steve Fund, a non-profit organization focused on the mental health of college students of color. As a practitioner-scholar-advocate, Dr. Manese's University of California counseling center career has spanned over four decades including serving as the Director of the Counseling Center at UC Irvine and Training Director at UC San Diego. In these roles, her passions included supervision, implementing strengths-based and peer programs for first generation college students, and mentoring BIPOC students through the higher education pipeline and into early career leadership roles. Dr. Manese was bestowed the honor of Lifetime Achievement in Service from the APA Minority Fellowship Program. She previously served as Chair-Training Advisory Committee; and continues as a Mentor for the MFP Psychology Summer Institute. Dr. Manese is an AAPA Fellow and APA Fellow in Divisions 45 and 17. Among her recent highlights as a Counseling Psychologist is serving in the SCP Leadership Collaborative.



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David L. Blustein, Ph.D.

The 2022 Leona Tyler Award for Lifetime of Achievement in Counseling Psychology

David L. Blustein is a Professor and Golden Eagle Faculty Fellow in the Department of Counseling, Developmental, and Educational Psychology at Boston College. David received a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Teachers College-Columbia University. David is the author of *The Psychology of Working: A New Perspective for Career Development, Counseling, and Public Policy* and *The Importance of Work in an Age of Uncertainty*. He has been instrumental in developing psychology of working theory, which is an inclusive and social justice-informed perspective of work. In addition, David has focused on unemployment, work-based interventions, decent work, interface of work and mental health, and relationships and work. He also has consulted with the International Labor Organization, OECD, and the United Nations Development Program. David would like to thank the mentors and colleagues who nominated him for this award: Mark Savickas, Bob Lent, Nadya Fouad, and Ryan Duffy.



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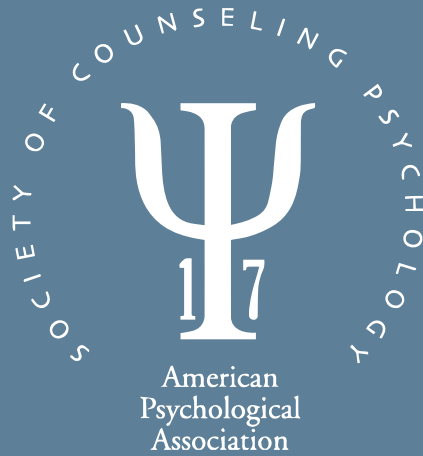
Taisha Caldwell-Harvey, Ph.D.

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Lisa Y. Flores, Ph.D.

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