



# National Latina/o Psychological Association

Asociación Nacional de Psicología Latina

Dear Colleagues and Colleagues-in-Training,

Welcome to the National Latina/o Psychological Association!

*¡Bienvenid@s a la Asociación Nacional de Psicología Latina!*

NLPA is the home for Latina/o psychologists, graduate and undergraduate students as well as other mental health professionals, researchers and educators interested in matters concerning Latina/o psychology. NLPA's mission is to advance psychological education and training, scientific practice and organizational change to enhance the overall wellbeing of Latina/o populations. If you would like to join NLPA or renew your membership, please visit [www.nlpa.ws/joinrenew-membership](http://www.nlpa.ws/joinrenew-membership). If you are already a member, thank you very much for your support!

My name is Andrés Consoli, Ph.D., and I have the honor and privilege of serving as NLPA's President for 2014. I am a faculty member in the Department of Counseling, Clinical, & School Psychology, in the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, at the University of California Santa Barbara. Should you have any questions about NLPA, please feel free to contact me at [aconsoli@education.ucsb.edu](mailto:aconsoli@education.ucsb.edu) or any of our Leadership Council members ([www.nlpa.ws/leadership-council](http://www.nlpa.ws/leadership-council)).

2014 is a very exciting year for NLPA as we celebrate our ten-year anniversary *conferencia!* Please join us at our Biennial *Conferencia* to be held at the Hotel Albuquerque in Albuquerque, New Mexico from October 23-25, 2014. The theme of our 2014 *Conferencia* is DREAMers, Immigration, & Social Justice: Advancing a Global Latina/o Psychology Agenda - *DREAMers, Inmigración y Justicia Social: Avanzando una Agenda Global de la Psicología Latina*. For more information about our *Conferencia*, including hotel, airline, and program, please visit [www.nlpa.ws/biennial-conference](http://www.nlpa.ws/biennial-conference) or contact Dr. Cynthia Guzmán, NLPA 2014 *Conferencia* Chair, at [conference@nlpa.ws](mailto:conference@nlpa.ws).

Additionally, in the spirit of collaboration and cooperation, NLPA and the New Mexico Psychological Association (NMPA) are hosting consecutive conferences (please visit [www.nmpsychology.org](http://www.nmpsychology.org) for more information about NMPA's conference).

My Presidential Agenda for 2014 focuses on understanding Latina/o identities across borders, with particular emphasis on the impact of migration, bilingualism, intersectionality, and the emic-etic boundaries that define us. Héctor Torres, Psy.D., Associate Professor at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, leads this agenda while focusing on international perspectives. Please contact Dr. Torres at [htorres@thechicagoschool.edu](mailto:htorres@thechicagoschool.edu) if you would like to be part of this initiative.

There are many benefits to being a member of NLPA, including receiving hard copies of our publication, the *Journal of Latina/o Psychology*, edited by our distinguished member Dr. Azara Santiago-Rivera.

In addition to our respected journal, members also receive:

- discounted rates for *conferencia* registration,
- access to professional development and advocacy opportunities,
- participation in NLPA's Special Interest Groups (check them out at [www.nlpa.ws/special-interest-groups](http://www.nlpa.ws/special-interest-groups)),
- enrollment in NLPA's listserv, and more!

NLPA's *familia* is a particularly welcoming network for graduate and undergraduate students, as well as early career psychologists. Being a member of NLPA provides opportunities for mentoring, networking, and continuous professional development. Please reach out to our elected Student Representative, Marvyn Arévalo Ávalos, at [mrafnd@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:mrafnd@mail.missouri.edu) or our appointed Student Development Coordinator, Dr. Valerie Minchala, at [vminchala@fullerton.edu](mailto:vminchala@fullerton.edu) for more information about student engagement in NLPA. If you are an early career psychologist, please contact Dr. Mary Reyna, our elected Early Career Representative at [mcreyna@hotmail.com](mailto:mcreyna@hotmail.com) to get connected.

NLPA grants six standing, biennial awards in recognition of exceptional achievements. Three awards are for students: the Cynthia de las Fuentes Dissertation Award, the NLPA Outstanding Dissertation Award, and the Distinguished Student Service Award. The other three awards are the Star Vega Distinguished Service Award, the Distinguished Professional Early Career Award, and the Distinguished Professional Career Award. For information about past award recipients please visit [www.nlpa.ws/nlpa-award-recipients](http://www.nlpa.ws/nlpa-award-recipients). The current call for award nominations can be found at [www.nlpa.ws/call-for-nominations-for-2014-awards](http://www.nlpa.ws/call-for-nominations-for-2014-awards). The co-chairs of the 2014 Awards Committee are Drs. Dianna Marisol González ([diannamgonzalez@gmail.com](mailto:diannamgonzalez@gmail.com)) and Eduardo Morales ([dremorales@aol.com](mailto:dremorales@aol.com)).

On behalf of NLPA's 2014 Leadership Council, I welcome you to NLPA and I look forward to your involvement.

Warmly,



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