



National Latina/o Psychological Association

Asociación Nacional de Psicología Latina

NLPA RENAMED THE **NATIONAL LATINX PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

NAME CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Leadership Council (LC) is pleased to announce that our membership has voted to change the name of our organization to the **National Latinx Psychological Association**, effective January 1, 2019.

The new name represents our support for sexual orientation and gender diversity by using a term that is not grounded in a gender binary model. In addition, the change continues the organization's honoring of its social justice mission, accepting its role as a national thought leader, remaining relevant and current in the field and perhaps most importantly, clearly stating that NLPA welcomes and values everyone in our community.

NLPA has historically been intentional and forward thinking in defining its identity. Similarly, in 2002, gender inclusivity was a major consideration when it changed its name to the National *Latina/o* Psychological Association (from the National *Hispanic* Psychological Association).

The Name Change Task Force has been established to manage a timely branding transition. Their charge includes the coordination with relevant NLPA leadership of:

- any legal and administrative tasks (including incorporation revisions),
- the process for eliciting and choosing a new logo;
- the Association journal and newsletter name change; and
- the consistency of branding across media and materials.

Elizabeth Aranda, Ph.D., will serve as Task Force Chair. Dr. Aranda is NLPA's Leadership Fellow (at the Leadership Development Institute of the Council of National Psychological Associations for the Advancement of Ethnic Minority Interests) and a co-chair for NLPA's *Orgullo* Special Interest Group, that is committed to addressing the needs and challenges faced by Latinx sexual- and gender-diverse individuals. The other task force members are Drs. Fred Millán (President), Brian McNeill (President Elect) and Yolanda Evie Garcia (Past President).

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