



National Latina/o  
Psychological Association  
Asociación Nacional de Psicología Latina

## Call for Nominations for the 2016 NLPA Awards

This is the call for nominations for the 2016 NLPA Awards to be given at the 2016 NLPA Conference taking place September 29-October 2, 2016 in Orlando, Florida at the Orlando World Center Marriott.

**The following NLPA Awards will be presented during the Noche de Gala: Awards, Dinner, and Dance on the evening of Saturday, October 1, 2016 in Orlando, Florida.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** While persons who are not members of NLPA may be nominated to the awards, all awardees would need to be members of NLPA before the bestowing of an award. In other words, nominees selected to receive an award would need to join the organization before the conferment of the award. It is expected that awardees will attend the conference to receive their award.

**NLPA informational details and application for NLPA membership can be found at:**  
<http://www.nlpa.ws>

### STUDENT AWARDS

Nominees for student awards must be matriculated graduate students (including pre-doctoral interns) and must be student members of NLPA at the time of the award's bestowing. **Include additional submission requirements noted below.**

#### 1. NLPA - Cynthia de las Fuentes Dissertation Award

*The purpose of this award is to support students in finishing their dissertation project. This award includes \$500 through a generous donation by Dra. Cynthia de las Fuentes who is a private practitioner in Austin, Texas. Criteria for the award include: (1) Focusing on issues related to Latina/o Psychology theory, research, or practice; and (2) Contributing in a substantive way to the advancement of knowledge related to Latina/o Psychology. Nominations for this award should include a two-page summary of the project. **Include additional submission requirements below for all awards.***

#### 2. NLPA – Outstanding Dissertation Award

*This award recognizes exceptional dissertation research projects that are completed and have been defended between the more recent NLPA conference (in this case, November 2012) and July 1, 2014. The dissertation topic must cover issues related to Latina/o psychology and make a unique contribution to the literature. This award includes \$500 through the generous donation of members of the Leadership Council. Nominations for this award should include a two-page summary of the project and the nomination letter should specify the date the dissertation was defended. A letter from the chair of the dissertation is also required. **Include additional submission requirements below for all awards.***

#### 3. NLPA - Distinguished Student Service Award

*This award is conferred upon a graduate student who has made **outstanding** service contributions to the US Latina/o community. This award includes \$500 through the generous donation of members of the Leadership Council. Service contributions can include activities such as the development of creative educational*

programs or other novel activities in the advancement of service, working to increase funding for agencies, working on legislation regarding mental health, involvement in policy-related issues, and initiating outreach programs. **A letter from the academic advisor or training director verifying good standing is required.**  
**Include additional submission requirements below for all awards.**

## OTHER NLPA AWARDS

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### 4. NLPA - Star Vega Distinguished Service Award

*This award is conferred upon a psychologist who has distinguished him or herself through service to the Latina/o community). The award is named in honor and memory of Dr. Star Vega. Dr. Star Vega, Practitioner, Professor of Psychology, and advocate for all psychologists, died Saturday, April 24, 2004 at the young age of 55 due to leukemia. Dr. Vega was core faculty in the doctoral program in Clinical Psychology at Phillips Graduate Institute. She was also the 2002 President of the California Psychological Association, the first Latina to occupy this position. **Include additional submission requirements below for all awards.***

## The Following NLPA Awards Make Direct Reference to NLPA's Mission

NLPA Mission Statement (Source: <http://www.nlpa.ws/our-mission>)

*Our mission is to create a supportive professional community that advances psychological education and training, science, practice, and organizational change to enhance the health, mental health, and well-being of Hispanic/Latina/o populations.*

### **Our Objectives are:**

- 1 Generate, promote, and advance Latina/o Psychology in the United States and globally;*
- 2 Cultivate relevant and effective psychological science, practice, education, and training in order to build knowledge, foster research, and/or promote culturally competent delivery of services;*
- 3 Promote and encourage the efforts of professionals that have demonstrated a sustained commitment and dedication to Latina/o Psychology through exceptional research, practice, and/or education and training efforts that have contributed to the discipline/field and/or to the health and well-being of Hispanic/Latina/o communities/populations;*
- 4 Encourage the educational and professional advancement of Latina/o psychologists and students by identifying and reporting on research, education, and training programs that effectively prepare Latina/o psychologists and facilitate cooperation among them;*
- 5 Cultivate and promote open communication with members and leaders of Latina/o communities, organizations, institutions, and society at large for our mutual education and understanding;*
- 6 Promote awareness and understanding of issues and concerns that Latina/o psychologists, students, and/or mental health professionals might have related to their personal, educational and/or professional experiences;*
- 7 Encourage and assist in the advancement of psychological science, knowledge, research, practice, education, service, and training that educates, informs, and influences public knowledge and awareness of Latina/o Psychology, as well as public/institutional policy-makers that may be relevant to and/or affects Latinas/os at the national, regional, state, and local levels.*

## 5. NLPA - Distinguished Professional Early Career Award

*This award is conferred upon a psychologist whose contributions have advanced an agenda congruent with NLPA's mission. Early career is defined as 10 years or less since earning a doctoral degree. **Include additional submission requirements below.***

## 6. NLPA - Distinguished Professional Career Award

*This award is conferred upon a psychologist whose contributions have advanced an agenda congruent with NLPA's mission. Distinguished career is defined as 15 years or more since earning a doctoral degree. **Include additional submission requirements below.***

### **Additional Submission Requirements for ALL NLPA Awards**

• **In addition to any specified requirements requested in each NLPA Award, all nominations should also include the following:**

- 1) a completed cover letter to the NLPA Awards Committee,
- 2) a copy of nominee's curriculum vitae, and
- 3) two letters of support documenting how the nominee fulfills the criteria for the award.

• E-mail all supporting documents in ONE file in a PDF file to [nlpa.awards@gmail.com](mailto:nlpa.awards@gmail.com) and cc copies to the Awards Committee Co-chairs to: [DrEMorales@aol.com](mailto:DrEMorales@aol.com) and [brandy.pina.watson@ttu.edu](mailto:brandy.pina.watson@ttu.edu) to ensure receipt of the nominations.

**Award Nomination Deadline: February 15, 2016**

Please contact Awards Committee Co-chairs by email if you have any questions:

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### **Friendly Reminder!**

ALL NLPA Awards will be announced to the NLPA membership and presented during the NLPA's 2016 Biennial Conference to be held September 29 - October 2, 2016 in Orlando, Florida at the Orlando World Center Marriott. **These NLPA Awards will be presented during the Noche de Gala: Awards, Dinner, and Dance on the evening of Saturday, October 1, 2016 in Orlando, Florida.**

**Information and Registration for the NLPA 2016 Biennial Conference**

<http://www.nlpa.ws/2016-biennial-conference>