

Division 35, Section 6:

Alaska Native/American Indian/Indigenous Women Awards 2018

Call for Nominations - EXTENDED DEADLINE - **May 1, 2018**

Division 35, Section 6 Fire Keeper Awards

In the Spirit of Indigenous wisdom and cultures, the awards for Division 35, Section 6 recognize those members of the section who are also allies or members of the Native community who perpetuate Indigenous ways of knowing, fuel the fires of scientific knowledge, and weave the threads of community together in ways that honor and sustain the legacy we each represent.

Nominations for the following awards have been extended to close on May 1, 2018 and should be submitted to the Awards Chair, Stephanie Parisien, PhD at [parisien\\_03@hotmail.com](mailto:parisien_03@hotmail.com). Note: The submission requirements for the Sage and Cedar Awards have been adjusted to include not only self-nominations but also nominations made by faculty members/supervisors.

**Sweet Grass Award (Award \$500)**

For Native peoples, Sweet grass is a sacred plant that attracts positive energy, beauty, and sweetness. In some Native teachings, it is considered the sacred hair of Mother Earth and its fragrance reminds people of the gentleness, love, and kindness the Earth mother has for the people. Traditionally braided in 3 strands, each strand represents love, kindness, and honesty. This award honors the Indigenous psychology professional who epitomizes these values and virtues through the dedication of outstanding professionalism in service such as the following:

1. Mentoring and supporting Indigenous women
2. The development (or adaptation) of research methods or models for treatment and intervention that are ethnically, culturally, and gender appropriate for Indigenous women;
3. Advancing the understanding of the psychology of Indigenous women; the scientific understanding of features of ethnicity, culture and class among indigenous women which pertain to the psychology of women; adequate education and training in service and investigative approaches related to indigenous people; and
4. Advocate on behalf of Indigenous women in policy, clinical, and research findings in the area of services to AN/AI and other Indigenous women, children, youth, and families.

To be selected, the awardee will have demonstrated significant contributions in one or more of the above listed activities and be viewed as an Elder figure to the Native community of which she/he is a member.

In the spirit of the Carolyn Wood Sherif Award, the individual will be invited to present at the APA convention, SIP annual conference, (whichever they may be attending). The winner will also chair a section 6 program in the year following the award presentation.

Eligibility: Should be a member of Section 6 and preferably mid to senior career level (or more than 10 years since graduation). Non-members are welcome to apply and agree to become a member of Division 35, Section 6 once selected to be the award recipient.

Membership information and application can be found at <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-35/membership/index.aspx>

Requirements: Please submit a nominating letter with at least one suggested criteria met or similar with a rationale and explanation.

### **Sage Award (Award \$500)**

Native peoples use Sage to purify and drive out negative energy. It is also thought to be more medicinal than Sweet grass and has physical healing properties. Sage is often used for releasing what is troubling the mind and for cleansing spaces and sacred items. The Sage award is for the Indigenous Early Career Professional who is emerging as a professional and is an exemplar of Native values in a role of service leadership to the Native community. The candidate for this award should demonstrate values representative of feminist and Native leadership in teaching, service, or clinical practice. The feminist leader's work should focus on the needs of the Indigenous community which might include but is not limited to addressing Native student pipeline challenges, health/mental health disparities, environment and health intersections, and related topics. Encouragement of publication of research or service activities within feminist and/or Indigenous based publications. The development of a future program (for a conference in the subsequent year) based on awardees interest/research will also be supported.

Eligibility: ABD/Intern to Early/Mid-Career (0-10 years after graduation). Nominations, including self-nominations, are welcome. The applicant must: 1) Be an early career psychologist (graduated no more than 10 years ago); and 2) Be current members of APA Division 35, Section

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Requirements: Please submit: 1) A one-page recommendation/nomination from a faculty member or supervisor who is familiar with the applicant's work. This letter should articulate the applicant's contribution to the commitment (or relevance of proposal) to feminist goals and contributions to AN/AI/Indigenous feminist psychology, including the applicant's reflection on its impact on AN/AI/Indigenous communities (and/or families); and 2) The applicant's curriculum vitae.

Applications that fail to meet the guidelines described above will not be reviewed.

### **Cedar Award (Award \$500)**

Cedar has many restorative medicinal uses. Cedar is used in sweat lodge and fasting ceremonies for protection. Cedar branches cover the floor of many sweat lodges and shade the arbors at Sundance. Some say the plant is a guardian spirit and wards off the bad spirits. The Cedar award is for the Indigenous graduate student who demonstrates the above mentioned qualities (1-4). The graduate student has completed research or is involved in service focused on the needs of Indigenous communities. The research or service has made a meaningful contribution to Native American/Indigenous Psychology and/or local Indigenous community efforts. The students will have an opportunity to present their work at subsequent conference with support from the section. Encouragement of publication of research or service activities within feminist and/or Indigenous based publications.

Eligibility: Nominations, including self-nominations, are welcome. The applicant must: 1) Be currently enrolled in a graduate academic program; and 2) Be current members of APA Division 35, Section 6. Non-members are welcome to apply and agree to become a member of Division 35, Section 6 once selected to be the award recipient.

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Questions and nominations should be addressed to the Awards Chair: