From:	Pratyusha Tummala-Narra
To:	Blume, Art
Cc:	Marilyn Charles; Joseph Trimble
Subject:	Re: [DIV39S9] Fw: [Div48-Discussion] APA, the Standing Rock Lakota Standoff, and Response to the Society of Indian Psychologists
Date:	Wednesday, November 23, 2016 5:58:08 PM

Dear Art,

I am so disappointed and saddened by APA's lack of sensitivity and lack of understanding to the issues raised by SIP. It is really quite unbelievable for APA leadership to claim that they can't be held responsible for their inadequate response to the letter from SIP because they don't see themselves as culturally competent. Very strange for an organization that claims to hold diversity and multiculturalism as its core values.

I agree that meaningful support from other members and Divisions of APA would be helpful in continuing to demand a reasonable response from APA leadership. Please let Marilyn and me know if there are specific steps you think may be best. We are eager to help, but want to do so in a way that will be effective. Thank you for welcoming us into the process. I truly hope that working together and bringing together as many allies as possible will make everyone's concerns clearly heard.

Best wishes,

Usha

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On Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 4:45 PM, Blume, Art <art.blume@wsu.edu> wrote:

> Dear Usha and Marilyn (and thank you Joseph for copying me),
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> We so very much appreciate your support and please feel free to share my message with others far and wide. In my mind, the more messengers we have delivering a message of justice and fairness, the better for all of us. Not only have I been mystified/mortified by APA's recent messages to us by key people in the organization, I (and others) have been astonished that APA has not taken a very strong and public stance against the hate crime wave that has occurred. Our strategy has been to relentlessly challenge the inertia of APA on these issues. It has deeply fatigued us physically, emotionally, and spiritually. However, we are encouraged that others have joined with us, and hope they will be relentless in this pursuit as well.
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> As you may have noticed, APA still has not specifically addressed our requests, despite our messages. We understand those responses may take some time given the bureaucracy. This is a place where relentless support from other APA members would be most welcome. As an example, the issues related to the APS apology are an area of great concern to us, but

personally I feel reluctant to push APA for an apology that may appear coerced by Native people (hence, not from APA's heart). Furthermore, I heard second hand (so consider the source is not direct but from credible people) that a very senior APA elected official was suggesting that if they apologized to SIP it would open the floodgates for apologies to other groups (which of course it should), like that would be problematic. Also heard from council members was a belief that APA circumstances were much different than APS (again second hand information), implying APA may not have an obligation to apologize.

All of these insensitivities are superimposed over and compounded by the fallout from the election that has left many us thrown under the bus by certain narrow minded citizens and with genuine concerns for safety and justice. I certainly understand and appreciate the worries about conflict and divisions. However, I believe as a Native person that creation will be restored to harmony and balance with time, and that we are called at this time to represent the best of creation against the pathological forces (therefore a psychological issue front and center) that are disturbing the beauty of creation. We welcome our allies with open arms.

Wado--Thank you so much for your support.

Very best regards,

Art

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
-------- Original message --------
From: Pratyusha Tummala-Narra <usha.tummala@bc.edu>
Date: 11/23/16 10:56 AM (GMT-10:00)
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Subject: Re: [DIV39S9] Fw: [Div48-Discussion] APA, the Standing Rock Lakota Standoff, and Response to the Society of Indian Psychologists

Dear Joseph and Art,

I want to echo Marilyn's sentiment. Please let me/us know what can be done to help. Thank you for all that you are doing to advocate for all of our communities.

Best wishes,

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On Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 3:41 PM, Marilyn Charles <mcharlesphd@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Joseph, Art, and Usha,

These are very worrisome times, indeed, and I feel it is so important to stand together. As I think about the people trying to stand up for their values and being treated so inhumanly, it is just so painful. I hear the voices of children trying to make sense of the impossible meanings being communicated about drawing lines and building walls that separate us from one another. I am haunted by a strange mix of history and a terrifying future and a quotation from Virginia Woolf keeps coming to mind
"This has gone on forever; goes down to the bottom of the world -- this moment I stand on".

It seems both that we are at an armageddon and that we have always been here but not been able to sufficiently mobilize in the face of it. Perhaps these battles of power versus humanity are an intrinsic part of the human condition and we cannot entirely move beyond them but I yearn to move towards a better resolution. Hard to believe in today, which makes it seem even more important to fight for it.

Please let me know what I can do.

warmly,

Marilyn

On Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 1:40 PM, Joseph Trimble <Joseph.Trimble@wwu.edu> wrote:

Good day to you Marilyne. and thank you for your interest. Art Blume is included in this message so you can connect directly with him to express your support and discuss ways you can collaborate. There's more to the story that is disturbing to many of us. Attached you will find a series of letters from the Society of Indian Psychologists and APA specifically Cynthia Belar and Susan McDaniel. Please take the time to read them over and then reflect on what concerned groups should do about it. I am stunned these days but even more so when I read the tone and content of the letters sent out under the APA logo.
I know that Art, Gayle, Melinda, Carolyn, Joanna, and Christopher who represent SIP well will not back down from the matter. In addition to my shocked state of late the APA correspondence is even more shocking and staggering.
And with this note I trust you will have a most pleasant coming holiday.
—Joseph

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Date: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at 9:53 AM
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Dear Joseph,

Division 39 is very concerned about these issues and we are trying to figure out how to best support your efforts. If you have particular ideas regarding how we might be most helpful, please let me know.

in solidarity,

Marilyn
(President, Division 39)

On Tue, Nov 22, 2016 at 2:13 AM, Catherine Adler <catherine@amadler.com> wrote:

------ Original message------
From: Joseph Trimble
Date: Sun, Nov 13, 2016 4:28 PM
To: DIV48@LISTS.APA.ORG;
Cc:
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Good day friends and colleagues. You may not be aware of the contents and circumstances describe in the attached letter. Knowing of many of your concerns about the standoff at Standing Rock I thought you might find the letter of interest if not concern. If you want to show your support I suggest you correspond with Art as he and his folks are leading the charge for SIP.
In spirit,
—Joseph

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