

## Presidential Programming

# Indigenous Psychology: Past, Present, and Future

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4:50 PM

Walter E. Washington Convention  
Center, Level 1: East Salon C

Invited Address  
(50 minutes)

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## Description

On the historic occasion of an apology to the Indigenous Peoples of the USA by the American Psychological Association, this Presidential session considers the uncertain intersection of organized psychology and Native American communities. Indeed, American psychology has long been entangled with pursuits and commitments that reinforced ideologies of Indigenous inferiority. These ideologies originated in the US colonial project to rationalize and legitimate the dispossession and subjugation of Indigenous polities. And yet, despite the harmful legacy of American psychology for Native American “survance,” increasing numbers of Indigenous psychologists are envisioning and enacting alterNative forms of psychology that seek to neutralize, contest, and refashion the discipline for a robust Indigenous futurity. In this session, three Indigenous psychologists—an elder, an elected leader, and an early career professional—reflect on the past, reflect on the present, and reimagine the future of Indigenous psychology.

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## Learning Objectives

- Explain why APA has offered a formal apology to Indigenous Peoples in the USA.
- Identify actions that psychologists can take to remedy the profession’s prior complicity in the colonial subjugation of Indigenous Peoples in the USA.

## Presentations

Joseph Gone  
Thema Bryant

**Dolores Bigfoot, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center**  
**BJ Boyd, Office of Mental Health Services Chickasaw Nation**  
**Maria Crouch, Yale University School of Medicine**  
**Iva GreyWolf, PhD, Society of Indian Psychologists**