



# Nevada Psychological Association

## NPA News

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#### Upcoming CE Events:

- **May 20th, 2022**  
Clinical Competencies with Transgender & Non-Binary Youth  
Christina Patterson, PhD  
Luke Allen, Ph.D  
2 Cultural Competency CEs
- **September 9th, 2022**  
Working with an Immigrant Population: Best Clinical Practices  
Sonia Dhaliwal, PhD  
Ximena Radjenovic  
2 Cultural Competency CEs
- **September 23rd, 2022**  
The Legal and Ethical Game Show Challenge: Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?  
Clifton Mitchell, Ph.D.  
Las Vegas  
6 Ethics CEs  
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#### 2022 Spring Newsletter

#### ~~~~~ A Message from our President ~~~~~

I have attempted to write this statement more than once. As I sit back and imagine how I can best serve in the presidential role for the Nevada Psychological Association (NPA) this year, I find that I am plagued by a certain amount of dissonance. While NPA has a rich history of engagement in psychology there are shifting optics in the world around us that make the current trajectory difficult to manage. Many of us find ourselves living in an unprecedented time. If there is a multiverse this has to be one of the stranger timelines. As we support community members who are living through threats of war, pandemic, health care disparities, attacks upon transgender individuals, civil unrest, racism, increasing financial instability, and climate change threatening our way of existence, we are also reminded that we too are attempting to survive some of the same stressors. My hope is to see Nevadans shift to a period of thriving rather than surviving.

The significant gap between doctoral level providers and individuals in our communities that wish to speak with us has worsened since the threat of COVID-19. As I look towards my presidential goals, increasing access to mental health care for Nevada communities rates near the top of that list. A significant challenge continues to be increasing the number of actively licensed psychologists in the state to combat the rising demand for our services. Having recently been challenged to double the current amount of actively licensed psychologists in the state to meet the bare minimums held across the country, Nevada has challenging years ahead. I plan to focus on developing incentives and programming that would increase the number of psychologists in Nevada.



This comes in the form of supporting students, fostering leadership role development, mentoring, and developing incentives to bring current qualified psychologists to our state.

I have also shared my consistent fight to create a more inclusive NPA, one that is reflective of the communities that many of us serve. Curating space for the diverse practitioners in our state where there once was none or very little has long been a goal. Far from being achievable in one year, I hope to create programming to assist us all in increasing cultural humility; for the betterment of our clinical and professional relationships.

In short, this is me asking for your help. I plan to be accessible, transparent, and receptive to criticism that could propel NPA forward. I see a great organization with an opportunity to be made better, not only ourselves but future psychologists.

I am over the moon excited to accept the Nevada Psychological Association Presidency for 2022-2023.

We've got this, y'all.

L.E. Chapple-Love, Ph.D  
2022/2023 President  
Nevada Psychological Association

## 2021-2022: A Year in Review by Tara Borsh, Psy.D.



Thank you to all of you for your dedication to mental health and serving those who reside in the great state of Nevada. During the pandemic, there continues to be a staggering number of lives we have lost to COVID-19, along with the concerns centered around racism, diversity, and education for children struggling across the country even as the country reopens and tries to get back to normal. Prior to the pandemic these areas were not being highlighted and slowly we are seeing these topics being the center of the news media and topics that our politicians are wanting to discuss and find solutions to. APA continues to highlight, research, and write about these areas and these continue to be the areas we focus on within NPA. I encourage us all to share our stories of success, triumph, and strength, but also to continue to lean on one another when feeling overwhelmed and stressed. I also encourage us as an organization to not be afraid to fight for marginalized communities and continue to educate ourselves and our community on diversity, equality and inequity concerns that plague our society.

During the 2021–2022-year NPA continued to offer high quality CE trainings virtually for the second year of the pandemic and is anticipating the possibility of offering CE's in person and/or a hybrid form soon. We also have been working with the State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners to clarify CE requirements to ensure that we are offering high quality cultural competency trainings beginning this month. NPA continues to put advocacy efforts at the forefront at the state and federal level. At the state level, the Legislative Committee tracked bill draft requests during the past legislative session, provided testimonies on issues related to mental health, scope of practice, and access to care.

At the Federal Level through the 2022 Practice Leadership Conference and our virtual Capitol hill visits, we were able to discuss with Nevada's US representatives about access to care and the increased need for mental health providers

including psychologists, as well as the need for more quality internship and post-doc programs. Through these efforts, Representative Titus confirmed that she would be co-sponsoring the Parity Implementation Assistance Act (H.R. 3753) that would hold insurance companies fiscally responsible for not implementing this law. During the pandemic we also made difficult decisions based on costs and the size of our association. We made the decision to cancel our contract with our current lobbyist and have been reviewing all contracted lobbyists in Nevada to find a lobbying firm with similar interests and clients to NPA and we drafted a Request for Proposals (RFP) which was sent out to selected firms. These efforts resulted in interest from three lobbyist firms that we are currently scheduling meetings with to discuss our RFP and NPA's needs. We are hoping to also find a firm that fits closer to our budgetary needs.

With all the hard work that continues, and to optimize NPA's advocacy impact, I encourage individuals to join our Legislative Committee. If you are interested in advocacy, willing to learn, and want to see further change those are the only qualifications. I also hope that you will join the many opportunities that our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is providing to our members and students with multiple workshops, activities, lunch-and learns, and continuing education events.

Finally, I would like to see more NPA members and students be a part of these committees and bring their ideas to help us continue to be a small but mighty association. In this time, there is a need for psychologists more than ever to respond with our knowledge, our skills, and our advocacy to support our communities, each other, and the profession of psychology. Please consider joining one of our committees. Please continue to stay strong, tall, and proud as we continue this meaningful work in the field of psychology.

~ Tara Borsh, Psy.D.  
2021/2022 President  
Nevada Psychological Association

## 2022 Annual Strategic Planning Meeting—Saturday, May 7th

This year's Strategic Planning Meeting was held live, virtually on Saturday, May 7th, 2022. During our morning session the incoming Officers for 2022/2023 were introduced, followed by a brief overview of the mission and structure of NPA by Dr. Chapple-Love, NPA President. NPA's Legislative Co-chairs, Dr. Drucker and Dr. McGuire provided an overview of the Interim Session and discussed planning for the 82nd Legislative Session followed by updates from NPA's Regional Boards and Committees. Our APA Council Rep, Dr. Lefforge, also provided an update as APA Council Rep. Then, the 2019-2021 three-year Strategic Plan was reviewed, each of our five Strategic Business Objectives (SBOs) was discussed and analyzed as well as the tasks assigned to each SBO.

Next, Dr. Chapple-Love discussed her Presidential Goals during her 2022/2023 term, followed by an extensive review of our five SBOs, what needed to be revised and potentially improved. As NPA is now transitioning back to in-person CE trainings and Regional events, we discussed how best to recruit more psychologists as members as well as how best to get more psychologists both educated about NPA and involved in our leadership.

**The following were selected as our 2022-2023 Strategic Business Objectives (SBOs), which will be reviewed and approved by our Executive Board in June:**



### **SBO#1: Improve Financial Stability**

These “NPA tasks” were matched to SBO#1—Organize CE events, ECP and Diversity events, NPA Socials and NPA/NPA Mixer, apply for Small State Organizational Grant funding, NPA website, Membership renewals, Budget & Strategic Planning Meetings, NPA newsletter; and CE revenue sharing opportunities.

### **SBO#2: Provide High Quality Services to Members**

These “NPA tasks” were matched to SBO#2—Organize CE events, ECP and Diversity events, Regional Socials, NPA/NPA mixer, Annual Business Meeting & Awards, Member Survey, Social Media, Psychologist Referral Search, NPA listserv, Membership renewals, NV BOPE collaboration, PAC fundraising/drive, PAC contributions to legislators, NPA website, Press requests and statements, responding to member requests, newsletter, Strategic Planning Meeting, and Student Poster Presentations.

### **SBO#3: Develop and Support Leadership**

These “NPA tasks” were matched to SBO#3—Organize ECP and Diversity events, Student Poster Presentations, NPA listserv, Regional Socials, Social Media, Practice Leadership Conference, Past Presidents Dinner, Strategic Planning Meeting, Annual Business Meeting & Awards, NPA Elections, and Legislative Retreats.

### **SBO#4: Advocate for Psychology as a Science and Profession**

These “NPA tasks” were matched to SBO#4—Diversity events, Member Survey, Awards Presentation, Student Poster Presentations, Legislative Retreat, NPA listserv, NPA/NPA mixer, Social Media, Regional Socials, Press requests and statements, NV BOPE collaboration, Strategic Planning Meeting, Practice Leadership Conference, apply for Small State Operational Grant funding, PAC contributions to legislators, PAC fundraising/drive, and NPA website.

### **SBO#5: Embed Diversity and Inclusion into NPA culture**

These “NPA tasks” were matched to SBO#5—Organize CE events, ECP and Diversity events, Member Survey, Awards Presentation, Strategic Planning Meeting, Student Poster Presentations, Legislative Retreat, NPA listserv, Social Media, Regional Socials, Press requests and statements, NV BOPE collaboration, Practice Leadership Conference, Budget Meeting, responding to member requests, and NPA website.

### **SBO#6: Recruitment and Retention of Eligible Psychologists and Psychologists-in-Training**

These “NPA tasks” were matched to our new SBO#6—Responding to membership requests, Social Media, Newsletters, DEI Newsletters, Membership Renewals, Organize CE events, ECP and Diversity events, NPA website, and suggestions on how best to survey non-members.

Thanks to everyone that participated this year!



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## Legislative Committee Update

It's the 2022 "Interim" Year – also known as policy-building and election season. The NPA Legislative Committee is prioritizing our PAC fundraising so that we may make meaningful contributions to candidates running for the Nevada Legislature. NPA worked hard during the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature to make sure our voices were heard representing psychology in Nevada and we continue our efforts to prepare for the next cycle. Thank you to all who have already donated to the NPA-PAC, our "March Madness" campaign brought in almost \$5000 toward our \$10,000 goal! If you have not already contributed, there are still opportunities to donate with your membership renewals and online through the website. Additionally, the Legislative Committee is spearheading the search for our new lobbyist. We are interviewing potential lobbyists and hope to contract with one of our candidates by July. We are excited to continue to expand our efforts to advocate for mental health needs in Nevada. According to one recent survey, Nevada ranks 51<sup>st</sup> in the nation for mental health services and needs to expand all categories of mental health providers, including doubling the number of psychologists in

the state. We are all aware of the increasing severity of the mental health crisis following the Covid-19 pandemic. NPA's Legislative Committee will continue to advocate for psychology by working to expand access to care with equitable reimbursement rates, monitoring parity for mental health and psychological services, expanding opportunities for training and retention of psychologists in the state, as well as responding to scope of practice issues. Finally, we remain committed to the urgent need to address diversity, equity and social justice issues in our profession and for those we serve. If you have any interest in legislative issues we welcome your participation, please reach out to either of the committee chairs for more information.

Laurie Drucker, Psy.D. &  
Michelle McGuire, Psy.D.  
Legislative Committee  
Co-Chairs



**NPA-PAC  
Needs  
Your**

We are reaching out to you to seek your donation to support our NPA-PAC and our legislative efforts. **Our goal is to raise \$10,000**, and we are hoping every psychologist in Nevada will consider donating to the NPA-PAC. Even if you are not an NPA member know that your donation benefits all psychologists in the state by contributing to our presence at the Legislature. With your support, NPA can continue to better Nevada. With your donation to the NPA-PAC, you can

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## Nevada Psychological Association: 2022-2023 Executive Board Members



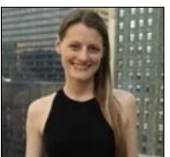
**President: Lauren Chapple-Love, Ph.D.** Dr. Chapple-Love's clinical experience primarily lies in Forensic and Correctional Psychology. While in the community, she has worked with court-mandated individuals and in sexual health. Dr. Chapple-Love has focused on diverse populations (e.g. LGBTQAI+, People of Color, the Kink community, etc.) and the ways that they process and can excel while living within systems of oppression and majority culture spaces. She has served as the former Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair. Dr. Chapple-Love is currently serving as President of NPA, the first Black-identified psychologist to be elected in the organization's nearly 65 year history. She is the owner of Elle Psychological Services, LLC, a private practice that currently focuses on diversity, equity and inclusion training and consultation.

**President-Elect: Claudia Mejia, Psy.D. (she/her/ella)**, is a bicultural-bilingual (Spanish-English) licensed psychologist in Nevada and currently employed with various non-profit community agencies where she provides direct clinical services to clients, develops behavioral health programming, provides mental health workshops, and supervises graduate trainees. Dr. Mejia continues to prioritize BIPOC mental health and integrated behavioral healthcare with focus on bilingual service provision and training.



**Past President, Tara Borsh, Psy.D.** is the Director of the Boys Town Behavioral Health Clinic in Las Vegas. Dr. Borsh specializes in behavioral pediatrics and utilizes evidenced-based treatments (E/RP, PCIT, CBT, TF-CBT, ACT, etc). Dr. Borsh provides therapy and psychological evaluations, as well as parent training and education on behavioral health concerns. Dr. Borsh received her Doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology from Midwestern University in Illinois. Dr. Borsh enjoys working with parenting concerns, anxiety, depression, trauma, ADHD, disruptive behaviors, and elimination disorders.

**Secretary: Michelle McGuire, Psy.D.** is a Nevada Licensed Psychologist. She has a diverse background working with a number of different populations, including developmental and intellectual disabilities, serious mental illness, and chemical dependency, providing individual, group, couples and family therapy to children, adolescents, and adults. She is the Clinical Director of Creative Behavioral Connections providing neuropsychological testing and oversight of treatment services for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.



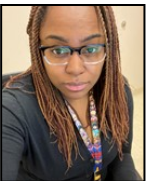
**Treasurer: Sunshine Collins, Psy.D.** is a licensed psychologist in Las Vegas providing clinical and forensic assessments and related services. She works directly with patients and also with attorneys, the courts, and county and state organizations. Having previously served as NPA Southern Board Secretary and Treasurer and NPA Executive Board Treasurer-In-Training, this is her first year as the NPA Executive Board Treasurer.

**APA Council Rep: Noelle Lefforge, Ph.D., ABPP** served as a faculty member and an assistant training clinic director at UNLV for ten years and has held various positions within NPA. She is now the Director of the Professional Psychology Clinic at University of Denver's Graduate School of Professional Psychology where she is active in teaching, training, supervision, clinical service delivery, research, mentorship, advocacy, and interprofessional education and practice.



**CE Committee Chair: Kelly O'Neill, Ph.D.** has been licensed in Nevada since February, 2015. She conducts therapy with all populations; with an emphasis on children and teenagers. Dr. O'Neill has been a part of the NPA in various roles and loves working with a great group of individuals striving to help others and ensure we are Nevada strong!

**Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Chair: Dr. Lea Caver, Ph.D.** Dr. Caver received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Saint Louis University. Her research and clinical interests include, but are not limited to, discrimination, previously incarcerated individuals, veterans, trauma, salient and non-salient identities, and DBT. In her personal life, Dr. Caver is a proud nerd that enjoys anime, comics, and video games.



**ECP Co-Chair, South: Rachael Pinkerman, Ph.D.** works at Stein Forensic Facility treating and evaluating individuals committed for competency restoration. She completed her pre-doctoral training at Broughton State Hospital, in rural North Carolina. She graduated with her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, finished her post-doctoral training at Stein, and earned her license to practice in December of 2019. While she maintains that she's Midwesterner at heart, she considers Nevada home.

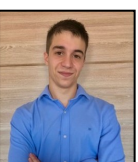
**ECP Co-Chair, North:** *currently open, we need a volunteer!*

**Public Education Campaign Coordinator: Robert Moering, Psy.D.** currently works as the Local Recovery Coordinator for the Las Vegas VA where he coordinates care between the VA and community partners, engages in program development, writes policies and procedures, and provides education on recovery-oriented care. Dr. Moering has also worked as a forensic psychologist for the past twenty years.



**Southern Region State Advocacy Coordinator: Mallory Constantine (UNLV)** is a fifth year in the clinical psychology doctoral program. She earned her Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Mallory's intended research and clinical areas of focus include severe anxiety disorders in maltreated youth. During her free time, she enjoys swimming, anything art related, volunteering with non-profit organizations and traveling with her husband.

**Northern Region State Advocacy Coordinator: Jorge Cao (UNR)** is a Ph.D. student in Clinical Psychology coming from Spain. He provides clinical services to both Spanish and English speakers under the supervision of Dr. Lorraine Benuto making a direct impact in underserved communities. His research focus is in the relationship between trauma and bilingualism, concretely, in how code-switching can improve the treatment of PTSD and other Trauma-related disorders.



## Nevada Psychological Association: 2022-2023 Regional Board Members



**Northern Regional President: Lucas Cylke, Ph.D.** is currently a private practice psychologist in Reno, NV. He completed his internship at University of Nevada, Reno Counseling Services and completed his graduate education at Wichita State University. He sees himself as a generalist and has an emphasis in treating OCD. In his free time he enjoys worrying about his plants in his garden.

**Northern Regional Vice-President: Marquez, Wilson, Psy.D.** (they/them) is a graduate of Adler University of Chicago. They completed their internship and post-doc at the University of Nevada, Reno Counseling Services. They have a passion of working with underserved and under-research populations. Additionally, advocating for access to mental health and the ethical, equitable practice of psychology within the state of Nevada



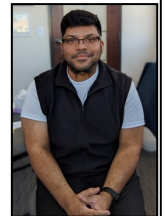
**Northern Region Secretary: Francesca Kassing, Ph.D.** is an Administrative Research Faculty in Counseling Services at the University of Nevada, Reno. She serves as a co-investigator for a multi-site, NIMH-funded study focused on treating suicidality in college students and provides individual and group therapy to UNR students on campus. Her primary clinical and research interests include trauma and adversity, suicidality, and working with LGBTQ+ individuals.

**Northern Region Treasurer: Elysse Kompaniez, Ph.D.** recently joined Theory & Practice in Reno, Nevada. The focus of her practice is providing treatment and assessment to children, adolescents, and their families. The integration of science and practice, which is informed by her foundation in cognitive neuroscience, is core to her clinical work.



**UNR Campus Representative: Cosette Canovas** is a second year graduate student at UNR under the mentorship of Dr. Lorraine Benuto. Cosette's research interests focus on race-based traumatic stress and how prolonged exposure to racial discrimination can cause similar symptoms of PTSD and impact cognitive functioning. Cosette is also dedicated to giving back to the community as her clinical training focuses on delivering evidence-based interventions to underserved populations, including Latinxs and homeless youths.

**Southern Regional President: Christopher Shewbarran, Psy.D.** is a Licensed Psychologist at Reflections Therapy in Las Vegas, NV. He is a graduate of the American School of Professional Psychology, San Francisco Bay Area, and he is originally from Tampa, Florida, home of the 2020 and 2021 Stanley Cup Champions Tampa Bay Lightning, and the 2020 Super Bowl Champions Tampa Bay Buccaneers. This is Dr. Shewbarran's second year serving on the NPA Southern Board and previously he served as Treasurer in 2021-2022. He looks forward to actively working with the NPA board and membership community throughout his term.



**Southern Regional Vice-President:** *currently open, we need a volunteer!*



**Southern Region Secretary: Sonia Dhaliwal, Psy.D.** is a Licensed Psychologist and currently runs her own private practice in Las Vegas, NV. Dr. Dhaliwal is also the CEO and founder of RaD Diversity Consulting. Dr. Dhaliwal currently serves as Southern Region Board Secretary of the Nevada Psychological Association (NPA). She also serves on the board of an organization called Step UP! which was developed to empower Rwandan women who are survivors of the genocide.

**Southern Region Treasurer: Sara Hunt, Ph.D.** is the Assistant Dean of Behavioral Health Sciences at the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV, and an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health. She has worked in medical settings on multidisciplinary teams and advocates for integrated models of healthcare. Dr. Hunt's work with the UNLV Mental and Behavioral Health Training Coalition is focused on addressing the mental and behavioral health workforce shortage in Nevada.



**UNLV Campus Representative: Amanda Mraz** (pronouns: she/her/hers) is currently a 4th year student in the Clinical Psychology PhD program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She is currently working under the advisement of Dr. Christopher Kearney in the Adolescent and Child Trauma Lab. Her research and clinical interests include working with trauma and maltreatment across the lifespan with an emphasis on sexual trauma.



## Board of Directors

## APA Council Rep Update—Noelle Lefforge, Ph.D., ABPP

APA Council of Representatives met virtually (in response to the omicron surge of COVID-19) on February 25 and 26. Perhaps what was most invigorating was the degree of nimbleness that Council displayed in generating timely, responsive policy. Specifically, Council passed a motion to [express solidarity with Ukraine](#) the day after the invasion. APA has continued to respond to the invasion of Ukraine (the summary report as of March 31, 2022 is available [HERE](#)).

Leading up to the meeting, many townhalls, caucus meetings, and other opportunities for input were held. This allowed for extensive collaboration on major policy that APA Council passed at this meeting. APA Council continues to evolve its role in updating and establishing APA Policy. The following policies were approved at the most recent meeting:

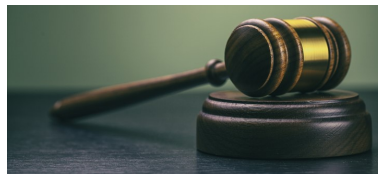
- [Psychology's Role in Advancing Population Health](#)
- [Resolution for Affirming and Building on APA's History of Support for Reproductive Rights](#) (*policy generated by APA Council's Women's Caucus*)
- [Report of the APA Task Force on Climate Change: Addressing the Climate Crisis: An Action Plan for Psychologists](#)
- Resolution on Poverty and Socioeconomic Status
- 2022 Resolution on Interrogations of Criminal Suspects (*replaced 2014 version*)
- 2022 Guidelines for Ethical Conduct of Behavioral Projects Involving Human Participants by High School Students (*replaced 2012 version*)
- 2022 Guidelines for Ethical Conduct in the Care and Use of Nonhuman Animals in Research (*replaced 2012 version*)
- 2022 Guidelines for the Child Custody Evaluations in Family Law Proceedings (*replaced 2010 version*)
- 2022 [Guidelines for Assessment and Intervention with Persons with Disabilities](#) (*replaced 2011 version*)

Building on APA's ongoing work to dismantle racism and other forms of oppression, we were updated on APA's audit of all organizational efforts to address racism. Maysa Akbar, APA Chief Diversity Officer, reviewed the recently passed resolutions (Apology for Psychology's Role in the Perpetuation of Racism, Health Equity) and framed them as helping us understand where we have come from. She then presented [the comprehensive inventory of equity, diversity, and inclusion and racial equity work](#). She ended her presentation emphasizing the importance on moving the work forward with action. Learn more here: <https://www.apa.org/about/apa/equity-diversity-inclusion>.

APA Council approved two internal policy changes to increase equity within the association:

- Bylaw changes were approved to grant Associate Members the right to vote after 1 year of membership in place of 5 years, similar to graduate students. Associate members must have 2 years of graduate work in psychology or a master's degree in psychology. They are dues paying members with a stake in the profession. This vote will go up for a membership vote, and if approved, will create greater equity and representation within the organization.
- APA removed from its membership application an item that asked about felony status. Efforts are currently underway to increase understanding of SPTA's usage of felony status question. NPA does not ask about felony status, but members do agree to abide by APA Ethics when applying for membership.\

APA Council's next meeting is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at APA Convention in Minneapolis. Currently, a hybrid meeting is planned. I'll be sharing information about the agenda as it develops and seek your input. As always, it is an honor to represent Nevada within APA's highest level of governance!





## Are You a Member of NPA? You should be and here is why!

*The mission of the Nevada Psychological Association (NPA) is to advance and represent psychology as a science and a profession, as well as to serve the professional needs of its membership and the community.*



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## Are You a Member of NPA?

You should be and here is why!

As a member of the Nevada Psychological Association, you are making an investment in the future of psychology! And here are some of NPA membership benefits:

- **Define the Profession**—You will have a strong voice in how our profession is defined in the state of Nevada through NPA's advocacy initiatives.
- **Save Money**—NPA members receive Early Bird registration and member discounts to all of our Continuing Education workshops. Members also have exclusive access to discount programs through AffiniPay & Office Depot/Office Max.
- **Professional Networking and Referrals**—Join our Psychologist Referral Search to make your practice easy to find with referral resources at your fingertips.
- **Develop Your Leadership**—By participating on our Executive or Regional Boards or on one of our Committees (Legislative, ECP, Diversity, Continuing Education).
- **NV Board of Examiners Liaison**—NPA advocates for licensing issues and keeps up to date with the latest news affecting psychologists.
- **Experience a Sense of Community**—Psychologists can sometimes feel isolated. NPA helps keep you connected through our listserv, Regional Socials, CE workshops, and more.



**It is time to invest in psychology in Nevada!  
Become a member of NPA today so  
you can take advantage of these benefits!**

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**Thank you to all who joined/renewed their 2021/2022 NPA membership dues.  
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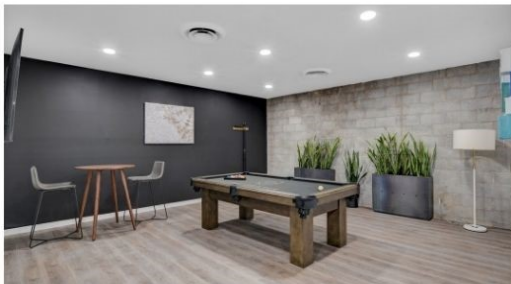
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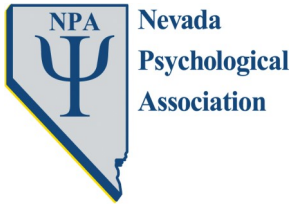
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**Continuing Education (CE):** CE Committee's mission is to develop high-quality, regionally distributed, CE workshops for professional psychologists covering the full range of specialty practice and professional services and settings. We are responsible for the planning and execution of 4-5 continuing education trainings each year, including the Annual Conference. Courses presented are timely, relevant and culturally sensitive to the diverse population served by our members, and satisfy the requirements for licensure by the NV Board of Psychological Examiners. NPA is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor CEs for psychologists.

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI):** The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is dedicated to promoting diversity statewide in Nevada. This includes welcoming psychologists from diverse backgrounds as well as promoting culturally sensitive services and practices to the community. NPA has developed a Diversity Mission statement, which includes scientific and evidence-based information about working with diverse populations in our CE trainings. We strongly support full equity and inclusion of individuals of different genders, ethnicities, ages, backgrounds, sexual orientations, abilities, national origin, immigration status, and so on, within our organization and throughout our communities across the world.

**Early Career Psychologists (ECPs):** We are proud to have ECP's strongly represented on our regional and state boards, and send an ECP to the annual APA Practice Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. NPA is committed to supporting the needs of early career psychologists by offering discounts on membership, opportunities to participate in monthly support group meetings, and extends a special welcome to newly licensed psychologists every fall at annual social events, held in both Las Vegas and Reno. We are active in recruiting ECP's to participate in committees and leadership positions in the state, and offer mentorship opportunities to interested psychologists.

**Public Education Campaign (PEC):** This is an APA-sponsored initiative. Interested psychologists can obtain a fully developed presentation kit, including marketing materials and power-point presentations, for use in giving presentations to local businesses and community groups. Current initiatives include campaigns on Mind/Body Health and Resilience and the Psychologically Healthy Workplace Awards. In 2014, APA added a new campaign initiative, Psychology: Science in Action, that demonstrates how translational science is unique to psychology and helps people in all areas of their lives.

Want more Info? Contact our Executive Director at [admin@nvpsychology.org](mailto:admin@nvpsychology.org) or (888) 654-0050

## Northern Region Board Update

The Northern Regional Board is transitioning from pandemic-style isolation back into action! Please join us at Bartley Ranch Regional Park on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:30 pm for our first in-person social since 2019. We will be offering free food, drinks, and raffle prizes. In addition, Dr. Megan Freeman from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health will be discussing the statewide mental health crisis (for one free CE). It will be an opportunity to meet with new psychologist and students, as well as colleagues we may not have seen in a while. I am excited to introduce our incoming board members, they represent early career psychologists from both UNR and private practice communities. They look forward to expanding opportunities to network and encourage your input and participation in future events.



Welcoming as President Dr. Luke Cylke (private practice, former ECP rep); as Vice-President Dr. Marquez Wilson (UNR Counseling Services, BIPOC); as Treasurer Dr. Elysee Companiez-Dunigan (private practice, former regional board member); as Secretary Dr. Francesca Kassing (UNR Counseling Services, Admin. Psychological Research); and our UNR student representative, Cossette Canovas.

Respectfully,  
~ Laura Drucker, Psy.D., 2021/2022 Northern Region President

## Southern Region Board Update

One of our many focuses this year will be to strengthen involvement and community among NPA members, which will include more communication from us, more opportunities for social events for members, and more outreach to our base. While we have ideas of what we can plan and organize, I would encourage any NPA member to reach out to us on the board if they have thoughts, ideas, or suggestions for anything NPA related, or if they have questions about how they may become more involved with the Southern Board.



-Also, just a reminder to all that our social event is on Thursday, May 12th, and I hope to see folks there.

Respectfully,  
~ Christopher Shewbarran Psy.D., 2022/2023 Southern Region President

## Public Education Campaign (PEC) Coordinator Update

The science and words we use to describe our field can be difficult for others to follow and understand. We oftentimes use psychological jargon to explain how we come to understand complex problems such as how a child responds to trauma or to explain tragic events such as mass shootings. Do you have a knack for discussing complex issues in a manner that the public can understand? Are you interested in being a voice for the science and practice of psychology? On occasion NPA is asked to respond to societal events with interviews from the media. We continue to seek out those within the field with experience and expertise in a variety of specialties. If you would like to be included on our media referral list, please contact NPA and let us know.

We are happy to include your name and specialties for media referrals.

~ Robert Moering, Psy.D., 2022/2023 Public Education Campaign (PEC) Coordinator

## Article: "There Has To Be A Better Way" by Deborah J. Ribnick, Ph.D.

We all know that going through a divorce is stressful and commonly an emotionally-charged process. We have insight into this by means of our clients' detailed descriptions, our friends' stories, and perhaps our own personal and family experience. In addition, literature, movies, social media, and professional journal articles are filled with the changes and challenges related to the divorce process and the resulting consequences.

Stu Webb, a highly respected Minnesota attorney decided that after 26 years he had had enough of practicing family law. He was disheartened by the adversarial nature of litigation whereby parties and their representing attorneys typically focused on winning and overtaking the opposition, e.g., their soon-to-be ex-spouse. When settlements were reached, they often occurred on the "steps of the courthouse" at the "eleventh hour," after the parties were emotionally and financially exhausted. As Stu was considering his next career, he contemplated another way to practice family law. He stated, "There has to be a better way."

It was at this point in time that Stu decided to reach out to settlement-oriented fellow attorneys to begin practicing what he termed "Collaborative Law" (aka "Collaborative Divorce"). This is a team-based divorce process which utilizes an attorney for each party and a neutral financial professional. The team also includes mental health professionals who serve as a "Divorce Coach" for each party. In this capacity, the Divorce Coach helps the parties to identify and articulate their interests and concerns related to the divorce. They also help to facilitate constructive and respectful negotiations and, thus, serve an important component to the Collaborative process. Another team member is a mental health professional who serves as a "Child Specialist." This professional brings the voice (e.g., needs and concerns) of the children (minors and adults) into the process without subjecting them to the actual negotiations. The divorcing couple and professional team members meet in various configurations throughout the process to accomplish the needed tasks.

The Collaborative Divorce process guides the parties to craft customized agreements outside the courtroom. The parties are empowered to determine what is most important to them rather than have a judge, unfamiliar with their personal needs and family dynamics, make life-altering decisions. A primary tenant of the Collaborative model is that if either party abandons the process, s/he cannot retain any of the team members to pursue a litigated path. This keeps individuals more honorable in the process since they know they can't just threaten to go to court with their Collaborative attorney if they don't get what they want in the course of negotiations.

Despite the number of professionals involved, the Collaborative Divorce process can save the parties considerable money since the attorneys are working for a common goal rather than working in an adversarial manner. The Collaborative model avoids costs related to submission of motions and counter-motions discovery-related costs, or court preparation and trial costs. An additional significant benefit of the Collaborative model is that the divorce process can proceed quickly as it is not tethered to the Court calendar and timelines. Moreover, the process occurs in private so the confidential personal details, including assets, are not made part of public record as is the case in the traditional divorce model.

However, the greatest benefit of utilizing Collaborative Divorce in my mind is the benefit to the parties and their family. The Collaborative model facilitates constructive and respectful negotiations between the parties, encouraging them to look for win-win outcomes where possible. By design, the collaborative model helps the divorcing parties discuss what is important to each of them, including identifying how they wish for the divorce negotiations to proceed. Beyond the customary tasks of identifying and dividing up property and assets, and creating a custody / parenting plan, other important areas are addressed which are not par-for-the-course in a traditional (often acrimonious) divorce. This includes, but is not limited to: how to relate with extended (ex) family, how to interact when at the same events, when and how to communicate regarding co-parenting decisions, and how to interact during future child-oriented activities and family milestone occasions.

All professionals involved in the team-based Collaborative process typically state that this is very rewarding work. Unlike the traditional legal model which generally has a win – lose orientation, the Collaborative approach can feel quasi therapeutic and may, much to the surprise of the divorcing couple, improve their rapport in the years ahead. As we all know, the ripple effect of a bad divorce can last for generations. The Collaborative Divorce process seeks to leave a better legacy for the parties.

The Nevada Collaborative Divorce Professionals (NCDP) organization is a non-profit entity dedicated to educating the public and professionals about Collaborative Divorce. Please visit the website: ([www.nevadacollaborativedivorce.com](http://www.nevadacollaborativedivorce.com)) and find (and like) us on [www.facebook.com/nevadacollaborativedivorce](https://www.facebook.com/nevadacollaborativedivorce) for blogs, announcements, and updates. We hope you will inform your clients, family and friends about the Collaborative Divorce model. We also welcome more mental health practitioners so stay tuned for introductory trainings.



## CONGRATULATIONS to our 2022 NPA Award Winners!

Every year at our Annual Business Meeting, NPA recognizes outstanding psychologists for their contributions to both the field of Psychology and our organization. This year's Annual Business Meeting was held on April 22nd, live virtually and we are pleased to recognize our 2022 NPA Award Winners!



### 2022 Legislator of the Year Award

**Assemblywoman Selena Torres** was recognized for her commitment to ensuring that all Nevadans receive culturally competent mental health care. NPA appreciates and values your willingness to advance the requirement of cultural competence as part of ongoing education for mental health providers. As an organization, NPA values diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice. NPA further appreciate your willingness to meet with multiple members of our organization to hear our positions and the role of psychology within this state.

### 2022 James Mikawa Award

*This award honors a psychologist whose work is outstanding in the field of psychology.*

**Michelle B. Burke, Ph.D.** was recognized for her outstanding contribution to the field of Psychology, specifically her work at Rural Regional Center (RRC). Dr. Burke is a tireless advocate for the civil and human rights and mental health needs of persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities; a population woefully underserved by mental health professionals. At RRC, she has been the driving force behind expanding the range of mental health services offered to persons served by RRC and making them accessible to individuals living in rural and frontier areas of Nevada. Dr. Burke has served on RRC's Human Rights Committee for several years and have helped ensure the civil and human rights of persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities are respected and protected from unwarranted restrictions.

### 2022 Outstanding Advocacy Award

*This award honors a psychologist whose advocacy efforts have impacted psychology and psychologists.*

**Christina Patterson, Ph.D.** was recognized for their energy and passion for advocacy to the Legislative Committee for the last two years. In addition to moving NPA toward a more active role in advocating for mental health issues in Nevada, Dr. Patterson has met with legislators, drafted letters and provided testimony when needed. Dr. Patterson lives what they believe with additional roles in advocacy for LGBTQ+ issues at state and national levels. Dr. Patterson has also demonstrated exceptional advocacy efforts in attempts to improve the field of psychology for providers and the public. Nationally as President Elect of the Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity and Public Policy Committee Member, and locally as NPA's Legislative Committee Chair for the Southern Region and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee member of NPA, they have demonstrated their commitment to seeing a more equitable and inclusive world while promoting the importance of healing mental health spaces.

### 2022 Outstanding Contribution to NPA Award

*This award honors a psychologist whose work in our association has bee of benefit to the organization.*

**Cody Kaneshiro** was recognized for all of his outstanding hard work and diligent volunteer efforts as both a UNLV campus representative and Southern Region Student Advocacy Coordinator from 2019-2022. Cody served as the UNLV campus representative from 2019-2020 and Student Advocacy Coordinator for the Southern Region for two consecutive terms from 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. He has served as an important liaison between NPA and UNLV graduate and undergraduate students, increased student involvement by highlighting student membership benefits through presentations to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year clinical students, actively participated in NPA's Annual Strategic Planning meeting and generated new ideas and opportunities to recruit students to our Committees and Regional Boards and increase student engagement, helped implement a student scholarship program, recruited student poster session participants, and assisted with multiple live, virtual CE trainings as a student moderator.

### 2022 Special Recognition Award

**Christine Moninghoff, D.B.H.** has been with the Desert Regional Center as a Licensed Psychologist 2 beginning in 2018. Since starting with Desert Regional Center, Dr. Moninghoff has been an amazing supervisor to our department of 18 clinicians. In addition to being a supportive supervisor, she has added a very special member to our team. Napoleon has joined our psychological services department as a Certified Therapy Dog. He is certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. After extensive teaching and training, Dr. Moninghoff has been able to take Napoleon to visit individuals on the Desert Regional Center campus who have IDD (Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities). She and Napoleon visit one time each week. Dr. Moninghoff provides one-on-one sessions by appointment so that each person gets a personalized experience. She teaches individuals with IDD how to interact with Napoleon, teach him tricks and give him treats. This service is free to all. Dr. Moninghoff has found both traditional and progressive ways to provide services and supports to our individuals that include the special connection between people and pets. We as staff also enjoy the benefits of having a friendly furry face in the office!

*Congratulations!*

## The White Buck: A Psychologist Reflects on the Correlation Between Racial Injustice and Her Career

A buck may be defined as either a verb “to oppose or resist something that seems oppressive or inevitable” or as a noun “lowest of a particular rank;” both definitions apply to my career as a Licensed Clinical Psychologist within the context of Racial Injustice that is systemic to American life. It was as if my internal experience reflected my external experience; or was it vice versa?

America was founded on racial injustice. Although the focus in recent years has been on the Black Lives Matter Movement, racial injustice in America began with discrimination, exploitation and systemic annihilation of Native Americans. White settlers systematically robbed, raped and ravaged Indigenous people of their land and culture.

*“Just a reminder: the system in what is currently known as the US isn't ‘broken.’ It was designed by male white supremacist slaveowners on stolen Indigenous land to protect their interests. It's working as it was designed.”*  
~Dr. Adrienne Keene (Cherokee)

Fast forward to 1619 when the first African captives were stolen by White pirates who brought the captives to America, thus beginning the institution of slavery in America.

The Emancipation Proclamation in 1862 declaring “all persons held as slaves... shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free;” however, it was not until the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution in 1865 – Juneteenth - that explicit slavery was formally abolished. And yet, oppression and subjugation of Blacks continues to this day because it is steeped within every aspect of American life.

Racial Injustice has been constantly simmering in the US since 1619.

In 2020, insurrectionists breached the Capitol steps, busted windows, and noisily pushed through the Capitol Building thus forcing evacuation and temporarily halting the Electoral College Certification of the 2020 Election results.

These events of 2020 revealed that people in power will do anything to remain in power, and they will squash those who interfere with their comfort and superiority – even other white people. To quote Upton Sinclair, 'It is difficult to get a man to understand something, when his salary depends on his not understanding it' ... which lead me to connect the external events with my internal experiences.

As a Clinical Psychologist, in almost every work setting I've held in my career, I've felt like a buck opposing or resisting something that seems oppressive or inevitable.

Regarding education, the 1965 federal *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (ESEA) legally protected and promoted equal opportunity for all students. This law was further strengthened by the *No Child Left Behind Law* in 2002, the focus of which is to close student achievement gaps by providing all children with a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education.

I quickly learned that how things were *supposed to be* and how things *were in actuality* were two different things. Special

Education Teams held meetings, developed IEPs, and yet time after time no progress was made, plans were not implemented, and children were often left behind -especially and disproportionately children of color.

My response was to ‘buck’ the system and advocate for those whom I was hired to serve. The result was that I was often rejected, resisted and sometimes removed.

Fast forward to 2001, while working as a Psychologist with Indian Health Services services to local Native American tribes, I again quickly learned that how things were *supposed to be* and how things *were in actuality* were two different things. I saw firsthand the disproportionate number of Native American Youth put into the juvenile justice system, adults in prison, too many indigenous people struggling with substance abuse, the substandard living conditions on reservations, their rights violated and culture disrespected with the elders fighting to preserve their language, beliefs and practices in whatever way they could. As a White lady from New York, to earn their trust and respect was one of the greatest honors of my life. To be rejected and resisted by other White people because I advocated for Indigenous People was one of the greatest perplexities of my career.

Five years later, working in a Department of Corrections prison, I again learned that how things *were supposed to be* and how things *were in actuality* were two different things. It quickly became clear that rehabilitation was never the goal; rather the goal was to punish, exploit and dehumanize the prisoners – especially prisoners of color - while also denigrating those of us who worked with inmates and undermining our goals to end the cycle of reincarceration. When I advocated for prisoners and spoke out against violations of their rights because they were medically neglected, sexually abused, and generally mistreated, I was unjustly fired [and later vindicated].

In subtler ways, I have witnessed the ways in which people of color, low-income status, sexual-orientation other than heterosexual, and followers of faiths other than Christian, and gender other than male have been marginalized, neglected and/or abused.

I have been a “White Buck” throughout my career; someone who is rejected, resisted and sometimes removed because I dare to go against the unspoken, deep-seated, and systemic “White Privilege.”

Knowing what I know now, I would make the same choices. The only difference is that I am no longer perplexed by the responses of my professional peers.

My clarity regarding the interpersonal response of others whom I have encountered during my career parallels America's clarity to the national response to racial injustice. We know exactly what we are dealing with, and why. The ugly truth has come to light.

My experiences have taught me empathy, sensitivity and compassion for what it must be like as a Person of Color because I know the pain, worry, disillusionment and fear that I have experienced in my career even with my White Privilege.

I gladly relinquish my White Privilege for justice and peace. No Justice, No Peace. Written by Valerie Galante, Ph.D., M.Div.

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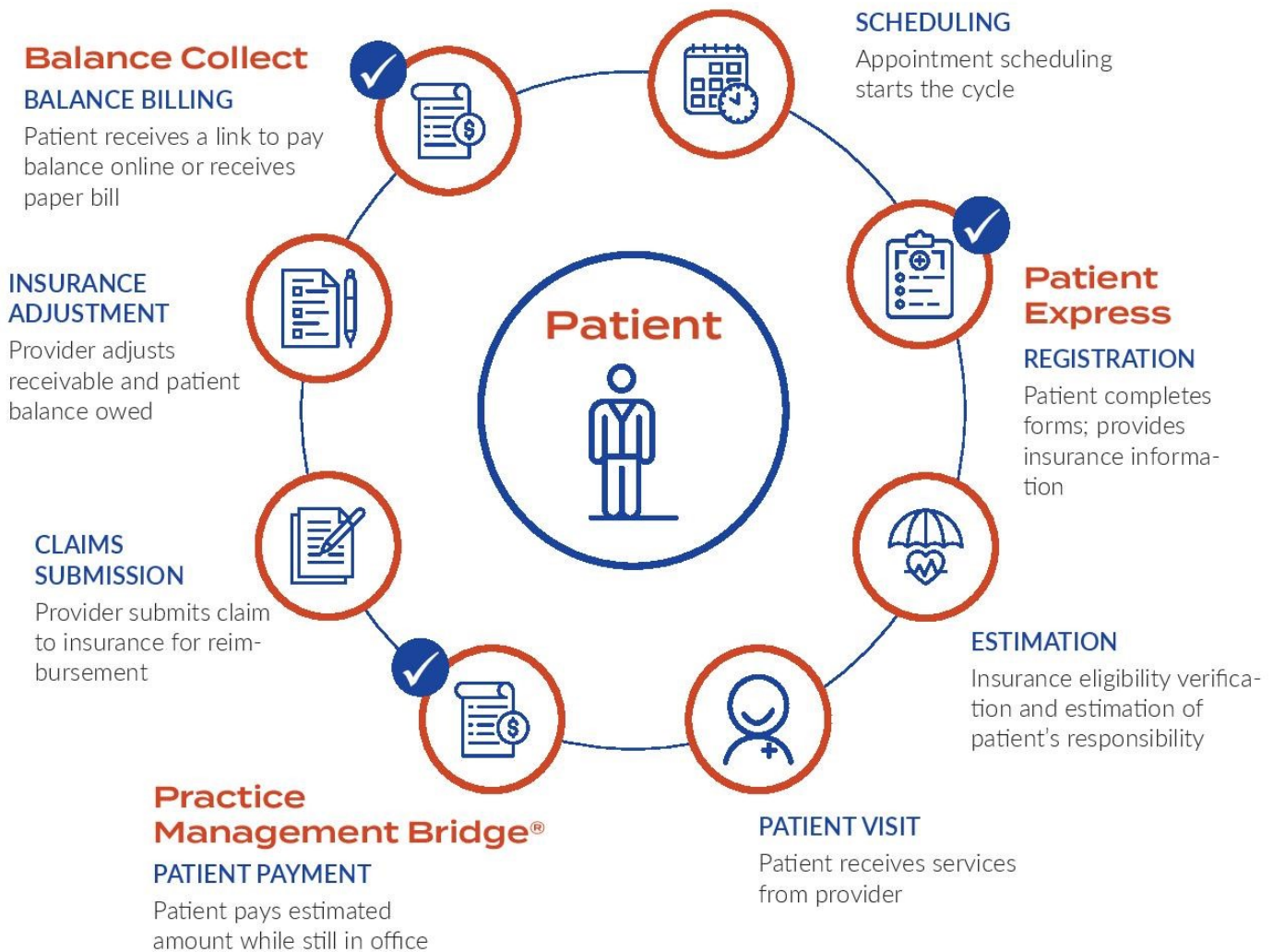
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### NPA Committee Involvement:

**Legislative:** Advocates for psychology and psychologists by participating in the development of legislation and policies relating to mental and behavioral health services in Nevada.

**Continuing Education:** Responsible for the planning and execution of 4-6 trainings each year, including the Annual Conference.

**Diversity, Equity & Inclusion:** Seeks to promote diversity and diversity related issues in Nevada.

**Early Career Psychologists:** Connects psychologists in the beginning stages of professional development monthly in order to collaborate, network, and discuss issues regarding the practice of psychology.

**Public Education Campaign:** Utilizes APA created messages to promote mental health through public meetings, community outreach, and in all forms of media.

## NPA 2022 Continuing Education Calendar

### Clinical Competencies with Transgender & Non-Binary Youth

**Christina Patterson, Ph.D. and Luke Allen, Ph.D.**  
May 20th 9am—11am live, virtual webinar  
2 Cultural Competency CE Credits

### Don't Let the "TR" Fool You: The DSM-5-TR is Far More than a Text Revision

**Greg Neimeyer, Ph.D.**  
Summer 2022 (date tbd) —live, virtual webinar  
2 CE Credits

### Working with an Immigrant Population: Best Clinical Practices

**Sonia Dhaliwal, Psy.D. and Ximena Radjenovic**  
September 9th 9am—11am live, virtual webinar  
2 Cultural Competency CE Credits

### The Legal and Ethical Game Show Challenge: Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?

**Clifton Mitchell, Ph.D.**  
September 23rd 9am—4:45pm in Las Vegas  
6 Ethics CE Credits

### PSYPACT

**Alex Siegel, J.D., Ph.D., Mariann Burnetti-Atwell, Psy.D. and Daniel O. Taube, J.D., Ph.D.**  
October 14th 9am—12pm live, virtual webinar  
3 CE Credits

### Suicide Prevention: Evidence-Based Strategies for the Therapy Office and the Community

**Kristen Davis-Coelho, Ph.D.**  
October 21st 9am—11am in Reno  
2 Suicide CE Credits

### Keeping on Your Toes: Timely Topics in Clinical Supervision

**Michelle Paul, Ph.D.**  
November 11th 9am—12pm in Las Vegas  
3 CE Credits

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