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APA COMMISSION ON ETHICS PROCESSES CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

EARLY CAREER PSYCHOLOGIST (ECP)

As one critical response to the Independent Review, APA has formed a Commission on Ethics Processes. The APA Council approved the establishment of a Commission to evaluate and recommend changes to APA's ethics processes (e.g., educative and adjudicative functions; potential conflicts in human rights considerations; assessment of current policies, practices and procedures of the Ethics Office). Further, the Commission is also charged with benchmarking APA's Ethics Office processes with the ethics processes of other professional associations.

The Commission will be comprised of 14 members, including two co-chairs, Dr. Melba J.T. Vasquez (psychologist) and Dr. Paul Root Wolpe (Director, Emory Center for Ethics). Seven of the members will be psychologists. The remaining seven members are from related disciplines such as medicine, law, science, human rights, and bioethics.

At this point, the seven ethics experts from related fields have been selected as have six of the psychologists. The group of ethics experts from outside of psychology include two early career professionals. Because the Board and Council Leadership Team believe very strongly that the Commission should include and would benefit from the perspectives and expertise of an ECP psychologist, this special call for nominations for an ECP psychologist is being distributed at this time.

The full Commission is expected to begin its work in February, 2016 and conclude its work in time for the APA Board and Council leadership Team to review the findings and recommendations for the August 2016 Council meeting, during which time the report and recommendations will be presented to the Council. Commission members will be expected to participate in monthly conference calls and two face-to-face meetings in Washington DC. Travel expenses will be covered by APA.

Please nominate (or self-nominate) an early career psychologist who has particular interest in and subject matter expertise in one or more of the following areas:

1. Ethics experience (e.g., experience on a state licensing board, state or national ethics committee)
2. Related professional ethics experience (e.g., teaching, publications)
3. Ethics philosophy and pedagogy
4. International ethics
5. Science, bioethics, healthcare
6. Legal issues and implications of ethical standards

Nominations of individuals who will enhance the diversity of the Commission are encouraged. Particular attention will be given to diversity in the areas of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability. Additionally, attention will be given to applicants with interest/expertise in the areas such as human rights, ethics investigation and/or adjudication, institutional review, group dynamics, expert testimony, and impaired professionals. Finally, attention will be given to the diversity of Commission members' work settings (e.g., institutional practice consulting, forensic practice, military experience, independent practice, Industrial/Organizational).

Self-nomination materials must include:

1. Letter indicating willingness to serve if appointed and a brief statement of expertise and qualifications related to the criteria described above
2. Current curriculum vitae

If you are nominating another individual, please send full contact information for that individual to Katherine Nordal, Ph.D. (knordal@apa.org) so that the individual can be contacted regarding information that needs to be submitted for the nominations process. Additional endorsements of nominees from other individuals or groups are not expected or encouraged.

The nominees' materials will be reviewed by a group composed of members from the Ethics Subcommittee of the APA Board of Directors, the Council Leadership Team, and the chair and vice-chair of the APA Ethics Committee. The group will be chaired by the Board Ethics Subcommittee chair.

The deadline for applications is January 18, 2016. Application materials should be submitted to Katherine Nordal, PhD, the interim Executive Director for Ethics. Materials should be submitted electronically at knordal@apa.org. Please call (202) 336-5913 in the event of questions regarding the Commission or difficulties regarding email transmissions.

We apologize for the short turnaround on this, but expect the first in-person meeting to be held in February or early March.

Please feel free to forward this call to those whom you believe might be interested in serving.