



American Psychology-Law Society

APA DIVISION 41

**Welcome to the October 2025  
American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) Newsletter**

Our monthly Newsletter provides information about activities, upcoming events, and resources to connect the psychology-law community.

AP-LS aspires to excel as a valuable, effective, and influential organization advancing the science of psychology-law and the translation of psychology-law knowledge into practice and policy.



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**March 11, 2026 (Pre-Conference Workshops) |  
March 12 - March 14, 2026 (Conference Programming)  
Reno, Nevada | [Peppermill Resort Spa Casino](#)**

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**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

We invite proposal submissions for the 2026 Annual Conference of AP-LS. We strongly encourage empirically based proposals, proposals that involve new and emerging

topics within psychology and law, and proposals that incorporate historically marginalized or underrepresented populations. Proposals will be evaluated through a blind review process focused on intellectual merit, innovation, novelty, and integration of multiple aspects of the field.

### **Special Consideration for Artificial Intelligence (AI) Submissions**

Special consideration will be given to proposals regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in psychology and law. AI is defined as technology that enables computers and machines to simulate human learning, comprehension, problem solving, decision making, creativity, and autonomy. We are particularly interested in empirical studies addressing machine models, deep learning models, and large learning models (LLMs).

### **Proposal Types & Submission Requirements**

NOTE: Submission requirements have been modified to be more convenient. Specifically, the 1,000-word summary requirement has been omitted for all submissions, except Symposia. In lieu of this, the word count for abstracts is slightly larger (i.e., 400-500 words).

### **Symposium**

- A symposium is a 60-to-80-minute session with multiple presentations (i.e., papers) focused on a single topic. This includes an independent discussant/chair and a minimum of 3 papers and no more than 5 papers.
- A 400-500-word abstract for each paper in the symposium.
  - Abstracts should concisely explain the purpose and content of the paper.
  - Abstracts for empirical studies, literature reviews, and meta-analyses should include the following sections: Objectives, Method, Results, Conclusions, and Implications.
  - Abstracts for case studies, theoretical, and methodological studies should include the following sections: Purpose, Description, Assessment, and Conclusions.
- A 1000-word summary of the overall symposium content to be submitted as a pdf document.
  - The summary should include 3-4 learning objectives.
- A CV for each presenter in pdf, including the independent discussant/chair.
- To ensure blind review, all proposal materials must be completely anonymized.

### **Paper**

- A paper is a presentation describing an individual research topic or piece of legal scholarship. Accepted papers are clustered into 60-minute sessions, with 3-4 papers in each session. Whenever possible, papers are organized into themed sessions.
- A 400-500-word abstract.
  - Abstracts should concisely explain the purpose and content of the paper.
  - Abstracts for empirical studies, literature reviews, and meta-analyses should include the following sections: Objectives, Method, Results, Conclusions, and Implications.
  - Abstracts for case studies, theoretical, and methodological studies should include the following sections: Purpose, Description, Assessment, and Conclusions.

- Abstracts should include 1-2 learning objectives.
- To ensure blind review, all proposal materials must be completely anonymized.

### **Data-blitz**

- A data-blitz is a fast-paced, 5-minute presentation (limited to 3 PowerPoint slides) covering a bite-sized piece of emerging psycho-legal research. Accepted proposals are clustered into 60-minute sessions, with approximately 10 data-blitzes in each session. Whenever possible, data-blitzes are loosely organized by topic.
- A 400-500-word abstract.
  - Abstracts should concisely explain the purpose and content of the data-blitz.
  - Abstracts for empirical studies, literature reviews, and meta-analyses should include the following sections: Objectives, Method, Results, Conclusions, and Implications.
  - Abstracts for case studies, theoretical, and methodological studies should include the following sections: Purpose, Description, Assessment, and Conclusions.
  - Abstracts should include 1-2 learning objectives.
- To ensure blind review, all proposal materials must be completely anonymized.

### **Poster**

- A poster is a concise, visual summary of research or legal scholarship that is displayed on a large poster board (e.g., 4' x 6'). Accepted posters are presented during one of two evening poster sessions, typically Friday and Saturday evening, during the conference. They are not organized by topic. While not required, we encourage presenters to adhere to the [APA Convention Poster Instructions](#), including the use of the “Better Poster” format.
- A 400-500-word abstract.
  - Abstracts should concisely explain the purpose and content of the poster.
  - Abstracts for empirical studies, literature reviews, and meta-analyses should include the following sections: Objectives, Method, Results, Conclusions, and Implications.
  - Abstracts for case studies, theoretical, and methodological studies should include the following sections: Purpose, Description, Assessment, and Conclusions.
  - Abstracts should include 1-2 learning objectives.
- To ensure blind review, all proposal materials must be completely anonymized.

**Submit your proposal at the Ex Ordo portal [HERE](#).**

**Submission Deadline:**

**11:59pm PT on Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

### **CALL FOR REVIEWERS**

- Reviewers, including professional and graduate student reviewers, are invited for all content areas.
- Proposals will be distributed for review in late October.
- Reviews will be due in late November, prior to Thanksgiving.
- How do I become a reviewer for the 2026 AP-LS Annual Conference?

- If you are submitting a proposal, you will be prompted to indicate your interest in Ex Ordo during the online submission process. You will subsequently receive an email and prompted to complete a brief [Reviewer Sign-Up Google Form](#).
- If you are not submitting a proposal, or if you would like to complete the Reviewer Sign-Up Google Form now, please select this [link](#).

#### IMPORTANT LINKS

[2026 AP-LS Annual Conference Website](#)

[Conference Hotel Website](#)

[Ex Ordo Portal for Submitting Proposals](#)

[Reviewer Sign-In Google Form](#)

If you have any questions or comments regarding the call for proposals, or about the conference, please contact the conference co-chairs.

*Luna Filipović, Ph.D. Cantab*

*Heath Hodges, Ph.D., M.L.S., ABPP (Forensic)*

*conference@ap-ls.org*

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## Call for AP-LS Pre-Conference Workshop Proposals

The AP-LS Continuing Education (CE) Committee is accepting proposals for pre-conference workshops at the AP-LS Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada. These workshops are scheduled to take place the day before the general conference programming begins: on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. We are seeking workshop proposals for innovative and cutting-edge topics and ask presenters to briefly describe how their proposed workshop promotes equity, inclusion, and justice in psychology and law.

We are particularly eager to receive proposals on the topics listed below. However, we encourage submissions on any aspect of psychology and law. Even if your proposal idea doesn't align with these specific topics, we still invite you to submit a proposal!

- Telepractice (at an intermediate level)
- Working in large institutional settings
- Grants (e.g., applying for and receiving)
- Statistics (e.g., in reference to peer-reviewing and examining qualitative data)
- AI and forensic psychology
- Career training for early-career scholars and clinicians
- Career training for mid-career scholars and clinicians
- Working with aging forensic populations (e.g., individuals with dementia)

Workshop presenters will receive an honorarium commensurate with the workshop length (i.e., half-day or full-day). **Proposals are due by 11:59 PM PDT, October 15, 2025**, and can be submitted [here](#).

Contact Sara Millspaugh, Ph.D., at [ce@ap-ls.org](mailto:ce@ap-ls.org) with any questions.

Please note: The pre-conference workshops are separate from general AP-LS conference programming (e.g., separate application portals and review processes).

Therefore, you are welcome to submit proposals to both the CE Committee for a pre-conference workshop and to the AP-LS Conference Chairs for general conference programming from March 12th to 14th, 2026.

We look forward to receiving your pre-conference workshop proposals!

Sara Millspaugh, Ph.D.  
Pronouns: she/her  
Chair, AP-LS CE Committee

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## Caregiving Grants for APLS 2026

The APLS Professional Development of Women Committee is thrilled to once again offer Caregiving Grants of \$250-\$700 for 20-30 attendees of APLS 2026 in Reno, Nevada. We will give priority to first authors, presenters, students, and early career professionals. This grant is open to any APLS member (student and non-student) who serves as a caregiver in any capacity (e.g., child, parent). Funds can be used for any caregiving needs that arise during the conference, including needs at the conference or at home. This serves as a notification for planning purposes. The application link will be provided in the next newsletter, after conference proposal decisions are made.

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## New Edition of the Guide to Graduate Programs in Forensic and Legal Psychology

The AP-LS Teaching, Training, and Careers (TTC) Committee has updated the Guide to Graduate Programs in Forensic and Legal Psychology. The guide, now in its 7th edition, is intended to serve as a resource for prospective students interested in furthering their graduate training and education in psychology and law. The guide contains information on doctoral programs (Ph.D. and Psy.D.), joint programs (e.g., Ph.D./J.D., J.D./M.A.), and masters-level programs. The 7th edition of the Guide can be found on the AP-LS website (<https://ap-ls.org/resources/training/graduate>).

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## Call for Applications Early Career Professional Practitioner Grant Due October 31

Are you an Early Career Professional who practices primarily as a practitioner within the field of psychology and law? Then you may qualify for an ECP Practitioner Grant. Grants can be used to fund a myriad of activities that are novel to the early career stage such as applying for licensure, funds to support preparing for the licensure examination, continuing education activities, developing a private practice, consultation activities, and activities that enhance treatment and evaluation skill sets to name a few. If you are interested in applying, please send an email to [ecp@ap-ls.org](mailto:ecp@ap-ls.org) with the following information:

1. Cover letter:
  - a. First and last name
  - b. Year last degree was obtained
  - c. Email address, telephone number, and mailing address

2. Letter of intent (1,500 word maximum) that describes:
    - a. Your current professional roles and connection to the field of psychology and law.
    - b. How you intend to use the grant
    - c. How receiving the grant will enhance your practice and career growth
    - d. How receiving the grant will further the practice of psychology and law
    - e. How receiving the grant will contribute to broader impacts to society and the broader mission of AP-LS to increase efforts in diversity, equity, and inclusion
  3. Proposed budget with justification and timeline. The award is up to \$500.
  4. CV
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## **Call for Grant Proposals for Research to Enhance the Impact and Diversification of Psychology & Law Research**

### **2025 - 2026 Call for REID Grant Proposals**

The American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) invites research proposals for Research to Enhance the Impact and Diversification of Psychology & Law Research. The intent of this grant initiative is to advance a more interdisciplinary science that addresses understudied topics in psychology and law, as well as to broaden the discipline and amplify its practical impact. Proposed projects must investigate new or understudied topics in psychology and law, enhance the diversification of psychology and law research through novel theoretical or methodological approaches that are cross-disciplinary in nature, and/or promote the impact of research by considering novel populations or new problems or processes within the legal system. Collaboration with practitioners or policymakers is encouraged. Successful proposals are expected to involve projects with the potential to transform and impact the field by furthering novel lines of research inquiry and/or facilitating new cross-disciplinary collaborations. As part of the AP-LS initiative toward a more inclusive society, grant applications that specifically address disadvantaged groups or understudied topic areas in psychology and law will be given preference. This includes funding scholars from traditionally underprivileged backgrounds. Proposals may be submitted into one of two funding categories:

1. Small/Seed proposals (\$1,000-\$5,000 for a 12-month research period)
2. Large proposals (\$15,000-\$50,000 over a 12-18 month research period)

Funding should primarily support research activities and data collection efforts. Support for research assistants and necessary travel may be requested, but should not constitute the majority of the requested funds. Applicants may request up to 100% of funds to cover faculty FTE in the form of a stipend. This means that salary support and fringe can be covered. Funds for successful proposals will be awarded to the PI's academic institution (via the institution's Office of Sponsored Research or Foundation). No institutional indirect cost recovery will be permitted, and proposals submitted for consideration by this program must not be submitted for consideration by other grant programs (including AP-LS programs). Proposals submitted but not funded in previous funding cycles may be resubmitted, but all proposals will be evaluated as new proposals.

Researchers may submit a maximum of one proposal to the large grant mechanism and one proposal to the small grant mechanism. That is, researchers can be an author or

co-author on a maximum of one proposal to each of the grant categories. Students may not be PIs on proposals, although they may be Co-PIs.

Pre-proposal submissions will open on October 1. The submission **deadline is October 15th, 2025**. Selected pre-proposal submissions will be notified in November if they are selected to submit a full proposal. Full proposals will be due in mid-December.

The application portal and more information on applications can be found [here](#). Please email one or both of the co-chairs of the Research Committee, Evan Lowder and Melissa Baker, with any questions: [research@ap-ls.org](mailto:research@ap-ls.org).

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## **President-elect and Board of Directors Election Results**

The Election Committee has certified the results of the 2025 President-Elect and Board of Directors Member-at-Large Election, and all of the candidates have been notified of the results. We are extremely grateful to all of our colleagues for their willingness to serve.

The Election Committee is happy to report that Linda M. Woolf, PhD, was elected President-Elect, and Elizabeth A. Klonoff, PhD, ABPP and Rodney L. Lowman, PhD, ABAP were elected as members-at-large of the Board of Directors. Please join us as we congratulate them and extend our sincere support and genuine efforts in our future work and collaborations.

Tally sheets are available upon request from [elections@apa.org](mailto:elections@apa.org).

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## **Call for Applications Embracing Leadership: Developing Skills for Your Career Evolution**

Embracing Leadership is designed to provide American Psychology-Law Society (APA Division 41) members with practical training in leadership and with leadership opportunities. The goals of the program are:

1. Provide training for interested members in a variety of leadership skills that could benefit their careers broadly
2. Cultivate interest in leadership within the Division
3. Provide leadership opportunities within the Division
4. Prepare our members to take on leadership challenges

Embracing Leadership will have four activities that will take place over one year, beginning in March of 2026. These activities include:

1. A workshop on leadership on the Wednesday prior to the AP-LS conference
2. Webinars on leadership topics that will occur bimonthly (once every other month), on the first Monday of the month (that is not a holiday) at 9AM west coast time
3. Connecting participants to a mentor already in leadership in the Division



4. Providing opportunities for leadership within the Division by completing an initiative with AP-LS leadership

Applicants are welcome from all career levels, including applicants who are students, ECPs, mid-career, and beyond. To apply, please fill out the Qualtrics survey linked here: [https://udenver.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3yILTY1nS1cOXHw](https://udenver.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3yILTY1nS1cOXHw)

To complete the application, you will upload your CV and statement of interest. The statement of interest should provide a brief summary (up to 500 words) of where you are in your career, what interests you about leadership development, what leadership roles you have had, and what (if any) leadership roles you would like to obtain in the future.

Applications are due **December 15, 2025**. Applicants will be notified about decisions by January 15, 2026.

If you have any questions about the program or application process, please contact Karen Grabowski (TTC-Embracing Leadership Subcommittee Chair) at [ttc@ap-ls.org](mailto:ttc@ap-ls.org).

**\*\*Note:** As part of the application process, some basic demographic information will be collected through the Qualtrics survey that can be used to track applicants and participants as part of the evaluation of the program. It will help us determine who applies and who is accepted.

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## Career Corner

The Career Corner is intended to highlight the individuals who work at the intersection of law and psychology, where they come from, how they got there, and how their experiences influence their research, teaching, and/or practice. This edition of Career Corner profiles Randy Salekin, PhD, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Psychology at The University of Alabama (UA). Sidra Capriolo, a 3rd-year Clinical Psychology PhD student at UA and 2025-2026 Student Committee Chair-Elect, interviewed Dr. Salekin. Read more [HERE](#).

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## *Law and Human Behavior*

### American Psychology-Law Society Division 41 of the American Psychological Association



### *Law and Human Behavior* Editorial Fellowship



The Editorial Team of *Law and Human Behavior* is seeking nominations for one editorial fellowship position for an early-career psychologist (ECP) from a group historically underrepresented in the academy and/or professional practice. The fellow will serve a 12-month term beginning January 1, 2026, and the position includes an honoraria stipend of \$2,500 USD.

*Law and Human Behavior's* Editorial Fellowship Program seeks to elevate leadership opportunities for ECPs from communities that have been historically underrepresented in research and publishing leadership roles. Such individuals include, but are not limited to, psychologists who are Black, Indigenous, or other people of color and ethnicities as well as those psychologists who study, advocate on behalf of, or practice primarily with communities of color. Members of other underrepresented communities (e.g., LGBTQIA+ individuals, individuals with disabilities) or who work with or advocate on behalf of individuals from these communities will be considered.

#### Qualifications

The fellowship is open to qualified candidates who meet the above description and are no more than 10 years postdoctoral. Preference will be given to applicants who have experience conducting peer reviews and who are interested in pursuing a leadership role with a peer-reviewed journal.

#### Responsibilities

The fellow will work closely with the *Law and Human Behavior* Editorial Team (Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors) to develop their editorial leadership skills. The fellow will be mentored to perform the tasks typically required of an Associate Editor, including screening manuscripts for appropriateness, inviting reviewers to review manuscripts, and writing decision letters. The fellow will also participate in periodic meetings (via Zoom) with the *Law and Human Behavior* Editorial Team. Fellows will be credited on the journal masthead and, upon successful completion of the fellowship, will become members of *Law and Human Behavior's* Editorial Board.

#### How to Apply

Interested candidates should send their application to the Editor-in-Chief of *Law and Human Behavior*, David DeMatteo ([david.dematteo@drexel.edu](mailto:david.dematteo@drexel.edu)), by **November 1, 2025**. Applicants should provide a CV and a letter of interest that (a) describes their expertise and experience, (b) provides context for their interest in the editorial fellowship program, and (c) indicates how their participation in editorial fellowship program will contribute to the journal's advancement.

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## Join the AP-LS Book Series Editorial Board

The American Psychology-Law Society book series editorial board seeks self-nominations for associate editors to join the editorial board beginning January 1, 2026. Experience publishing a book is preferred, but not required. Background and expertise in any area of legal psychology is welcome.

Review of applicants will begin **October 15**. If you are interested in applying, please email a self-nomination letter to Monica Miller, editor ([mkmiller@unr.edu](mailto:mkmiller@unr.edu)).

The series publishes authored and edited volumes on current issues at the intersection of psychology and law. Books are typically a state of the science synthesis of a body of

existing research with implications for practice and/or policy. The editorial board members help brainstorm needed topics and solicit authors/editors. They also work with authors/editors in developing viable book proposals and developing the book itself. Finally, editorial board members review book proposals and the finished books; write recommendations to the publishers; and write a series of forewords specific to each book.

The book series is currently transitioning to a new publisher, so it is an exciting time to join the editorial board!

The current editorial board members include:

- Monica Miller, Division 41 Book Series Editor ([mkmiller@unr.edu](mailto:mkmiller@unr.edu))
- Monique Bowen, Division 41 Book Series Associate Editor ([mbowen2@antioch.edu](mailto:mbowen2@antioch.edu))
- Jemour Maddux, Division 41 Book Series Associate Editor ([jm@rule702.com](mailto:jm@rule702.com))

The book series includes the following books published by [APA](#) Books and [OUP](#).

Through its book series, the American Psychology-Law Society seeks to:

- Advance and disseminate the science of psychology and law. This includes both traditional and niche topics for which there is enough research to publish a book-length synthesis;
- Actively mentor editors and authors who have not previously published books;
- Encourage publishing by authors who are well-established in the field;
- Advance the practice of psychology in legal contexts and establish contemporary best practices;
- Promote human rights, dignity, and justice in our multicultural, pluralistic society.



## Defended Your Dissertation in 2025?

Apply for the AP-LS Dissertation Award and be recognized for outstanding scholarship! Winners will be invited to share their work at the 2026 AP-LS Annual Conference. Submit your dissertation and supporting documents via the [AP-LS Dissertation Award Google Form](#) by **December 31**. For more information, visit [AP-LS Dissertation Awards webpage](#) or contact Alicia Nijdam-Jones ([alicia.nijdam-jones@umanitoba.ca](mailto:alicia.nijdam-jones@umanitoba.ca)).

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## Congratulations to our new Division 41 Fellows, and apply to become a Fellow or Distinguished Member of AP-LS

Congratulations to Dan Murrie, Kyle Scherr, and Maggie Stevenson for recently becoming Division 41 Fellows. Would you like to see your name here next year? If so, read on for information about how to become a Fellow or Distinguished Member of AP-LS.

According to our bylaws, “Full Members nominated for Fellow in the Society must provide evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions in the area of psychology and law. All candidates for Fellow must be endorsed by at least two Fellows of the

Society. In addition, all candidates for Fellow must meet the requirements of the bylaws of the Association. Full Affiliates nominated for Distinguished Member in the Society must provide evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions in the area of psychology and law. All candidates for Distinguished Member must be endorsed by at least two Fellows or Distinguished Members of the Society.”

Members nominated for Fellow or Distinguished member status through AP-LS must provide evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions in the area of psychology and law. The deadline for receipt of all application materials (nominee’s materials and endorsers’ materials) is **December 1**. For Fellow status (unless you are already a Fellow in another division), apply through the APA Fellow portal (<https://www.apa.org/members/your-membership/fellows/apply>).

For Distinguished Member status and if you are already a Fellow in another APA division, email materials to [ebrank2@unl.edu](mailto:ebrank2@unl.edu).

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## AP-LS 2026 Distinguished Service Award

The AP-LS Distinguished Service Award recognizes members that have contributed exceptional meritorious professional service to the Society and/or the field of legal/forensic psychology. Examples might include (but are not limited to): extensive committee service and leadership for the Society, community outreach/advocacy, services provided to state, local, or federal governments, or uncompensated consultation in legal or clinical services. Nominees must be members of AP-LS, have been in the field for at least 10 years since their doctoral degree, and have demonstrated a sustained track record of leadership and service. Up to two individuals may be recognized each year.

Recipients will be formally recognized at the AP-LS Annual Conference. Awardees will receive a plaque, complimentary registration to that year’s conference, and up to \$1,000 in travel reimbursement upon request.

All nominations should be submitted to: <https://tinyurl.com/APLSAwards> by **November 15, 2025**. Self-nominations will not be considered. The nomination packet should be a single PDF document that includes:

- A copy of the nominee’s CV;
- A letter detailing the nominee’s distinguished contributions to psychology and law; and
- Any additional letters of support that address the nominee’s service to the field.

More information about the award can be found at: [https://ap-  
ls.org/awards/awards/distinguishedservice](https://ap-ls.org/awards/awards/distinguishedservice).

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## AP-LS 2026 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology and Law

The AP-LS Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology and Law honors one who has made distinguished theoretical, empirical, and/or applied contributions to the field of psychology and law. This award will not be presented on a regular basis. Rather, it will be reserved for those individuals whose contributions are so unusual as to merit special commendation. This award is not exclusively for AP-LS members, and anyone who meets these criteria may be nominated (but self-nominations are not considered).

Recipients will be formally recognized at the AP-LS Annual Conference. Awardees will receive a plaque, complimentary registration to that year's conference, and up to \$1,000 in travel reimbursement upon request.

All nominations should be submitted to: <https://tinyurl.com/APLSAwards> by **November 15, 2025**. Self-nominations will not be considered. The nomination packet should be a single PDF document that includes:

- A copy of the nominee's CV;
- A letter detailing the nominee's distinguished contributions to psychology and law; and
- Names and addresses of four individuals who are familiar with the nominee's work and who would be able to address the nominee's contributions to the field of psychology and law (or additional letters from these four individuals).

More information about the award can be found at: <https://ap-ls.org/awards/awards/distinguished>.

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## AP-LS 2026 Mid-Career Award

The AP-LS Mid-Career Award recognizes members whose work has already substantially contributed to the fields of forensic and legal psychology. Up to three awards may be given each year to recognize scholars who have contributed through research, theory, and/or practice within these fields (e.g., experimental, forensic, corrections, etc.).

Nominees will have completed their terminal degree 10 - 25 years before the nomination deadline. The nominee should be a member of AP-LS.

Recipients will be formally recognized at the AP-LS Annual Conference. Awardees will receive a plaque, complimentary registration to that year's conference, and up to \$1,000 in travel reimbursement upon request.

All nominations should be submitted to: <https://tinyurl.com/APLSAwards> by **November 15, 2025**. Self-nominations will not be considered. The nomination packet should be a single PDF document that includes:

- A copy of the nominee's CV;
- A letter detailing the nominee's distinguished contributions to psychology and law; and
- Any additional letters of support that address the nominee's contributions to the field.

More information about the award can be found at: <https://ap-ls.org/awards/awards/midcareer>.

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## AAFP/AP-LS 2026 Saleem Shah Award

The Saleem Shah Award is an annual award co-sponsored by the American Academy of Forensic Psychology and the American Psychology-Law Society recognizing early career excellence and contributions to the field of psychology and law. Please see <https://aafpforensic.org/awards/saleem-shah-award-for-early-career-excellence-in-psychology-and-law/> for more information.

AAFP and AP-LS leadership elected to expand their recognition of emerging talent in our field by potentially honoring up to two (2) early career forensic or legal psychologists annually for this prestigious award. This modification aims to provide greater opportunities for acknowledging outstanding contributions from professionals in the early stages of their careers.

The focus of a nominee's contributions may be in any area of forensic/legal psychology practice, research, or public policy. The selection committee will prioritize one winner from more applied clinical domains and one winner from field or experimental research that can include less clinical domains. Of course, we recognize that excellent work (like Saleem Shah's) may span these broad categories or be difficult to categorize.

The recipient(s) must have received a doctoral degree (or law degree, whichever comes later, if both have been earned) within the last 10 years (as defined by APA, Year 2015 or later, inclusive of 2015). The award includes \$2,000, as well as the opportunity to give the Saleem Shah Address at the next meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society.

All nominations should be submitted to: <https://tinyurl.com/APLSAwards> by **November 15, 2025**. Self-nominations will not be considered. The nomination packet should be a single PDF document that includes:

- a letter detailing the nominee's contributions to psychology and law, and
- a copy of the nominee's vita.

More information about the award can be found at: <https://ap-ls.org/awards/awards/saleemshah>.

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## Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring in the Field of Psychology and Law: Call for Nominations

Each year the AP-LS Teaching, Training, and Careers (TTC) Committee confers two awards for outstanding teaching and mentoring. These awards recognize teaching excellence in the field of psychology and law in a variety of contexts, specifically through the Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring Award and the Early Career Teaching and Mentoring Award.

For more information about the awards, eligibility, and how to nominate yourself or others, please click: [Teaching and Mentoring Awards](#)

This year the TTC Committee is specifically soliciting nominations for individuals who have taught or mentored undergraduate or terminal Master's students (i.e., Category 1).

Winners will be announced at the 2026 AP-LS Conference. Award recipients receive \$500, a plaque at the AP-LS conference, and the option to serve as a guest columnist for the AP-LS Newsletter.

Nominations are due by **December 15, 2025**. Nominations should be emailed to: [ttc@apls.org](mailto:ttc@apls.org).

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## AP-LS Book Award: Seeking Nominations

The AP-LS Book Award Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2026 Book Award, which recognizes exceptional scholarship in psychology and law. The Book Award alternates annually between edited and authored books. This year, we are seeking nominations for edited books published in 2023 or 2024. Please submit your nominations (including self-nominations) by **November 1, 2025**. We kindly ask for at least two copies of the book to be submitted—electronic versions are preferred. Nominations and e-versions of the book should be sent to the Chair of the Committee: Elizabeth Foster, PhD [eeffoster@widener.edu](mailto:eeffoster@widener.edu).

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## Call for Papers: Special Issue on Cultural Safety and Indigenous-Led Change in Forensic Mental Health Services



The *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health* is inviting submissions for a special issue focused on advancing cultural safety and Indigenous-led change in forensic mental health, legal, and correctional systems. This issue will highlight Indigenous-led or ethically co-developed research, programs, and critical perspectives that centre Indigenous experiences, knowledge, and wellness-based approaches.

We welcome original research, theoretical papers, program evaluations, and systematic reviews/meta-analyses. Intersectional, community-grounded, and decolonizing approaches are especially encouraged.

[Full Call for Papers: https://journals.sagepub.com/page/FMH/cultural-safety-indigenous-led-change-cfp](https://journals.sagepub.com/page/FMH/cultural-safety-indigenous-led-change-cfp)



 **Submission Deadline:** January 15, 2026

 **Guest Editors:** [Dr. Lisa Monchalin](#) and [Dr. Alicia Nijdam-Jones](#).

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## ***Psychology, Public Policy, and Law* Editorial Fellowship**

The editorial leadership team for Psychology, Public Policy, and Law seeks nominations for two (2) editorial fellowship positions for early-career psychologists (ECPs) who will bring experiential diversity to their work. The editorial fellowship program seeks to prepare the profession of psychology for the future by creating pathways to leadership roles for ECPs whose professional contributions or service demonstrate a commitment to addressing the needs of underserved populations or increasing access to psychological knowledge and publishing. Fellows serve 12-month terms beginning January 1, 2026; the position includes an honoraria stipend of \$1,000 USD per fellow. Applications are due **October 1, 2025**.

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## ***Psychology, Public Policy, and Law: Call for Applications for 2026 Editorial Board***

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Editorial board members who served in 2025 can indicate their interest in remaining on the board, and new applicants can apply. The position descriptions and qualifications required for each role are detailed in this open call for editorial board members <https://osf.io/fcmvj> (Associate Editor(s), Editorial Board Members, Principal Reviewers, and Ad Hoc Reviewers). Application Deadline: **October 1, 2025**.

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