

Chronology of Significant Events in Division 45 History: Second Decade

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1996

Guillermo Bernal, president from 1996-1997 helped to crystallized the presence of an official division journal within the Society.



1998

The official journal of Division 45 is founded: *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology* and Lillian Comas-Diaz as Editor-in-chief.



1999

Dick Suinn is elected as APA president. The first National Multicultural Conference and Summit takes place and this is co-sponsored by Divisions 45, 17, 35, and 44. In addition Dr. Allen Ivey is elected as the first non-ethnic minority psychologist for the position of Executive Committee member at large.



2000

The second strategic planning meeting takes place. In efforts to reaffirm the spirit of inclusion, the Society created a student position on the governing board in the hopes that student concerns could be represented on a national level. Lawrence Yang is chosen for this position. A Student Committee gets established. Due to the hard work of President Joseph Trimble (1999-2000)

Division 45 is able to launch the first website at <http://www.apa.org/divisions/div45> with FOCUS being also available electronically.



2001

Due to the terrorist attacks of September 11th, the Society was placed in a position of influence with regard to the socio-political environment of the United States in regard to attitudes with ethnic minorities and people of color. The Division president, A.J. Franklin went to the United Nations World conference in order to advocate on behalf of the Society against issues such as racism in Durban, South Africa. This was an effort to emphasize intolerance against oppression, scapegoating, resilience, racism, colonization, reparations, and slavery.



2002 (August)

The guidelines on multicultural education, training, research, practice and organizational change for psychologists are adopted by the Council of Representatives and these efforts were spearheaded by Divisions 45 and 17.

2003

President Jeffery Scott Mio (2002-2003) undertook the initiative of building bridges with allies and his definition of diversity was broadened to include such variables as men, women, heterosexuals, lesbians, gays, bisexual, transgender individuals, physical ability, socioeconomic issues, and religion among others. The Second National Multicultural Conference and Summit takes place.



2004

President Steven James (200-2004) brought attention of mixed races and their families with specific attention being given to historical abuse issues regarding people of color.



2005

President Eduardo Morales (2004-2005) initiative was on ethnic minorities and health with specific attention being given to health discrimination. The Third National Multicultural Conference and Summit takes place. In addition a strategic plan is developed for the years 2005-2010.



2006

President Toy Caldwell-Colbert (2005-2006) identified her initiative as 'Positioning psychologists for a diverse world: Competence, collaboration and celebration. Cynthia de las Fuentes, Division of Psychology of Women 2006 president, was supportive of these efforts and even collaborated with President Caldwell-Colbert in organizing a national conference on immigration, and issues related to it such as public policy, clinical, educational and research perspectives. This endeavor was also supported financially by APA 2006 president, Gerry Koocher.

