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Candidate for Western Regional Representative



I have been a resident of California for most of life. Born and raised in Los Angeles, I was blessed to grow up during the vibrant Black is Beautiful 1960s & 70s. For a few brief years, in the 1980s, I lived in Arizona. Relocating, to San Diego in my early twenties, I became an active member of the local ABPsi chapter. A decade later, my career brought me to Oakland and I joined the Bay Area Chapter in 1997. Although I've not had the opportunity yet – I'm very interested in connecting with the Black Psychologists in Denver.

ABPsi has been an active part of my life since the late 1980s, when I was a young student in the San Diego Community College District. The *jegnaship* relationships I formed with the professional members of the San Diego Chapter played a significant role in my psycho-spiritual wellness and intellectual development; which stayed with me through life's' ups and downs. Returning to school in my late 40s to complete my BA degree and pursue a PhD, the Bay Area ABPsi Chapter has been my foundation. So much so, that my dissertation focuses on *Jegnaship as an Africentric Praxis*.

2011 was the first year that I attended a Convention and I've only missed one since. But, for me, the local Chapters of ABPsi are the heartbeat of my experiences. As such, I highly value the role and importance of Chapters as the life-blood of the National Association.

As a proud Bay Area Chapter member (home chapter of Drs. Wade Nobles and Lawford Goddard)– I am beyond excited that the 50th anniversary of ABPsi will be celebrated at the International Convention in Oakland in 2018. This convention will not only mark this grand occasion, but it will coincide with the fulfillment of my life-long dream of becoming a PhD – as I expect to have my degree conferred that May.

It also provides an exciting opportunity for Western Regional Chapters. If elected as your Representative, it is my intention, to work closely with the Chapters to strengthen our connections and showcase the long history of Association of Black Psychologists – from its 1968 founding in the Bay Area to its vitality in 2018 in the African diaspora.

Adeeba Deterville, MA, is co-founder of Sankofa Cultural Institute. She holds a Masters degree in Transpersonal Studies and is currently completing her dissertation proposal -- Jegnaship: An African-centered Rites of Passage Mentoring Model for her PhD in the Transformative Studies at the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS). Expected conferral May 2018. Her areas of interest are African-centered psychology and cultural identity development as applied in transformative pedagogy. She has served as the Western Region Graduate Representative for the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi), National Student Circle Board of Directors and as the Student Circle Board Chair for the Bay Area Association of Black Psychologists. Since 2013 Adeeba has facilitated the Bay Area Black Graduate Student Group, an independent cross-disciplinary group that offers monthly support and discussions.

One her most exciting projects has been with CIIS' MHSA program, where she served as the founder/facilitator of MHSA-ABPsi Cohort. This pilot project began in 2015 with taking six Black graduate students from CIIS' Masters in Counseling programs to the annual convention of the Association of Black Psychologists. This group has engaged in a number of campus activities to bring African-centered Psychology to the greater CIIS community. Through her efforts CIIS has become an Institutional Member of ABPsi. Adeeba is a former Program Coordinator for the Masters in Counseling Psychology department at CIIS and has over twenty-years experience in the non-profit sector, as well as in the financial services field as an Community Development Officer. Currently, Adeeba serves as the lead coordinator and designer of the Community-Based Models for Black Mental Health: Black Psychology as a Professional Gateway - a program grant from the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development grant for CIIS.