

# The Association of Black Psychologists



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# Our Mission

The Association of Black Psychologists sees its mission and destiny as the liberation of the African Mind, empowerment of the African Character, and the enlivenment and illumination of the African Spirit.



1.

Promoting and advancing the profession of African Psychology

2.

Influencing and affecting social change; and

3.

Developing programs whereby psychologists of African descent (hereafter known as Black Psychologists) can assist in solving problems of Black communities and other ethnic groups

- To enhance the psychological well-being of Black people in America.
- To promote constructive understanding of Black people through Afrikan-centered approach to research
- To develop an approach to psychology that is consistent with the experiences of Black people.
- To define mental health in consonance with newly established psychological concepts and standards regarding Black people.
- To develop international support systems for Black psychologists and students of psychology.
- To develop policies for local, state, and national decision making which impacts on the mental health of the Black community.
- To promote values and a lifestyle that support our survival and well-being as a race.
- To support established Black organizations and aid in the development of new independent Black institutions to enhance our psychological, educational, cultural, and economic situation.

# Our Commitment



# 2018-2019 Accomplishments

## Organizational Effectiveness & Infrastructure



- New Managing Director, Marcus Williams
  - New Technology and Innovation Committee
  - ABPsi Green Initiative
  - Mid-year meeting: Training and review of ABPsi strategic plan
  - Recovered over \$3000 as a result of an enhanced tracking system
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- Modification of ABPsi ethical standards
  - Online voting and presentations by candidates seeking office
  - Automation of CE systems and presenter evaluation forms
  - Use of app for convention program
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## Professional Development

- Adjunct tool supporting African Psychology in Clinical Practice
  - Resources for the UK's LGBTQ+ Emotional Emancipation Circle
  - Pre-convention training with ABPsi Oakland California
  - Student Circle webinars and podcasts
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## Advocacy



- Statement on Anti-Hair Discrimination Laws & support of the Crown Act
  - Transgender Persons in the Military
  - Midwest Regional Symposium: Sexual Abuse in Black Communities
  - Child-Family Separation Position Statement
  - Statement on Planned Expulsion of Haitian earthquake survivors
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## Community Engagement

- Letter of Appreciation from 400 years of African American History Commission
  - 7th Annual Community Healing Days activities in Tallahassee, FL
  - Saint Louis Missouri on Bullying Family Issues and Mental Health in the Black Community
  - Northern Illinois University Chapter participates in NIU volunteer initiatives
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- Ongoing meetings with Pittsburgh Public Schools and Pittsburgh Board of Education regarding the development of the ABPsi Communiversity to enhance educational outcomes for Black children
  - Joint proposal of ABPsi and CHN on use of EECs to address trauma of children in Pittsburgh CHOICE neighborhoods
  - International Day of Drumming & Healing, Houston, TX
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## Membership Development & Communication

- Established Regional Representatives Council
  - Northern Illinois University Chapter granted official chapter approval
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- Active professional chapters (10)
  - Active student circles (3)
  - Regular e-Blasts
  - SC Newsletters
  - Psych Discourse Articles
  - Creation of database of 111 HBCUs
  - Established three international chapters: UK, Barbados, Toronto, Canada
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## Collaboration

- Community Healing Network
  - BFS/IBW
  - All Healers Mental Health Alliance
  - National CARES Mentoring
  - Forum on African Psychology
  - CNPAAEMI
  - Alliance
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## Publications

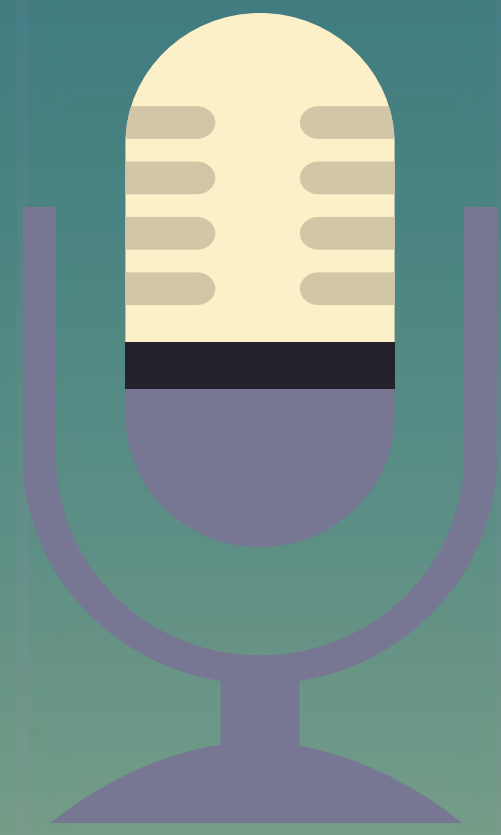
- Building for Eternity: Journal of Black Psychology, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of ABPsi
  - ABPsi Activities Overview: Psych Discourse
  - "The Color of Justice:" Joint publication by the Alliance and funded by Annie E. Casey foundation. Addressed juvenile justice and treatment of youth of color
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## Presentations

- National African Heritage Society: Panel Discussion on Decade of People of African Descent in Georgetown, Guyana
- High Commission for Trinidad and Tobago: African Psychology for Victims of Windrush Scandal (Maafa) in the United Kingdom
- National Medical Association: Impact of the Overincarceration of Afrikan Americans on Black Families and Communities
- Greater Washington Urban League and Congressional Black Caucus Convention: Identifying and Implementing Effective Mental Health Strategies in the Black Community

- It Takes a Village (BMHA). Taraji P. Henson "Can We Talk" Convention to increase attention to Black Mental Health. The Boris Lawrence Henson Foundation
- Childhood Sex Trafficking: Kasserian Ingera - And How are the Children?
- National Medical Association Convention. Collaboration: A Key to Cultural Change to Achieve Health Equity
- Emotional Reparations: And How are the Children? The National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America Convention. 400 Years of Terror: A Debt Still
- Let's Talk About The Dream: Trials, Triumphs, and Trailblazing. Federal Commission Launches 400 Year Commemoration in House on the Hill Built by Enslaved.



- Honored Distinguished and Significant Afrikan American Women Psychologists in ABPsi: Florida A&M University

## International Connectedness



International Day of Drumming and Healing

United Kingdom Chapter First Conference

Emotional Emancipation Circles for International Chapters

Collaboration between Pan African Global Initiative and South African scholars on publication of a special issue of Journal Alternation

## CONNECT WITH US

