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WPA OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD **ANNE DURAN**

Dr. Anne Duran is a Social Psychologist. She earned her BA at Metropolitan State College (now University) of Denver and her MA and PhD from New Mexico State University.

Since 2001, she has been teaching at California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB), and enjoying every minute. Dr. Duran believes in encouraging growth in all her students, both in her classes and the Social Psychology Academics, Research, and Knowledge (SPARK) lab. She is a dedicated and passionate teacher, mentor, and scholar. At CSUB, she teaches The Psychology of Sexual Orientation, addressing many of the stereotypes and assumptions about sexual and gender minorities. For more than ten years, she organized the Ally Rally, inviting people from the campus and the community to discuss what it means to be an ally for LGBTQIA+ folks in and around Bakersfield. In her lab, she and her students examine factors related to the Imposter phenomenon, rampant in first-generation and underrepresented students. Dr. Duran is exceedingly proud of her students and their successes.



WPA EARLY CAREER RESEARCH AWARD **SAMANTHA (SAM) ABRAM**

Dr. Samantha (Sam) Abram earned her BA in psychology from Washington University in St. Louis and her PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Minnesota. She completed an advanced post-doctoral training program at the San Francisco VA Medical Center (SFVAMC)

and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) in schizophrenia research. Dr. Abram is a licensed psychologist who serves as a Staff Research Psychologist at the SFVAMC and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at UCSF. She has published 30 peer-reviewed articles and chapters, many in top-tier journals. Dr. Abram's research uses fMRI and EEG to study motivation and reward abnormalities in severe mental illness, with a particular interest in how certain behaviors can be tracked across humans and non-human animals. Dr. Abram is now incorporating non-invasive brain stimulation into her research to learn how to alter or enhance signals that help decision-making, such as brain signals that correlate with memory. These current efforts are supported by a 5-year Career Development Award she received from the SFVAMC. Dr. Abram's long-term goal is to develop individually tailored treatments aimed to resolve memory and reward deficits.



WPA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD **LAURA FREBERG**

Laura Freberg is a Professor of Psychology at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, specializing in behavioral neuroscience and introductory psychology. She received her PhD from UCLA after conducting research at

Yale University. Dr. Freberg is the author or co-author of textbooks on introductory psychology, behavioral neuroscience, applied behavioral neuroscience, and research methods in psychological science. She served as the Psychology Consultant to the New York Times InEducation program. Dr. Freberg was the 2018-2019 President of the Western Psychological Association (WPA).



WPA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD **PATRICIA M. FLYNN**

Patricia M. Flynn is an Associate Professor in the Psychology and Preventive Medicine Departments at Loma Linda University (LLU). She earned a B.S. in educational psychology from Cornell University, a M.P.H. in health promotion and education, and a Ph.D. in health psychology from LLU. Dr. Flynn co-directs the Culture and Behavior Laboratory at

LLU. Her research focuses on the investigation of cultural and psychological factors as determinants of health behavior and outcome among diverse patient populations in the U.S. and Latin America and has been published in national and international journals. She is co-Principal Investigator on a HRSA grant dedicated to increasing and diversifying the primary care psychology workforce through scholarships and mentorship for graduate students from diverse backgrounds. She is also the Director of Cultural Sensitivity Training for primary care medical residents at the largest HRSA funded Teaching Health Center in the nation. Dr. Flynn has presented research with her graduate students and colleagues at WPA, APA, and APS conventions as well as at international conferences (SIP, ISBM, IACCP). She was the Program Chair for WPA's 2023 Convention organized around the theme of "Culture, Diversity, and Health." Other professional involvements include APA Division 45 Faculty Adviser for the Campus Representative Program, APA/CDC Behavioral and Social Scientist Volunteer, APA's Advocacy Summit, and adjunct faculty at Universidad de La Frontera, in Temuco, Chile. At LLU, she serves as the founding Co-Chair for the Dept. of Psychology Diversity Committee and recently received the Educational Research Advancement Award from LLU's School of Behavioral Health.



WPA SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AWARD **CHRISTY TERANISHI MARTINEZ**

Dr. Christy Teranishi Martinez, Professor of Psychology at California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI), has dedicated her career to fostering diversity and advancing racial and social justice through teaching, research,

mentoring, and community service. Her research on the prevalence of sexual harassment and assault (SHSA) among the trail and ultrarunners has sparked a nationwide effort to raise awareness and combat SHSA within running communities. As the Director of the Center for Multicultural Engagement and the Faculty Equity Advocate Program, Dr. Teranishi Martinez has been instrumental in promoting diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility (DEIA). Her service on the President's Advisory Council on Inclusive Excellence culminated in her receiving the CSUCI Inclusive Excellence Award. Paying it forward, as the Director of the Faculty Mentorship Network Program, her unwavering commitment to diversity and exceptional ability to nurture students and colleagues from diverse backgrounds have made her a source of inspiration for many, earning her the CSUCI Excellence in Mentoring Award. Her extensive work advancing racial and social justice, along with her innovative approaches to academic leadership and mentorship, not only facilitate significant advancements across these areas but also sets a benchmark for excellence in social responsibility within Psychology and throughout the global community.