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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS NMCS *DISTINGUISHED ELDER* AWARD (Late Career)

The coordinating team for the 2026 National Multicultural Conference & Summit (NMCS), themed “Reclaiming Our Stories: From Our Ancestors to Action” is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the *NMCS Distinguished Elder Award*, which was inaugurated during NMCS 2015. This award honors the lifetime contributions of late-career psychologists who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to multicultural research, teaching, advocacy, policy, and/or clinical care. This award was created to recognize and support diverse professionals at a pivotal stage in their careers, offering encouragement and visibility for their continued impact. Nominees should embody the core principles of multicultural psychology and demonstrate a continued dedication to promoting culturally responsive practices, social responsibility. And systemic change within their field of expertise.

This is an open call, and four (4) awards will be given.

Who Is Eligible?

Eligible candidates must hold a doctoral degree (PhD, PsyD, or EdD) in psychology from an accredited institution in the U.S. or Canada. The award is intended for psychologists who have made a significant impact on multicultural psychology for a sustained period. Therefore, candidates should have **over 30 years of professional experience** beyond the doctorate and/or should be at the academic rank of Associate Professor or the professional equivalent.

Required Nomination Materials

The selection committee will consist of members of the 2026 NMCS planning committee. Materials are evaluated on the basis of the candidate’s accomplishments and activities and their commitment to multicultural psychology topics and concerns.

- A complete nomination should include a cover page with the nominee's name, current place of work, and the name of the award (i.e., Distinguished Elder Award). A cover letter from the nominator should outline the rationale for the nomination and highlight key aspects of the nominee’s professional focus. Primary consideration will be given to the quality, significance, and sustained contributions of the nominee’s work, with particular emphasis on candidates who have demonstrated a clear and long-standing commitment to the vision and principles of multicultural psychology. The review committee also values evidence of thoughtful, programmatic contributions that reflect the nominee’s lasting impact on the field.
- Accompanying this should be a copy of the nominee’s curriculum vitae or resume and a statement (no more than 1 page) by the lead nominator describing the nominee’s longstanding impact in the field related to multicultural psychology.



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Nomination Materials Checklist

1. Email subject line: Award Nomination_Distinguished Elder Award
2. Cover Letter & Statement by the lead nominator
3. Candidate's Curriculum Vitae or Resume

Please **email** all nomination materials in **one PDF file** to Tina Lincourt, PhD, at tina.nmcs@gmail.com and Samantha LaMartine, PsyD, at samantha.nmcs@gmail.com (2026 NMCS Awards & Entertainment Coordinators) by September 19th, 2025, at 11:59 PM PST.