

November is National Native American Heritage Month. This month we celebrate and acknowledge the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of Native American Indigenous (American Indian and Alaska Native) people.

In 2016 President Barack Obama proclaimed November 2016 as National Native American Heritage Month and called on all Americans to celebrate November 25, 2016, as Native American Heritage Day.

This month as the President of EPA, I would like to highlight the contributions of several Native American Indigenous psychologists who helped to change and continue to change the field of psychology.

**Dr. Carolyn L. Attneave**



Dr. Carolyn Lewis Attneave was one of the most prominent American Indian Psychologists in the field. In 1952 she completed her doctoral studies in clinical psychology at Stanford University and was the first Native American woman to earn her Ph.D. in psychology. Dr. Attneave's work focused on providing culturally sensitive mental health services for Native Americans. In 1970, Dr. Attneave founded the Network of Indian Psychologists newsletter, which would eventually become the Society of Indian Psychologists.

## Dr. Marigold Linton



Dr. Marigold Linton earned her Ph.D. in experimental psychology from the University of California in Los Angeles. She was also the first American Indian to earn a doctorate in psychology from the University of California. Dr. Linton began her career at San Diego State University, where she became a full professor. Dr. Linton eventually left San Diego State University to become the director of American Indian programs at Arizona State University. She eventually moved to the University of Kansas to serve as the director of American Indian outreach. Here, she developed a consortium between the University of Kansas and Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, which supported biomedical research opportunities for American Indian students and faculty. Dr. Linton obtained more than \$13 million in funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to support programs that enabled many American Indians to enter the sciences and obtain advanced degrees. Dr. Linton was the founding member of the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) and the National Indian Education Association. In recognition of her mentoring on January 27, 2011, President Obama presented Dr. Linton with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring.

### **Dr. Arthur McDonald**



Dr. Arthur McDonald was the first American Indian man to earn a doctorate in Psychology. He earned his Ph.D. in 1966 from the University of South Dakota. Dr. McDonald began teaching at Montana State University but eventually left and became Director of Education at the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. He later founded Dull Knife Memorial College. In 2000 he was awarded the Presidential Citation from the American Psychological Association for his lifetime of work in psychology, work and work with American Indians and Alaskan Natives and underserved communities.

### **Dr. Joseph E. Trimble**



Dr. Trimble earned his Ph.D. in social psychology in 1969 from the University of Oklahoma. He was a distinguished University Professor and Professor of Psychology at Western Washington University and retired in 2020 after 41 years at the university. He is known for promoting psychological and sociocultural research with indigenous populations, especially American Indians and Alaska Natives. Dr. Trimble served as a past-President of the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues (Division 45 of the American Psychological Association). He is the recipient of many awards; most recently, he received the Gold Medal Award for Lifetime Achievement in Psychology in the Public Interest from the American Psychological Foundation. Moreover, in 2017 the Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race in Psychology (Division 45 of the APA) established the Joseph E. Trimble and Jewell Horvat award to honor significant contributions to Native and Indigenous psychology. Two awards are given: one to support the work of a promising graduate student interested in supporting indigenous communities and the other to support a senior scholar who has mentored former students to create benefits for indigenous communities through their research, scholarship, or practice.

## Dr. Art Blume



Dr. Art Blume received his Ph.D. from the University of Washington in 2001 and is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at Washington State University. He is an American Indian scholar with expertise in researching addictive behaviors and alcohol use interventions among ethnic minority populations, including American Indians and Alaska Natives, and among college students. Dr. Blume has published over 100 research articles and book chapters and received the Joseph E. Trimble and Jewell E. Horvat Award for Distinguished Contributions to Native and Indigenous Psychology. Dr. Blume served as 2020 President of Division 45 of the American Psychological Association (APA), the Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race, and as a past president of the Society of Indian Psychologists. Dr. Blume also served as an Associate Editor of the journals Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology and Addictive Behaviors and as a member of the American Psychological Association's Working Group on Health Disparities among Boys and Men. In 2003, he was awarded the Early Career Award for research in addictive behaviors.

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### **The Society of Indian Psychologists**

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