



PsySSA and The Forum of African Psychology (FAP) welcomes the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) to the PsySSA 22nd Annual Congress

The FAP and ABPsi initially agreed on working collaboratively in 2012 at the ICP held in Cape Town. The 2013 New Orleans Accord saw the formalization of the MOU between FAP and ABPsi. The need to work together was fostered by the common historical exploitation, marginalization, distortion, de-legitimization and dehumanization of people of African descent throughout the world. Imbued by the spirit of Ubuntu and cultural experiences, FAP and ABPsi forged a working relationship to:

- a. Critically examine the assumptions and paradigms concerning the understanding, development and the emergence of Black/ African peoples in context throughout their life;
- b. Commit to developing the culturally grounded discipline and practice of African/Black Psychology; and
- c. Endorse and adopt the development and utilization of Black/African Psychology for the understanding, analyses, treatment and restoration of Black/African spirit, mental health, wellness, wholeness, worldwide emancipation, participation, and unity of our people.

As part of this tradition of on-going collaboration, and in preparation for FAP's 2017 2nd International congress to be held in Durban, the leadership of ABPsi will attend this year's PsySSA congress.

ABPsi Past President, Dr Cheryl Tawede Grills will deliver a keynote address as part of the African Psychology Symposium, while current President Dr Kevin Washington and President-elect Dr Huberta Jackson-Lawman will facilitate the ABPsi Symposium.

PsySSA invites you to be part of this historical moment. Join FAP and ABPsi in a series of presentations that interrogate and address the lingering and on-going effects of historical and contemporary colonialism, enslavement and dehumanization.



Dr Kevin Washington (Mwata Kairi), Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist in Florida and Washington, DC. He has taught/lectured at several colleges nationally and internationally. News One has sought his expertise out with Roland Martin, Essence Magazine, Black Entertainment Television (BET) News, Vocal Point and many other national and international organizations. Currently, he is the President of the Association of Black Psychologists and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Human Development and Psycho educational Studies. As a Fulbright-Hays scholar Kevin researched the impact of socializing institutions on the healing or restructuring of post-apartheid South Africa (Azania). It was in South Africa where he research Ubuntu and how it can inform mental health service delivery to people of African ancestry and others. Not only does he work on healing the psycho-spiritual wounds that are present within people as a result of Cultural and Historical Trauma, he continues developing healing paradigms for persons of African ancestry who have been impacted by Persistent Enslavement Systemic Trauma (PEST). This work is critical to his advancing of Ubuntu Psychology/Psychotherapy. He is the founder of Ubuntu Psychotherapy. As the founder of Ubuntu Psychotherapy (Psychology) he advances a culturally sensitive modality for mental health counseling and Psychotherapy, to be utilized by psychotherapists, that is culturally inclusive and particularized concomitantly. Through his research and writing he seeks to assist people to live life with power, purpose and passion.

Note, Dr Washington's presentation, SYMPOSIUM ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PSYCHOLOGISTS (ABPsi), is scheduled for Thursday, 22 September 2016 (10:30-12:30) under Stream 3.



Dr Huberta Jackson-Lowman, is a Professor of Psychology and past Chair of the Department of Psychology at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida. A Fulbright-Hays Scholar and editor of the anthology *African American Women: Living at the Crossroads of Race, Gender, Class and Culture* (2013), her post-doctoral career spans nearly 40 years and has consisted of roles in both the private and public sectors. Currently she serves as the President-Elect of the National Association of Black Psychologists and has served in various capacities within the organization, both locally and nationally. She is certified through the Association of Black Psychologists as a diplomat and fellow in African-centered psychology.

Dr Jackson-Lowman's research examines the effects of the intersectionality of race, gender, class, and culture on the health, mental health, and relationships of women of African ancestry and explores the use of cultural strategies, such as proverbs and rites of passage, as tools of socialization for African American youth. An emerging area of research focuses on the use of cultural policy to reset standards and norms in African American communities and to facilitate a sense of agency and empowerment. In addition to her recently published textbook, she has developed measures that assess levels of internalization of engendered racial myths that target African American women, The Engendered Racial Myths Scale (ERMS), and a measure which evaluates the quality of relationships between Black women, The Totem Self Scale-II (TSS), both of which she utilizes in ongoing research.

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Dr Cheryl Tawede Grills, with degrees from Yale University and UCLA, Dr Cheryl Tawede Grills is a clinical psychologist but with a current emphasis in Community Psychology. She is Professor of Psychology at Loyola Marymount University, national past President of The Association of Black Psychologists, was the Co-Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection and she also serves as a Commissioner on the Sybil Brand Commission which focuses on conditions and practices within County jails, probation and correctional facilities and group homes for children. In 2015 she joined the Leadership Council of the national anti-racism organization, Within Our Lifetime. Dr Grills' current work in the area of racial stress focuses on training associated with racism, racial stress, implicit bias and the development of community based self-help models to address the negative effects of racism on people of African ancestry in the US and globally. Dr Grills was the leader of The Association of Black Psychologists team of psychologists who responded to Community Healing Network's call for professional expertise, technical assistance, and ongoing support in creating the Emotional Emancipation (EE) Circles process. She is also the leader of the EE Circles Training Team.

Note, Dr Grills will present, the KEYNOTE ADDRESS on AFRICAN PSYCHOLOGY Thursday, 22 September 2016 (8:00 – 9:00) under Steam 3 and the SYMPOSIUM ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PSYCHOLOGISTS (ABPsi), is scheduled for Thursday, 22 September 2016 (10:30 – 12:30) under Stream 3.
