Dr. Richard A. Rodriguez Division 44 Student Travel Award

The Dr. Richard A. Rodriguez Division 44 Student Travel Award is sponsored by the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (CoRED) of the Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues (American Psychological Association's Division 44). The purpose of the Dr. Richard A. Rodriguez Division 44 Student Travel Award is to encourage greater participation in Division 44 annual convention activities by LGBT students of color. CoRED acknowledges that LGBT students of color frequently experience increased demands on time and resources as a result of managing multiple identities within professional organizations. The Dr. Richard A. Rodriguez Division 44 Student Travel Award seeks to support engagement with LGBT people of color issues in psychology by defraying travel costs to the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in 2016. The convention will be held in Denver, Colorado from August 4-7, 2016.

Graduate students who (a) self-identify as LGBT persons of color, (b) demonstrate a strong commitment to LGBT and ethnic minority issues, (c) plan to attend the 2016 American Psychological Association (APA) Annual Convention, and (d) will still be enrolled as graduate students at the time of the 2016 APA Annual Convention are eligible to apply for the Dr. Richard A. Rodriguez Division 44 Student Travel Award. LGBT students of color who are presenting research at the convention are especially encouraged to apply, though all applications will be considered. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received student travel award funding from the Division 44 Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity. Two student travel awards in the amount of $500 each will be given.

Application Procedures
The following application materials must be received by May 25, 2016:

1. Application Form
   Please complete and submit the application form included in this document.

2. Personal Statement
   Please submit a personal statement (500-800 words) that addresses each of the following questions: (a) In what ways does your graduate program benefit from your self-identification and involvement as an LGBT person of color? How does APA benefit from your participation in professional activities as an LGBT person of color? (b) What unique challenges might LGBT graduate students of color face that may hinder participation in APA? (c) How would attending the 2016 APA Annual Convention further your career goals? (d) Are you presenting research at the 2016 APA Annual Convention? If so, how will it contribute to the body of knowledge regarding LGBT people of color issues?

3. Curriculum Vitae
   Please submit a curriculum vitae as part of your application. In addition to your publications and presentations, we will evaluate relevant teaching, research, and/or clinical, as well as professional and/or community service involvement.

4. Letter of Recommendation
   Please have a faculty member submit a letter in support of you receiving the Dr. Richard A. Rodriguez Division 44 Student Travel Award. Faculty members are asked to address the applicant’s commitment to LGBT people of color issues in academic and other domains.

Submission of Application Materials
Electronic submission of application materials to Dr. Cirleen DeBlaere (cdeblaere@gsu.edu) is preferred. As an alternative, materials may be mailed to:

Dr. Cirleen DeBlaere
Georgia State University
Department of Counseling and Psychological Services
P.O. Box 3980, Atlanta, GA 30302

Questions?
If you have questions, please contact CoRED Co-Chair, Dr. Cirleen DeBlaere (cdeblaere@gsu.edu).
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Name of Applicant: ________________________________________________________________

Name of Graduate School: ________________________________________________________

Specialization within Graduate Program (if applicable) ________________________________

Degree Sought: ___________________ Year in School: __________________________________

Cumulative GPA: ___________________ Contact Phone and E-mail address: __________

Enrolled in graduate school in August 2016? (Y/N) ________________________________

Attending 2016 APA Convention? (Y/N) _________________________________________

Have you received an award from APA’s Division 44? (Y/N) __________________________

If you answered yes, what award was it and when did you receive it? ___________________________________________________________________

Are you planning to present your research at the 2016 APA Convention? (Y/N) ________

If so, has your research proposal been accepted for the 2016 APA Convention (Y/N) ______

In what format will you present your research at the 2016 APA Convention (poster, symposium paper, etc.)? ________________________________

What is the title of your research presentation? _______________________________________

I certify that all of the application materials for the Dr. Richard A. Rodriguez Division 44 Student Travel Award submitted by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any significant misstatement in, or omission from, this application may be cause for denial of selection or revocation of the travel grant. I authorize representatives from the Division 44 Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (CoRED) to consult with the author of my letter of recommendation. I release from liability all Division 44 representatives for acts performed in good faith and without malice in connection with evaluating my application materials. I further understand that it is my responsibility to inform the Division 44 CoRED of any changes in my status with my academic program, plans to attend the 2016 APA Annual Convention, or plans to present any research at the convention that may occur prior to the 2016 APA Annual Convention.

If I am awarded the Dr. Richard A. Rodriguez Division 44 Student Travel Award, I agree to the use of my name and photographic likeness in Division 44 materials including, but not limited to, website, newsletters, brochures, etc.

Applicant’s Electronic Signature: ______________________________________________________

Date: __________________________________________________________________________