

Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology (CDIP)  
2023 Annual Report  
American Psychological Association

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### Mission

The mission of the committee is to:

- Promote the psychological welfare of people with disabilities.
- Promote the development and implementation of psychological service delivery models responsive to the needs of people with disabilities.
- Promote the awareness of disability issues in psychological research as well as specific research activity in disability areas.
- Promote inclusion of knowledge about disabilities and disability issues in education, training programs and professional development of psychologists.

### Meeting Dates

Recurring Bimonthly Meetings (All Virtual):

- February 1, 2023
- March 6, 2023
- March 29, 2023
- May 24, 2023
- July 26, 2023
- September 22, 2023
- December 7, 2023

### Membership

**Chair** - Emily M. Lund, PhD, CRC (2022 – 2024)

Peter Blanck, PhD, JD (2021 – 2023)

Craig Kramer, PsyD (2021 – 2023)

Nazanin Heydarian, PhD (2022 – 2024)

KJ Conner, PhD (2023 – 2025)

H'Sien Hayward (2023 – 2025)

### Statement of Diversity Representation within the Committee

The current composition of CDIP consists of one Asian Indian female, three White females, and two White males. Five of the members have disability identities and all members self-identify as heterosexual or straight. There are three early career members, two mid-career member, and one late career member.

### Major Activities

There was a total of 22 activities that CDIP participated or initiated in 2023.

**Table 1**

| Type of Activities                              | # of Activities |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Presentations                                   | 0               |
| Comments                                        | 16              |
| Publications                                    | 0               |
| Recognitions                                    | 1               |
| Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development | 0               |
| Advocacy                                        | 1               |
| Collaborative Meetings                          | 4               |

### **Presentations**

None

### **Comments**

CDIP monitors activities, projects, and policies as they are developed by other groups within the Association, with the goal of ensuring disability issues are fully and equitably represented.

#### **Comments #1**

*Proposal to Extend APA Specialty Guidelines in Forensic Psychology*

#### **Comments #2**

*Questions for President-elect candidates running in the 2023 election*

#### **Comments #3**

*APA BEA Racial Disparities Task Force Report: Racism and Bias: Their Role in Maintaining Racial Disparities in Education*

#### **Comments #5**

*The Standards of Accreditation for Health Service Psychology, Master's Degree Programs*

#### **Comments #6**

*Trauma Psychology Specialty Petition (new)*

#### **Comments #7**

*Forensic Psychology Specialty Petition (renewing)*

#### **Comments #8**

*2014 Edition of the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing, (AERA, APA, NCME)*

#### **Comments #9**

*APA's Inclusive Language Guide, second edition*

**Comments #10**

*2017 clinical practice guideline for the treatment of PTSD in adults.*

**Comments #11**

*Healthcare Delivery of Preventive Services for People with Disabilities*

**Comments #12**

*NIH request for information on changing ableist language in the mission*

**Comments #13**

*APA Resolution to Support Parents with Disabilities*

**Comments #14**

*The Administration for Community Living's [National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research \(NIDILRR\)](#) seeks stakeholder feedback on its draft Long-Range Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 – 2028.*

**Comments #15**

*APA's Guidelines for Assessment and Intervention with PWD - New [proposed rules](#) on Discrimination Against PWD in Health Care.*

**Comments #16**

*APA's proposed Strategic Plan*

**Recognitions**

2023 Distinguished Contributions to the Advancement of Disability Issues in Psychology Award  
***Mana K Carter, PhD***

**Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development**

***None***

**Advocacy**

APA's Legislative and Regulatory Officer, Dr. Andrew Strickland, joined CDIP's recurring bi-monthly meetings to provide the Committee with updates on APA's state and federal advocacy work relevant to disability issues.

**Collaborative Meetings**

***CM#1***

CDIP and the Committee on Early Career Psychologists (CECP) presented a workshop titled "*Building a Community for ECPs with Disabilities through Peer Mentorship workshop*". This skills-building workshop was designed to gather a group of ECPs with various intersectional identities and experiences to engage in conversations with each other and the audience about navigating workplace and life as an ECP. Several CDIP members participated on the skill building panel.

**CM#2****CDIP APA 2023 Social Hour**

On August 4, 2023, CDIP hosted a virtual APA 2023 Social Hour where they welcomed psychologists and trainees of all career stages, especially those who have a disability, and/or whose clinical work, research, or teaching focuses on disability. During the social hour, CDIP shared updates on their previous and current work, lead a networking activity, and learned about the different interests of the attendees surrounding disability issues in psychology. The information gained during this social hour informed CDIP as they developed their work plan for 2023. CDIP also presented CDIP's 2023 *Distinguished Contributions to the Advancement of Disability Issues in Psychology Award* to Mana K Carter, PhD

**CM#3**

*CDIP met with members from Division 22 to develop programming for the 2024 APA Convention titled: Psychologists Against Ableism, Session 1: The Building Blocks of Disability Cultural Competence".*

**CM#4**

Several CDIP members served on the advisory group for the Disability Mentoring Program.