



Pair Recognized for LGBT Efforts at American Psychological Association Annual Convention

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During the American Psychological Association's (APA) annual meeting (held in San Francisco on Aug. 18), the **National Gay and Lesbian Task Force** helped the association recognize the achievements of leaders in key professions who pursue lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality through everyday activism with the Clarity Award.

The Clarity Award was presented to **Lori Greene**, M.S, senior legislative and general affairs officer with the APA Public Policy Office, and **Clinton Anderson**, Ph.D., who serves as the director of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender concerns office within the American Psychological Association's Public Interest Directorate. **Hans Johnson**, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force board member, presented the awards.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force offers the award in conjunction with The Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues. It recognizes leaders who: embody the core standards and ethics of their profession while advancing the rights of LGBT people; engage others within our profession to extend recognition and respect for LGBT people; and advocate for equality for LGBT people through collaboration with professional and civil rights organizations.

"The Clarity Award and its recipients Lori Green and Clinton Anderson, challenge all professionals to seize opportunities in their everyday lives to advance justice and fairness through individual and collective activism," **Rea Carey**, deputy executive director of the Task Force, said in a release. "By working within their fields to end intolerance and promote respect, recipients of the Clarity Award remind us that at their core, various degrees, denominations, and disciplines embrace the dignity and equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people."

"The Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues is proud to inaugurate the presentation of the Clarity Award in conjunction with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. SPSLGBI has as its mission the advancement of lesbian, gay and bisexual issues through science, practice, education and advocacy. Based on the synergy of missions between our organizations the hope is that this award co-sponsorship will promote the continuation of rewarding collaborations," said **Randy George Miller**, Ph.D., president-elect of the American Psychological Association, Division 44.

About the Clarity Award Recipients:

Lori Valencia Greene, M.S., is a senior legislative and federal affairs officer with the American Psychological Association's Public Policy Office. In this and prior capacities she has actively lobbied on Capitol Hill for LGBT individuals and persons living with HIV/AIDS. She spearheaded APA's lobbying on key pieces of legislation such as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and hate crimes legislation. She has generously shared her skills through advocacy training with APA governance groups and other allied organizations such as the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, the National Black Women's Health Project, and the National Minority AIDS

Council. In 1996, Greene founded the Policy Action Network for Women Living with HIV/AIDS. She co-chaired the Advisory Committee for the Black Religious Summit on Sexuality, entitled, "Breaking the Silence," which was sponsored by the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. She also received the Coalition's Judy Halperin "Making a Difference Award." Among her other distinctions is the 2001 Congressional Black Caucus' "Health Care Hero Award."

Clinton Anderson, Ph.D. serves as the director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns Office within the American Psychological Association's Public Interest Directorate and has just celebrated his 20th anniversary with the organization. He has vigorously advocated for LGBT issues on several fronts and has been a model and mentor for many LGBT psychologists within APA governance. Beginning in the late 1980s he spearheaded the adoption of amicus briefs which challenged the constitutionality of denying reenlistment to military personnel who declared a homosexual orientation. His efforts have contributed to the national conversation on this issue and APA's adoption of a resolution in 2004 objecting to the discriminatory policy of "Don't Ask Don't Tell." Anderson's lobbying efforts led to passage of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, which is the first federal statute to recognize the categories of gay, lesbian and bisexual people. By bringing together national stakeholders the CDC-funded Healthy Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Project was inaugurated which is designed to strengthen the capacity of our nation's schools to prevent behavioral health risks for lesbian, gay and bisexual students. His office has been responsible for more than a decade of public education and advocacy on behalf of lesbian and gay parenting.

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