

## CASAP Statement

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Science matters in psychology. This means that psychology is an integral part of the STEM movement.

APA is currently undergoing a comprehensive reorganization which will probably be in process for at least three years. During that time, the APA president will need to focus on working with governance and staff to implement the numerous changes in a thoughtful manner. That will be a priority. Also aligning the mission statement with programming and projects will be another major task.

Nevertheless, psychological science will be moving forward at the same time. I describe psychology as “being every day, in almost every way.” Science is an integral part of psychology.

I will advocate for psychological science to be disseminated on a consistent basis through social media and more traditional news outlets as well.

Also, I will encourage scientists to become *citizen psychologists* by participating in activities at the local, state, national and international levels. Combining their expertise and particular interests, they will present the scope and utility of psychological science. When decisions are being made about policies and practices impacting the human experience, psychologists need to be in the room, at the table and at

the head of the table. Scientists should be among those contributing to the process and making a difference.

My career has focused on education, training and mentoring. In 1999, I formed a mentoring program to increase the number of women of color scientists with a total of \$46,000 in funding from the Dean's Office at Harvard Medical School, the National Institute of Health, and the Kellogg Foundation. Of the nine women who participated in the one year program, four have successfully competed for research awards (three received K awards and one received a R01 award). Also, two are currently employed in research administration at the IOM and the CDC. I remain committed to encouraging women and persons of color to pursue careers as scientists.

In summary, I will invite the science community to help educate the public about the scope of psychological science in order to impact both policies and practices. Also, I will advocate for an increase in the number of women and persons of color who pursue science careers in psychology.