

## **2025 NOMINEES for SIP ELECTED POSITIONS**

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

#### **Wanmdiwi Rose, Ph.D.**



“My name is WanmdiWi Jessi Rose. I am Blackfeet, Dakota, Apache, and Cherokee. I am currently working for Blackfeet Tribal Behavioral Health and have a private practice where the majority of patients I serve are Veterans. I am writing to inform you of my intent to run for President Elect for the Society of Indian Psychologists (SIP). I have been attending SIP since I was eight years old. The experiences I have had at SIP have greatly impacted my career path.

SIP and its members have supported me throughout my life and have provided me with a sense of home, community, and safety. Taking this step in running for President Elect is not something I take lightly. I am

humbled by the knowledge and achievements of those who have gone before me and know I still have much to learn. I believe it is my responsibility to give back to SIP as this organization has given me so much. I want to continue the vision that Native American Psychologists had when they created SIP. I am committed to carrying on the ideals of SIP and passionate about SIP’s legacy. I will be more than willing to perform the necessary duties for the associated term of office.

Thank you for your time and consideration.”

#### **Vicky T. Lomay, Ph.D.**



“Ya’aht’eeh. I am submitting this self-nomination for the position of President-Elect of Society of Indian Psychologists. I am a Diné psychologist from Arizona, in private practice. I have been involved in different professional organizations and leadership roles outside of SIP over the years, but have always considered SIP to be the homebase of my psychology community. This submission confirms my willingness to perform the necessary duties associated with the terms of this office. If elected, I will continue to work with leadership, members, elders, students, allies, and the SIP community to uphold the values, mission, and purpose of the Society of

Indian Psychologists. Axhe’hee for your consideration.”

## APA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE



**Kyla Molina, Psy.D.**

“I am writing to express my strong interest in serving as the APA Council Representative for SIP. As a member of the Chickasaw Nation, I am deeply committed to advancing the interests of my community and ensuring that our voices are heard in larger forums.

While I am a new provider in the field of psychology, I have been doing this work for many years in various other capacities. Throughout my career, I have gained extensive experience in working with our community as a licensed professional counselor and quickly saw the need to further my education. My background has allowed me to build strong skills in community advocacy, learning and

implementing policy changes, and working as part of diverse boards and amplifying community voices.

In terms of the duties, I am committed to fulfilling all responsibilities associated with this role, including attending the twice-annual APA Council meetings, preparing information to present to SIP leadership, voting with the interests of SIP in mind, and engaging with the APA EDI office as needed.

I believe this to be an amazing opportunity in my professional journey, as it provides a unique platform for me to grow both personally and professionally. I view this position as an ideal opportunity to deepen my understanding of the policy-making process, build key relationships, and contribute to shaping decisions that reflect the needs of our community.

Chokma’ Shki’ for your consideration and to those who came before to make this opportunity available.”

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

### Ariel Vaughan



“My name is Ariel Vaughan and I am a Choctaw Masters of Mental Health student at OK State. I am wanting to run for student rep as I have the experience of being the mentorship committee student rep, many relationships with other SIP students, and I want to build up and connect our student outreach and involvement. I am good at creating events to get the word out and include students, I am active in getting our students involved in mentorship and would love to use my skills to help more students get involved in SIP as a whole. Especially since a few of us are graduating soon and our numbers are not replacing those leaving. I believe greatly in what we are doing and the community that is here. Yakoke.”

### Annastacia Espinoza



“My name is Annastacia Espinoza and I am self nominating for the SIP Student representative position. I’m a graduate student in Applied Psychology working toward my master’s degree, and I plan to apply to PhD programs after. I’m Apache from New Mexico and Shoshone from Wyoming. I’m interested in being a SIP student rep because I care about making sure other Native students feel supported, connected, and heard.

I’ve spent years in different leadership and advocacy roles, especially around mental health, education, and community impact. I know how isolating it can feel being one of the only

Native students in a program, and I want to help create more community within SIP for students like us. Whether that’s helping people find resources, sharing opportunities, or just being someone others can reach out to—I’m here for that.

I’m able to meet the expectations of this role, and I would love to learn, and show up by communicating with SIP leadership, and supporting student voices. I don’t see this as just a position—I see it as a way to represent where I come from and help make space for others to do the same.