NJPA Academic & Scientific Affairs Awards 2019

The Distinguished Teacher Award is given to a psychologist who has a distinguished record of teaching in any area of psychology and holds a full-time academic or scientific position. Awardee receives a certificate and can select a graduate student to receive a $300 scholarship in the award recipient's honor.

2019 Winner - Daniel Mahoney, EdD [Acceptance Statement](#)
Dr. Mahoney is Professor and director of graduate psychology at Felician University where he developed Master's level and doctoral level programs. Dr. Mahoney has worked in the VA hospitals, private practice, and is a trained psychoanalyst. Students describe Dr. Mahoney as "warm, caring, and dedicated." Dr. Mahoney has trained hundreds, even thousands, of graduate mental health clinicians and he is dedicated to the development of his students. This is evident by this nomination and from his colleagues who know him.

Graduate Student Research Award:
This award is presented to a graduate student in psychology who is either attending a New Jersey college or university or interning in a New Jersey institution or an NJPA student affiliate, who has demonstrated exceptional research potential as determined by his or her academic department. This research should have been completed within the last two years. The awardee is invited to present his/her research as a poster at the NJPA Fall Conference.

*The **2019 Graduate Student Research Award** is presented to **Sekinat Kuku** for her research on "Symptoms in Non-Offending African-American/Black and Latinx Parents of Sexually Abused Children: Ethnicity/Race and Immigration-related Differences." She is a doctoral student at William Paterson University advised by Dr. Aileen Torres.*

Master's Thesis and Doctoral Dissertation Award:
This award is presented to graduate students in recognition of outstanding scholarly work, Master's Thesis or Doctoral Dissertation, from any specialty within a psychology graduate program in New Jersey. The works nominated should be superior in quality, design, and especially, represent a significant contribution to psychology or society as a whole. Each graduate program is asked to nominate one student in each category.

*The 2019 **Master's Thesis and Doctoral Dissertation Award** is presented to **Shoshana May**, Doctoral Student at Rutgers University, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology, for her dissertation on "Perspectives from the d/Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Population on Deaf Mental Health Care Throughout the Life Span."*