



## BSA Targeted Nominated Statement (2023-2024)

### BOARD OF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS (BSA)

(Three members each to be elected for a 3-year term)

The Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA) has three seats open, each elected for three-year terms. Terms begin on January 1 of the first year and terms end December 31 of the third year. BSA is responsible for encouraging, developing, and promoting psychology as a science. Its activities include:

- Sponsoring scientific programming at the annual APA convention.
- Overseeing APA awards and honors recognizing scientific contributions.
- Advising on APA's relationships with other scientific organizations.
- Providing guidance to APA governmental affairs staff on issues related to research funding and policies.
- Proposing and refining new APA policies and activities for advancing psychological science.

The election to occur in 2023 will fill three vacancies on the BSA to be seated on January 1, 2024. The selected individuals will be expected to attend the Spring 2024 BSA consolidated meeting. Currently, the BSA also meets once per month, virtually, for one hour.

The BSA encourages nominations of distinguished scientists in the areas listed below, to be considered broadly:

- Industrial-Organizational Psychology
- Occupational Health Psychology
- Vocational Psychology
- Psychopharmacology, Substance Abuse, and Addictions
- Cognitive Psychology – Cognition, Perception, Memory, and Learning
- Neuropsychology & Neuroscientific Approaches

APA is engaged in a process of transformation, placing a much greater emphasis on making an impact that clearly benefits society and improves lives. In February 2019, the Council of Representatives adopted a new strategic plan that sets APA's organizational priorities for the next three to five years. Going forward, boards and committees will work in an integrated, collaborative, and multi-disciplinary manner since no single board or committee can achieve any of the plan's objectives on their own. Given the importance of this approach to the Association's strategic priorities, APA encourages nominees to the BSA to review the [strategic plan](#) to become familiar with the larger context in which their expertise and interests will contribute to APA's success.

The Board has also adopted the priorities outlined by APA's Science Directorate. These include (1) positioning psychology as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Science, (2) realizing psychology as a hub science, (3) using psychological science to guide policy decisions, (4) increasing the public understanding of psychological science, and (5) celebrating diversity and equity. In furtherance of this last priority, the BSA encourages nominations from those representing all genders, races, ethnicities, career stages, etc.

A list of BSA members, their terms, and the areas of psychology they represent can be viewed on the following page.



**Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA)**  
2022-2023 Member Roster

<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Years</b>	<b>Interest/Expertise Area</b>
Carmela Alcantara, PhD	2020 – 2022	Health Psychology
Fred Oswald, PhD <sup>a</sup>	2020 – 2022	Applied Experimental Psychology/Methodology/Statistics
Tammy Allen, PhD	2021 – 2023	Industrial-Organizational Psychology/Occupational Health Psychology/Vocational Psychology
Jermaine Jones, PhD <sup>b</sup>	2021 – 2023	Psychopharmacology/Addictions
Suparna Rajaram, PhD	2021 – 2023	Cognition/Perception/Memory/Learning-Psychological & Neuroscientific Approaches
J. Gayle Beck, PhD	2022 – 2024	Psychopathology/Personality/Clinical Science
Aprile D. Benner, PhD	2022 – 2024	Developmental/Educational Psychology
Amanda R. Carrico, PhD	2022 – 2024	Social/Cultural Psychology
Lisa M. DeBruine, PhD	2023 – 2025	Applied Experimental Psychology/Methodology/Statistics
Jeannette R. Ickovics, PhD	2023 – 2025	Health Psychology
Jennifer M. Vonk, PhD	2023 – 2025	Behavioral/Developmental Neuroscience/Comparative Psychology

<sup>a</sup>2022 Chair

<sup>b</sup>2022 Chair-Elect, 2023 Chair

*Staff Liaison: Andre Mansion, PhD, JD*