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PCOM to Host 8th Annual Diversity Conference

The Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) Department of Psychology and the student group Culturally Aware Psychology Students will host their eighth annual Diversity Conference on **April 28-29**.

Titled "Unapologetically Diverse, Positively Unique," the conference will provide a forum for conversation and learning in an effort to address key issues of diversity, immigration, inclusion and cultural competency. Workshops will focus on topics including working with diverse immigrant communities; how schools can support youth in the sexual minority; social justice; racial healing; and equitable practice.

The keynote speaker, Ayo Maria Casey-Gooden, PhD, specializes in African Centered/Black Psychology and is board-certified by the Association of Black Psychologists. Her lecture, titled, "Interacting Effectively with Melanics," will take place on **April 28** at 6:30 p.m. ("Melanics" is a term used by Casey-Gooden to refer to people of color.)

Additionally, Saturday's opening session with Krishma C.P. Mastroianni, Esq., a supervisory attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Office for Immigration Review, will highlight issues of immigration in the United States with heightened anxieties and past traumas faced by many immigrants.

The event will take place on PCOM's campus at 4170 City Ave., in the Ginsburg Auditorium of Evans Hall. The conference is free and open to the public; however, advance registration is required. To view the full program and register, visit www.pcom.edu/academics/academic-departments/psychology/diversity-in-psychology/diversity-conference/2017-diversity-conference.html.