A diverse group of 54 psychological scientists whose innovative research has advanced understanding of many facets of the human condition have newly been awarded the status of APS Fellow. The new Fellows, most of whom teach at universities in Canada, China, Germany, New Zealand, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, and the United States, are recognized for research that spans many subdisciplines in exploring solutions to complex challenges and answering questions central to human (and animal, in at least one case) psychology.

APS Fellows have made sustained, exceptional contributions to the advancement of psychological science in the areas of research, teaching, service, and/or application. Examples of such contributions by the latest class of Fellows include:

- Addressing global inequities in mental healthcare.
- Exploring the intersection between cognitive aging and stigma and stereotyping.
- Helping other researchers conduct ethically appropriate research.
- Identifying how biological and contextual factors of development shape early trajectories of mental health.
- Expanding academic and career development opportunities for students from marginalized
and/or underrepresented communities.

- Examining the potential of certain foods to trigger addictive behaviors.
- Driving research on how beliefs about the legal system affect behaviors.
- Uncovering various affective, cognitive, and behavioral consequences of ostracism.
- Explaining the interplay of the motivational and cultural underpinnings of personal and social identity complexes.
- Consulting to major corporations on the neuroscience of optimism and belief revision.

See the full list of new APS Fellows.

The APS Fellows program has existed since the society’s founding in 1988, with just under 5,400 psychological scientists receiving the honor in the years since. Fellows are nominated by the APS membership and selected by a committee. Candidates are considered after 10 years of postdoctoral work, and Fellowship is also conferred upon recipients of the APS Janet Taylor Spence Award for Transformative Early Career Contributions.

“APS is pleased to share the names of the 54 newly selected APS Fellows,” said APS Chief Executive Officer Robert Gropp. “Nomination to and selection as a Fellow is a significant honor reserved for recognized leaders in psychological science research and education.”

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Remembering James S. Jackson (1944–2020)

The pioneering social psychologist, known for his research on race and ethnicity, racism, and health and aging among African Americans, is remembered for his extraordinary vision, innovative scholarship, infectious optimism, and generosity as a mentor.