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To nominate an individual, please mail or email a letter of nomination, the candidate’s CV, up to four representative publications, and suggestions for three additional potential referees to the chairs of the selection committee: Natalie Brito, Ph.D. (natalie.brito@nyu.edu) and Camelia Hostinar, Ph.D. (cehostinar@ucdavis.edu). Please do not self-nominate; one nomination packet per candidate is preferred. For details about the award, please see https://www.apadivisions.org/division-7/awards/mccandless.