SPSP is pleased to announce the winners of the Shapiro Faculty Award.

2020 Recipient of the Jenessa Shapiro Award for Contributions to Diversity and Inclusion

Adrienne R. Carter-Sowell, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor and the Associate Head for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, jointly appointed in the Interdisciplinary Critical Studies Program at Texas A&M University. Dr. Carter-Sowell thanks the SPSP organization, the legacy of Professor Jenessa Shapiro, and the members of the selection committee for awarding her this great honor.

Jenessa Shapiro Award for Contributions to Diversity and Inclusion

The Jenessa Shapiro Award for Contributions to Diversity and Inclusion recognizes a faculty member who has had a direct and significant impact on the representation and experiences of underrepresented individuals in social/personality psychology and/or the broader community.

The award is named in memory of UCLA professor Jenessa Shapiro, who thought it was extremely important to promote diversity and inclusion in her lab, at the university, and in the field more generally. Jenessa took concrete actions to do this in a number of ways, ranging from volunteering for mentorship lunches at professional conferences to serving on committees to address issues of diversity within her departments as well as at the National Institutes of Health. She also engaged in countless other less visible activities to contribute to the goals of diversity, inclusion, and social justice that she never advertised.