



**APHA Annual Meeting Success; Carson and Fernandez-Pena Honored;
Guest Elected-Chair Elect**

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The 2020 APHA Annual Meeting brought together over 9,000 participants in the first-of-its-kind virtual Annual Meeting. While unable to meet in-person, participants were able to network throughout topical sessions and breakouts.

Ensuring the representation of LGBTQ Health focused-material, the LGBTQ Health Caucus hosted 9 Scientific Sessions. Of note, this year was a special session on the Health of LGBTQ Indigenous/Two-Spirit People & LGBTQ People Of Color as well as our ongoing series on Methodological Issues in LGBTQ Research.

APHA President Lisa Carlson and APHA President-Elect José Ramón Fernández-Peña were recognized for their life-long contributions to LGBTQ Public Health and their representation of LGBTQ persons in the highest levels of the field. The Walter J. Lear Award for Outstanding Scientific Abstract for Student Research was awarded to Hill Landon Wolfe and two students received the Grant W. Farmer Memorial Student Scholars Award.

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, M. Aaron Guest, Ph.D., MPH, MSW, was elected Chair-Elect of the LGBTQ Health Caucus. Guest has been involved with the Caucus since 2012 and most immediately served as the Membership Chair of the Caucus. An Assistant Professor in the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation at Arizona State University, Guest, has a distinguished track record of research among LGBTQ older adults and is internationally known as a public health leader. He currently serves as the APHA Speaker of the Governing Council and was the first student elected to the APHA Executive Board. Guest holds additional appointments in the American Society on Aging, Gerontological Society of America, National Association of Social Workers, and the Appalachian Studies Association. Guest will serve as Chair-Elect in 2020-2021, Chair in 2021-2023, and Immediate Past Chair in 2023-2025.

Also elected were Kristen Krause (Rutgers) as Program Chair-Elect, Kristen Clark (UCSF) as Membership Chair, and Jeremy Wang (UCSF) as student Chair. Adam Eickmeyer and Allegra Gordon were re-elected to their positions as treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Since its founding in 1975, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) Caucus has been the foremost association of public health professionals committed to furthering LGBTQ issues both within the American Public Health Association and the field of public health at large.