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Society of Indian Psychologists Announces WSU Students as Representatives

by Native American Programs Staff

Greg Urquhart and Mathew Hale, graduate students in the WSU Counseling Psychology Program, were nominated to serve as the student representatives of the Society of Indian Psychologists (SIP) during the annual convention this July.

Urquhart and Hale have been actively engaged in research involving Native American veterans as well as test biases in certain psychological assessments. They attended the annual SIP Convention in Logan Utah this past month and presented their research.

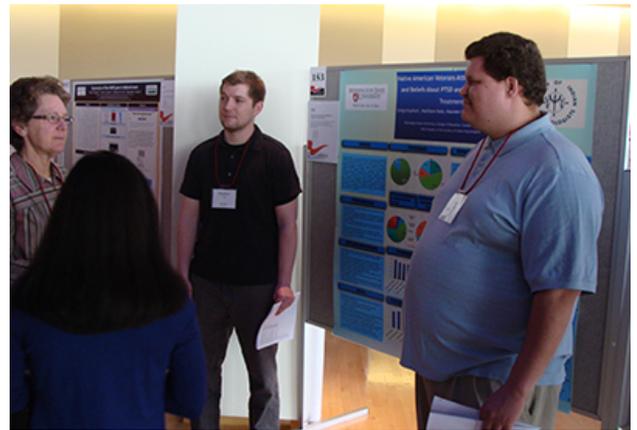
The convention, which is the largest Native American Psychologist gathering in the United States, offers a wide variety of research and networking opportunities for students, including poster presentations, lecture series and social events.

Urquhart and Hale's responsibilities as SIP student representatives include organizing social and educational events for future conventions, as well as membership recruitment, maintaining the organization's national Facebook page, and attending monthly phone conferences with the rest of the Society's leadership.

Urquhart and Hale were the driving forces in forming the WSU chapter of SIP, which is the first student chapter on the west coast. Meetings for the WSU SIP chapter will take place in the Native American Graduate Student Center, room 27A, the first Tuesday of every month at noon. Both Urquhart and Hale mentioned the importance of mentoring undergraduate students who are interested in the health sciences, educational, and social work fields. They encourage any interested students to visit the WSU SIP Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/380913785374878/>.

If you have an interest in learning about and advocating for the unique educational, social and, mental health need of Native Americans, you are encouraged to drop in on the monthly meetings. You are also encouraged to contact Greg Urquhart at greg.urquhart@wsu.edu

and Matthew Hale at matthew.w.hale@email.wsu.edu with any questions. The first meeting is planned for Tuesday the 2nd of September in room 27A at noon.



Matt Hale (center) and Greg Urquhart (right) field questions about their research on Native American Veterans and post-traumatic stress disorder at the WSU Academic Showcase in spring 2014.

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