

**2017 Initiatives
for
the American Psychological Association**

Antonio E. Puente

PUENTE BRIEF BIO



■ EDUCATION

- *Florida Community College (1972)*
- *University of Florida (1973)*
- *University of Georgia (1978)*
- *Northeast Florida Psychiatric Hospital (1981)*

■ PRESENT

- *Professor of Psychology*
- *Clinical Neuropsychologist*
- *Clinical Scientist*
- *Policy Developer & Social Activist*



APA ENGAGEMENT (sample)



- 1976 - Present**
 - Member of American Psychological Association
 - Divisions: 1, 2, 6, 19, 22, 26, 31, 38, 40, 42, 45, 52, 55
 - Fellow: 1, 2, 6, 26, 31, 40, 52
- 1985 - 1987**
 - Committee for Undergraduate Education, American Psychological Association
 - Position held: Chair (1987)
- 1986 - 1990**
 - Continuing Education Committee of the American Psychological Association
 - Position held: Chair
- 1986 - 1991**
 - Division of Clinical Neuropsychology, American Psychological Association
 - Position held: President, Member at Large, Ethnic Minority Liason
- 1998, 1999**
 - Richard Suinn's APA President's Cabinet, American Psychological Association
- 2005 - 2008**
 - American Psychological Association's Committee for Psychological Testing and Assessment
 - Position held: Chair
- 2008**
 - APA National Conference on Undergraduate Psychology, at University of Puget Sound MARYLAND 15 YEARS BEFORE
- 2013**
 - American Psychological Association, Karl Heiser Selection Committee

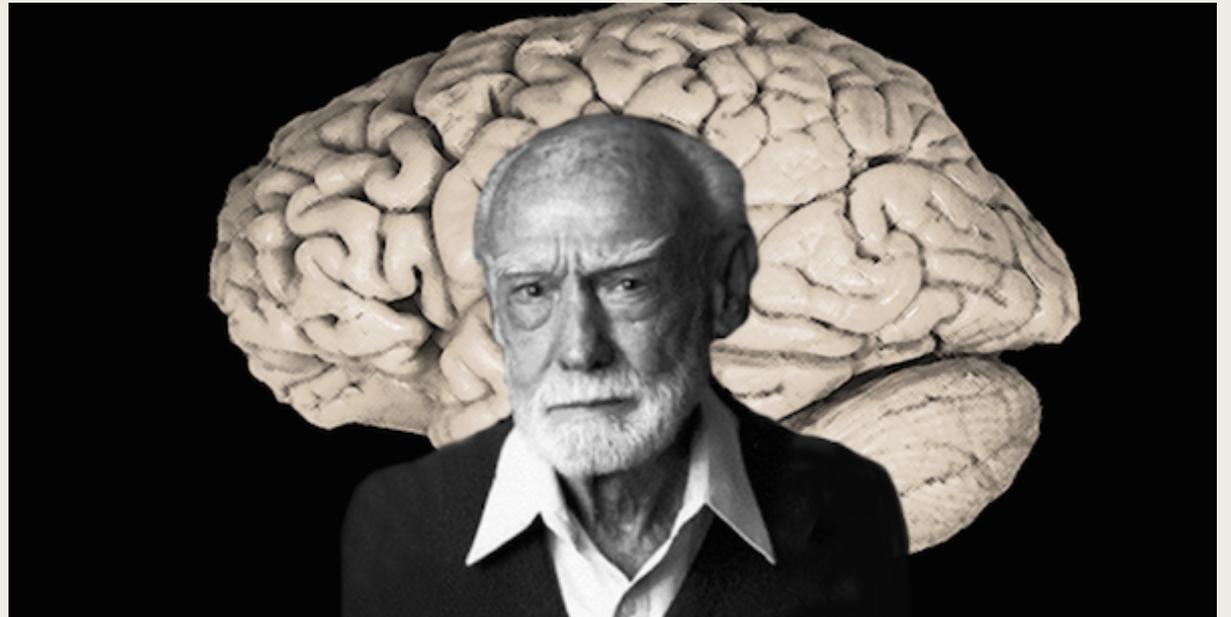
PUBLIC INTEREST INITIATIVES *(ethnic minority/activist)*

- **Diversity expanded (1)**
 - *Demographic diversity*
 - *Diversity of thought*
- **Public action (2)**
 - *Free clinic*
- **Military and social justice interface (3)**



SCIENCE INITIATIVES *(clinical scientist)*

- **Foundation for psychology (1)**
 - *STEM*
 - *For all of psychology*
- **Grant funding (2)**
 - *Supporting traditional grant sources*
 - *Expanding opportunities*
- **Interfacing (3)**
 - *Basic & Applied*
 - *APA & APS*



EDUCATION INITIATIVES *(professor of psychology)*

■ Internship crisis (1)

- *Matching of # of applicants to # of sites*
- *Expanding type of sites into behavioral health*

■ General Medical Education(2)

- *Reimbursement for interns and post-doctoral fellows*
- *Reconsider licensure limitations*

■ High School Psychology (3)

- *Support all forms of non-doctorate psychology*
- *Establish high school standards*



CLINICAL INITIATIVES (*clinical neuropsychologist*)

- **Physician definition** (1)
- **Healthcare policy (CPT, scope and reimbursement)** (2)
- **APA PO** (3)
- Increased focus on integrated healthcare
- Increased APA interface with states
- License across state lines
- Protect the doctoral degree as the only viable degree for the independent practice of psychology



APA GOVERNANCE



- **Transparency, integrity, and efficiency (1)**
- **Better interface with and across states (2)**
- **Good Governance: Implementation and/or revision (3)**
- Increase ECP membership and involvement as well as “LCP” (late career professional)
- Governance should reflect membership demographics (and diversity of thought)

APA MEMBERSHIP



- **Recruitment of new and departed members (1)**
- **Emphasis on engagement of existing members (2)**
- **Seamless transition from student → ECP → mid-career, etc. (3)**
- User-friendly websites for the public and members
- CE expansion in type (e.g., webinars) and scope (e.g., professional & scientific)
- Restructure membership fees (e.g. APA PO)
- Increase underrepresented groups (demographically and theoretically)

APA INTERNATIONAL



- **Presence (with special focus on the Americas and smaller countries) (1)**
- **Increased collaboration (e.g., Memorandum of Understanding) (2)**
- **Mini summit @ 2017 Conference of heads/representatives of national associations) (3)**

2017 APA CONVENTION



- **March on Washington:**
 - *Celebrating our History and Empowering our Future*
 - *Convention attendee visit to Congress and public rally*

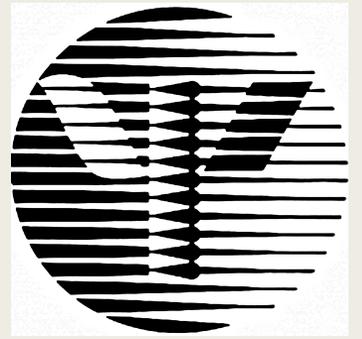


PUENTE BIO



- **Antonio Puente, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, was elected 2017 president of the 125,000-member American Psychological Association (founded in 1892).**
- **Born in La Habana, Cuba, Puente received his undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Florida and his master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. He has lectured in more than a dozen foreign countries and holds appointments as a visiting professor at the Universidad de Granada (Spain) and UCLA.**

PUENTE BIO (CONTINUED/II)



- He has taught at UNCW since 1981 and prior to that at St. George's University School of Medicine (neuroanatomy). His primary teaching activities include Brain and Behavior, Clinical Neuropsychology and History of Psychology. Puente is founding director of UNCW's Centro Hispano. He has taught over 8,500 undergraduates and supervised 35 theses and 10 post-doctoral fellows. His research focuses on the interface between culture and neuropsychology and he collaborates regularly with colleagues in Russia, Spain and Latin America. Puente founded and edited the journals *Neuropsychology Review* and *Journal of Interprofessional Education & Practice* as well as a book series (33 books) in neuropsychology. He is the author of 8 books, 79 book chapters and 103 journal articles (in English, Spanish and Russian).

PUENTE BIO (CONTINUED/III)



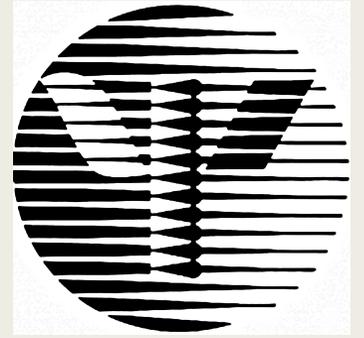
- **In addition to activities at UNCW, Puente maintains a private practice in clinical neuropsychology, ranging from clinical to forensic assessments. He also is the founder and co-director of mental health services at the Cape Fear Clinic, a bilingual health center serving the poor and uninsured. A longtime member and recent past president of the clinic's board of directors, he holds the title of president emeritus. Puente is completing his second term on the Editorial Panel of the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology. He served as APA's advisor to the panel from 1992-2007.**

PUENTE BIO (CONTINUED/IV)



- **Puente was a Fulbright Scholar in 1983 in Argentina and received the APA's Distinguished Professional Contributions to Independent Practice in 2011. A member of the APA since 1979 and fellow of nine divisions, he also has served as president of the N.C. Psychological Association, the N.C. Psychological Foundation, the Hispanic Neuropsychological Association, the National Academy of Neuropsychology, and the Society for Clinical Neuropsychology**

PUENTE BIO (CONTINUED/V)



- Puente is married to Linda and they have three children. Krista is a clinical psychologist at a psychiatric hospital in Florida, Antonio Nicolas is a post-doctoral fellow in clinical neuropsychology at Johns Hopkins, and Lucas recently completed a PhD in political economics at Stanford and joined the start-up Thumbtack.





PUENTE INFORMATION (WEBSITES)

- [Antonio E. Puente, Ph.D.](http://www.antonioepuente.com) (www.antonioepuente.com)
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