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Fellows in the NEWS

Dionne Powell, M.D., FABP

Award Recipient:

Dionne Powell, MD, FABP, has been awarded the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and APA Foundation 2022 [Solomon Carter Fuller Award](#). Established by the Black Psychiatrists of America in 1969, the Solomon Carter Fuller Award, "honors a black citizen who has pioneered in an area that has significantly improved the quality of life for black people."



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The Solomon Carter Fuller Award includes a \$500 honorarium, an engraved plaque to be presented at the APA Annual Meeting, and an award lecture, to be held in New Orleans, LA from May 21-25, 2022.

Dr. Powell is a nationally recognized psychiatrist and psychoanalyst widely known for her profound insights and innovative ideas on social and racial justice from a psychoanalytic perspective. In addition to her role as Co-Chair of the Holmes Commission for Racial Equality in the American Psychoanalytic Association, she is a founding member of Black Psychoanalysts Speak (BPS), and Section Editor for racial and ethnic diversity for Glen Gabbard's 2022 Textbook of Psychotherapeutic Treatments, Second Edition.

Dr. Powell's recent publications include the 2018 Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association (JAPA) paper Race African Americans, and Psychoanalysis: Collective Silence in the Therapeutic Situation, that won the JAPA prize in 2019, and the 2020 Psychoanalytic Quarterly paper From the Sunken Place

to the Shitty Place: The Film Get Out, Psychic Emancipation and Modern Race Relations from a Psychodynamic Clinical Perspective.

Dr. Powell is Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia; Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical College; Training and Supervising Psychoanalyst, Columbia and PANY (Psychoanalytic Association for New York); and American Association for Psychoanalytic Education (AAPE), Vice-President.

Dr. Fuller, whose grandfather bought his and his wife's freedom from slavery, was born in the Liberian capital of Monrovia, was the first U.S. psychiatrist, neurologist, and pathologist of African descent. In addition to his clinical work, he trained with Alois Alzheimer in Munich, translated his work, and became a pioneering researcher in the early studies of Alzheimer's disease. As a leading expert in Alzheimer's, he was invited to speak at Clark University in 1909 alongside physicist Ernest Rutherford, psychologist Stanley Hall and psychoanalysts Carl Jung and Sigmund Freud. (A commemorative photograph of this event featuring Dr. Fuller and the other attendees can be seen in Dionne Powell's JAPA article.) For those interested in Dr. Fuller's life, please see the following Washington Post article:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2021/09/21/world-alzheimers-day-solomon-carter-fuller/>.



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