

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNDERREPRESENTED ETHNIC  
AND RACIAL GROUPS (CUERG) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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1. The committee expresses its thanks to Gerald Boodoo and Tracy Tiemeier for their service to CUERG and to the CTSA, in particular their help in shepherding the committee's transition in membership. We welcome two new members to CUERG this year: Dr. Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu of Loyola Marymount University and Dr. Sophia Park of Holy Names University.

2. One difficulty identified by the participants at last year's CUERG luncheon was the ghettoization of the ethnic/racial interest groups and sessions at the annual meeting. This is why we are particularly excited to announce that this year the program for the Coalition of the Black, Asian and Asian-American, and Latino/a Consultations. Entitled "That's How the Light Gets In," these three sessions will explore the convention theme of "conversion" from a variety of perspectives, bringing the three consultations into conversation and galvanizing support for the work of scholars of color at CTSA. We invite you to attend any or all of the sessions, which are listed in the program.

3. The CUERG luncheon will take place on Saturday, June 8. The committee thanks Mary Jane Ponyik for her tireless work to make the luncheon a reality each year.

4. This year CUERG is at work on a mission statement and a new name. We are, as ever, committed to ensuring the Society's success in increasing the participation of CTSA members from underrepresented groups on leadership teams and steering committees, as well as on the Board. We continue to encourage the greater visibility of these scholars on convention programs and in every capacity throughout the society.

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