



## **Barbara Yee, Ph.D.**

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Dr. Yee has served on the editorial boards of the Journals of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences, Psychology and Aging, Topics of Geriatric Rehabilitation, and served as Guest Editor for a 1995 special issue of Health Psychology entitled, "Behavioral and Sociocultural Perspectives on Ethnicity and Health." Dr. Yee is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and Gerontological Society of America. She was awarded the Okura Community Leadership Award in 2004 from the Asian American Psychological Association, Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation, for outstanding community leadership that benefits the Asian American community.

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