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2017 President of the American Psychological Association

Antonio Puente, PhD, is Professor of Psychology at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, and he is the 2017 president of the 125,000-member American Psychological Association (founded in 1892). The APA is the leading and largest scientific and professional organization that represents psychologists in the United States.

He has taught at UNCW since 1981. In addition to activities at UNCW, Dr. Puente maintains a private practice in clinical neuropsychology, ranging from clinical to forensic assessments. He also is a founder and co-director of mental health services at the Cape Fear Clinic, a bilingual multi-disciplinary health center serving the indigent.

Dr. Puente has been a member of APA since 1979 and a fellow of nine divisions. He has also served as president of the North Carolina Psychological Association, the North Carolina Psychological Foundation, the Hispanic Neuropsychological Association, the National Academy of Neuropsychology and the Society of Clinical Neuropsychology (Division 40 of APA).