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Dolores O. Morris, PhD, ABPP

The Board of Trustees is sad to announce the death of one of our trustees. Dolores served on one of our task forces for four years before agreeing to serve as a trustee last year. Earlier than this, Dolores was an important source of knowledge and competence as ACPEinc developed its standards for competence in psychoanalysis, which resulted in her co-authored (with Rafael Art. Javier) book, *Special Competencies in Psychoanalysis in Psychology*. She also served on the task force that developed the ACPEinc Graduation Review procedure. Many of us on the board knew her because of the many other “hats” she wore over a long and distinguished career. She will be missed by the entire psychoanalytic community. See below her obituary from NYU Postdoc Program where she taught for many years.

Dolores O. Morris, PhD, ABPP, has served as a private practice psychologist in New York since 1980 and supervisor for the interpersonal track of New York University (NYU)’s postdoctoral program in psychotherapy and psychoanalysis since 1992. In conjunction with this tenure, she chaired the university’s multicultural concerns committee from 2000 to 2005, served as a representative on the Council of Representatives for Division 39 and treasurer for the Women’s and Ethnic Minority Caucuses from 2006 to 2012, and was the national examination coordinator for the Specialty Board for Psychoanalysis from 2008 to 2015. In addition to these posts, Dr. Morris has also presented extensively in her field.

A prolific writer, Dr. Morris has contributed myriad articles to professional journals throughout her career. Additionally, she co-authored the book *Specialty Competencies in Psychoanalysis in Psychology*, notably a chapter titled “Psychodynamic Case Formulation,” in 2014. Dr. Morris has also served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Infant, Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy* since 2000.

A member of numerous related organizations, Dr. Morris was a founding member of the eastern region and treasurer of the Association of Black Psychologists from 1965 to 1974 and served on the advisory board for the adolescent unit of Regent Hospital in New York from 1990 to 1994. She was also the president of the NYU chapter of the Psychoanalytic Society of the Postdoctoral Program from 1998 to 2001. Dr. Morris has further maintained involvement with several divisions of the American Psychological Association, the New York State Psychological Association, the specialty board on psychoanalysis of the American Board of Professional Psychology, and the National Register of Health Service Psychologists.

In honor of her achievements, Dr. Morris accepted the Diversity Award from Division 39 of the American Psychological Association in 2011. Moreover, she was part of a grant titled the “Black Psychoanalyst Speak” in 2014.