

BC'S BRINTON LYKES HONORED FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WORK

CHESTNUT HILL, MA (10-10-07) -- Boston College Lynch School of Education Professor M. Brinton Lykes, associate director of the University's Center for Human Rights and International Justice, will be honored by the American Orthopsychiatric Association with the 2007 Marion Langer Award for distinction in social advocacy and the pursuit of human rights.

She is being honored for her "innovative scholarship and humanitarian work in development of a psychology of liberation."

Dr. Lykes will receive the award on Saturday October 13, 2007, at The American Orthopsychiatric Association Symposia at the 59th Institute on Psychiatric Services, APA's leading Educational Conference on Public and Community Psychiatry which is being held October 11th-14th, 2007 in New Orleans.



She will deliver a talk entitled: "Towards a Psychology of Liberation and Transformation: Scholarship, Activism, and Pedagogy."

Dr. Lykes is Professor of Community/Social Psychology at the Lynch School of Education at Boston College. Her research interests include gender, culture, and theories of the self; effects of state-sponsored terror and organized violence; human rights policy and mental health interventions; participatory action research; and community-based strategies for change. Her many publications have appeared in *Social Science & Medicine*, *American Journal of Community Psychology*, *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, and the *Journal of Social Issues*.

Dr. Lykes is involved extensively in Boston-area communities and abroad. She is a founder and program committee member of the Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund for Mental Health and Human Rights, an Advisory Committee Member of Women's Rights International, a former committee member and Chair of the American Psychological Association's Committee on International Relations and Psychology, and a volunteer consultant to the Association of Haitian Women in Boston, among numerous other commitments. She also serves on the Editorial Boards of *Action Research* and *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, and as a reviewer for many other journals.

Dr. Lykes received her B.A. at Hollins University, her M.Div. from Harvard University, and her Ph.D. at Boston College.