

## **AP-LS Biennial Conference**

The 1998 AP-LS Biennial Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Redondo Beach and Marina Hotel. The conference will open at 12:30 on Thursday, March 5 and continue through 5:00 on Saturday, March 7. A special pre-conference institute will be held for students on Thursday morning.

Please submit your proposals as soon as possible, and no later than October 15. Program Chairs Beth Wiggins and Melissa Warren hope to have sessions describing novel applications of psychology to law and on topics that have not been prominent during recent meetings, such as corrections. As in the past, the program schedule includes concurrent break-out sessions, a poster session and cocktail hour, a business meeting, a luncheon on Saturday, and a breakfast meeting of the Women in Psychology and Law Committee.

Winners of the dissertation awards will be announced at the Saturday luncheon, during which the first place winners from the past two years will give short talks. All winners (first placers included) will also be invited to present a poster to be located in a "winner's circle" at the poster session.

### **Lodging and Transportation**

The Crowne Plaza combines a perfect setting, overlooking the Pacific Ocean and King Harbor Marina. Twenty miles of jogging, walking, and biking trails are just outside the hotel and fifteen varied restaurants are within walking distance. The hotel features an outdoor heated pool and sun deck, lighted tennis court, fitness center, and European spa. The hotel is conveniently accessible from the Los Angeles International Airport (only seven miles), and is a short drive to Disneyland,

Knott's Berry Farm, Beverly Hills/Rodeo Drive, Universal Studios, and other L.A. attractions.

The conference rate at the Crowne Plaza is \$129/night (single or double) plus tax. To receive this rate, you must make your reservation by February 6 and identify yourself as being part of the American Psychology and Law Biennial Conference. This rate applies up to three days prior to and following the conference. The hotel's number is 800/368-9760.

For transportation from the airport to the hotel, we recommend taking either the Super Shuttle (\$9 per person one way) or a taxi for parties of two or more (approximately \$16 one way). The Super Shuttle does not require an advance reservation.

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## Minutes from...

# AP-LS Executive Committee Meeting

AP-LS/Division 41 of the APA  
August 14, 1997

### Submitted by

Diane R. Follingstad, Secretary

**Attending Members and Committee Chairs:** Don Bersoff, Jack Brigham, Lori Butts, Pam Casey, Margaret Coggins, Diane Follingstad, Sol Fulero, Gail Goodman, Edie Greene, Patty Griffin, Tom Grisso, Kirk Heilbrun, Margaret Kovera, Murray Levine, Jim Ogloff, Randy Otto, Ira Packer, Steve Penrod, Marisa Reddy Pynchon, Ron Roesch, Mark Small, Melissa Warren, Richard Wiener, Beth Wiggins

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April, 1997 executive committee meeting (Mid-winter meeting, San Francisco, CA) were approved by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee (EC) after two corrections. The motion to give a stipend of \$600 to the production editor of the Newsletter for every edition was both proposed and passed. In addition, the motion regarding the petition for recognition of forensic psychology was amended to read that if AAFP decided to draft a petition, that AP-LS request to participate by providing input into such a petition.

### Election Results

Congratulations to the winners of the most recent election! The results are as follows:

President-Elect — Jim Ogloff

Treasurer — Mark Small

Member-at-large — Steve Hart

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### Treasurer's Report

Jim Ogloff handed out a balance sheet that summarized the Division accounts through June 30, 1997. As of that date, the Society's income for 1997 was \$111,377 and total expenditures for the year to date were \$35,171. This leaves a net income of \$76,206. However, this amount is higher than the net should be for the year because the subscriptions for *Law and Human Behavior* have not been paid for last year or for this year, because Plenum Press did not submit a proper invoice. Most expenses for the year come in the fall. A significant proportion of income is from dues and contributions (\$96,531) with some money from interest. For the first half year, the Society earned \$4845 in interest income, and \$10,000 in LHB editorial expenses. This represents most of the money that will come in for the year. The only other income will be from interest, some royalties and the rest of LHB editorial expenses. \$14,560 was spent for meetings and conferences, \$3,303 for awards and committees, \$14,581 for publications, and the rest for administrative costs and miscellaneous. Total assets for the Society were \$214,751 as of 6/30/97. The budget for the year is fairly on target to date.

APA was contacted regarding investment possibilities. APA recommended that it is probably better not to put money in a variety of funds or to get involved in managing investments, but rather to look for a good interest yield, liquidity, and low penalties for withdrawal. APA recommends having a minimum reserve of eight months operating budget. There was further discussion regarding potential uses of monies and whether or not to have a reserve.

**Motion:** Sol Fulero moved that \$50,000 of the Division's money be invested in a Money Market account with APA with the possibility of immediate withdrawal. The motion was seconded by Randy Otto and unanimously passed.

**Motion:** Jack Brigham moved that the Financial Report be approved. Diane Follingstad seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

### Report of the Conference Committees

#### APA 1997 Program Committee

Ira Packer (Program Chair) and Edie Greene (Co-Chair) reported on final plans for the convention including events at the Hospitality Suite. There were 33 hours of presentations sponsored by Division 41 at APA which were spread over four days (Friday through Monday). The EC thanked Ira Packer and Edie Greene for their efforts to date and for the excellent program which they organized.

Other events at the 1997 APA Convention included the events for Division 41 at the Golden Anniversary Celebration of the establishment of Divisions in APA. These events were organized by Margaret Coggins and Marisa Reddy Pynchon. Mark Small led a symposium on the history of psycholegal scholarship, the AAFP Distinguished Contribution Award was presented to Alan Goldstein, the ABPP Distinguished Service Award was presented to John Monahan, a Presidential Plaque was inaugurated honoring the division's past presidents at the Division 41 Business Meeting, and a Gala celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the Divisions took place Sunday night. On Sunday, for six

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hours, there was a Division Fair in which Pam Casey organized a booth for Division 41. Pam Casey devised a history of the division to be displayed as well as a method for members of Division 41 to add their own memories to the display. There were numerous give-aways, t-shirts to be ordered with the Division 41 logo, and information about the division. Some historical documents were present, such as the first AP-LS newsletter after it merged with Division 41 and other early newsletters.

**Motion:** Pam Casey moved that free student memberships (for students not currently members) for one year be given to the first 100 students who signed up at the Division 41 Fair booth. Randy Otto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **APA 1998 Program Committee**

Edie Greene will be the chair of the program committee for the 1998 APA convention with Dale McNeil as the co-chair. Edie Greene attended the APA meeting for program chairs and plans are already underway.

#### **1998 AP-LS Biennial Program Committee**

Program co-chairs for the Biennial Conference in 1998 are Melissa Warren and Beth Wiggins. They announced that the Conference will be held in Redondo Beach, California at the Hotel Crowne Plaza, located just 7 miles from the LA International Airport and directly across from the Redondo Pier/King Harbor Marina. Beaches are within two blocks. The accommodations are Pacific Ocean view rooms with private balconies. Rates will be \$129 for either a single or double room. There also is a less expensive hotel across the street and this information will be posted later. Registration will be-

gin on March 5, 1998 at 8:00 a.m. and the conference will last until 5:00 p.m. on March 7th. To ensure the group rate, attendees must identify themselves as being part of the AP-LS Biennial Conference when making reservations.

The deadline for submission of papers, posters, and symposia is October 15, 1997. Addresses will be in the Newsletter. There will be an invited address by Elizabeth Loftus. Dissertation award winners will be giving brief presentations of their research at the luncheon. The registration form will be in the January Newsletter. We will continue our policy of student travel awards, also waiver of registration fee for student first authors.

Registration fees will be finalized after costs for food is determined. There were recommendations to lower the student rate of registration and to have a greater discrepancy between member registration and nonmember registration while offering the nonmember the option of joining AP-LS and registering at the member rate. A number of recommendations for advertising the conference included the PSY-LAW Bulletin Board, through Division 35, through Law Prof Net, in the Bulletin of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law, through the State Forensic Directors network and on the Web page.

#### **1999 Joint AP-LS and European Association of Psychology and Law (EAP&L) Conference**

Ron Roesch has been the liaison with EAP&L to consider a jointly sponsored conference. The decision was made to cosponsor a conference in 1999 in Dublin, Ireland. The dates will be July 6-9, 1999. A joint committee will handle review of papers, with Ron Roesch conducting the reviews for North America and David Carson handling submissions from Europe and elsewhere. The two would meet

later to develop the program. Look for the Call for Papers soon. At some point, a budget will be needed. These has been some thought given to having income generating courses in the form of workshops to help subsidize the conference. Presenters would receive a fee, and funds would be jointly shared with the two organizations. If members of Division 41 have any interest in presenting a workshop at the joint conference, they should contact Ron Roesch.

**Motion:** Sol Fulero moved that Ron Roesch serve as the program co-chair with David Carson to coordinate activities for the 1999 conference. Jack Brigham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **2000 Biennial Conference**

The program cochairs for the Biennial Conference in 2000 will be Randy Borum and Marisa Pynchon. The site has not yet been selected.

#### **Program Committee**

The program committee was established recently as an oversight committee for providing continuity of the conferences at the annual APA conferences and the Biennial Conferences in order to allow for upcoming program chairs to serve in less active roles while learning from the current chair's experience, and allow for past program chairs to offer information to enhance the process of planning conferences. This committee will oversee the process of planning the conferences, oversee deadlines, and have a role in soliciting those individuals who will be nominated to serve as program chairs for the individual conferences. The co-chairs will consist of the current president of AP-LS and an individual whom she/

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he appoints to serve as co-chair. Currently that person is Patty Griffin who is a member-at-large on the EC. Other members of the Program Committee will consist of the President-Elect and the past President, Treasurer, AP-LS administrator, the past, current and incoming program chairs of the APA and Biennial Conferences, and the conference chair for the jointly sponsored conference with EAP&L. This committee proposed the possibility of coordinating the Biennial in 2000 with an AAFP workshop in April 2000, but the location was in Puerto Rico (considered too costly for students) and the date was considered late in the academic year (i.e., April) and too close in time to the APA convention. Thus, this will not be pursued as an alternative. The program committee plans to use a hotel broker to help locate sites for upcoming Biennials.

**Motion:** Jack Brigham moved that the position of the co-chair of this committee be a three-year term for continuity. Sol Fulero seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Consideration of Special Issues**

The Executive Committee discussed each of the following special issues.

#### **Proposed High School Teacher Affiliate Bylaw**

There has been a request by high school teachers of psychology to be able to join AP-LS in an affiliate capacity. After checking with APA regarding the status afforded to high school teachers by APA, Jim Ogloff devised the following bylaw

amendment which he recommended the EC pass:

There shall be a class of High School Teacher Affiliates of the Division who shall not be Members or Associates of the Division, and who shall not represent themselves as such. To be eligible to be a High School Teacher Affiliate, one must be a High School Teacher Affiliate of the American Psychological Association. High School Teacher Affiliates do not serve on committees of the Division and do not vote in Division elections or meetings. They shall have such privileges as may be granted by the Executive Committee.

The provision would be placed at the conclusion of the existing Bylaw Article II: Membership, as a new paragraph 10. Randy Otto moved that the EC accept the proposed amendment authored by Jim Ogloff. Rich Wiener seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor of accepting the motion. A ballot will be in the Newsletter for the Division 41 membership to vote on this addition to the bylaws. High School Teacher Affiliates will pay the same dues as regular members.

#### **Petition for Recognition of a Specialty in Forensic Psychology**

AP-LS has been considering whether it should collaborate with the American Academy of Forensic Psychology (AAFP) in submitting a petition for the recognition of forensic psychology to the APA Committee for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP) led to some questions which needed clarification. An adhoc committee, consisting of Don Bersoff, Jack Brigham, Jane Goodman-Delahunty, Kirk Heilbrun, Randy Otto, Ronald Roesch, Kathy Stafford, and Rich Wiener has representatives from AP-LS and AAFP.

Kirk Heilbrun, on behalf of the committee, reported on the progress of the subcommittee. He summarized the committee's activities and explained that the opinion of many experimental members of this committee is that they currently feel there is no need for such a petition. Because of some interest in completing a petition for submission to APA, concerns were raised regarding the potential divisiveness of this issue with respect to experimental and clinical psychologists in the forensic area. Don Bersoff stressed that the specialty designation is not focused on credentialing persons or programs. However, some committee members reported concerns regarding whether this process might form the basis for accreditation. There was general agreement that a plan of study for thoroughly investigating whether to submit a petition to CRSPPP should be carried out. The feeling among some committee members was that this was a sensitive decision with ramifications for AP-LS, and that making the decision without more information and providing the opportunity for discussion and feedback would be a mistake. This includes a discussion time at APA in the hospitality suite, surveys of the membership through the Newsletter and at the Biennial Conference, short position papers on the various viewpoints (of separate petitions for clinical and experimental, or a joint petition, or only clinical or experimental submitting a petition, or nobody submitting a petition) published in the Newsletter, obtaining other CRSPPP petitions in non-clinical areas, and adversary forum in LHB, and symposia at the Biennial in March, 1998. This process is expected to allow for full and in-depth discussion and debate to guide decision-making in the future.

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## **The Future of AP-LS: Ideas for Directions, Innovations, Changes and Excitement**

### **Retreat for Strategic Planning:**

Pam Casey has been formulating ideas to help the Division engage in strategic planning to review the mission of AP-LS, develop goals and generally have a context in which to ground our decisions in the future. She suggested that a 1-2 day planning session/retreat be held for this purpose by the EC. Possible questions for the retreat might be: 1) What is our purpose?; 2) Are we a discipline? Do we represent a field? 3) Are we developing factions in the field that are problematic?; 4) How do we make Division 41 the focal point for psychology and law?; 5) What is our relationship with ABFP/AAFP?; 6) Would the Division want another journal? What is the goal for having journals?; 7) Are we a loose grouping of interest groups with an overriding interest in psychology and law? Is that a strength?

Logistically, Pam Casey recommended having a facilitator who would be a management consultant with experience in conducting these types of sessions. APA also recommended that we approach Division 14 to see if any of their members would be willing to conduct the retreat for us.

**Motion:** Pam Casey moved that no more than fifteen people (including some members of the EC) meet for strategic planning preferably in January with a planning budget of \$15,000. Diane Follingstad seconded the motion. Sol Fulero moved that the motion be amended to \$10,000 and Randy Otto seconded. The amendment was accepted and a vote on the revised motion took place. One person opposed the motion and the rest passed on it.

Pam Casey proposed the following process for developing strategic planning:

1) Conduct a survey of the membership for ideas as to what the Division does well, what the Division needs to work on, and things the membership would like the Division to do in the future. In addition, past presidents could be surveyed.

2) A SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) would take place as well as a discussion about areas to focus on given the results of the analysis and the results of the membership survey. An action plan would be developed for the next steps.

3) Determination of the next steps and mechanism or structure for implementation. Possibilities are drafting a mission statement to circulate to the membership, setting up committees to address areas identified during the retreat, presenting preliminary ideas for addressing areas at the Biennial, involve more of the membership as stages of strategic planning progress.

### **Establishing a Web Page**

Steve Penrod contacted AP-LS about establishing a web page and is close to having it up and running. While the function of it will be to provide current information, it will also be used as an archive over time. Ideas for content include lists of predoctoral and postdoctoral programs, internships, tables of contents of *LHB*, Newsletters, convention programs, links to related sites, syllabi collections, bibliographic collections, contact lists for division officers and committee chairs, funding information, calls for papers, calls for convention submissions, and job listings. It was decided that the most recent Newsletter will also be on the Website for the most up-to-date information. Other ideas for the website can be sent to Steve Penrod at [spenrod@unlinfo.unl.edu](mailto:spenrod@unlinfo.unl.edu).

## **APA/ABA Relations Task Force**

Donna Beavers who is the APA Staff Liaison to this task force came to the EC meeting to talk about the activities of the Task Force to date and to look for ways in which this group and Division 41 can collaborate. She reported that an approved joint conference on Psychology and Criminal Law is scheduled for three days in October 1999 in San Francisco. At this point, Ms. Beavers thought that Division 41 could inform the committee of a variety of possibilities of topics for the conference and work with the Task Force to devise content for the conference. As Marsha Liss is the liaison for Division 41 to APA, and is also located in Washington, D.C., it was recommended that she should be involved with the Task Force at this time. It was suggested that the APA Committee on Legal Issues (COLI) could extend an invitation for representation from Division 41.

Goals for collaboration for the two groups were delineated by Ms. Beavers as addressing requests which arise, meeting opportunities which present themselves, establishing better relationships, and having expertise for providing assistance where needed. The EC discussed the idea that APA may underutilize Division 41, and APA could tap more into the resources of AP-LS. It was noted that COLI has expanded into areas that Division 41 should be involved in and to which Division 41 could provide expertise. The EC expressed an interest in collaboration with General Counsel's Office at APA, COLI, and the Task Force. As an aside, it was suggested that Division 41's relationship with APA could be part of the strategic planning.

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### **Invitation for Division 41** **representatives to attend APS** **Summit**

The American Psychological Society (APS) extended an invitation for Division 41 to send two representatives to the upcoming Summit Meeting of Scientific Psychological Societies. The Summit will be held May 1-3, 1998 and will be hosted by the University of California, Santa Barbara. The theme for the Summit will be Advancing the Scientific Base of Psychology and the focus will be on identifying strategies for encouraging the growing body of knowledge in psychology and reducing some of the barriers to further growth. Gail Goodman and Jack Brigham will appoint two individuals to attend.

### **Report of the Standing** **Committees:**

#### **Awards and Nominations** **Committee**

The Saleem Shah Award, jointly given by AP-LS and AAFP, was given to Dr. Susan Limber who is currently Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of South Carolina and Assistant Director of the Institute for Families in Society at USC. The award this year is given for early career excellence in policy work related to law and psychology. The committee (Jack Brigham, Gail Goodman, and Kirk Heilbrun (Chair)) reported that there were several strong candidates and that the committee had a difficult choice.

A running announcement in the Newsletter regarding this award will continue to be printed to allow for early decision-making to accommodate convention scheduling deadlines.

#### **Careers and Training** **Committee**

Edie Greene as the chair of this committee submitted a report. 1) Work on the fourth edition of the psychology and law syllabus collection should be completed sometime Fall 1997. Requests for contributions will go into the Newsletter and over the Internet. 2) Information on graduate programs is now available on-line at <http://www.gasou.edu/psychweb/careers/forensic.htm>. 3) Edie Greene continues to field many call/messages each week requesting information about careers in forensic psychology. The committee currently sends out a short introduction to the field. 4) It was recommended that the brochure on graduate programs in forensic psychology be expanded to also include answers to typically asked questions about the field. It was recommended that Edie Greene, Kirk Heilbrun and Randy Otto work to expand the outline of the brochure and bring this to the EC for approval and funding. 5) The videotaped lecture/discussion project by Caton Roberts is nearing completion. He is completing a videotape on competency which has entailed much work and will cost approximately \$2500 in production. In the videotape, he has interviews with the Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice, and with Trial Directors and Training Directors of two public defenders offices. Videotaping will take place at a mental health institute regarding assessment and treatment of competency defendants, and a psychiatrist will be interviewed. A mock competency issues group is planned. Interviews with a local judge, district attorney and outpatient forensic clinic director are scheduled. An interview with Steve Golding re: the Interdis-

ciplinary Fitness Interview and related matters was conducted. The target date for completion is late September.

**Motion:** Randy Otto moved to allocate up to \$5000 for Caton Roberts to complete his videotape by March 15, 1998. Jim Ogloff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion of the EC recommended that any further decisions regarding the videotaping project wait until after the current videotape is completed and a determination is made whether such a videotape is useful for teaching purposes. It was suggested that other funding sources might be considered, such as getting book companies interested, getting the APA/ABA Task Force interested, or specifically getting APA book company involved.

#### **Dissertation Awards** **Committee**

The chair of this committee, Caton Roberts, submitted a report to the EC. Ten dissertations were submitted for the Dissertation Awards which was an increase in submissions over the past several years. An announcement of the decisions was made at the Business Meeting of AP-LS at the APA Conference in August 1997. Awards will be conferred at the 1998 Biennial meeting of AP-LS. The 1996 award recipients are: 1st place - Kimberly A. Lonsway (under supervision of Louise Fitzgerald) with her dissertation entitled Police training in sexual assault response: A comparison of approaches ; 2nd place - Charles R. Mullin (under supervision of Daniel Linz) with his dissertation entitled The impact of acquaintance rape scripts and case-specific pretrial publicity on juror decision making ; 3rd place - Phyllis B. Gerstenfeld (under supervision of Alan Tomkins) with her dissertation entitled On preju-

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dice and punishment: The constitutional and policy dilemmas of hate crime laws.

### **Educational Outreach Committee**

Sol Fulero is the chairperson of this committee. He has found that part of the responsibilities of this committee has been to help rural areas generate means to be able to afford their part of the funding to bring in a speaker. They are required to cover travel expenses while AP-LS provides an honorarium for the speaker. Four inquiries were made to Sol Fulero's information about educational outreach, including Bowling Green State University, Saint Mary's University in Nova Scotia, Illinois Wesleyan University, and the Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies at the University of Nevada. Currently, the chairperson is working with them to try and identify speakers depending on requested topics.

### **Ethics Committee**

This committee is chaired by Steve Golding and Tom Grisso. There was no activity to report. However, input into the standards for psychological testing have been made to the APA group working on this task. These standards were approved by Council, but still require a vote of the membership. There will not be a separate forensic section in the standards.

### **Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee**

Allen Brown is the committee chairperson. There was no report at this time.

### **Fellows Committee**

This committee consists of Murray Levine as the chair, Charles Ewing, Diane Follingstad, Roy Malpass, John Monahan, and Sue White. Some of these committee members

reviewed two completed applications. The application which was forwarded to APA with a recommendation to approve passed at that level. Mike Toglia will earn fellow status at the August 1997 APA Convention.

Announcements of nominations for Fellow status will be included in every Newsletter. In recent years, the number of nominations has decreased. It is desirable to have more candidates put forth for consideration. The criteria require unusual outstanding contributions to the field. Please consider other members of Division 41 for nomination and submit their names.

### **Grants-in-Aid Committee**

Wendy Heath is the new committee chair of a very busy committee. In the past year, the committee received 41 proposals for funding. In the fall of 1996, the committee awarded \$2,135 to 7 of the 19 applicants. The awards ranged from \$80 to \$500. The committee felt that the decisions were difficult but that the recipients represented truly outstanding proposals. In March 1997, awards for the Spring 1997 cycle were announced. In this cycle, \$2,286 were awarded to 11 of the 22 applicants, ranging from \$116 to \$250. These proposals were also considered very strong. At the last EC meeting in April, the cap for grants-in-aid was increased to \$10,000 per year (from the previous limit of \$4000) with an individual cap of \$500 per award. The committee is thankful to be in a position to fund all worthy proposals.

The next deadline for submitting proposals is September 30, 1997.

All committee members agreed that one committee member should have a clinical forensic background as a large number of proposals cover clinical forensic topics. Therefore, Mindy Rosenberg, a psychologist in private practice in

California, was asked to join the committee.

The previous committee chair, Larry Heuer, had initiated the policy of accepting electronic submissions. This method of submission will be retained. Modifications of the guidelines for proposal submissions are as follows: 1) applicants are warned that proposal length limitations of 1500 words will be strictly enforced; 2) applicants are asked to discuss the feasibility of the proposed research (including the likelihood of completing projects requiring more funding that AP-LS can provide, and the likelihood of completing work requiring the cooperation of other individuals or institutions); and 3) applicants are asked to indicate either that IRB approval has been obtained, or agree that it will be prior to initiating AP-LS funded research. The EC had also recommended that an abstract be required from the investigator(s) upon completion of the research. Thus, all notices of an awarded grant will include a request to send abstracts to the current chair.

New questions which arose were the following:

1) Are law students eligible for an AP-LS Grant-in-Aid? And if so, should there be different requirements for them as opposed to psychology graduate students?

Because it is expected that law students work would still be empirical, it was decided that any Student Affiliate of AP-LS could apply. They also would be required to submit IRB approval with their applications and that requirements would be the same for submissions.

2) Should only AP-LS student members be allowed to apply for a Grant-in-Aid?

The decision was that only Student Affiliates of AP-LS would be eligible for funding.

3) Periodically, there will be a proposal for funding from

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someone who has previously received funding in a previous cycle. Are those who have previously received and AP-LS Grant-in-Aid eligible for funding for a new study?

The decision by the EC was that repeat funding was possible if the person submits a completed abstract of the first study with the second application.

**Motion:** Kirk Heilbrun moved that the chairperson of the Grants-in-Aid committee appoint a fourth member to the committee who has a clinical forensic background and who works in an academic setting. This was seconded by Diane Follingstad and passed unanimously.

### **Membership Committee**

Diane Follingstad reported that the total membership currently is 2,569, with 1,971 members who are APA members, 156 individuals who are members-at-large, and 442 students. This represents a slight decrease in members within the last year. New members/associates who were submitted to APA in June numbered 179. Thus, it seems fair to speculate that the decrease comes from small numbers of previous members/members at large/students who are not reapplying. Since 1990, there has been an increase of 800 individuals who are APA members, and student involvement has almost quadrupled. The membership report raised again the issue of whether individuals applying for division membership are screened for meeting basic requirements. Cathy Oslzly will be asked to check to see whether members-at-large meet basic requirements, otherwise applicants require a waiver by 2/3 of the EC. Cathy Oslzly will also be asked to collect information to compile a

breakdown of members by gender and race.

### **Publications Committee**

**Law and Human Behavior:** Richard Wiener is the new editor of *LHB* having officially replaced Ron Roesch on January 1, 1997. The first issue of 1998 will be a special issue on gender and the law (edited by Pat Frazier). Mark Small, adversarial forum editor, is working on a series of exchanges for the April 1998 edition concerning the possibility of a proposal from the Division to APA to establish a specialty in law and psychology. Book series editor, Steve Hart, is planning a comparison of several forensic evaluation books for the June 1998 edition. Associate Editor Jim Ogloff is working on a special edition for 1999 that will commemorate the 20th anniversary of *LHB*. The 1999 special edition will consist of a series of articles that will sample the domains of the discipline and describe the progress that we have made in the last 20 years. Under the direction of Gary Wells, the Division 41 Scientific Review Paper Committee will submit a manuscript to the editorial process that summarizes what we currently know about lineups. If accepted, this paper will be published in the journal in a special report.

From December 1996 through July 1997, 82 papers were submitted. Papers are submitted unevenly with most of them coming during the winter and summer months. The mean and median number of authors per manuscript is 2.00 and 2.04 respectively. Forty-one (50%) of the first authors were women and 41 (50%) were men. Decisions have been made for 63 (77%) of the papers with reviews outstanding for 19 (23%) of the submissions. Of the 63 decisions, 7 papers (11%) were accepted with minor revisions or no revisions, 4 (6%) were accepted pending revisions, 24 (38%) were required to make major revisions and resubmit manuscripts, and 28 (44%) were

rejected as not acceptable for publication. Projecting that 4 or 5 of the papers in the revise and resubmit category will eventually be accepted for publication, this results in an estimated acceptance rate of between 23% and 25%. These numbers are consistent with the rates of acceptance in recent years.

Rich Wiener wishes to thank all those who have helped to conduct reviews over the last eight months.

**Newsletter:** The editor of the Newsletter, Randy Otto, reported that the deadline for the next edition is August 25 in order to get the Newsletter out in September. Michelle Kunkel remains as the production editor, and a new Student Editor, Alicia Hall, has replaced the prior one, Jenine Boyd.

The next edition of the Newsletter will include information about the AP-LS Biennial Meeting, including registration, hotels, etc. It will also be out in time to jog people's memory regarding the October 15 call date for program proposals. The issue after that will include the program for the Biennial Meeting. The Newsletter continues to grow in scope and length, with generally positive feedback from readers. Publication continues to range between three and four issues per year, with costs rising due to a greater number of pages, an increase in membership, and increases in the cost of paper. The hope is to include more book reviews in the Newsletter in the future.

**Book Series:** Ron Roesch reported that there are two books in progress with projected publication dates in 1998. One is by Kirk Heilbrun and Tom Grisso is the reviewer for it. The other is by Ron Roesch, Steve Hart and Jim Ogloff and should be ready to send to Plenum by May. There are five books currently under signed contract and three proposals being considered.

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### **Relations with Other Organizations Committee**

Barry Rosenfeld, the committee chair, has contacted the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) which is a multidisciplinary forensic group. He is again preparing a symposium of AP-LS members to present at the yearly AAFS conference this winter. This panel would include Dale McNeil, David Faigman, and Dan Martell, all of whom have been regular contributors to AP-LS conferences in the past. The chair is hoping to make this symposium a regular event at AAFS conferences and would appreciate any input on how to better orchestrate this type of symposium so that other AP-LS members might have input into the organization of an annual symposium. His email address is [brosenfeld@cuny.campus.mci.net](mailto:brosenfeld@cuny.campus.mci.net).

### **Women in Psychology and Law Committee**

Beth Wiggins sent in a report on developments with this committee. During the August APA conference, the Committee's three working groups met in the AP-LS Hospitality Suite. The three groups and their leaders are (1) Children and Law (Bette Bottoms and Margaret Kovera); (2) Feminism and Psychology and Law (Karla Fischer and Anne Pratt); and (3) Proof of Damages in Sexual Harassment Cases (Nancy Baker and Jane Goodman-Delahunty). The Committee also held its traditional Sunday morning breakfast and planning meeting at APA.

The Children and Law group is interested in preparing research position papers on legal issues involving children. The Committee would like to solicit ideas for the papers via the Newsletter. The group contemplates coordinating with Rich Wiener, as chair of the Scientific

Review papers, to identify appropriate topics and authors. The group also produced (a) a list of research and travel funding sources, post-doctoral fellowships, and internships that might be useful for scholars with interests in children and law; (b) a directory of women interested in collaborating, their addresses and their research interests; and (c) a list of group members willing to serve as mentors to students with similar interests. All who attended committee meetings have received these products.

The Feminism and Psychology and Law group is interested in gaining a better understanding of (and educating others about) feminist legal and research theories and how they might influence the work of AP-LS members. The group anticipates putting together a related symposium for the next Biennial meeting.

### **Student Section Report**

Lori Butts has stepped up to fill the role of Chair. Elections have resulted in new officers. Congratulations to Melissa Westendorf (Chair-Elect) from the Villanova-Allegheny program; Tom Hecker (Secretary-Treasurer) from Temple University; and Christian Meissner (Newsletter Editor) from Florida State University.

A symposium was held at the APA 1997 Convention entitled Internships, Alternative Careers, and the Future of Psychology and Law. Speakers were David Glass, J.D., Paul Stiles, J.D., Ph.D., and Judith McKenna, J.D., Ph.D. There also was a business meeting and social hour at APA.

There is a committee to organize the student section contribution at the Biennial conference. The student section committee is considering forming their own Home page on a website rather than producing a newsletter.

## **APA Council Representative Report**

Tom Grisso is the new APA Council Representative and he reported on APA Council proceedings which occurred the same day as the EC meeting. 1) The APA Council passed in principle a proposal to cooperate with the American Bar Association to form an Institute on Family, Marriage and Divorce to study these issues from a psycholegal perspective as well as to sponsor a joint conference. 2) Health Psychology was recognized as a specialty by CRSPPP, but Family Psychology has not yet been approved as a specialty. 3) APA approved a policy for disclaimers of individual work products, e.g., a division must clarify what information is to be considered a guideline. 4) APA membership will get to vote on the way Council representation will be allocated. Council passed that new seats will be added to allow for representation of those not currently represented and for those divisions just short of getting an additional seat to get another representative. At this point, Council's resolution will go to the membership for a vote. 5) Dues will go up \$20, as it has been four years since the last increase. □

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*Have you submitted your Redondo Beach proposal yet?*

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## **New Directory Forensic Graduate Training/Intern- ship/Fellowship Directory Available**

With financial support from the American Academy of Forensic Psychology, a directory of internship and postdoctoral training programs in clinical forensic psychology is now available. Also listed are graduate programs that report offering practicum experiences in forensic psychology.

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of this directory should send their request, accompanied by a check for \$10 (to cover reproduction and mailing costs), PAYABLE TO American Academy of Forensic Psychology to:

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## **APA Board of Directors Wildcard Plan Approved by Council: By Laws Amendment to be Sent to Membership Without a Pro-Con Statement**

Ronald F. Levant  
Member-At-Large  
APA Board of Directors

The “Wildcard Plan” (the proposal to change the way Council seats are allocated developed by the BOD Task Force on Council Representation) was sent out for review following the February meeting of Council meeting. It was sent to all Boards and Committees, all Divisions, and all affiliated State and Provincial Psychological Associations. It was reviewed at the Division Leadership Conference, the March Consolidated meeting (where a Conference Committee was held to discuss it), and the State Leadership Conference.

The results of this comprehensive review by APA governance groups and constituencies indicated that the proposal enjoys widespread support in the Association. The Policy and Planning Board, The Board of Professional Affairs, The Board of Educational Affairs, The Board of Scientific Affairs, The Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest, The Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice, The Committee on APA/Division Relations, The State Leadership Conference, and the Georgia, Montana, Tennessee and District of Columbia Psychological Associations all voted to support the proposal, and five of these groups (P & P, BPA, CAPP, CODAPAR, & SLC) asked that the proposal be sent to the membership without a pro/con statement. P & P’s strong support for this proposal is particularly noteworthy, because they have not supported similar proposals in the past. It is also noteworthy that the resolution approved at the State Leadership Conference to support the proposal was moved by Representatives of two smaller states, Mississippi and Louisiana.

In addition, support for the proposal was expressed at the Conference Committee held at the March Consolidated meeting by The Committee on Structure and Function of Council, The Committee on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns, The American Psychological Association of Graduate Students, and The Committee on Psychological Practice and Standards. The Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs and the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest also expressed the hope that units with more than one seat would designate one of their seats as a minority seat in order to increase ethnic minority representation on Council.

Two state associations (Rhode Island and Alaska) expressed concerns: RI stated a preference for representation for all units and AK requested continued funding for Liaison/Observers. The State Leadership Conference also approved the following statement: “The State Leadership Conference encourages APA to move to one unit one vote and requests continued funding by CAPP of liaison/observers.”

Council, by an overwhelming majority, voted to approve the plan and to send it out to the membership without a pro/con statement. This would mean that the proposed bylaws change would only include the P & P statement, which reads: “The Policy and Planning Board, after careful review, unanimously supports the proposed bylaws change. This proposed change, developed by a task force representing all significant division and state/provincial interests, provides for greater equity in Council representation.”

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## AAFP Workshops

# The American Academy of Forensic Psychology 1997-98 Workshop Schedule

- **Santa Fe, New Mexico**  
November 6-9, 1997
- **Hilton Head Island, South Carolina**  
January 28 - Feb. 1, 1998
- **San Diego, California**  
February 18-22, 1998
- **Milwaukee, Wisconsin**  
March 19-22, 1998
- **San Juan, Puerto Rico**  
April 22-26, 1998

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### **Santa Fe, New Mexico**

November 6-9, 1997

La Fonda on the Plaza Hotel

The MMPI-2 and Rorschach in Court

J. Reid Meloy, Ph.D. & Richard Lewak, Ph.D.

Thursday, November 6th

Personal Injury Evaluations: Psychological Concepts, Methods and Applications

Herbert Weissman, Ph.D.

Thursday, November 6th

The Ethics of Forensic Expertise: Law, Ethics and Professional Practice

Stephen Golding, Ph.D.

Friday, November 7th

Effective and Ethical Expert Testimony

Steven Bank, Ph.D. & Ira Packer, Ph.D.

Friday, November 7th

Custody Evaluations and Risk Management

David Martindale, Ph.D.

Saturday, November 8th

Practical Legal Research Techniques for Forensic Psychologists

Alexander Greer, Ph.D., J.D.

Saturday, November 8th

Role of the Forensic Psychologist in Death Penalty Litigation

James Eisenberg, Ph.D.

Sunday, November 9th

Preparing for the Diplomate Exam in Forensic Psychology - ABPP

Robert Meyer, Ph.D.

Sunday, November 9th

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### **Hilton Head Island South Carolina**

January 28 - Feb 1, 1998

The Westin Resort

Personal Injury Evaluations: Ethics, Case Law and Practice

David Vore, Ph.D.

Wednesday, January 28th

Advanced Topics in Risk Assessment: A Two-Day Seminar

Kirk Heilbrun, Ph.D.

Thursday & Friday, January 29th & 30th

An Introduction to Forensic Psychology Practice

Randy Borum, Psy.D.

Thursday, January 29th

Substituted Judgment: Roles for the Forensic Psychologist

Eric Drogin, J.D., Ph.D.

Friday, January 30th

Ethical Issues for the Forensic Practitioner

Donald Bersoff, Ph.D., J.D.

Saturday, January 31st

Role of the Forensic Psychologist in Death Penalty Mitigation

David Ruhnke, J.D., Jean Barrett, J.D. & Alan Goldstein, Ph.D.

Saturday, January 31st

Comprehensive Child Custody Evaluations

Steven Sparta, Ph.D.

Sunday, February 1st

Preparing for the Diplomate Exam in Forensic Psychology - ABPP

Curtis Barrett, Ph.D.

Sunday, February 1st

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### **San Diego, California**

February 18-22, 1998

The Catamaran Hotel

An Introduction to Forensic Psychology Practice

Alan Goldstein, Ph.D.

Wednesday, February 18th

Achieving Expertise in Child Custody Evaluations

Beth Clark, Ph.D.

Thursday, February 19th

Advanced Topics in Criminal Forensic Assessment

Charles Clark, Ph.D.

Thursday, February 19th

The MMPI-2 and Rorschach in Court

J. Reid Meloy, Ph.D. & Richard Lewak, Ph.D.

Friday, February 20th

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Cross Examination: Maintaining Credibility, Handling Attacks and Answering the Critics  
Diane Follingstad, Ph.D.  
Friday, February 20th

Intermediate and Advanced Forensic Practice  
Robert Meyer, Ph.D.  
Saturday, February 21st

Ethical Issues for the Forensic Psychologist  
David Shapiro, Ph.D.  
Saturday, February 21st

Forensic Assessment of Sexual Discrimination & Sexual Harassment in the Workplace  
Herbert Weissman, Ph.D.  
Sunday, February 22nd

Preparing for the Diplomate Exam in Forensic Psychology - ABPP  
Paul Lipsitt, Ph.D., J.D.  
Sunday, February 22nd

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### **Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

March 19-22, 1998  
Hyatt Regency Milwaukee

Personal Injury Evaluations: Ethics, Practice and Case Law  
Stuart Greenberg, Ph.D.  
Thursday, March 19th

Developmental Disabilities and the Law  
David Bogacki, Ph.D.  
Thursday, March 19th

Forensic Applications of the MMPI and MCMI  
Stuart Greenberg, Ph.D. & Roger Green, Ph.D.  
Friday, March 20th

Introduction to Psychological Screening for High Risk Occupations  
Robin Inwald, Ph.D.  
Friday, March 20th

Ethical Dilemmas in Forensic Psychology  
Bruce Ebert, Ph.D., J.D.  
Saturday, March 21st

Child Custody Evaluations: Legal, Ethical and Clinical Contours  
Randy Otto, Ph.D.  
Saturday, March 21st

Role of the Forensic Psychologist in Death Penalty Litigation  
Mark Cunningham, Ph.D.  
Sunday, March 22nd

Preparing for the Diplomate Exam in Forensic Psychology - ABPP  
David Shapiro, Ph.D.  
Sunday, March 22nd

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### **San Juan, Puerto Rico**

April 22-26, 1998  
The Caribe Hilton Resort

An Introduction to Forensic Psychology Practice  
Randy Otto, Ph.D.  
Wednesday, April 22nd

A Conciliation/Evaluation Model for Child Custody Determination: A Different Perspective  
Robert Strochak, Ph.D.  
Wednesday, April 22nd

Effective Expert Testimony: Law and Practice  
Charles Patrick Ewing, J.D., Ph.D.  
Thursday, April 23rd

The Ethics of Forensic Expertise: Law, Ethics and Professional Practice  
Stephen Golding, Ph.D.  
Thursday, April 23rd

Personal Injury Evaluations: Ethics, Practice and Case Law  
Stuart Greenberg, Ph.D.  
Friday, April 24th

Evaluating Parenting Capacity and Allegations of Child Maltreatment  
Lois Oberlander, Ph.D.  
Friday, April 24th

Advanced Topics in Risk Assessment: Approaches, Populations and Risk Communication  
Kirk Heilbrun, Ph.D.  
Saturday, April 25th

Rorschach Assessment of Criminal Responsibility  
Irving Weiner, Ph.D.  
Saturday, April 25th

Assessment of Violent Juvenile Offenders  
Thomas Grisso, Ph.D.  
Sunday, April 26th

Preparing for the Diplomate Exam in Forensic Psychology - ABPP  
Ira Packer, Ph.D.  
Sunday, April 26th

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## **Babies, Bathwater, and Hoisted by Your Own Petard: On Hagen's Critique of "Psychoexperts"**

*Solomon M. Fulero*

A review of Whores of the Court: The Fraud of Psychiatric Testimony and the Rape of American Justice by Margaret Hagen. (ReganBooks, HarperCollins, 1997).

A recent book by Dr. Margaret Hagen, a developmental psychologist by training and a professor at Boston University, is sure to make a big splash in the popular media. The book is entitled "Whores of the Court: The Fraud of Psychiatric Testimony and the Rape of American Justice" (ReganBooks, HarperCollins, 1997). According to the jacket, Hagen purports to reveal "how expert psychological testimony is a total fraud, showing how the courts have increasingly embraced not a cutting-edge science but, instead, a discipline that represents a terrifying retreat into fantasy and hearsay; a discipline propelled by powerful propaganda, arrogance, and greed." With this title and apparent intent, the focus of the book is relatively clear. In the vein of Robyn Dawes' recent book "House of Cards," Hagen sets forth in bombastic and overstated style a now-familiar critique of expert psychological testimony. I argue here that while Hagen's essential point is well-taken—that is, a number of psychological experts are offered in courts to testify about shaky theories, questionable ideas, and conclusions without solid empirical evidence—the manner in which this point is presented "throws out the baby with the bathwater," obscuring valid comments about the proper types and

use of psychological expert testimony with anecdotes, errors, flaming overgeneralizations, and inflammatory charges. Further, the presentation of her essential point in such a manner will actually make it more difficult to rein in the very excesses Hagen deplors, and thus she has been and will be "hoist by her own petard."

Hagen freely admits in her introduction that the book "was originally inspired by that most banal and questionable of motives—personal outrage." Hagen's brother was sued for \$3.4 million in a Seattle, Washington civil case alleging "psychological injury." According to Hagen, each side had a "parade" of experts; the plaintiff's experts testified about so-called mental disorders that her brother had supposedly caused twenty years earlier, and her brother had experts who testified that memory does not and cannot work as the plaintiff claimed." At that point, she says, "I began to take a closer look at the activities of my clinical colleagues in the world of law. I found that they were everywhere with their fingers in every half-baked legal pie cooked up by the wildest of imaginations. What a shock. While I and my academic research colleagues were sleeping, our entrepreneurial clinical colleagues had infiltrated the American justice system like kudzu taking over every inch of lawn and garden. This book is an attempt to weed them out, root and branch." Hagen acknowledges that her brother did eventually win, at a defense cost of some \$90,000. It is not clear if the matter was dis-

missed on a motion for summary judgment at an early stage, or whether it proceeded to jury trial and verdict. One might argue, therefore, that the system worked as it was designed to, at least in this case.

Hagen goes on to make statements that all of us who work in forensic areas know are untrue. In the first chapter alone, she charges that in criminal trials "we have competing teams of psychoexperts analyzing the accused" for competency and then later "if the defendant is found competent, the defense hires another raft of experts to testify" about sanity. Hagen should know that states keep careful records of competency and sanity cases, and there certainly is no "raft" of experts in the typical case; most such defendants are indigent and fortunate to have one evaluation done at state expense. Only recently, with the Ake case decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, has the right to an independent expert for indigents been affirmed. In a similar vein, she charges that there is a "willingness of judges and juries to believe psychobabble..." and later refers to "Americans' willingness to buy into any claim made by a certified psychological professional..." But this argument is be-

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The AP-LS Newsletter publishes reviews of books, tests, and measures in the broad area of psychology and law. Those wishing to have their publication reviewed should contact Randy Otto prior to sending materials at 813/974-9296 or via the Internet/E-mail at: otto@hal.fmhi.usf.edu.

lied by the compelling data that show that psychological experts are fairly routinely disallowed, disbelieved, and ignored by judges and jurors (one need think only about the difficulties faced by experts on eyewitness reliability, pretrial publicity, prejudicial joinder, and the reaction of the courts to compelling scientific psychological data on jury size, unanimity of verdict, death penalty voir dire, etc.)

There are chapters skewering the use of experts in psychic injury cases, in divorce and custody cases, in criminal cases, rehabilitations of convicts (this chapter is entitled “Music Therapy for Wife Killers”), and disability cases. All chapters contain similar overstatements and misstatements that could be addressed one by one if a reviewer had the space to do so, coupled with valid points that should be, but are not, made in accurate and precise style. She even uses some of the same techniques she criticizes in others: anecdotal evidence, for example. Not until the last chapter—all of 18 pages out of 313—is the actual solution to Hagen’s problem revealed, though she does not see it. In a section entitled “Admissibility of expert testimony and clinical reasoning,” she discusses the 1993 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals*, a case which is the benchmark for the question of how judges should determine the admissibility of expert testimony. She also discusses the Frye rule and Evidence Rule 702 on expert testimony (for further discussion of all of these, see Penrod, Fulero, & Cutler (1995), *Expert psychological testimony on eyewitness reliability before and after Daubert: The state of the law and the science, Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 13,

229-259, as well as the other articles in that issue). She overbroadly concludes that “the articles of faith offered as testimony by clinical psychologists in courtroom after courtroom...do not even come close to meeting the current criteria for admissibility as expert testimony demanded by our courts” and that we should “throw them out of the courts,” at least until clinical psychology “accepts the limitations intrinsic to the discipline and recasts itself as a real science.”

Of course, one might ask Dr. Hagen how, exactly, we should throw them out of the courts. The answer, of course, is by use of time-tested legal techniques, including cross-examination and the presentation of opposing experts—precisely what happened in her brother’s case. And interestingly enough, here Dr. Hagen really is “hoist by her own petard.” Because use of terms like “whores of the court,” “psychoexperts,” and so on, are not likely to facilitate a reasonable distinction in the minds of judges and lawyers between clinical and experimental psychologists. After all, she herself says that expert psychological testimony is “a total fraud.” So would Dr. Hagen agree to be such an opposing expert, in a case which might legitimately cry out for a cogent scientific rebuttal? One can only chortle with glee at the withering cross-examination she would face, using her very own published words, that would result in her valid points about scientific merit being obfuscated. At the same time, there is no doubt that her diatribe will result in the “baby being thrown out with the bathwater.” There are of course many issues about which clinical testimony is given that do have supporting scientific evidence (look at the careful and mounting literature on detection of malingering,

or the recent careful work of the MacArthur project on competency to stand trial and competency to refuse medication, to cite some examples).

Having said all of this, Hagen’s book is required reading for all of us in the forensic field. It is the most inflammatory and careless version yet of an argument that has been made by others in more careful and precise fashion, dating back to Paul Meehl, whose book *Psychodiagnostics* should be required reading in all clinical programs. My real concern, one which someone as astute as Dr. Hagen should clearly understand already, is that the media and general public will use this book to keep out of courts good and bad psychology indiscriminately. This does no one—the field or the public—a service.

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# MMPI/MMPI-2 in Court

Roger L. Greene

A review of Forensic Questions and Answers on the MMPI/MMPI-2 by Alex Caldwell (Caldwell Report, 101 pages). To order contact Caldwell Report at 310/478-3133.

The MMPI/MMPI-2 is probably the most frequently administered objective measure of psychopathology in forensic settings and as a consequence all forensic psychologists are familiar with the MMPI/MMPI-2. Caldwell's text provides an overview of many of the questions that a forensic psychologist has to be able to answer when using the MMPI/MMPI-2. The first three sections of the text (A. The Test; B. Test-taking Attitude; C. The Profile) are very basic and a forensic psychologist who is unfamiliar with this material probably should not be using the MMPI/MMPI-2 in a forensic setting. The notable exception to this statement

is Caldwell's discussion of the obvious and subtle scales (pp. 18-21), which rapidly covers the variety of issues with which the forensic psychologist must be knowledgeable if these scales are used as well as the questions that the psychologist must be prepared to answer. The series of questions at the end of this section (pp. 20-21) should be challenging enough for any forensic psychologist and he/she should be prepared to answer them.

The fourth section of the text provides superficial coverage of whether the MMPI or MMPI-2 should be administered. There is an extensive literature (40-plus studies) on the concordance between the MMPI and MMPI-2 with which forensic psychologists must be familiar. Caldwell's caveat that forensic psychologists who administer the MMPI-2 also should plot the raw scores on the MMPI profile to

determine whether the codetype changes is valuable advice. Some MMPI-2 codetypes are very likely to yield different codetypes when plotted using MMPI norms and a forensic psychologist does not want to become aware of this point for the first time during either direct or cross-examination!

The remainder of the text is devoted to the interpretation of the MMPI/MMPI-2 in forensic settings and should be reviewed carefully by all forensic psychologists. Caldwell's discussion of several topics raises a number of issues with which the forensic psychologist must be familiar: Do such factors as litigation, indictment, or imprisonment affect interpretation (pp. 37-43); Use of computer-generated reports (pp. 55-64); and Analysis of specific test items (pp. 78-80). Caldwell's discussion of the assessment of dangerousness to others (pp. 43-49) and self (pp. 49-51) is quite good as far as it goes, but it is easy to

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overlook the fact that these are low base-rate behaviors which makes them very difficult to predict.

The text also can serve as a quick reference for an attorney who is unfamiliar with the MMPI/MMPI-2 so that he/she can gain a better understanding of the instrument and thus facilitate communication between the attorney and the forensic psychologist.

Finally, Stuart Greenberg has provided a list of typical appeal issues with MMPI/MMPI-2 testimony that could be easily overlooked because it is presented after the references for the text (pp.89-92). The forensic psychologist needs to be aware of all of these issues.

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## **Commentary**

# **Government Relations:**

## **The Practitioner's Link to Capitol Hill**

**by Marilyn Richmond, Assistant Executive Director for Government Relations**

The Practice Directorate has evolved structurally to address various major influences on professional psychology. Under the leadership of Practice Directorate Executive Director Russ Newman, Ph.D., J.D., the directorate's government relations, marketing, legal and regulatory affairs, state advocacy, and other departments coordinate their activities to benefit practitioners and individuals in need of psychological services.

The Practice Directorate government relations department, headed by Marilyn S. Richmond, assistant executive director, advocates for practitioners and their patients at the federal legislative and regulatory level and coordinates practitioners grassroots legislative activity.

### **Government relations staff work with Congress for passage of laws beneficial to practitioners.**

In the legislative arena, the government relations team continually establishes and nurtures relationships with members of Congress and their staff. Educating and informing members of Congress on issues vital to psychology practice is an important aspect of building these relationships.

Since Congress consists of several hundred members, the government relations department focuses on building relationships with those members who sit on committees

with primary jurisdiction over psychology practice issues. These "key" committees include the Ways and Means Committee and Commerce Committee in the House of Representatives and the Finance Committee and Labor and Human Resources Committee in the Senate.

Once these ongoing relationships are established, members of Congress often introduce bills or offer amendments to other bills to advance psychological practice. For instance, at the beginning of the current Congress, Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), long an ardent supporter of psychology, introduced several psychology-related bills, including:

S. 62, which would remove restrictions on patient access to psychologists' services in comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities under the Medicare program;

S. 64, which would amend the Public Health Service Act to make certain graduate programs in clinical psychology eligible to participate in various health professions loan programs; and,

S. 82, which would revise and improve provisions related to the appointment of clinical and counseling psychologists in the Veterans Health Administration.

During the Medicare program reform debate last year, Senator Kent Conrad (D-N.D.), another strong supporter of psychology, introduced an amendment to the Senate Finance Committee's Medicare leg-

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## American Academy of Forensic Psychology **Dissertation Grants in Applied Law & Psychology**

The American Academy of Forensic Psychology (AAFP) has made available up to \$7,500 (maximum award is \$1,500 per applicant) for grants to graduate students conducting dissertations in applied areas of law and psychology, with preference shown for dissertations addressing clinical-forensic issues. Awards can be used to cover dissertation costs such as photocopying and mailing expenses, participant compensation, travel reimbursement, etc. Awards can not be used to cover tuition or related academic fees.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of AAFP Fellows and grants will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- potential contribution of the dissertation to applied law-psychology
- methodological soundness/experimental design
- budgetary needs
- review of applicant's personal statement

Students in the process of developing a dissertation proposal and those collecting dissertation data as of January 15, 1998 are eligible. To apply, students must submit 4 copies of the following no later than January 15, 1998 (incomplete applications will not be considered):

1. a letter from the applicant detailing:
  - his/her interest and career goals in the area of law and psychology
  - the proposed dissertation and its time line
  - the dissertation budget, the award amount requested, and how the award will be used
2. a current CV
3. a letter from the applicant's dissertation chair/supervisor noting that the dissertation has been or is expected to be approved, and will be conducted as detailed in the applicant's letter

Submit four copies of the above (postmarked no later than January 15, 1998) to:

Randy Otto  
Florida Mental Health Institute  
University of South Florida  
13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33612-3899

Questions or inquiries regarding the award competition can be directed to Randy Otto in writing at the above address or via Email at [otto@hal.fmhi.usf.edu](mailto:otto@hal.fmhi.usf.edu) □

## **Division 41** **Stipends for** **Graduate Research**

The Division 41 Grants-in-Aid Committee is accepting proposals for small stipends (maximum of \$500) to support empirical graduate research that addresses psychological issues (the award is limited to graduate students who are student affiliate members of AP-LS). Interested individuals should submit a short proposal (a maximum of 1500 words will be strictly enforced) in either a hard-copy (four copies) or electronic format that includes: (a) a cover sheet indicating the title of the project, name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of the investigator; (b) an

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abstract of 100 words or less summarizing the project; (c) purpose, theoretical rationale, and significance of the project; (d) procedures to be employed; and, (e) specific amount requested, including a budget.

Applicants should include a discussion of the feasibility of the research (e.g., if budget is for more than \$500, indicate source of remaining funds). Applicants should also indicate that IRB approval has been obtained, or agree that it will be prior to initiating the project. Hard copies should be sent to: Dr. Wendy Heath, Rider University Psychology Department, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Electronic submissions can be submitted via e-mail to [heath@rider.edu](mailto:heath@rider.edu) (cut and paste your submission into your e-mail or include an attached file in text (ASCII) format).

Committee members: Wendy Heath, Rider University; Margaret Bull Kovera, Florida International University; and Mindy Rosenberg, Private Practice.

There are two deadlines each year: September 30 and January 31.

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## **Commentary Government Relations**

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islation to improve patient access to psychologists' services in Medicare partial hospital programs. The legislative efforts of Senators Inouye and Conrad resulted from years of relationship-building, and represent important strides for the APA as an advocacy organization.

Once a bill has been introduced or an amendment offered, government relations staff works to seek cosponsorship and other members' support for the legislation. Often a piece of legislation will have an impact on other interest groups. In such instances, the government relations department generally seeks to build the broadest possible base of support for the legislation through coalition activity with other mental health advocates and consumer groups. The premise for coalition building is "strength in numbers." Congress is more likely to address an issue that many constituents support than one that impacts only a few.

For instance, the APA formed the Coalition for Fairness in Mental Illness Coverage with other groups, including the American Psychiatric Association, the National Mental Health Association, and the Na-

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tional Alliance for the Mentally Ill. This coalition advocated strongly for the inclusion of an amendment offered by Senators Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) and Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.) to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act that would prohibit private health plans from placing coverage and financial limits on mental health services that are not placed on medical services.

After months of intensive advocacy work, the Coalition recently won a major victory for mental health consumers and providers when Congress passed a version of the Domenici-Wellstone mental health parity amendment. The newly-enacted provision prohibits insurers from imposing annual and lifetime dollar limits on mental health benefits that are not imposed on medical and surgical benefits. Without a united mental health advocacy community to confront the business community's fierce attacks on the amendment, the parity provision would most likely have been defeated.

Once a law has been passed, government relations staff must work with federal departments and agencies to ensure that regulations and rules which apply the law are favorable to psychology.

Government relations regulatory staff complement the efforts of their legislative colleagues by working with federal regulatory agencies to promote psychology's federal agenda. In this capacity, staff are responsible for oversight, development and implementation of complex initiatives designed to facilitate the enhancement of professional psychology in federal regulations and policy. This work takes many forms.

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First and foremost, staff prepares extensive written responses to important proposed federal rulemaking which could affect the practice of psychology, with a heavy emphasis on issues pertaining to Medicare, Social Security Disability, and the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Armed Services (CHAMPUS). Moreover, written testimony is frequently submitted to the Physician Payment Review Commission, a nonpartisan Congressional think tank responsible for advising Congress on Medicare payment issues as well as other health care reform concerns.

Government relations staff closely monitor the activities of federal regulatory agencies; meet with senior level agency officials to advocate on behalf of professional psychology; respond to requests for research, assistance and advice from state associations, members, and APA divisions; and notify members regarding relevant changes in Medicare law and policy.

The activities of the regulatory staff encompass working closely with APA members who serve as liaisons to the American Medical Association Health Care Professional Advisory Committees on reimbursement and coding issues. APA has been actively involved in the work of these committees for the past three years. The committees serve a critical function in advising the AMA, which in turn makes recommendations to HCFA on payment to Medicare providers and has thereby served as a powerful ally to psychologists.

Government relations staff work closely with APA members on issues relating to Medicare coding

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## Upcoming Events

### Time to Register **The International Congress of Applied Psychology**

The organizers of the 24th International Congress of Applied Psychology, taking place August 9-14, 1998 in San Francisco, have issued a circular, which includes Congress registration and housing reservation materials. The early registration deadline is April 1, 1998.

Hosted by the American Psychological Association (APA) on behalf of the International Association of Applied Psychology, the Congress program will feature an array of individual and group presentations.

The Congress program will also offer: an exhibit of major publishing, technological, and psychological companies; continuing education workshops; site visits to clinics, laboratories, and industrial settings; and excursions to nearby tourist attractions.

To request a copy of the circular, contact:

Congress Secretariat  
APA Office of International Affairs  
750 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002-4242

Fax: 202/336-5956  
E-mail: [icap@apa.org](mailto:icap@apa.org) □

### AP-LS/EAPL **Conference in Dublin**

AP-LS will join with its European counterpart, the European Association of Psychology and Law, to co-sponsor a conference to be held in Dublin. The conference will be held July 6-9, 1999. We are very excited about the prospects of joining with our European colleagues and the conference organizers hope that this will serve to facilitate scholarly collaboration and exchanges between members of our two organizations. The co-chairs of the conference are David Carson, a law professor at the University of Southampton, England, who will represent EAPL, and Ron Roesch, who will represent AP-LS. Information about submission of papers and other details of the conference will be circulated in the coming year, but for now, the conference co-chairs wanted to alert members to the conference and hope that many of you will plan to attend.

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and reimbursement. Staff are currently working with APA members designated to advise HCFA contractors on two important projects. One involves the development of new descriptors for ICD-10 codes relating to mental health. Another involves the development of resource-based practice expenses under the Medicare fee schedule.

By organizing at the local level and expressing their views to Members of Congress as constituents, individual psychologists hold the key to successful federal advocacy.

A strong, national "grassroots" network of psychologists supplements the Practice Directorate's advocacy efforts on behalf of the practice of psychology. Elected leaders must hear from their psychologist-constituents to be persuaded to support legislation, especially if the legislation is controversial.

Each state and practice division appoints a federal advocacy coordinator responsible for developing a network of psychologists in their

state or for their division. Staff provides the coordinators with the most up-to-date information regarding ongoing federal advocacy activities.

Federal advocacy coordinators and psychologists in every state continually work to educate their members of Congress. Their goal is to develop "key contact" relationships so strong that the legislators will both support psychology legislation and contact psychologists in the state or district before taking any action on an issue affecting the practice of psychology. Through key contact relationships, organized psychology is able to secure support for favorable legislation by delivering its message to important members of Congress during their deliberations.

At times government relations staff must mobilize large numbers of psychologists to communicate with Capitol Hill on a vital piece of legislation under consideration. This grassroots action may take the form of letters, calls or electronic mail to Congress, as well as face-to-face meetings between constitu-

ent-psychologists and their legislators.

For example, in the recently won battle regarding the Domenici-Wellstone mental health parity amendment, the Practice Directorate sponsored an APA Legislative Hotline. This hotline, a toll-free number, resulted in nearly 4,000 calls and more than 16,500 faxed letters to Members' offices in support of the parity amendment. The grassroots activity initiated through the hotline was a major factor leading to the passage of the amendment.

The government relations department's past, present and future efforts on the legislative and regulatory fronts are critical components of a foundation upon which the directorate is building the future of professional psychology. Equally important is the participation of APA members in the legislative and regulatory process. Psychologists can find out more about how they can have a role in charting the future of professional psychology by contacting the government relations department in the Practice Directorate. □

## **American Psychology - Law Society News**

The American Psychology-Law Society News is a publication devoted to dissemination of information, news, and commentary about psychology, mental health, and the law. The newsletter is published spring/summer, fall, and winter. Please submit materials in both written format and on either an IBM-PC compatible or Macintosh disk. Files may be written with any major word processing application and saved in both that format and in ASCII (DOS) or Text (Macintosh) formats. Indicate the application and version used on the disk.

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## **AP-LS Biennial Conference** **Redondo Beach, California**

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The Best Western Sunrise Hotel is located right across the street from the Crowne Plaza. It offers less expensive accommodations (currently \$79 single/double or \$89 for a marina view; \$10 each for a third and fourth person in the room). The hotel does not make block room reservations; they advise calling at least two weeks in advance to ensure room availability. The number is 800/334-7384 or 310/376-0746.

### **Call for Papers**

The submission deadline is October 15, 1997. Submissions on topics in all areas of psychology and law are invited. Proposals describing novel applications of psychology to law, those that are empirically-based, and those on topics that have not been prominent during recent meetings, such as corrections, are particularly welcome. Papers authored or co-authored by students are encouraged.

Proposals must include:

1. Face sheet listing the name, affiliation, mailing address, and phone number, and e-mail address of the primary author; names and affiliations of co-authors; whether proposal is for a single paper, poster, or symposium; and indicating whether authors would like the submission considered for a poster if not accepted as a paper.
2. Five copies of the proposal prepared for anonymous review. The proposal should include a 150-word abstract and should not exceed 1,500 words.

If you are proposing a symposium, you do not need to prepare separate proposals for each paper (i.e., one proposal of approximately 1,500 words is sufficient).

Send proposals via either U.S. mail or e-mail to:

Beth Wiggins  
Federal Judicial Center (RES)  
One Columbus Circle N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002-8003

E-mail: [bwiggins@fjc.gov](mailto:bwiggins@fjc.gov)

If you do not have an e-mail address, please send a legal-sized stamped envelope addressed to the primary author. If you have any questions or comments about the program, please contact one of the program chairs: Melissa Warren, [mgw.apa@email.apa.org](mailto:mgw.apa@email.apa.org), 202/336-6010 or Beth Wiggins, [bwiggins@fjc.gov](mailto:bwiggins@fjc.gov), 202/273-4073.

### **Reviewers Needed**

Regular and student AP-LS members are needed to review Biennial program proposals. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Warren, [mgw.apa@email.apa.org](mailto:mgw.apa@email.apa.org), 202/336-6010 or Beth Wiggins, [bwiggins@fjc.gov](mailto:bwiggins@fjc.gov), 202/273-4073. □

## **Syllabus** **Psychology-Law** **Syllabus Collection** **Updating**

The AP-LS Careers and Training Committee is in the process of soliciting syllabi for the 4th Edition of the syllabus collection. If you teach a course related to psychology and law at either the undergraduate or graduate level, please send a copy of the syllabus and a diskette with the file in Word or Wordperfect to:

Edie Greene  
Dept. of Psychology  
University of Colorado  
Colorado Springs, CO 80933

Or e-mail to:  
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## **AP-LS**

# **Announcements and Updates**

## **Dissertation Awards**

### **1997 AP-LS**

## **Dissertation Award Program**

The American Psychology-Law Society confers Dissertation Awards for scientific research and scholarship that is relevant to the promotion of the interdisciplinary study of psychology and law. Persons who will have completed dissertations in 1997 that are related to basic or applied research in psychology and law, including its application to public policy, are encouraged to submit their dissertations for consideration for the awards. First, second, and third place awards are conferred.

To apply for the 1997 Awards, one copy of the completed dissertation, along with a letter of support from the dissertation chair, should be sent by January 1, 1998, to:

Caton Roberts, Chair  
AP-LS Dissertation Awards Committee  
4914 Bayfield Terrace  
Madison, WI 53705 □

## **Honorary Degree**

### **Another Feather in the Cap**

AP-LS member John Monahan was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, by John Jay College of Criminal Justice - CUNY.

This honor was conferred, "In recognition of his invaluable contribution to our understanding of violent behavior..." Presented at commencement, John was honored for his significant contributions to the field of forensic psychology. □

If you would like to include your announcement, call for papers, fellowship or position vacancy in the next AP-LS Newsletter, contact Randy Otto at 813/974-4510 or via the Internet at: otto@hal.fmhi.usf.edu □

## **Call for Nominations**

### **Saleem Shah Early Career Award, 1998**

#### **Contributions to Law-Psychology Research**

Nominations are sought for the Saleem Shah Award, co-sponsored by the American Psychology-Law Society/Division 41 of APA, and the American Academy of Forensic Psychology. (No self-nominations, please.) The Award will be made in 1998 for early career excellence in law-psychology research. Eligible individuals must have received the doctoral degree (or the doctoral degree OR law degree, whichever comes later, if both degrees have been earned) within the last six years. A brief letter, outlining the nominee's contributions in this area, should be sent to:

Kirk Heilbrun  
Department of Psychology  
Allegheny University of the Health Sciences, MS 626  
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Philadelphia, PA 19102-1192

Fax: 215/762-8625  
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Nominees should also send a vita and representative publications or other work samples. The award confers a \$2,000 honorarium and the opportunity to deliver an invited address at the APA Annual Convention. Nominations must be received by **November 1, 1997**. □

## **AP-LS Deadlines**

### **Mark Your Calendar**

Please note the following important deadlines for various AP-LS/Division 41 activities.

October 15, 1997 - Call for papers deadline for 1998 Biennial Conference (see page 24).

November 1, 1997 - Call for nominations for Saleem Shah Award (see page 22).

January 1, 1998 - Applications for AP-LS Dissertation Awards are due (see page 22).

January 15, 1998 - Applications for AAFP Dissertation Funding (see page 17).

January 31, 1998 - Applications for AP-LS Graduate Research Funding (see page 17). □

# Call for Papers and Manuscripts

## Law and Human Behavior The First 20 Years

*Law and Human Behavior* invites manuscript submissions for a special issue celebrating the 20th anniversary of the inception of the journal. We are interested in developing a special issue that reviews various areas within the field of law and psychology from an empirical and conceptual perspective. We intend to publish articles that bring together programs or bodies of research that contribute to our understanding of a topic area within law and psychology. One goal of the issue is to represent the field broadly. To this end, we would especially welcome manuscripts that represent bodies of work that have not yet received adequate attention from psycholegal scholars. Manuscripts that discuss the contributions of the field to law or that analyze the discipline as a whole are welcomed as well. These latter papers should focus on the conceptual underpinnings of an area of psychology and law. Finally, international and cross-cultural perspectives will be considered.

The editor for this issue is James R.P. Ogloff of the Mental Health, Law, and Policy Institute at Simon Fraser University. Four copies of manuscripts should be sent to:

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Manuscripts must be postmarked no later than **November 1, 1997**.  
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## Behavioral Science and Mental Health Issues in Law Enforcement

A forthcoming special issue of *Behavioral Sciences and the Law* will be devoted to Behavioral Science and Mental Health Issues in Law Enforcement. Possible topics include but are not limited to: criminal investigation; interrogation tactics; waiver of rights by suspects; voluntariness of confessions; reliability of lineups and other identification procedures; criminal profiling; crime scene analysis; management of mentally impaired suspects and perpetrators; treatment of distressed and impaired law enforcement personnel; police personnel selection procedures; psychological and psychiatric consultation to law enforcement agencies; and police corruption and brutality.

Manuscripts should be 20-35 double-spaced pages adhering to the style requirements of the American Psychological Association Publication Manual or the 15th Edition of the Uniform System of Citation, contain a 150 word abstract, and be submitted in triplicate to:

Charles Patrick Ewing  
Senior Editor  
Behavioral Sciences and the Law  
723 O'Brian Hall  
State University of New York  
Buffalo, New York 14260.

For further information direct e-mail to [cewing@acsu.buffalo.edu](mailto:cewing@acsu.buffalo.edu) or call 716/645-2770.

Deadline for Submission is **March 1, 1998**. □

## Perspectives in Law and Psychology Book Series

AP-LS sponsors a book series, *Perspectives in Law and Psychology*, published by Plenum Press. The series publishes scholarly work that advances the field of psychology and law by contributing to its theoretical and empirical knowledge base. Topics of books in progress include forensic assessment, sexual harassment, judicial decision making, and juvenile accountability. The series is expanding and the editor is interested in proposals for new books. Inquiries and proposals from potential authors should be sent to:

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## Employment Discrimination

*Behavioral Sciences and the Law* will devote a special issue to Employment Discrimination. Potential contributions can focus on any relevant topic; however, we especially are interested in manuscripts that address issues relevant to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Preference will be given to manuscripts received by June 1, 1998. Manuscripts should be twenty to thirty double-spaced pages. Fail-

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ure to conform to the style requirements of the newest Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association or the 15th edition of a Uniform System of Citation may lead to rejection of manuscript. Submissions must contain a 150 word abstract.

Send three copies (2 of which need to be prepared so that they can be "blind-reviewed") to either of the special issue editors, Alan Tomkins or Peter Blanck.

Professor Tomkins can be reached at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Law/Psychology Program, 335 Burnett Hall, Lincoln, NE 68588-0308 USA. Tel: 402/472-3743; FAX: 402/472-4637; E-mail: atomkins@unlinfo.unl.edu.

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## Call for Papers

# 1998 AP-LS Biennial Conference

The 1998 AP-LS Biennial Conference will be held in Redondo Beach, California at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on March 5 - 7, 1998. Proposals for symposia, papers, and posters are invited. **The submission deadline is October 15, 1997.** Submissions on topics in all areas of psychology and law are invited. Proposals describing novel applications of psychology to law, those that are empirically-based, and those on topics that have not been prominent during recent meetings, such as corrections, are particularly welcome. Papers authored or co-authored by students are encouraged.

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Send proposals via either U.S. mail to:

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One Columbus Circle N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002-8003

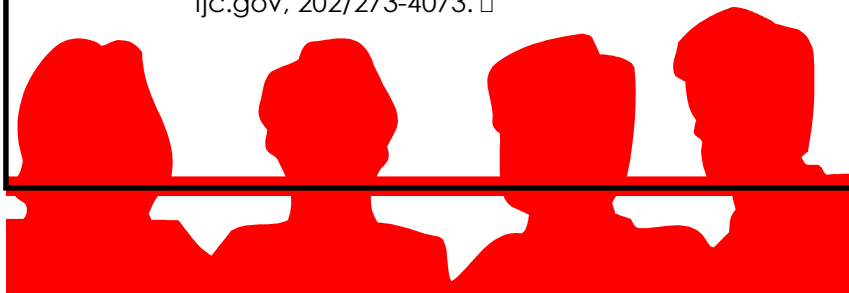
Or E-mail to: [bwiggins@fjc.gov](mailto:bwiggins@fjc.gov).

If you do not have an E-mail address, please send a legal-sized stamped envelope addressed to the primary author. If you have any questions or comments about the program, please contact one of the program chairs: Melissa Warren, [mgw.apa@email.apa.org](mailto:mgw.apa@email.apa.org), 202/336-6010 or Beth Wiggins, [bwiggins@fjc.gov](mailto:bwiggins@fjc.gov), 202/273-4073.

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## Call for Programs

### 1998 APA

### Convention

San Francisco

August 14-18, 1998

Proposals for workshops, symposia, discussion hours, papers, or posters are welcome. The Public Interest Directorate will sponsor a Miniconvention on HIV/AIDS so submissions on this topic are encouraged. Submission deadline is November 21, 1997. Detailed instructions for submitting proposals will be included in the October APA Monitor, or contact the program chairs.

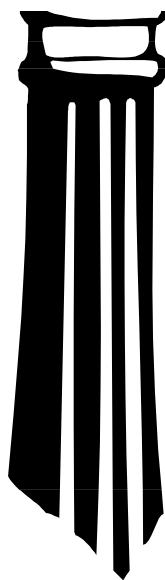
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## Student Column



### Student Section Elections

The results of this year's student section election were announced at the APA convention in Chicago. The Chair Elect is Melissa Westendorf from the J.D./Ph.D. program at Villanova School of Law & Allegheny University. The Secretary/Treasurer is

Tom Hecker from the Clinical Ph.D. program at Temple University. The Newsletter Editor is Chris Meissner from Florida State University. Lynne Sullivan from Simon Fraser University has been appointed as the Biennial Conference Chair.

The Student Section would like to recognize Barbara Watts, Past Chair, for her leadership and dedication to AP-LS. Additionally, both Lori Thomas and Trudi Kirk provided the Student Section with hard work and enthusiasm.

The Student Section officers welcome any comments or suggestions from student members, our email addresses are listed on this page. Also, the student section is creating a page to be included with the AP-LS web page. This will facilitate communication between the officers and the student members and will be updated regularly so look for it soon!

### APA Convention, Chicago

The student section hosted a successful symposium this year pertaining to Psychology-Law Internships, Academic Careers, and Non-traditional Careers. The symposium featured a discussion on forensic vs. clinical internships, what internship sites and universities are looking for, and applied research in the judicial branch of government.

The Executive Committee voted to expand the funding for the Grants in Aid program. Additionally, Students are reminded about the AP-LS Dissertation Awards.

### Biennial Convention

Students that are first authors will receive a waived registration fee for the biennial convention in Redondo Beach, California. Additionally, we are soliciting students to review proposals. If you are interested please contact Lori Butts at her email address and include your regular mailing address. □

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# Fellowships and Positions

## Post Doc Center for Forensic Psychiatry

### Postdoctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology

The Center for Forensic Psychiatry (CFP) is accepting applications for one position in its one-year Forensic Psychology Postdoctoral Program, which offers supervised experience in forensic psychological evaluation, consultation, and research in both inpatient and evaluation clinic settings, as well as expert witness training. The fellowship operates in conjunction with the CFP psychiatry fellowship program, and includes the opportunity for didactic training at the University of Michigan Law School. The stipend for this one-year position is \$31,000 plus fringe benefits. **The start-date is September 1, 1998.**

**Requirements:** completion of requirements for Ph.D. or Psy.D. in clinical psychology from an APA accredited doctoral program and completion of an APA accredited predoctoral internship, prior to the program start-date.

**To Apply:** Interested persons should request an information and application packet from:

Tom Shazer, Associate Director  
CFP Postdoctoral Fellowship  
Program, P.O. Box 2060  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

For inquiries call 313/429 2531 x298,  
or e-mail Shazer@state.mi.us.

**The application deadline is February 15, 1998.**

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## Faculty Position Sam Houston State University

### Clinical Psychology (Forensic) - Assistant/Associate Professor

The Department of Psychology in collaboration with the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University anticipate the final approval this October of a new Ph.D. program in Forensic Clinical Psychology. The first students will be admitted for the fall 1998 semester. We invite applications for a tenure-track position in the Department of Psychology to begin Fall 1998. Applicants will have completed an APA accredited program and internship in Clinical Psychology, and have specialty training or experience in forensic psychology. All applicants should have a program of research in forensic psychology and those at the Associate level should also have a history of extramural funding. Although applicants from all areas of forensic clinical psychology will be seriously considered, we are especially interested in those with expertise in neuropsychology of child/adolescent forensic issues. Duties will include supervising clinical practica (therapy and/or testing), supervising research, and teaching. Please send a letter of inquiry, vita, three letters of recommendation, and representative publications by November 30, 1997 to:

David K. Marcus  
Department of Psychology  
Sam Houston State University  
Huntsville, TX 77341-2447

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## Fellows Application Deadlines

If APA keeps to its deadlines, completed applications for fellow status should be received by Jan. 6, 1998. The criteria for fellow status are "unusual and outstanding contributions or performance" in the field of psychology. An applicant must complete a uniform fellow form, which is sent upon request. Also send:

- Three letters of reference on APA forms
- A resume with refereed articles marked off
- A statement summarizing professional contributions

It is helpful, but not necessary, that the nominee's referees be fellows if not of the division, then at least of APA. Nominees must hold a doctoral degree, have been an APA member for at least one year, be engaged in the advancement of psychology in any of its aspects, and have at least five years of professional experience after the doctorate. Of course, it is expected that the individual's unusual and outstanding contributions will be in psychology and law.

For questions or applications, contact Murray Levine, E-mail: psylevin@acsu.buffalo.edu, address: Dept. of Psychology, SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260, phone: 716/645-3650, ext. 228, fax: 716/645-3801. □

## Clinical Position

### Forensic Psychologist

Fee for Service position in large group practice located in Northern NJ. New Jersey license or eligibility required. Must be experienced in criminal and family matters. Excellent opportunity for growth and expansion. Fee ranges: \$125-200 per hour. Mail or fax CV to:

Specialized Therapy Associates  
83 Summit Avenue  
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Phone: 201/488-6678  
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## APA Board of Directors

### Wildcard Plan

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The Bylaws amendment will be mailed to the membership on November 2, 1997, and will be due back in 45 days.

In response to the hopes expressed by the Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs and the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest that units with more than one seat would designate one of their seats as a minority seat in order to increase ethnic minority representation on Council, Council voted to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS Council has acknowledged the under-representation of ethnic minority persons among the representatives of Council.

WHEREAS The just-passed resolution on allocation of seats on the Council of Representatives creates an opportunity further to diversify the representation on Council.

## Postdoctoral Fellowship

### Forensic Psychology

The University of Missouri-Kansas City, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Mental Health, is offering a 12-month postdoctoral fellowship in Forensic Psychology, beginning September, 1998. Clinical training sites include Western Missouri Mental Health Center in Kansas City, Missouri, and St. Joseph State Hospital in St. Joseph, Missouri. Didactic curriculum will include contributions from members of the Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry at both clinical sites, as well as from faculty at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

Educational and training components include: overview of relevant legal issues; psycho-legal research; pre-trial examinations; expert witnessing; treatment and risk assessment of forensic patients; and related activities, with approval of program director. Stipend is approximately \$25,000, plus benefits (State of Missouri). Applicants should have earned doctorates in Clinical or Counseling Psychology from APA-approved programs and have experience and/or strong interest in working with forensic populations.

Applications will be accepted through April 1, 1998, and should include:

1. Brief statement of training interests and goals
2. Curriculum vita
3. Two sample psychological reports
4. Three letters of reference from individuals familiar with your clinical experiences
5. A letter from the director of your training program verifying successful completion of doctoral degree requirements
6. Doctoral program transcripts.

For additional information contact:

Steven A. Mandracchia or Daniel L. Birmingham  
Department of Forensic Services, Western Missouri Mental Health Center  
600 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64108. Or call 816/512-4101 □

AND WHEREAS CEMA, the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, recommended to the Task Force that some of the new seats in the "Wild Card" plan be used to increase the diversity of Council.

MOTION: It is the sense of Council that the change in allocation of seats on the C/R offers state and provincial psychological associations and divisions an unprecedented opportunity to effect change. To that end, Council recommends: (a) that those previously unrepresented state and provisional psychological associations and divisions that receive a seat be encouraged to fill the seat with an ethnic minority person, and (b) those state and provincial psychological associations and divisions with existing seats be

encouraged to fill the additional seat with an ethnic minority representative.

This is a rare moment in the history of APA, one in which a proposal for significant change enjoys very widespread support. We believe that this reflects the fact that the Wildcard plan is a "win-win" plan, in which everyone gives a little something and gets something in return, and which also enhances the representation of the discipline and profession of psychology in all of its facets. We feel that these results bode well not only for the proposal at hand, but also for the use of mediation to resolve conflict between constituencies in the Association. □



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