



Greetings from the President An Update on the Presidential Initiative

by Jim Ogloff, President

It is with pleasure – and a large dose of humility – that I begin my term as President of AP-LS/Div. 41. Like most of you, I have obtained considerable satisfaction watching our association, and our discipline, expand and prosper. The vantage point of President offers new insight into just how large and involved we have become. Since assuming the office of President at the end of our business meeting at APA, not one day has passed without me having received some piece of association business either by phone, mail or, most often, email. I want to take this opportunity to formally thank our Past-President, Jack Brigham, for whom I have even more respect now that I have a first-hand appreciation of the day-to-day operation of the presidency. Jack served us well and provided a very easy and smooth transition for me. In the last issue of the newsletter, I wrote about my proposed presidential initiative. Since that time, some developments have occurred that I would like to note. A number of people responded to the article, and I was able to incorporate many people’s comments into the current iteration of the initiative. As always, I welcome comments, suggestions, and even constructive criticism from members.

At the Executive Committee meeting at APA in August, my presidential initiative was approved. As it has evolved, the initiative has three components: a review of *Law and Human Behavior*, a review of the association, and a review of our field or discipline. With respect to the review of *Law and Human Behavior*, Richard Wiener independently applied for and received a grant from the National Science Foundation

to fund a weekend workshop to evaluate past, current, and future directions of the journal. Dr. Wiener has now assembled a small steering committee and is planning the workshop for the spring of 1999. It made sense to include the review of the journal as one element of the presidential initiative as it complements the review of the discipline that I am initiating. As part of the regular mid-year Executive Committee meeting, which will be held in February or March 1999, the Executive Committee will initiate the review of the association in a day-long meeting. As discussed in the last issue of the newsletter, the themes we will consider include: balancing the interests of

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science and practice, managing growth and affecting change, and our relationships with APA and other organizations. In future issues of the newsletter, we will provide more information about the outcome of these two initiatives.

It is the third and most ambitious component of the presidential initiative to which I would like to devote the remainder of this article. The executive committee voted in August to allocate up to \$30,000 to carry out the review of our field – what I have called: *Reviewing the Discipline: A Bridge to the Future*. The goal of the review will be to highlight our scholarly accomplishments, while identifying areas and questions that must be addressed as we enter the new millennium. At this point, I have identified a steering committee to help oversee the project. In addition to myself, members of that group include: David Faigman, Norm Finkel, Murray Levine, Gary Melton, Mark Small and Richard Wiener. As you might remember, the initiative consists of identifying a number of areas within our field and appointing a small working group – consisting of a senior, mid-level and junior or beginning scholar – to conduct the review of their area. I have begun to identify areas of consideration and potential participants. Within each area, participants will be given considerable direction in which they will be asked to review the field, consider the psycholegal applications of work in their field, and identify areas and questions for future consideration. In addition, participants will consider some of the products of the review of *Law*

and Human Behavior in their work. Those products will include consideration of the psycholegal investigation of legal phenomena and a psychological evaluation of law.

The tasks and time-line for the review will include identifying the participants (October 1998); inviting participants to attend a two-day workshop for the review (November 1998); circulating materials, including questions for consideration and supplemental readings, to participants (January 1999); holding the workshop for the review (May or June 1999); receiving outlines and reports from the workshop (July 1999); making members from each topic area and the Steering Committee available at scheduled times (to be announced well in advance in the newsletter) to discuss the outlines and to obtain feedback in our division hospitality suite at APA (August 1999); having participants complete chapters for an edited book (December 1999); present the work of the topic area groups in symposia at the AP-LS meeting scheduled in New Orleans (March 2000); publish the results of the initiative in an edited book (Fall 2000).

As you can see, the scope of the presidential initiative is broad and it will require considerable effort. Obviously, I believe that the effort expended will be worthwhile and that at the end of this process, we will enter the new millennium with a stronger association and a discipline with a road map to assist in the navigation of the future course of our field. ■

AP-LS/AACP Joint Venture

by Jim Ogloff, AP-LS President

Several months ago we were approached by Dr. David Glenwick, the President of the American Academy of Correctional Psychology (AACP), to consider creating an arrangement which would provide a home for AACP members in our association. Although there is some overlap between AACP and AP-LS, many AACP members are not members of APLS or of APA. Furthermore, our division has paid little attention to the work of correctional psychologists. After some initial work by an ad-hoc committee consisting of Melissa Warren, David Glenwick, and Steve Norton, David Glenwick and I met at APA to negotiate an arrangement that would appeal to members of our respective associations. The APLS Executive Committee has recently endorsed the following arrangement which will have the immediate effect of drawing in some 200 additional APLS members and signifying a formal commitment to correctional psychology in APLS. The terms of the arrangement will have AACP become members of APLS. In addition, APLS members will be invited to join AACP. The details concerning this arrangement will follow once the memorandum of agreement between our associations is completed. The arrangement will result in having a "Correctional Psychology Interest Group" within APLS, and we have explored the possibility of holding a joint meeting with AACP, thereby helping to reduce hotel costs, etc. I would like to join the Executive Committee, and our members, in welcoming our new AACP/APLS members into our association. In addition, I would like to thank Melissa Warren, Steve Norton, and David Glenwick for their efforts which helped make this arrangement a possibility. ■

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AP-LS Executive Committee Meeting AP-LS/Division 41 of the APA

August 13, 1998

Submitted by

Diane R. Follingstad, Secretary

Attending Members and Committee Chairs:

Jack Brigham (President), Don Bersoff, Laurie Butts, Diane Follingstad, Sol Fulero, Gail Goodman, Edie Greene, Tom Grisso, Stephen Hart, Kirk Heilbrun, Margaret Bull Kovera, Murray Levine, Marsha Liss, Dale McNeil, Jim Ogloff, Randy Otto, Marisa Pynchon, Ron Roesch, Barry Rosenfeld, Mark Small, Rich Wiener

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 1998 meeting of the Executive Committee at APA were presented. Sol Fulero moved that the minutes be approved and Mark Small seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Election Results

The new officers elected are as follows:

President-Elect —

Murray Levine

Member-at-Large —

Edie Greene

Council Representative —

Don Bersoff

By-Laws Changes

The recent recommendation by the Executive Committee to amend the bylaws was passed. The

changes removed the word “voting” in sections 3B and 4 under article V of the Bylaws where it refers to the editors of the Newsletter and the Journal. These changes are effective as of the EC meeting in the year 2000. Section 2a under article IV was also amended by adding that all three editors be ex-officio members after the first sentence.

Treasurer’s Report

Mark Small presented the 1998 budget. He has changed the fiscal year to run from January through December to be able to better understand the budget from year to year. This way of recording income and expenses is expected to help the EC budget for the future, keep in line with our tax reporting responsibilities, and present an easier way to grasp how AP-LS dollars are being spent. The income for 1998 to date is \$179,222 while the expenses have totaled \$80,834. Halfway through the 1998 budget year, it is expected that the books will be very close to balancing in terms of income and expenses at the end of the year.

Motion: Jim Ogloff moved that \$8000 be set aside for student travel for the 2000 AP-LS conference. Stephen Hart seconded the motion. The motion was amended to raise this motion at the August meeting 1999. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Small also prepared a budget for 1999. Aside from a few categories in which the expense amount has been increased, the major new developments are monies directed toward developing the division web page and money to fund a strategic initiative.

The current balance is about \$179,000. The bottom line regarding budgets and balance sheets is that we are well enough off to contemplate new initiatives. Currently, we have \$179,000 in our account with expenses for the year totaling around \$100,000. Thus, we should start next year with about \$70,000-\$80,000. Next year’s budget projects about a \$30,000 loss which can be covered by our reserves. The \$30,000 is for a one-time project — the strategic initiative. At the conclusion of that project, decisions will be made regarding how the division might best use the remainder of its current savings as well as fund future projects. This revised budgeting process will allow more thoughtful planning.

Report of the Conference Committees

1998 Biennial Conference

Beth Wiggins and Melissa Warren were co-chairs of the highly successful 1998 Biennial Conference. They were pleased to announce that the Division more than broke even financially on the 1998 Conference.

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They made several recommendations for future conferences based on their experience:

- 1) It was suggested that there be two poster hours coordinated with social hours (one on Thursday and one on Friday) to allow many posters to be accepted and spread them out so that people have the time and inclination to look at the posters.
- 2) It was suggested that more sessions with innovative formats (like the repressed memory symposium) be instituted. It appeared to work well to have invited speakers and a major symposium focus on the same issue and increases the thematic aspect of the conference.
- 3) It was suggested that future chairs use the two databases which they have to identify reviewers for the next conference.

1998 APA Conference

Eddie Greene was the chair and Dale McNeil was the co-chair for the Division 41 meeting at the APA Conference.

There were 111 unsolicited submissions in the following categories: 32 symposia of which 14 were accepted (44% acceptance rate); 41 papers of which 20 were accepted as papers and 8 accepted as posters (68%); and 38 posters of which 32 were accepted (84%). Quality of submissions was high. In addition, the chairs scheduled the following invited symposia: Sexual Offenders: Current Issues in Assessment and Treatment

(Reid Meloy, Chair); and Update on HIV/AIDS and the Law (Dale McNeil, Chair).

The student section sponsored the following symposium: Funding Your Psycholegal Research: Graduate Students Can Get Grants, Too. (Jason Schklar and Lori Butts, Chairs).

The division sponsored three award presentations:

Henry Steadman received the AAFP Outstanding Contribution Award.

Betty Bottoms received the Saleem Shah Award for Early Achievement in Research.

Lawrence Wrightsman delivered an invited address on "Supreme Court Decision-making" when he received the Distinguished Contribution in Psychology and Law.

Division 41 was allotted 26 hours of convention time (down slightly from previous years' allotment because of scarcity of space in San Francisco) spread over all five days of the meeting. In addition, we were allotted two free invited addresses and used four additional hours in the 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. time slot. We co-sponsored a two-hour symposium (Effects of Stress and Trauma on Children's Memory) with Division 30.

Divisional information (including membership applications, newsletters, hospitality suite schedule, etc.) was distributed from the Division Services Booth at the convention.

A Hospitality Suite was available and some additional symposia presented in the hospitality suite.

The budget for the Social Hour was approximately the same as the prior year. AAFP contributed to the Social Hour.

2000 Biennial Conference

Marisa Pynchon and Randy Borum are the co-chairs for this meeting. They have finalized the hotel contract with the Hyatt Regency New Orleans for the 2000 Biennial Conference. Dates for the conference will be Thursday, March through Saturday March 11. The conference will run for three full days beginning in the morning of March 9, and will be run in conjunction with the AAFP workshops.

The room rates for the conference will be \$142 single and \$157 double (which we have learned are more competitive than rates for similar 2000 conferences and are comparable to the Redondo Beach 1998 rates). In addition, the hotel has indicated that it will make the same rates available to conference attendees if they wish to arrive a few days early for Mardi Gras. The last (and biggest) day of Mardi Gras in 2000 is Tuesday, March 7th. The conference rates will be available for the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights preceding the conference (March 6, 7, 8) as well as for three days following the end of the conference (March 12, 13, 14). However, currently only ten rooms for March 6 and 7 have been reserved for early arrivals. More can be reserved if reservations are made early. Please respond to the survey in the newsletter to see how many people intend to arrive early to insure that enough rooms are available to

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those who want them (remember, the hotel expects to be sold out during those dates...)

The call for papers will appear in the Spring 1999 newsletter (to come out around March/April 1999). The deadline for submissions will be September 15, 1999. Those who wish to review submissions, including student members, are encouraged to contact the chairs.

APA/ABA Meeting

APA and ABA are conducting a joint conference on Psychology and Criminal Law in October, 1999. Jane Goodman-Delahunty attended a planning meeting this year.

The Future of AP-LS

Jim Ogloff, as the incoming President, reported on some specific plans for his proposal for "Taking Psychology and Law into the 21st Century." He delineated two concerns — determining where we sit as an organization in relation to other organizations and where we should be going.

To this end, Jim will solicit input from four other people to be involved in thinking through these questions. In addition, he would solicit input from a wide range of division members in general. The goal at present is to have a formal proposal ready by the August 1998 meeting.

Jim Ogloff would like to address the following issues: Balancing the interests of science and practice; Managing growth and affecting change; and Developing our relationships with APA and other organizations. "Balancing the inter-

ests of science and practice" would be geared to encouraging the exchange of information, ideas and opinions. "Managing growth and effecting change" is needed to ensure that the executive committee is representative of the many interests of the society's members. The current organizational structure could be developed and/or revised as well as finding ways to increase involvement from a broader range of individuals in the division. This area was also seen as the one which would address race and ethnicity issues in our division. Recruitment of persons in the law profession would also occur. "Relationships with APA and other organizations" would consider what our current and ongoing relationship with APA and other organizations might be. This would be done with an eye to developing more formal relationships with some organizations and beginning contact with other organizations. To deal with these issues, Jim Ogloff proposed a two day mid-winter meeting of the EC in which one day would be devoted to regular EC business and the second day would be devoted to working on the initiative.

Jim Ogloff also proposed a "state of the discipline" project to identify a limited number of areas to be reviewed within the field. Each area could determine what has been done to date and where the area should go in the future. These reviews could be published in an edited book and presented at AP-LS meetings. Areas that he is proposing are juries, children in the law, family issues, policy areas, competency, criminal responsibility, mentally disordered offenders, civil torts, eyewitness testimony, employment discrimination. To accomplish this goal, Jim Ogloff recommended identifying senior, mid-level, and junior individuals in

the field to look at the specific areas which have been discussed. He proposed having a several day meeting specifically for this purpose, with individuals attending thinking about these issues in advance. The budget for this plan would be approximately \$20,000.

Motion: Jim Ogloff moved that the EC approve up to \$30,000 to allow for the initiative project. Gail Goodman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously except for one abstention.

AP-LS Website

The Website has been up and running, supervised by Steven Penrod. Newsletters are getting out as promptly as possible. Steve inquired into the possibility of putting abstracts from the conference on the Website, but found that it consisted of 3500 hardcopy pages and scanning capabilities were not available. It was recommended by Harmon Hosch that the institutional affiliation, addresses and email addresses of conference contributors be put on the website.

Steve Penrod is also looking for a commitment for continuation of funding for students to put information on the Website.

Motion: Randy Otto made a motion to support the website in terms of technical support up to \$1000 and that Steve Penrod develop publication guidelines for the website. Jack Brigham seconded this motion. The motion unanimously passed.

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Psychology and Law International Conference in Dublin, July 1999

This will be the first joint conference between AP-LS and the European Association of Psychology and Law. It will take place in Dublin in July 1999. Jim Ogloff has been invited as one of the principal speakers. Ron Roesch is coordinating submissions from the United States and Canada for this conference. The deadline for submissions will be mid November 1998. An edited book is published after every conference and plans for a book are being discussed with a couple of publishers.

Ron Roesch is starting to receive submissions and letters of inquiry. David Carson told him that the Irish government will host a reception at Dublin Castle on the opening night of the conference.

The Treasurer will look into the possibility of a credit card system to encourage more individuals to join AP-LS when submitting proposals for the international conference.

Motion: Sol Fulero moved and Jack Brigham seconded that \$500 be allocated from the budget to facilitate organization of the EAPL - AP-LS joint conference. The motion was passed unanimously.

APS Summit Meeting of Scientific Psychological Societies

This summit meeting occurred May 1-3, 1998 and was hosted by the University of California, Santa

Barbara. Jack Brigham and Richard Wiener were the two representatives from our organization.

The theme of the summit was "Advancing the Scientific Base of Psychology: Achievements, Opportunities, and Obstacles." Nine categories for discussion emerged from preliminary breakout sessions: 1) The human capital initiative: The next generation; 2) A new look at giving psychology away; 3) Psychology + X: Interface with other disciplines; 4) Santa Barbara projects: The summit version of the Manhattan Project; 5) Building our constituency through undergraduate education; 6) Training the next generation of psychological scientists; 7) Evaluating psychological interventions; 8) Reviewing review panels; and 9) IRBs: All checks and no balances. Those wanting more information about the Summit or the Human Capital Initiative (a national behavioral science research agenda which has been highly influential in facilitating congressional funding for psychological research) can check the May/June 1998 APS Observer or the APS website at www.hanover.edu/psych/APS.

Student Section Report

During the Biennial, the student section had a very successful symposium. Attendance has been very good for symposia and workshops sponsored by this section. The symposium for APA 1998 regards opportunities for research funding for students.

The current student section chair is Lori Butts, the chair-elect is Melissa Westendorf and elections

for the new chair elect and secretary and currently taking place.

Chris Meissner from Florida State will remain the newsletter editor and creator of the website. The website is created, but not on line yet. The student section commends him for the time and energy he was devoted to the development of the website to help increase access to students in psychology and law and to disseminate information more efficiently.

CODAPAR

There was a symposium for Division at the 1998 Convention entitled "Using the Information Superhighway for Your Division." This symposium included information on video-conferencing, chatrooms, legal liabilities associated with the web and internet activities.

Law and Society Association

A gathering of representatives from a variety of law-related professional groups took place in Aspen, Colorado on June 3-7, 1998. The goal of the meeting was to determine whether there might be ways to produce greater communication and coordination among the various groups. Coming out of the meeting were the following ideas: 1) formation of a consortium of law-related scholarly associations (with possible activities such as seeking funding for fellowships for dissertations, minority students, etc.); 2) coordination of programs at annual meetings; 3) creation of a common list-serv with a directory of list-servs, web-sites; 4) appointment of a liaison person in each organization to facilitate communication; 5) development of

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common programs in methodology training; and 6) facilitation of exchange programs with international associations.

APA's Draft Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing

Stephen Hart has been reviewing these draft standards that have recently been revised. The new draft standards have changed in terms of the way tests are defined and are broader in their scope. There are a number of ways in which forensic experts using testing will be affected. This draft seems more reflective of modern usage of tests, but also raises requirements for tests that may not have been done for particular tests. This draft (with subsequent revisions) may be passed through APA Council in 1999. Stephen Hart, along with Jim Ogloff and Ron Roesch, constituted the review committee which made recommendations and commented on the draft document.

Congressional Briefing Series

Gary Melton and Sue Limber have recommended that AP-LS support this series to bring in influential psychologists to speak directly to congressmen. These events are seen as presenting excellent opportunities to discuss recent research and law with policy makers and to establish connections with them.

Two briefings have been planned for 1998. The first, entitled "Children exposed to crime and violence: An examination of research, law and policy" took place on July 14, 1998. The briefing featured two Consortium members, David Finkelhor and Howard Davidson. There are a mix of congressional

staff, staff from administration of offices (e.g., the Justice Department), and local advocates in attendance.

A second briefing, entitled "Alternatives to traditional juvenile and family court proceedings" will feature Robin Kimbrough and Murray Levine. This briefing was originally scheduled for June but was postponed because of difficulties in obtaining a room for the event. The briefing, which will highlight research and policy related to family group conferences and juvenile drug courts, will likely take place after the August recess.

The congressional sponsor for the 1998 briefing series is Representative Bobby Scott (D-VA) whose staff works closely with staff in APA's Public Policy Office to identify timely topics for the briefings, schedule the event, and send invitations to all members of Congress. Jeff McIntyre and Dan Dodgen in the Public Policy Office have been instrumental in helping to arrange this year's briefings, and they also will act as moderators for the briefings. The Consortium will begin planning for the 1999 Congressional Briefing Series.

Motion: Mark Small moved and Randy Otto seconded a motion that AP-LS allocate up to \$3000 in the 1999 budget to support the Congressional Briefing Series. This motion was approved with one abstention.

Forensic Psychology as an APA Specialty

Kirk Heilbrun reported that the Committee established to consider whether to collaborate with AAFP to propose forensic psychology as an APA specialization completed

the tasks it set out to do. The committee placed this question as an agenda item for discussion at each meeting of the EC since August 1996 and even earlier. In addition, the committee participated in a series of conference calls involving ourselves and others selected in order to hear from individuals prominently associated with various disciplines and activities within AP-LS. There was also a sponsored symposium at the 1998 Biennial Conference in which various views on AP-LS' options and best course of action were presented. Position papers were published in the AP-LS Newsletter accompanied by a ballot soliciting members' preferences on a non-binding vote.

Kirk Heilbrun laid out several additional considerations which he learned about when attending a meeting of the current Council of Specialties at APA in May 1998. These are the following:

- 1) Forensic psychology will probably not be able to use the adjective "clinical" to designate a specialization because that term is being used by too many groups to mean too many things. The specialization could be called "Forensic*" and the * could be used to define it as the field wishes.
- 2) Currently approved specialties are Clinical, Clinical Neuropsychology, Psychoanalysis, School.
- 3) The specialty is expected to have a group of individuals making the proposal for specialization which represents various facets of the specialty. For example, this might include a Division representative, an ABPP representative,

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a representative from graduate training programs, a representative from postdoctoral training programs and possibly a representative from internships that are relevant to the area.

Only 61 individuals responded to the survey (less than 3% of the membership of AP-LS), but the survey suggested that the majority of those responding were not in favor of pursuing such a petition.

Motion: Randy Otto moved that, recognizing that the move toward specialization of forensic psychology will most likely occur with or without AP-LS participation, AP-LS collaborate with AAFP to develop a speciality petition to propose forensic psychology as a specialization for APA using a narrow definition that includes only clinical practice areas. Jim Ogloff seconded the motion. The vote passed with one vote against, and two abstentions.

Based on this vote, one person will be selected by the President to serve on the joint committee.

Report of the Standing Committees

Awards and Nominations Committee

The Awards and Nominations Committee presented an award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology and Law to Larry Wrightsman at the 1998 APA Convention.

Careers and Training Committee

Steve Norton is the new Chair of this committee, with Edie Greene retiring from this position after years of hard work. Steve Norton views the biggest current project as updating and expanding the Division 41 brochure/booklet. The brochure has been updated three times, each time increasing the number of psychology/law graduate programs included. This brochure has been very successful. The new brochure will be expanded to a booklet that will include graduate schools, descriptive information on what psych/law is and is not, biographies of a few "typical" psychologists in the field, and resources to obtain more information. The booklet will be available electronically in various forms and will be printed in paper form. The booklet should be available soon.

Other committee activities involve the updating and expanding of the course syllabus listing. There are many requests for this type of information. If anyone has syllabi they would like to have included, please let him know. The committee is nearing completion on the video project. The committee submitted a brief description of the Psychology/Law field to the Education Directorate for inclusion in their publication "Psychology/Careers for the Twenty-first Century, which will be developed sometime in 1999.

The directory of internship and post-doctoral training opportuni-

ties in clinical-forensic psychology, prepared a while ago by Randy Otto and Gail Vant Zelfde, is available from Randy Otto at cost.

Educational Outreach Committee

The committee, headed by Sol Fulero, sponsored one presentation this year by Brian Cutler at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. Brian Cutler did a formal presentation for the campus and community at large, as well as an informal presentation in a class. As no other presentations are in the pipeline, an ad will be put in again in the near future.

Ethics

The Ethics Code Task Force (ECTF) appointed by the APA Ethics Committee is moving forward with processes that will culminate in a revision of the "Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct." This committee is seeking commentary on the current Ethics Code, which was last revised and approved in 1992. Division 41 is being asked for comments on behalf of the division by August 31, 1998.

Fellows Committee

This committee has been headed by Murray Levine. Only one nominee was forwarded to APA this year, but no action has been taken by APA at this time.

It was recommended that Murray Levine write up an article for the Newsletter explaining the process and the value of electing Fellows.

Grants - in - Aid Committee

Margaret Bull Kovera is chairing this committee.

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In the spring funding cycle, the committee reviewed 22 proposals for funding. The committee awarded \$4794.16 to 12 applicants with awards ranging from \$300 to \$500. The following students received awards: Jenine Boyd, Simona Ghetti, Tamara Haegerich, Kellye Hebert, Hugues Herve, Daniel Krauss, Bradley McAuliff, Mark Phillips, Jennifer Robbenolt, Nicole Schnopp-Wyatt, Gina Vincent, and Teri White.

The committee will again review applications in the fall. The deadline for applications is September 30th. The committee has \$5205.84 remaining in its budget for the fall funding cycle.

Law and Psychology in Corrections

Dave Glenwick is the current president of the Association of Correctional Psychology, which is an organization independent of APA. This association is examining the possibility of closer ties to APA. Among the options they are considering are a) forming a new APA Division, or b) being more involved in a section of an existing Division. Currently, Division 18 (Psychologists in Public Service) has a section on corrections. Division 41 has a committee in this area, chaired by Melissa Warren. Dave Glenwick was inquiring as to whether AP-LS would have any interest in creating a section for psychologists involved in corrections. The membership of the Association of Correctional Psychology constitutes approximately 200 members.

There has been some discussion as to the best way to develop a relationship with this group. A formal invitation to invite their members

to join our organizations could take place. The sentiment was to attempt to consider these issues more thoughtfully and have the organization consider the possibility of the development of sections for the division. However, there is concern that the division not become segmented. There can, in the meantime, be steps to increase the awareness of correctional psychology issues in the division.

APA/AP-LS Liaison Committee

Marsha Liss chairs this committee. She reported on the following recent activities from APA which are updates from the information provided before the AP-LS meeting and are pertinent to AP-LS member interests.

The Public Interest Directorate reported that the Committee on Professional Practice and Standards developed the *Guidelines for Psychological Evaluations in Child Protection Matters*. The *Guidelines* were reviewed later by the Committee on Children, Youth and Families (CYF). The CYF has also developed a resolution to advocate for scientific, practice, and program activities on behalf of immigrant children.

The Public Policy Office (PPO) worked on Congressional legislation on: funding of prevention of violence against women; against the adoption of anti-affirmative action proposals; adoption and foster care of children; relationship between child care and child abuse prevention; and Individuals with Disabilities Act. PPO also is active in the Juvenile Justice Coalition and a conference on hate crimes.

Marsha Liss welcomes suggestions on topics AP-LS would like APA Public Interest Directorate and Public Policy Offices to address.

Membership Committee

This committee is headed by the Secretary of AP-LS, Diane Follingstad. Currently, there are 1,963 APA members who are members of Division 41, 176 members-at-large, and 605 students. This represents a slight increase in APA members and members-at-large from the statistics gathered for the midwinter meeting with a more significant increase in student members (up from 442).

Cathy Oslzly gathered gender/ethnicity information on our current members. APA members are comprised of 68% males and 32% females; members-at-large are comprised of 57% males and 43% females; and students are comprised of 29% males and 71% females. The field is made up of mostly Caucasians with students comprising a slightly more representative group (with 87.5% of the males and 90% of the females being Caucasian).

There were no member-at-large applicants who did not meet the basic requirements, therefore no applications required a waiver by the EC. Those individuals applying for Division membership in the most recent cycle were voted in by the EC.

Motion: Diane Follingstad moved, and Sol Fulero seconded, that the persons who applied to be members of Division 41 who meet the criteria for membership be accepted into the division. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Publications Committee

Law and Human Behavior: Richard Wiener is the editor of *LHB*. During the period beginning January 1, 1998 and ending with June 31, 1998, potential contributors submitted 79 manuscripts to *LHB*. Of these 55 (70%) were original articles and 24 (30%) were revisions of original articles. Of the 55 original articles, 33 (60%) listed males as first authors, 18 (33%) listed female first authors and 4 (7%) listed names without gender determinations. As of July 1, 33 (60%) of these articles had been reviewed and the authors have received written feedback and 22 were still under review. Of the 33 with written feedback, 5 were accepted for publication (15%), 13 were returned with invitations to revise and resubmit (39%), and 15 (45%) were rejected. The average length of manuscripts was 33 typed pages. The mean editorial lag time (from submission to written feedback) for the 33 reviewed papers was 10 weeks (2-1/2 months). Considering only the 24 revised and resubmitted manuscripts, as of July 1, 11 authors received written feedback. Seven of these articles were accepted (64%), 3 were rejected (33%), and 1 (3%) author was asked to revise a second time. Considering all 55 original submissions, 14 (26%) were empirical articles pertaining to jury research, 9 (16%) were eyewitness or lineup research reports, 10 (19%) were forensic assessment studies, 4 (7%) were treatment studies, 6 (11%) were legal or social science and law commentaries, 12 (21%) were em-

pirical reports of other research (e.g., police research, legal attitudes, defendant decision-making, etc.). In short, while the types of submissions still favor jury decision-making and eyewitness identification (42%), authors are beginning to submit a more diversified set of manuscripts.

As of August 1, 1998, 6 completed editions have been forwarded to Plenum for publication. Published in February, 1998 was a special edition on gender and the law edited by Patricia Frazier and Jennifer Hunt (University of Minnesota). The December edition will contain the first AP-LS Scientific Review Paper written by a team of eyewitness researchers and public policy commentators. The February 1999 edition will be a special edition edited by Jim Ogloff commemorating the 20th anniversary of *LHB*. The April 1999 edition is complete and Rich Wiener is currently working on the June, 1999 edition. Thus, there is currently a 10 month publication lag for articles accepted for publication.

Law and Human Behavior Workshop — Rich Wiener applied to the National Science Foundation for a grant to fund a weekend workshop during which 15-20 high profile researchers and social science and law commentators will be invited to travel to St. Louis University to evaluate past, current, and future direction of the journal. The Law and Social Science program of NSF has agreed to fund this project. The workshop which will begin on a Friday evening and end on a Sunday morning will identify

areas of psycholegal scholarship that are not well represented in the literature. The participants will develop a strategy for encouraging the submission of more diverse manuscripts to *LHB*. The anticipated product of the workshop will be a series of papers that summarize emerging areas of psycholegal investigation and empirical issues that need to be addressed in these areas. These manuscripts will be submitted for publication to the journal and will undergo the usual review process. The first step in the workshop process, appointment of a steering committee to determine the workshop participants is underway and the conference is likely to be held early in 1999.

Newsletter: Randy Otto is the AP-LS Newsletter Editor. He brought information to the committee regarding the costs of the newsletter. An extreme cost occurred within the last fiscal year for the Winter 1998. The 1998 newsletter had to be mailed first class because of delays with the biennial program schedule, despite numerous measures being put in place in order to prevent this very problem. The EC, in conjunction with the Year 2000 biennial program chairs and the Member-at-Large in charge of conferences, must work together to insure that this does not happen again.

The EC needs to begin thinking about a new Editor as Randy Otto is finishing his tenure as Newsletter editor shortly. It makes sense for a new editor to be "on board" within a year in order to ensure a smooth transition.

There has been a reprint request from a test publisher, for one of the test reviews. The printer that

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handles APA's reprints contacted Randy Otto and he will facilitate this. Randy recommended that the Treasurer contact APA and act as if we are entitled to part or all of the reprint bounty paid.

Book Series: Ron Roesch is the person coordinating the book series. Seven books are under his editorship:

Grisso, T., & Borum, R. Evaluating competencies. (January 1999)

Haney, C. Capital punishment as a sociological system: Empirical studies of death-based justice. (1999)

Haney, C. Psychological jurisprudence: Law, behavior and the promise of legal change. (November, 1998)

Roesch, R., Hart, S., & Ogloff, J. Psychology and law: The state of the discipline. (Submitted and will be available sometime later this year)

Wiener, R. A social analytic examination of sexual harassment law, policy and research. (1999)

Woolard, J., & Reppucci, N.D. Juvenile accountability. (1999)

Wrightsmann, L. Judicial decision making: Is psychology relevant? (Currently being edited — published in 1999)

The edited book with Ron Roesch, Steve Hart and Jim Ogloff entitled Psychology and Law: The state of the discipline has been submitted to Plenum and will be published later this year. There is one proposal under consideration.

Ron Roesch is still looking for more proposals as Plenum seems enthusiastic about publishing a substantial number of books in this series.

Relations with Other Organizations Committee

Barry Rosenfeld heads this committee. He would like to expand the committee and add some committee members. The committee has made renewed efforts to reach out to other organizations. There is once again preparation of a symposium of AP-LS members for the annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) which will be held this February in Orlando, Florida. Barry Rosenfeld, who is also serving as the program chair for AAFS is encouraging AP-LS members to consider this outlet for presentation of their research and clinical work.

In addition, a symposium is being prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law (AAPL) the following October. The topic and presenters for this symposium will also be reported after final arrangements are made. In the efforts to expand the outreach of this committee, Barry Rosenfeld encouraged suggestions from AP-LS members regarding other organizations that might be appropriate for regular liaison activities and joint conferences preparations.

Scientific Review Paper Committee

The scientific review paper "Eyewitness identification procedures: Recommendations for lineups and photospreads" is coming out in the December volume of Law and Human Behavior. New topics are being considered.

Women in Psychology and Law

The committee on Children and the Law was disbanded.

Report of APA Council Representative

Tom Grisso is the current APA Council Representative. Dr. Grisso reported on matters of in-

terest for Division 41 which included the following:

A motion was put forth for APA to discourage mandatory minimum sentencing laws for juveniles. This is not a simple issue, as many juvenile advocates in the past have proposed these minimum sentencing laws because there were times with children were given large sentences for small offenses. This motion was postponed with a request for scientific evidence to be marshaled.

A motion for all Editors, Associate Editors and Consulting Editors of APA journals to be APA members (so that they would have to conform to APA ethics) was defeated.

The budget was passed with no increase in dues, but those being assessed an additional for clinical practice will have an increase of \$20.

There was a decision to not allow other specialties to use "clinical" as a term in the title of the specialization other than "Clinical."

There is a movement for the College for Professional Psychology to develop more proficiencies with certification in narrow areas. There is a motion for the College for Professional Psychology to define proficiencies rather than CRSPPP. CPP would be interested in people using initials after their names if they become certified.

Vote on the 1998 and 1999 Budget

Motion: Diane Follingstad moved and Sol Fulero seconded that the 1998 and 1999 budgets be approved with an amendment to include \$1000 for Caton Roberts' video project as previously approved. The motion passed unanimously. ■



Book Review

Forensic Evaluation of Juveniles

Norman G. Poythress
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A review of *Forensic Evaluation of Juveniles*, by Thomas Grisso. (Professional Resource Press, 286 pages, \$34.95). To order, contact Professional Resource Press at 941-366-7913.

While it may seem that juvenile forensic evaluations are similar to those evaluations involving adults, this is merely a surface impression. There are differences between the two that need to be noted by those who wish to, and those who currently, engage in forensic evaluations of juvenile offenders. Besides differences in the type of data that is obtained in the criminal justice and juvenile delinquency systems, there are also differences in how this data is to be collected and differences that need to be noted. Grisso effectively delineates all of these differences in his current volume, *Forensic Evaluation of Juveniles*.

Juvenile courts rely on mental health professionals to provide information about young offenders that will assist the court in making decisions regarding competency to proceed, competency to confess/waive *Miranda* rights, risk of harm to others, rehabilitation and waiver to criminal court. Because of the juvenile court's heavy reliance on mental health professionals, it is necessary that forensic evaluators know the type of information that may be required in juvenile evalu-

ations, the sources that are available to gather such information, the type of opinions that are sought, the materials that are available to assist evaluators, and ethical and professional standards. Grisso's current book is a convenient place to get all of this information.

Grisso notes that the book should be used in training programs such as seminars, workshops, and professional academic settings. The language and contents of the book are tailored to such audiences. The fact that this information is being provided by an experienced professional in the area makes it an excellent source of information. The author is not working from a theory of what might happen in court; he is working from his own experience and knowledge of juvenile forensic evaluations. The fact that the book is easy to read makes it even more likely that it will be used extensively in training seminars and professional classrooms. Those who currently evaluate juveniles might even find it helpful to review this volume as a way to evaluate their current methods and modify these methods if necessary.

Grisso cautions that the book should not be used as a cookbook — excellent advice when one considers that states may have different legal requirements and guidelines, that no two delinquents are alike, and that situational factors may differ greatly. Despite this, the information that Grisso provides is generalizable and likely to

be useful in all cases. He provides basic, general guidelines of what needs to be done, leaving it to the particular clinician to provide the specific details depending on the question and the conditions surrounding each evaluation.

Chapter One provides general information with which clinicians should be familiar before undertaking a forensic juvenile evaluation. Clinicians should be aware of laws in the state regarding the particular referral question, the steps through which delinquency cases proceed, adolescent and child development, adolescent and child psychopathology, and adolescent and child assessment. The chapter also provides useful information about the development and current state of juvenile courts in this country as well as the role that mental health professionals have played in juvenile courts.

Chapters Two through Six address specific types of evaluations. Chapter Two provides information that one needs when performing evaluations of a juvenile's waiver of *Miranda* rights. Subsequent chapters explore evaluations of a juvenile's competency to proceed, risk of harm to others, rehabilitation, and waiver to criminal courts. Grisso walks the reader through each type of evaluation from beginning to end and provides suggestions and advice on how each step should be accomplished. These suggestions and advice include information about instruments that are typically used, data that support the use and denotes limitations of these instruments, and the use of supplementary sources of information on each topic. Conclusions about why one method or technique is chosen over

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another is driven by data and not by a hunch or a theory. References cited by the author are current and relevant. While each of these substantive chapters is virtually a prescription for competent practice in the forensic evaluation of juveniles, we were most pleased to see the well-conceived and well-written chapter on risk assessments involving adolescents. This chapter integrates what is known in the general risk assessment literature regarding principal correlates of violence and recidivism, and the unique features of adolescents that moderate how the general risk literature is otherwise applied with adult defendants.

Chapter Seven walks the forensic evaluator through ethical considerations that should be taken into account when evaluating juveniles. This, too, is a particularly useful and welcome chapter. In their efforts to provide exhaustive information and citations on technical, legal and professional practice issues, some authors give ethical considerations short shrift. As with the preceding chapters, Grisso illuminates the complex ethical issues that arise in forensic evaluations of juveniles and deals with them in a well thought out, practical fashion. Grisso is to be commended on his inclusion of this chapter. He provides steps that should be followed from beginning to end in order to insure that the evaluation is performed in a professional and ethical manner. Since mental health professionals who perform forensic evaluations are likely to come into the public eye and under closer scrutiny than those in general clinical practice, it is imperative that they know and behave in an appropriate manner with regards to ethics and profes-

sionalism. Finally, the book includes a glossary of relevant terms that will come in handy for those who do not talk in "legalese" or are unfamiliar with juvenile court terminology.

In summary, *Forensic Evaluation of Juveniles* is an excellent, how-to book that will quickly become the standard guide for forensic evaluations of adolescents. Its format also provides an excellent model for others to follow in developing other practitioner-oriented forensic assessment handbooks.

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AP-LS Book Series: **Proposals Invited**

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, death penalty, 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:

Ronald Roesch, Series Editor, 936 Peace Portal Drive, P. O. Box 014-153, Blaine, WA 98231-8014 (Phone: 604-291-3370; Fax: 604-291-3427; E-mail: rroesch@arts.sfu.ca). ■

Funding Opportunities

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. Requests submitted in prior years are ineligible.

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, 1999 are eligible. To apply, students must submit 4 copies of the following no later than January 15, 1999 (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 (no longer than one page) from the applicant's dissertation chair/supervisor offering his/her support of the applicant, noting that the dissertation proposal 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, 1999) to:

Beth K. Clark
117 North First Street, Suite 103
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Questions or inquiries regarding the award competition can be directed to Beth Clark at the above address or via Email at drbkclark@aol.com ■

AP-LS/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 psycho-legal 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 email address of the investigator; (b) an 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. If the application has previously received funding from the committee, their application must also include an abstract describing their completed research.

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.

Five copies should be sent to:
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Electronic submissions can be submitted via email to: koveram@fiu.edu

Committee members: Wendy Heath, Rider University; Margaret Bull Kovera, Florida International University; Mindy Rosenberg, Private Practice and UC-Berkeley; and Matt Zaitchik, University of Massachusetts Medical Center.

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

Dissertation Grants

AAFP Award Winners

The American Academy of Forensic Psychology (AAFP) announced the recipients of its 1998 Dissertation Funding Program. Each year AAFP makes available funds to offset dissertation costs for doctoral students conducting research in areas of applied law and psychology. This year's applications were reviewed by a committee of three AAFP Fellows—Drs. Bruce Frumkin, Harley Stock, and John Super. Students granted awards for 1998 include:

Judith Philipson, Allegheny University—Third Party Information and Reliability: Factors Influencing Ward Staff Observations of Malingered Psychosis.

Alicia Caputo, University of Alabama—Community Notification Laws for Sex Offenders: Possible Mediators and Moderators of Citizen Coping.

Kelly Goodness, University of North Texas—Retrospective Evaluation of Malingering: A Validation of the R-SIRS and CT-SIRS.

Jenine Boyd, University of South Florida—The Competence Related Abilities of Juveniles in Court.

Applications are due in mid January, each year. Application requirements are published each fall in the AP-LS Newsletter. Students interested in applying for 1999 awards should contact:

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(See page 14 for more details.) ■

Research Advisory Group Funding

Announcing an opportunity for a psychologist to select a problem area and lead a small group in seeking solutions that have potential for advancing the science and profession of psychology for the betterment of society. Based on a Think Tank concept of an interchange of ideas that serve to find answers to difficult questions, funding will be provided for 3-5 persons to come together for 2-4 days. This project offers an opportunity for a group having expertise and experience in a chosen area to think, talk, and develop new approaches in dealing with problems. If you would like to submit a proposal for a chosen topic, contact Raymond and Rosalee Weiss for guidelines and application procedures. Application deadline is June 15, 1999.

Contact:

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Expert Opinion

The Insanity Defense:

Are You Obligated to Testify When There Is Potential for Misuse of Your Findings?

The Question

Several months ago you conducted an evaluation of a murder defendant's mental state at the request of the defense attorney. In the course of that evaluation, you concluded that the defendant suffered from a mental disorder, but you did not believe this mental disorder met the threshold for an insanity defense. Because of your concern for ethical practice, your report did not address the legal standard, but in your conversations with the defense attorney you indicated this belief. You have now received a subpoena from the defense attorney who intends to pursue an insanity defense, even though your report does not directly support one. The attorney explains that he does not want you to address this "ultimate issue", but merely to discuss the defendant's mental disorder and allow him to attempt to convince a jury of the defendant's insanity.

Given that you have been retained by defense counsel, are you ethically obligated to offer any testimony that you can in support of the attorney's position (i.e., are you obligated to testify, given that your testimony is going to be used to support a conclusion that you do not agree with?)

Can an expert refuse to testify after being retained by counsel? Does a subpoena alter the expert's ability to refuse testify?

Should you refrain from addressing the ultimate issue if asked on cross-examination, given that providing this information might minimize the potential for misuse of your findings?

The Response

The response is offered by David Shapiro, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY 10022.

This case deals with several interwoven issues. The American Psychological Association Code of Ethics in Standard 1.15 talks about guarding against the misuse of our influence and in 1.16 about not participating in activities in which it is likely that our skills will be misused. 1.16 further states that if we learn of the misuse or misrepresentation of our data, we should

take reasonable steps to correct or minimize the misuse or misrepresentation. Standard 7.04 requires us to describe fairly the bases for our testimony and conclusions and to acknowledge the limits of our data or conclusions.

An expert is never obligated to testify. There is essentially no problem with expressing the opinion that the defendant suffered from a mental disorder. This does not amount to being "any testimony in support of the attorney's position", for rather it is testimony based on

the data that the expert gathered (see APA Standard 2.01b and 7.02a). Essentially, if one can justify one's opinion in terms of the available data, then it is legitimate to render such an opinion. There must be sufficient data, however, on which to base the conclusion.

Of course, the attorney's ethical obligation is vigorous representation of her or his client and this, of course, is perfectly acceptable from our point of view as long as there is not direct misrepresenta-

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tion of our data. Opposing counsel, of course, would most likely be alert to the fact that the defense-retained psychologist has not answered the ultimate legal issue and would probably ask questions on cross-examination as to why this issue was not addressed in the psychologist's direct testimony. Unless the psychologist maintains that she/he never answers ultimate issues, the problem will then become apparent. This needs to be discussed in advance with the attorney who retained the psychologist (i.e., discussing limits of data and conclusions).

The only ethical issue raised here is whether counsel misrepresents the psychologist's views, in which case the psychologist is obligated to take "reasonable steps" to correct the misrepresentation and this most likely would emerge during cross-examination. The mere fact that the psychologist's testimony is being used as part of an insanity defense does not, in and of itself, suggest an ethical dilemma. Standard 1.16 allows the "reasonable steps" to be taken through the use of "corrective mechanisms".

With regard to the issue of a subpoena, a psychologist who receives a subpoena is not bound to testify as to what the attorney has requested. This should always be a matter for frank discussion between the psychologist and the attorney who has sent the subpoena. Under any circumstances, a subpoena is not a court order and does not have the compelling power of a court order. A subpoena is a request by an attorney to provide certain information or testimony. If a psychologist finds the request in

the subpoena to contain material which she/he cannot respond to, there always exists the option of filing a Motion to Quash the subpoena, in which case the enforcement of the subpoena is put on hold and an evidentially hearing will be held to determine the enforceability of that subpoena. At that time, it would most likely become clear what the limitations of the psychologist's testimony would be. This is, of course, a somewhat artificial situation since the subpoena is coming from the same attorney who had initially retained the psychologist. More often what occurs is a subpoena from opposing counsel, which is where, most often, the Motion to Quash is utilized.

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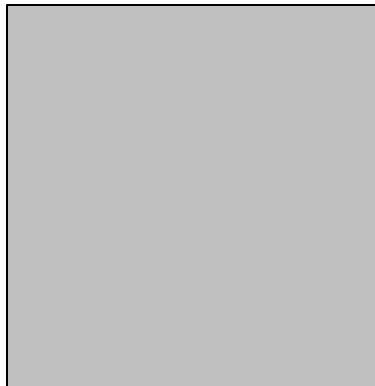
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Notes from the Student Chair

I am very excited to serve as the Chair of the student division of AP-LS. During my tenure I would like to encourage students to become more active participants in the division. One way in which this can happen is through the NEW student division homepage. I must thank Chris Meissner for all his hard work and dedication. I have logged on to the site and it looks great. However, the only way to ensure that it remains useful and up-to-date is to have student involvement. With a graduate student's symbiotic relationship with computers, the website should provide students with a simple and quick way to find information and chat with each other.

Another way in which students can become involved is through participating as student reviewers for the APA convention in 1999. Look for more information on the website. I am currently organizing a symposium on civil forensic assessments, which should provide hands-on, practical information for beginning and advanced students. I would also like to invite everyone to an informal student meeting during the convention so we can share ideas on how the student division can actively participate in the advancement of law and psychology and... "to share a drink."

Remember keep an eye (or a mouse) on the AP-LS Student Homepage for future information and I look forward to meeting you in Boston!

Other News

Election Results

We are happy to announce the addition of two new student officers — Craig Rodgers as Chair Elect, and Lori Peters as Secretary/Treasurer. We are very lucky to have two such competent and enthusiastic individuals on board! Break out your sunglasses — the future looks bright!

AP-LS Student Homepage

Well, it's finally here! Point your browser to <http://www.psy.fsu.edu/~apls-students> for the latest and greatest information! Features include student grant opportunities, conference information, job postings, and a bul-

letin board for communicating with other students. Coming soon you will have online access to a student directory listing. We cannot emphasize enough that the maintenance and improvement of this homepage requires your participation...so log on and contribute! For contributions or questions regarding the site, email us: apls-students@psy.fsu.edu.

Christian Meissner ■

Update on Assessment **New Reports on Psychological Assessment Released by Practice Directorate**

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Many psychologists consider formal assessment to be among the profession's sharpest and strongest tools, and view psychological assessment as a core aspect of our unique identity. However, this process is not always well understood outside the profession. While psychological assessment flourishes in some specific settings, it is under serious assault within contemporary healthcare delivery systems. In particular, as managed care organizations continue to look for ways to cut healthcare costs, they frequently discount the usefulness and importance of psychological assessment and deny or minimize reimbursement for these services.

The argument among many healthcare systems has been that limited mental health resources are best used for the provision of direct services, including medication management and psychotherapy, rather than for psychological assessment. However, many psychologists maintain that limited resources make careful and thorough psychological assessment more important than ever in order to ensure the best possible diagnosis and a well-targeted treatment plan. The American Psychological Association's Practice Directorate has just released two reports designed to help psychologists make the strongest possible case for psychological testing.

These reports are the products of the Psychological Assessment Work Group (PAWG), established

by the APA's Board of Professional Affairs (BPA) in November, 1995. The Work Group included Stephen E. Finn, Chair, Robert R. Dies, Elena J. Eisman, Lorraine D. Eyde, Gary G. Kay, Tom W. Kubiszyn, Gregory J. Meyer and Kevin L. Moreland. The Work Group's charge was to study the purpose of psychological assessment in the delivery of clinical health services, the circumstances under which psychological assessment is appropriate, and the relative costs and benefits of psychological assessment when used as part of clinical health services delivery.

One of PAWG's goals was to provide recommendations related to psychological assessment in the delivery of clinical health services. These recommendations would then be translated into action plans by BPA in its role as a governance group with significant responsibility for APA policy development that supports the professional practice of psychology. An additional goal was to develop materials that explain the importance and value of psychological assessment within the context of clinical health services delivery. These materials could be used by other groups and staff within APA to advocate for coverage of psychological assessment in behavioral health benefits, or by individual practitioners as a tool for educating healthcare delivery systems and payors.

PAWG has now completed its work and has released a pair of comprehensive reports on the subject, "Benefits and Costs of Psychological Assessment in Healthcare Delivery" and "Problems and Limitations in the Use of Psychological Assessment in Contemporary Healthcare Delivery." These reports should be useful to psychologists, healthcare decision makers, and healthcare systems alike.

The first, *Benefits and Costs*, is based on a meticulous review of over 400 studies and meta-analyses of the efficacy of psychological and neuropsychological assessment in various settings. Studies validating the reliability and validity of the tests used in assessments are highlighted. The evidence provides strong support for a positive view of the benefits of psychological assessment.

The review also revealed an important deficiency in the research literature: very few outcome studies measuring the impact of psychological assessment in healthcare settings have been done, though of course particular tests have been extensively validated, and practitioners are convinced of their usefulness. The trees have been studied, but the forest remains unmapped. PAWG calls on researchers to fill this gap.

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PAWG points out that the lack of outcome studies is not peculiar to psychological services; many common medical procedures do not meet the standard of "empirical validation" that some systems want to apply to psychology. For example, such commonly used and reimbursed medical tests and procedures as CT scans, MRIs, and sonograms have been validated primarily by experience. And some medical treatments that are actually known not to work or to be detrimental, such as the use of antibiotics for colds, are reimbursed anyway.

As *Benefits and Costs* points out, these examples suggest that proven utility is not the only criterion for service approval. A part of the difficulty facing psychological assessment may be attributable to ongoing stigma attached to mental health problems and mental health treatment. Another factor is that most managed care gatekeepers who monitor and approve tests and treatment have no training in psychology. *Benefits and Costs* should give psychologists data to help persuade them of the process's value.

PAWG's second report, *Problems and Limitations*, describes the findings of an extensive survey regarding difficulties experienced by practitioners in using psychological assessment in ways they judge most appropriate and beneficial within the current healthcare delivery system. While some healthcare systems make genuine efforts to provide good care, others throw up unne-

ecessary and destructive obstacles. Unfortunately, systems that attempt to provide quality care often find themselves at a competitive disadvantage in comparison to systems willing to compromise care in order to reduce costs. Ongoing advocacy is imperative if patients are not to lose access to these valuable services, the report says.

The psychologists surveyed confirmed that third-party payors are increasingly refusing to authorize or fully reimburse assessment services that these clinicians consider necessary for quality care, ethical practice, and risk management. One common justification is that according to the DSM-IV, diagnostic interviews and the opinions of observers should suffice. This is contradicted by extensive evidence that interviews are insufficient because children and adults in distress often lack verbal skills or insight into their own conditions, or are defensive or even deceptive.

Some managed care organizations (MCOs) reportedly try to save costs by allowing less time than is actually needed to administer, score, and interpret particular tests. Since professional ethics require proper testing procedures, psychologists have been making up the difference pro bono. Some MCOs require psychologists to use outdated test forms because they yield numbers with which the MCO staffers are familiar or because they take less time to administer. Some MCOs refuse to pay for assessments done by graduate students under supervision, thus threatening training programs and possibly the future of the skill.

According to *Problems and Limitations*, many MCOs currently have the policy of encouraging differential diagnosis through medication trials, for example in possible cases of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). This restriction risks misdiagnosis and inadequate or improper treatment, toxic side effects from unneeded or incorrect

medicine, and even substance abuse.

These are just a few of the problematic situations found by the survey. Ironically, curtailing assessment and therefore failing to get the best possible diagnosis at the outset may not only deny appropriate or timely treatment to at-risk clients, but may increase the MCO's legal liability if the patients turn out to be dangerous or suicidal. Ethical and legal guidelines require that mental health treatment planning, evaluation, and monitoring be based on the best information available.

The report concludes by recommending a multi-level course of action to rectify this grim picture: 1) improving practice criteria, training, and research efforts within the profession; 2) working with managed care officials to counter common misconceptions; 3) educating other healthcare professionals about how psychologists; assessments can enhance patient care; 4) providing better feedback to patients and educating the public on the value of assessment; and 5) working with legislators and regulatory agencies to promote assessment.

BPA is currently working with APA's Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP) and the Committee on Psychological Tests and Assessment (CPTA) to develop specific action plans based on PAWG's recommendations. BPA encourages all psychologists to join them in protecting and advancing this core and unique part of our profession.

The reports of the Psychological Assessment Work Group may be ordered without charge by contacting Robert Walsh at the APA Practice Directorate by email at rwalsh@apa.org or by telephone at 202/336-5911. ■

Members of Psylaw-L **Listserve Changes**

Roy Malpass, UTEP

In response to the serious problems we have been having with the listserver at UTEPVM Psylaw has been moved to a different machine and a different type of software (Listserv software to Majordomo software). There will be more reliable operation and fewer problems with this change.

Address your posts to the new address (PSYLAW-L@utep.edu).

Here's a quick reference for the majordomo listserv software.

A. Individual subscriptions

- 1) Send message addressed "TO: PSYLAW-L-request@utep.edu"
- 2) "Subject" field is immaterial to majordomo
- 3) In the body of email message type "subscribe"

B. Unsubscribe

Same as subscription steps just replace "subscribe" with "unsubscribe"

C. Posting to listserv

- 1) Send message addressed "TO: PSYLAW-L@utep.edu"
- 2) Subject & Body of message done as if sending a regular email

D. To Find out who is on your listserv <listserv name>

- 1) Send message addressed "TO: majordomo@utep.edu"
- 2) "Subject" field is immaterial to majordomo
- 3) In the body of email message type "who <PSYLAW-L>"

E. On WHICH listserv are you a member

- 1) Send message addressed "TO: majordomo@utep.edu"
- 2) "Subject" field is immaterial to majordomo
- 3) In the body of email message type "which"

F. MORE HELP on majordomo listservs

- 1) Send message addressed "TO: majordomo@utep.edu"
- 2) "Subject" field is immaterial to majordomo
- 3) In the body of email message type "help"

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Fellowships and Positions

APA Congressional Fellowship Program

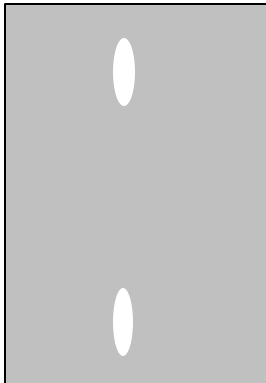
Program: Fellows spend one year working as a special legislative assistant on the staff of a member of Congress or Congressional committee. Activities may involve conducting legislative or oversight work, assisting in Congressional hearings and debates, and preparing briefs and writing speeches. Fellows also attend an orientation program on Congressional and executive branch operations, which includes guidance in the Congressional placement process, and a

year-long seminar series on science and public policy issues. These aspects of the program are administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the APA Fellows and those sponsored by nearly two dozen other professional societies.

Criteria: An applicant must be a Member of APA (or an applicant for membership) and have a doctorate in psychology, with a minimum of two years post-doctoral experience preferred.

Awards: APA will sponsor four Fellows for a one-year appointment beginning September 1, 1999. One Fellowship will be awarded to an individual interested in working on policy related to HIV/AIDS. (See separate announcement for William A. Bailey AIDS Policy Congressional Fellowship.) The Fellowship stipend is \$44,300, with an additional \$10,600 (i.e., \$54,900) for Senior Fellows with 10 or more years of postdoctoral experience. Up to \$3,000 is allocated per Fellow for relocation to the Washington, D.C. area, and for travel expenses during the year. Final selection of Fellows will be made in early 1999.

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Call for Nominations

Saleem Shah

Early Career Award, 1999

Contributions to Law-Psychology - Clinical and Applied Psychology

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 1999 for early career excellence in applied work in the area of law-psychology. 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:

Randy K. Otto
Department of Mental Health Law & Policy
University of South Florida / MHC-2616
13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.
Tampa, Florida 33612-3899
Fax: 813/974-9327
E-mail: otto@hal.fmhi.usf.edu

Nominators should also send the nominee's CV 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 December 31, 1998.**

Application: Interested psychologists should submit the following materials: (1) a detailed vita providing information about educational background, professional employment and activities, professional publications and presentations, public policy and legislative experience, and committee and advisory group appointments; (2) a statement of approximately 1000 words addressing the applicant's interests in the Fellowship, career goals, contributions the applicant believes he or she can make as a psychologist to the legislative process, and what the applicant wants to learn from the experience; and (3) three letters of reference specifically addressing the applicant's ability to work on Capitol Hill as a special legislative assistant. If the applicant has strong interests in policies related to HIV/AIDS, those interests should be reflected in the application to assure consideration for the relevant Fellowship positions.

Application materials should be sent to:

APA Congressional Fellowship
Program/Public Policy Office
American Psychological Assoc.
750 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002-4242
202/336-6062

The deadline for applications is December 15, 1998.

For additional information about the application process, please contact Daniel Dodgen at 202/336-6068 or email at "ddodgen@apa.org" in the APA Public Policy Office. ■

University of Alabama

University of Alabama, Department of Psychology, seeks a faculty member with research and teaching interests at the interface of psychology and law. The Department recently was selected for enhancement by the University to increase national visibility and to promote excellence in research and teaching. Starting date, August 16, 1999.

At the University of Alabama, psychology-law is a doctoral concentration in our APA-accredited clinical psychology program. The psychology-law track, which began over 25 years ago, offers training and research opportunities in forensic, correctional, and police psychology, as well as in related psycho-legal topics. We seek a productive scholar whose programmatic research will complement existing strengths and who has the potential to attract extramural funding. Such research areas include forensic evaluations, risk assessment and prediction, causal theory of criminal and violent behavior, offender treatment efficacy, civil litigation, and mental health and law policy. Potential for excellence in teaching and research mentorship is expected. Candidates who also can facilitate interdisciplinary research and forensic training opportunities are encouraged to apply.

The Department has 22 faculty plus ties to the University of Alabama's Applied Gerontology Program, Institute for Social Science Research, School of Law, and Department of Criminal Justice. The Department operates a Psychological Clinic, a Child and Family Research Clinic, and is seeking to establish an interdis-

ciplinary Violence Study Center. Placements and joint projects with the nearby state forensic medical facility, local and state justice agencies, and advocacy groups are part of the psychology-law training and research environment. Affiliated faculty are active in the areas of child and youth aggression and related studies of violence prevention and program evaluation.

Duties include graduate and undergraduate teaching and supervision of research and clinical practicum. The appointee would be expected to maintain or develop an active research program and to seek external research support. Women and ethnic minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Application should include a letter outlining qualifications and potential fit with the department, a current vita, selected reprints, and names of three to five references. At the initial stages, all inquiries and applications will be treated in confidence. Send materials or inquiries to Co-chairs or the Search Committee: Stanley L. Brodsky and Carl B. Clements, Department of Psychology, Box 870348, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487-0348. E-mail: sbrodsky@gp.as.ua.edu; cclement@gp.as.ua.edu

Review begins January 15 and will continue until the position is filled. The University of Alabama is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Email: cclement@gp.as.ua.edu ■

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Hawaii State Department of Health

The Hawaii State Department of Health, Adult Mental Health Division is accepting applications for the position of Chief of the Courts Branch located in the City and County of Honolulu.

The primary purpose of this position is to provide leadership in the development, implementation and coordination of policies, procedures, programs and activities for statewide forensic services towards establishing and maintaining the Courts Branch as the Department of Health's and the Adult Mental Health Division's forensic expert. As the administrator of the Courts Branch, the incumbent is responsible for taking the lead in developing "best practices" guidelines for forensic services offered by the Adult Mental Health Division.

The incumbent is responsible for developing and maintaining a working relationship with the Judiciary and Corrections system, including highly specialized consultation, education and training. The incumbent is responsible for coordinating, directing, supervising and guiding the activities of a highly specialized program and professional, clinical staff in providing case and program consultation, program development and evaluation, inservice and outservice training, research and direct services to the programs and services of the Adult Mental Health Division, courts and programs of the Judiciary, Corrections system's programs, and as directed to other related agencies and programs in the State of Hawaii.

All applicants must have a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, with the forensic emphasis, or a Ph.D. in the related forensic field such as criminology, from an APA-approved program. Applicants must have an advanced knowledge of forensic areas as indicated by current literature in the fields of psychology and criminology, journal publications, convention presentations, current research and membership in the national organizations. Applicants must have at least five (5) of full-time paid work experience in clinical psychology, preferably in a public mental health program, of which no less than three (3) years must have involved forensic mental health services and programming, including but not limited to the diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of adult offenders; at least two (2) years of progressively increasing administrative and supervisory experience; at least five (5) years experience conducting forensic examinations; and at least two (2) years experience as a supervisor of forensic-related services. Salary is dependent on experience. Possible joint appointment with the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry dependent on experience.

Interested parties are asked to forward their curriculum vitae / resumes, and five (5) letters of recommendation to:

Linda C. Fox, Chief
Department of Health
Adult Mental Health Division
1250 Punchbowl Street, Rm 254
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 ■

William A. Bailey AIDS Policy Congressional Fellowship

Program: The American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Psychological Foundation (APF) established the William A. Bailey Congressional Fellowship in 1995 in tribute to Bill Bailey's tireless advocacy on behalf of psychological research, training, and services related to AIDS. Fellows will receive a one-year appointment to work as a special legislative assistant on the staff of a member of Congress or Congressional committee. Activities may include conducting legislative or oversight work, assisting in Congressional hearings and debates, and preparing briefs and writing speeches. Fellows also attend an orientation on Congressional and executive branch operations, which includes guidance in the Congressional placement process and a year-long seminar series on science and public policy issues. These aspects of the program are administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the Bailey Fellow and those sponsored by over two dozen other professional societies.

Criteria: An applicant must be a Member of APA (or an applicant for membership) and have a doctorate in psychology at the time of application, with a minimum of two years post-doctoral experience preferred.

Award: One Fellow will be sponsored for a one-year appointment beginning September 1, 1999. The Fellowship stipend is \$44,300 with

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an additional \$10,600 (i.e., \$54,900) for a Senior Fellow with 10 or more years of postdoctoral experience. Up to \$3000 is allocated for relocation to the Washington, D.C. area and for travel expenses during the year. Final selection of the Fellow will be made in early 1999.

Application: Interested psychologists should submit the following materials by December 15, 1998: (1) a detailed vita providing information about educational background, professional employment and activities, professional publications and presentations, public policy and legislative experience, and committee and advisory group appointments; (2) a statement of approximately 1000 words addressing the applicant's interests in the Fellowship, career goals, contributions the applicant believes he or she can make as a psychologist to the legislative process, and what the applicant wants to learn from the experience; and (3) three letters of reference specifically addressing the applicant's ability to work on Capitol Hill as a special legislative assistant.

Applications should be sent to: William A. Bailey AIDS Policy Congressional Fellowship, Public Policy Office, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002-4242. For additional information, please contact Daniel Dodgen at 202/336-6068 or ddodgen@.apa.org in the APA Public Policy Office. ■

APA Science Policy Fellowship Program

Program: The Fellow will spend one year working as a special assistant in an executive branch research funding/policy office, the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at the National Institutes of Health. The Fellow attends an orientation program on Congressional and executive branch operations and a year-long seminar series on issues involving science and public policy. These aspects of the program are administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the APA Fellows and those sponsored by 20 other professional societies.

Criteria: An applicant must be a Member of APA (or an applicant for membership) and have a doctorate in psychology, with a minimum of five years post-doctoral experience.

Awards: APA will sponsor one Fellow for a one-year appointment beginning September 1, 1999. The Fellowship stipend is \$53,400 plus \$3000 for relocation to the Washington, D.C. area and for travel expenses. Final selection of the Fellow will be made in April, 1999.

Application: Interested psychologists should submit the following materials by December 15, 1998: (1) a detailed vita providing information about educational background, professional employment and activities, professional publications and presentations, public policy and legislative experience, and committee and advisory group appointments; (2) a statement of approximately 1000 words addressing the applicant's interests in the fellowship and career goals, contributions the applicant be-

lieves he or she can make as a psychologist to the science policy process, and what the applicant wants to learn from the experience; and (3) three letters of reference specifically addressing the applicant's ability to work as a special assistant for science policy in an executive branch agency. Application materials should be sent to:

APA Science Policy
Fellowship Program
Public Policy Office
American Psychological Assoc.
750 First St. NE
Washington, D.C. 20002-4242
202/336-5933
pck.apa@email.apa.org

The deadline for applications is December 15, 1998. ■

Psychologist: Minnesota Sex Offender Program

The Minnesota Sex Offender Program, a treatment program for civilly committed sex offenders located in Moose Lake and St. Peter, is seeking a Psychologist-III. Services would include co-facilitating group therapy sessions and conducting annual psychological assessment updates. Position would be located at the Moose Lake site of the program. Minimum qualifications include a Ph.D. in Psychology with licensure, or masters degree with license. Prior experience with sex offender treatment preferred. Competitive salary and benefits. Call for application: Human Resources Department MSPPTC, Moose Lake, MN 218/485-5300.

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Senior Researcher: ABA Center on Children and the Law

The American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law, located in the ABA's Washington DC Office, is seeking a full-time senior social scientist. This person would join the Center's active Research Division, which presently has several other social scientists on staff and a number of federally-funded research grant projects. This new staff person would be principally working for the Center's National Child Welfare Resource Center on Legal and Court Issues program. He or she would be conducting and supervising research concerning the performance of local courts throughout the nation in child abuse and neglect related cases and would also work on cutting-edge research and evaluation projects related to implementation of laws and judicial policies on children and the law.

Other responsibilities for this senior researcher will include: drafting and supervising the writing of research findings; preparing books, manuals and articles in professional journals reporting on project findings; providing technical assistance on evaluation of court performance and other issues; selecting, retaining, and managing personnel and subcontractors to aid in carrying out research projects; and overseeing research activities including strategic planning and proposal writing as well as consulting with staff on project management and research methods.

Position requires a Ph.D., DSW, or equivalent, and ideally three to five years of post-doctoral experience in some child welfare-related research area; court-related program evaluation experience is preferred; some background in direct practice in the field is also preferred; candidate must be accomplished in research methods, SPSS, data analysis, scholarly writing, budget management, and personnel management; experience in writing and winning grant proposals and substantive expertise in some specific area of children and the law would also be ideal.

Salary Range: Likely low-to-mid 50's, possibly slightly lower or higher depending on experience.

[Note: The Center will shortly also be looking to hire a more junior-level full-time researcher, with a Masters Degree and some prior research experience — ideally in the child protection, child welfare, or domestic violence arena — at a lower salary.]

Contact:
Howard Davidson, Director
ABA Center on Children and the Law, 740 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: 202/662-1740
Fax: 202/662-1755
Email: davidsonha@staff.abanet.org

For information on the Center's projects and other work, see our website at:
<http://www.abanet.org/child> ■

Postdoctoral Fellowship: Center for Forensic Psychiatry

The Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Michigan is accepting applications for one position in its one-year Forensic Psychology Postdoctoral Program. The program offers supervised experience in forensic psychological evaluation, consultation, research in both inpatient and evaluation clinic settings and expert witness training. The stipend is \$32,969 plus fringe benefits. Start date is September 7, 1999.

Requirements: Ph.D. or Psy.D. in clinical psychology from an APA accredited program and completion of an APA accredited predoctoral internship.

To apply: Send a vitae, statement of purpose, three letters of recommendation and work sample by February 15, 1999 to Arthur Marroquin, Associate Director, CFP Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, PO Box 2060, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. For additional information, contact Dr. Marroquin at 734/429-2531, ext. 280 or Email marroquina@state.mi.us. CFP is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ■

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**Correctional/Forensic
Mental Health Services
Researcher:
The Washington Institute**

The Washington Institute for Mental Illness Research and Training, a public/academic collaboration between the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Washington State University and the University of Washington, is seeking a person to direct research activities of the Institute related to correctional and forensic issues.

The person selected for this position will have substantial autonomy in development and improvement of innovative research programs in correctional and forensic mental health services. These programs will be developed directly as well as in collaboration with faculty at the University of Washington, other universities and colleges, and with personnel employed in institutional and community based correctional mental health programs. The incumbent will provide consultation and technical assistance on research, data analysis, measurement, information systems and program design to the Washington State Department of Corrections and Division of Mental Health and provide research supervision to doctoral and postdoctoral trainees of The Washington Institute.

Applicants must possess a PhD or MD and have a minimum of two years experience in research related to correctional mental health services. The applicant must have a demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with stakeholders of

service programs, and evidence of excellent communication with project staff, policy makers and researchers. The candidate should have a thorough working knowledge of SPSS and/or SAS. Candidates with suitable credentials will be considered for a faculty appointment in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences of the University of Washington School of Medicine.

For further information, contact Paul Peterson, PhD, Director, Western Branch, The Washington Institute at 253-756-2851 or by email at peterspd@u.washington.edu ■

**Post-Doctoral Fellowship:
Law-Psychiatry Program
University of Massachusetts
Medical Center**

In collaboration with Worcester State Hospital and Other Cooperating Forensic Mental Health Service Providers

Sponsored by the Division of Forensic Mental Health, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health.

Forensic Psychology Fellowship
Director: Thomas Grisso

Law-Psychiatry Program
Directors: Paul Appelbaum and
Kenneth Appelbaum

Starting Date: 9/1/99

Stipend: \$24,000, fringe benefits,
and \$2,000 education/research support

Requirements:
Ph.D./Psy.D. with APA-approved
internship

The Law-Psychiatry Program is accepting applications from post-doctoral candidates for two forensic psychology fellow positions at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. Forensic psychology fellows will receive supervised experience in forensic evaluations and court consultation in the Commonwealth's court clinics, inpatient forensic services at Worcester State Hospital and Bridgewater State Hospital, juvenile forensic placements, other forensic service units (30 hrs/week). Other training activities will include weekly seminars, guided study, and supervised research experience, provided by Law-Psychiatry Program faculty (10 hrs/week).

The one-year training experience will satisfy the post-doctoral experience requirements for psychology licensing and certification for forensic specialists in Massachusetts. The program is strongly committed to training for forensic mental health public service.

Inquiries for further information may be made to: Thomas Grisso, Director, Forensic Training Research, at 508/856-3625. Applications (curriculum vita, statement of purpose, and three letters to recommendation) should be sent by February 1 to:

Thomas Grisso
Department of Psychiatry S7-864
University of Massachusetts
Medical Center
Worcester, MA 01655 ■

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Assistant Professor: Clinical Psychology with Emphasis on Psychology and Law

The Department of Psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in clinical psychology at the Assistant Professor level, beginning August 1999. Desirable candidates will have research interests in psychology and law, will have demonstrated the ability to develop a productive research program, and will show promise for grant-supported research. Responsibilities will include contributing to a growing program in psychology and law, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in clinical psychology (especially assessment), supervising graduate students' clinical work, and supervising student theses and dissertations. Applicants must have completed their Ph.D. as well as an APA-accredited internship. Licensure or license-eligibility is desirable.

Applicants with research interests in all areas of psychology and law are welcome. The department has an APA-accredited clinical program with research strengths in health psychology, smoking, eating disorders, and community-based interventions for high-risk youth. It also offers a minor in psychology and law. Faculty research interests in psychology and law include legal decision making, children's eyewitness testimony, child abuse, violence against women, use of science by the courts, distributive and retributive justice, and deceptive advertising. Research collaborations have in-

cluded colleagues from various UIC departments (Criminal Justice, Psychiatry, Institute for Juvenile Research) and Chicago-area courts and agencies.

To insure full consideration, applicants should send a cover letter describing their research interests, curriculum vitae, reprints, and at least three letters of recommendation by December 1, 1998 to Robin Mermelstein, Chair, Clinical Search Committee, Department of Psychology (M/C 285), University of Illinois at Chicago, 1007 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL 60607-7137. UIC is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. ■

Post-Doctoral Fellowship: Criminal Forensic/ Clinical Psychology

Western State Hospital and the Washington Institute for Mental Illness Research and Training of the University of Washington invite applications for a one-year, post-doctoral fellowship in criminal forensic/clinical psychology. Specific training opportunities include the pre-trial evaluation of mentally ill offenders; assessment and treatment of mentally ill offenders in an inpatient setting; consultation to correctional staff and treatment of inmates in a community detention facility; consultation and education activities with community mental health services providers, attorneys, courts and rehabilitation facilities; scholarly research activities and professional education. A competitive stipend will be offered for the term 09/01/99-08/31/2000. The successful candidate will hold a doctorate de-

gree from an APA-approved doctoral program with an APA-approved internship. Application deadline is February 15, 1999.

For information and application materials, contact Mel Gabrilski, Secretary Administrative, Department of Psychology (16-223), 9601 Steilacom Blvd. SW, Tacoma, WA 98498-7213; phone 253/756-2722. ■

Post-Doctoral Fellowship: Mental Health Services and Policy Research

Department of Mental Health Law & Policy, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship position. This position, which provides research and academic training including select coursework, will begin in the Fall of 1999. The fellowship, which is partially funded by NIMH/NASMHPD, is focused on the larger operation of public and private mental health systems, including economics and financing, service delivery, and policy. This position is designed for persons who are interested in research and/or policy careers in mental health services. Persons particularly interested in geriatric and aging issues, forensic issues, or other disability law and policy issues are encouraged to apply. Applications must have a Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree. Application deadline is January 12, 1999. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, letter of interest detailing their background and career goals, reprints, and three letters of recommendation to: John Petriola, Dept of Mental Health Law & Policy, FMHI, 13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612-3807; (petriola@fmhi.usf.edu). If

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you require an accommodation for a disability, please contact Michelle Kunkel at 813/974-1138, at the address above, or via email at kunkel@fmhi.usf.edu. USF is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access/Affirmative Action Institution. ■

Assistant Professor: Simon Fraser University

The Psychology Department at Simon Fraser University invites applications for three tenure-track positions at the Assistant Professor level in Cognitive & Biological Psychology, Developmental Psychology, and Law & Psychology. Applicants should have research interests and specific expertise in cognitive neuroscience, child-clinical psychology, or clinical-forensic psychology or experimental psychology and law. The department is undergoing significant restructuring and will afford unique opportunities to the successful candidates. Please submit a curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, copies of representative publications, and a summary of research objectives and teaching experience to William R. Krane, Chair, Department of Psychology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C. V5A 1S6. Deadline for receipt of applications is December 4, 1998. Queries for the Law and Psychology position may be addressed to James Ogloff at the above address or by email at jogloff@arts.sfu.ca. All positions are subject to budgetary approval. In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Simon Fraser University is committed to the principle of equity in employment and offers equal employment opportunities to all qualified applicants. ■

Post-Doctoral Fellowship: University of California San Francisco

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Services Research focused on violence and trauma among persons with serious mental disorders. Under a research preceptor (Dale McNiel), the fellow will participate in ongoing studies, program-required seminars including research methods and biostatistics, and collaborative research within a multidisciplinary context. Current studies include clinical decision making about violence risk, the role of violence in health care decision making, the interaction of legal and health care systems in the treatment of violent patients, development of screening tools for assessment of violence potential, and the impact of patient violence on family caregivers. Fellowship is supported by an NIMH training grant with stipend at NIH levels. Training appointments are full-time and can be renewed for a second year. The training is designed for individuals who seek to initiate careers in academic/research settings, government agencies, or in health or mental health organizations. Start date for training is July 1, 1999. Send a full vita, statement of interest, and three letters of reference to Vicky Brown-Ravano, Clinical Services Research Training Program, Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute, Box CPT, 401 Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco, California 94143-0984. For further information contact Dale McNiel at 415/476-7379. UCSF is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer. ■

Consultant: DecisionQuest

DecisionQuest, a national firm specializing in litigation strategy, is seeking qualified people to join its Houston office in the position of research associate. DecisionQuest is the recognized leader in the field of trial consulting and is involved in developing persuasive communication strategies for Fortune 500 clients in both litigation and non-litigation settings. We are looking to hire people who are trained at the Ph.D. or Masters level in an area of the social sciences. The position involves research design and analyses, strategic problems solving and presenting creative ideas to clients. The successful candidate will possess excellent public speaking and interpersonal skills.

Candidates should expect to travel frequently and to have the opportunity to do "hands-on" research in settings all over the country. The work at DecisionQuest is diverse and plentiful. We work on many different projects at once and many of these under urgent deadlines. The right person is energized and not overwhelmed by these conditions. The work is hard, but rewarding. Successful employees can expect to advance quickly.

Those interested in finding out more about DecisionQuest should call Ross P. Laguzza at 281/359-3111, or you can send your resume with cover letter to DecisionQuest: ATTN: Mark S. Sobus, 700 Rockmead Drive, Two Kingwood Place #214, Kingwood, TX 77339.

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Conferences

Call for Papers and Proposals

Preliminary Announcement AP-LS 2000 Biennial Conference in New Orleans

The 2000 AP-LS Biennial Conference will be held in New Orleans March 9-11. There will be three full days of program time, so the conference will begin on the morning of Thursday the 9th and continue through the late afternoon on Saturday the 11th. The conference hotel will be the Hyatt Regency New Orleans and we have secured a special rate of \$142 per night for single and \$157 for double rooms. Don't bother calling yet, since reservations can only be made a year in advance. There is, however, an added bonus since our conference immediately follows Mardi Gras. A limited number of rooms can be made available at the conference rate for Monday March 6th and Tuesday March 7th (March 7th is the last night of Mardi Gras in 2000), but we need to have a rough count in advance, so that an appropriate number can be reserved. If you are likely to want a room reserved for Monday and/or Tuesday nights, please contact one of the Program Co-Chairs by email or fax within the next three weeks (see below) and let them know which night(s) and whether the room will be single or double.

The official call for papers will be published in the Newsletter in the Spring of 1999, and the deadline for submissions will be September 15th, 1999.

Members - including student members - who wish to review submissions are encouraged to contact the program co-chairs:

Marisa Pynchon

Email: Mpyrchon@aol.com

Fax: 202/435-6180 and

Randy Borum

Email: borum@psych.mc.duke.edu

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Call for Proposals 1999 APA Convention Boston, MA

The next annual convention of APA will meet from August 20-24, 1999 in Boston, MA. Division 41 welcomes proposals for papers, symposia, and posters that address research, theory, and practice in the area of psychology and law. Detailed submission requirements are listed in the call for proposals that appears in the September, 1998 APA Monitor. To be considered for inclusion in the program, proposals need to be received by December 2, 1998. Send proposals to Dale E. McNiel, Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute, University of California, 401 Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco, California 94143-0984. ■

AP-LS/EAP&L Conference in Dublin July 6-9, 1999

The Executive Committees of the AP-LS and the European Psychology and Law Association (EAP&L) have agreed to hold their first joint conference in Dublin between July 6 and 9, 1999. This announcement concerns:

- submitting abstracts (by November 15, 1998);
- registering for the conference;
- registering for the pre-conference courses;
- getting reductions on accommodation and travel costs; and
- special features of the conference.

Fuller details, including the programme and abstracts in due course, are available on the regularly up-dated conference web site: <http://www.soton.ac.uk/~law/bstcd.html>

The web site contains links to information about Ireland, Dublin, hotels, tourism, etc.. We will keep extending these.

The conference will be formally opened by Her Excellency, Mary McAleese, President of Ireland. President McAleese was, formerly, a professor of law at both Trinity College Dublin and Queen's University Belfast. It will include, by courtesy of the Minister of Justice, an official reception in State rooms at Dublin Castle.

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ABA/APA **Gathering** **Information on** **Collaborative** **Efforts**

Volunteer and staff members of the American Psychological Association and the American Bar Association are working together to facilitate interactions and effective collaboration between psychologists and lawyers on issues of mutual interest. One initiative of this interdisciplinary workgroup is to identify and gather information on projects and other collaborative efforts that already exist between lawyers and psychologists. Any assistance you can provide in identifying projects involving formal, informal, and community-based collaborations between psychologists and lawyers, whether they be individuals or groups of professionals, would be appreciated. If you have information that may be helpful or have questions concerning this request, contact:

Task Force on APA/ABA Relations, c/o Donna Beavers, Office of General Counsel, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Fax: 202/336-6069
Email: djb.apa@email.apa.org ■

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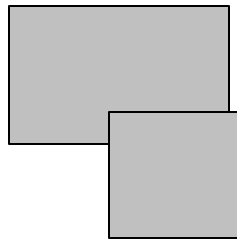
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The American Psychology-Law Society News is a publication devoted to dissemination of information, news, and commentary about psychology, mental health, and the law. The newsletter is published spring/summer, fall, and winter. Please submit materials 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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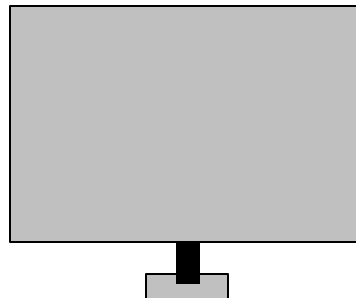
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Directory

Forensic Graduate Training/Internship/ 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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Submitting abstracts

Abstracts of papers, symposia (maximum five papers per session) or posters are invited on any topic within psychology and law. The conference themes have been listed in earlier Newsletters and are available on the conference web site. Abstracts from North America (or elsewhere) should be sent to Professor Ron Roesch, Department of Psychology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, V5A 1S6, Canada, (email: rroesch@arts.sfu.ca) by November 15, 1998. Abstracts from Europe (or elsewhere) should be sent to David Carson, Faculty of Law, The University, Southampton, SO17 1BJ (email: d.c.carson@soton.ac.uk) by the end of 1998. (The different dates reflect different academic timetables.)

Abstracts must contain the following information:

- Title of paper or poster
- The title of any associated symposium
- The authors' family name, first names, title and affiliation
- The first author's full surface address (only the first author will be corresponded with), telephone number, Fax number and E-mail address
- An abstract (up to 250 words)
- Five key words (for indexing)
- The name of any person who has agreed to chair the symposium concerned with his or her address, including email
- A statement whether you will you be submitting your paper, upon registration in Dublin, to be considered for inclusion in the volume of selected and edited papers in planning with reputable publishers

- A statement of any presentation media, other than OHP, that you will require (Facilities for projecting computer-generated slides will not be available for papers and symposia, for cost and organisational reasons)

The conference web site contains a form for submitting abstracts that you are encouraged to adopt. If submitting your abstract by email please ensure that "AP-LS/EAPL Conference" appears in the title line to reduce the chance that it will be accidentally deleted.

Pre-conference Courses

A number of one-day courses have been organized and will be provided by world authorities on the topics. They have been designed, particularly, to be of practical value to practitioners. They will be held on the Monday and Tuesday before the conference begins, with a reception, on Tuesday evening. There are separate charges for these courses but with substantial reductions if also booking for the conference. Any surplus income from these courses will be used to support the main conference.

1. *Risk analysis*. John Monahan (Virginia) and Steve Hart (SFU). (July 5)
2. *Responding to Criminal Behaviour: What Works?* James McQuire (Liverpool) and Philip Priestly. (July 5)
3. *Assessing capacity and competence*. Tom Grisso (Mass.) (July 5)
4. *Assessment and Treatment of Anger*. Ray Novaco (Cal: Davis) (July 6)
5. *Interviewing Children*. Nancy Walker (Nebraska-Lincoln) and Amina Memon (Southampton) (July 6)

6. *Assessing Credibility*. Guenter Koehnken (Kiel) and Aldert Vrij (Portsmouth) (July 6).

Fuller information about each course is available on pages linked to the conference web site. (The three courses listed on the web site, for delivery by David Carson over Easter 1999, are not considered appropriate for people working outside of Ireland and Great Britain.)

Registering for the Conference

The registration fee includes: Admission to all plenary, symposia and poster sessions of the conference. The Book of Kells exhibition, documentation, official reception in Dublin Castle (courtesy of Ministry of Justice), conference reception on 6th July (including wine and light buffet), daily tea/coffee, and a copy of the planned edited conference book. It excludes attendance at pre-conference courses or similar, accommodation and meals. The conference dinner, an 'Irish Night' with extensive Irish food, drink and entertainment, can be booked separately. Given the proximity of the conference venue to the centre of Dublin, with its range of attractive facilities, lunches are not included. There are light food facilities within the conference centre.

The conference dinner will take the form of an Irish Night featuring plenty of local drink, produce and entertainment. The fee for accompanying guests includes conference and official receptions and Book of Kells exhibition. Adult guests are also welcome to attend the Irish Night by registering for a ticket on this form.

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Conferences

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Please provide us with all the correct information and send the correct amount in good time. We will levy a £10 fee for dealing with incorrect registrations and will not accept payment in any currency other than sterling.

Registration for the Conference and/or the Pre-conference Courses

To register for the Conference, and/or pre-conference Courses, please send us all the following information with the correct fee or authorization to deduct from your credit card (not American Express). Instead of retyping this information you may:

- Send an e-mail to us (jill.elliott@soton.ac.uk) with "APLS/EAPL Registration Form" in the title and we will send you an e-mail version of the form which you can return with the relevant information, or
- Contact us requesting a hard copy of the registration form for you to complete and mail to us.

Example of Information on Registration Form

Personal Details: Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

1. Family name
2. First name
3. Title (e.g. 'Dr' or 'Prof')
4. Job title (e.g. 'Research Student,' 'Forensic Psychologist')
5. Institution (e.g. 'Univ. of The Fens,' 'Ministry of Justice')
Your conference badge will contain the information in 1 - 5 above and 7 below.

6. Postal address
7. Country
8. Postcode (zip)
9. Telephone number (with all codes)
10. Fax number
11. Email address
We need this information in order to contact you efficiently.
12. Please advise of any special needs, e.g. diet, access, etc.
13. Names of accompanying, fee-paying, guests (This information is necessary for conference badges that will be the means of gaining access to events.)

Payment

Identify the correct rates from the following lists, insert those rates in the following declaration(s) and send it/them, with payment or authorization to deduct from your approved credit card to us.

The CONFERENCE

Registration Fees (all rates in pounds sterling and VAT Exempt)

Registration received before 1 April, 1999:

APL-S or EAP&L member:
£175

Non APL-S or EAPL member:
£200

Full-time postgraduate student:
£100 (Such applications must be accompanied by a letter, on official university paper, signed by the student's supervisor clearly verifying full-time PG student status at date of the conference.)

Registration received after 1 April, 1999:

ALL registration fees:

£225 (No concessions for APL-S/EAP&L or post graduate status)

At all times Accompanying guest:
tickets £50

'Irish Night' tickets:
tickets £45

Pre-Conference Courses

(all rates in pounds sterling and VAT exempt)

Registration received before 1 April, 1999:

IF NOT attending conference...

For ONE course:
£120

Per course if two or more reserved:
£100* per course

If attending the conference AND booked at the same time as conference booking:

£80* per course or registration after April '99 £140

Note that there will be a charge of £50.00 for cancelling registration for the conference or any course up to June 1st 1999. Thereafter registration fees will NOT be remitted.

*Delegates for the pre-conference courses, registered at the £100 or £80 rates, may NOT be substituted by others.

Please copy the following declaration(s) and send it/them with your payment or authorization. "I wish to register for the APLS/EAPL conference in Dublin in July 1999 and I declare that I am eligible to do so at the rate of £..... (Here insert the appropriate rate from the above list.) I

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enclose payment of that sum or authorise deduction of it from my credit card. (Full-time postgraduate students must also include an appropriate declaration to that effect, signed by their supervisor, on official notepaper.)”

“I wish to register (insert number) people, named above, as accompanying me and I enclose payment of £ in respect of them at the rate of £50.00 each.”

“I wish to reserve (insert number) tickets for the Irish Night conference dinner and enclose £ as payment for them at the rate of £45 per person.”

“I wish to attend the following pre-conference course(s) and enclose £ (insert the correct sum) in respect of them.” Course title (and number if available) (a) or (b).

Payment Options

All payments must be made, in sterling and must be free of bank charges, to “University of Southampton.”

Please choose your method of payment entering details below in BLOCK CAPITALS.

Cheque enclosed for total sum of £___

Bankers draft attached for total sum of £___

Credit card payment for total sum* of £___

*a 1.5% transaction charge will be added.

Type of card: (only VISA and MasterCard accepted). Name as on card, Card No, Expiry date, Address of cardholder, Your signature, Date.

Completed forms, declarations and payments should then be sent to:

Registration
APLS/EAPL Conference
BS&LNetwork/Law Faculty
University Southampton
SO17 1BJ
United Kingdom

Reductions in Travel and Accommodation Expenses

Aer Lingus, the national airline of Ireland, is the preferred airline for the conference. Special arrangements have been negotiated whereby conference delegates will be able to receive substantial reductions (45% on normal APEX rates) and variation of conditions on their flights. From North America they currently fly to Dublin from New York, Newark, Boston and Chicago. Details, when schedules are fixed, will appear on links to the conference web site.

Dublin is a very popular tourist centre with a range of hotels and other types of accommodation. Delegates must organize their own accommodation. To secure a hotel contact one of the agencies linked to our web site. They have negotiated reduced rates, for those attending this conference, with a range of hotels, e.g. Ir£58 at the three star superior G.F. Handel Hotel (the location of the world premiere of *The Messiah*). Note their deadlines for booking!

A number of student accommodation rooms within Trinity College (i.e. on the conference site) have been set aside for this conference. They can only be booked via Abbey Conference Services. These are good value but, obviously, without hotel facilities. Sample pictures of the conference facilities

and accommodation are available on links to the conference web site. The Abbey Conference Service has also organized a number of tours. Details can be found on their web page.

Dublin has a number of hostels with, for example, rates from Ir£8.00 to Ir£19.00. Details appear on links to the web site.

Special Features of the Conference

To maximize the opportunities for comparative study a number of special symposia are being organized. One, involving Professor Steve Penrod (Nebraska-Lincoln) and Dr. Peter Van Koppen (NISCALE Leiden), will involve a debate on “Adversary v. Investigatory Trial Procedures.” Others, which should draw out different laws and practices, are in planning on “The Role and Ethics of Expert Evidence” and “The Contribution of Behavioural Scientists to Legislative Law Reform Programmes.”

On the 100th anniversary of the official founding of a separate juvenile justice system in the United States the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice will be holding its first meetings outside of North America. These will take place within the framework of the AP-LS/EAP&L conference and provide an opportunity to discuss its work to date and international comparisons. ■

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 ■



Publications

Call for Manuscripts

Behavioral Sciences and the Law: Threat Assessment

A forthcoming issue of *Behavioral Sciences and the Law* will be devoted to the topic of "Threat Assessment." Manuscripts are sought regarding the assessment and management of threats in a variety of contexts, including but not limited to: workplace violence; domestic violence; school violence; foreign and domestic terrorism; stalking; interpersonal violence; group violence; law enforcement; corrections; homicide; suicide; mental health and mental illness; psychotherapy and other mental health treatment; legal practice and the courts; criminal law; civil liability; and juvenile justice.

Manuscripts should be approximately 20-30 double-spaced pages adhering to the style of the APA Publication Manual or 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, please contact Dr. Ewing at the above address or by telephone: 716/645-2770, fax: 716/689-4877 or email: cewing@acsu.buffalo.edu

Deadline for all submissions is December 1, 1998. ■

Expert Evidence: Child Custody Disputes

Expert Evidence: International Journal of Behavioural Science in Legal Contexts (established 1992 and published by Kluwer International) invites submissions for a special issue on "Expert Evidence and Child Custody Disputes." Submissions for this issue may include research related to the role of mental health, social work, or other professionals involved in custody disputes, interviewing and testimony regarding parental competence, preparation of custodial reports, as well as any other aspect related to the preparation and/or delivery of child custody or adoption evidence to the court. *Expert Evidence* is a peer reviewed international journal that publishes research articles as well as descriptions of legal developments and commentaries on the use of expert evidence by the courts. As such, discussions of the law and practice related to child custody disputes, as well as discussions/critiques on the use of evidence by the courts are also welcomed. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 1999. For further information please contact Jeffrey Pfeifer, Co-Editor – Expert Evidence, Department of Psychology, University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, S4S 0A2 (email: pfeifer@meena.cc.uregina.ca).

For information regarding submission specifications or an examination copy please contact Kluwer Academic Publishers, PO Box 17, 3300 AA Dordrecht, The Netherlands. ■

Expert Evidence: Pain

Expert Evidence: International Journal of Behavioural Science in Legal Contexts (established 1992 and published by Kluwer International) invites submissions for a special issue on "Expert Evidence and Pain." Submissions for this issue may include research related to the relationship between pain (broadly defined) and expert evidence within the context of both criminal trials and tort liability. Articles may address expert evaluation and delivery of evidence with regard to physical pain (e.g., identification, corroboration, assessment, and other compensatory aspects of pain in tort cases), psychological pain (e.g., diagnosis of PTSD, use of victim impact statements), as well as any other aspect related to the preparation, delivery or assessment of evidence related to pain. *Expert Evidence* is a peer reviewed international journal that publishes research articles as well as descriptions of legal developments and commentaries on the use of expert evidence by the courts. As such, discussions of the law and practice related to evidentiary aspects of pain, as well as discussions/critiques on the use of evidence by the courts are also welcomed. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 1999. For further information please contact Jeffrey Pfeifer, Department of Psychology, University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, S4S 0A2 (email: pfeifer@meena.cc.uregina.ca). For information regarding submission specifications or an examination copy please contact Kluwer Academic Publishers, PO Box 17, 3300 AA Dordrecht, The Netherlands. ■

Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice

The *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*, a new journal published by Haworth Press, is seeking submissions for issues to be published in 1999 and 2000.

The Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice's mission is to provide a forum for professionals from a wide array of disciplines to share and exchange news on progress and developments in the field of forensic psychology practice. The journal is specifically geared toward providing an outlet for research focusing on the practice of forensic psychology in all its forms, be they criminal or civil. Topics appropriate for the journal include family court assessment, risk/dangerousness assessment, competency to confess, competency to stand trial, probation/parole assessments, sex offender treatment and assessment, domestic violence treatment and assessment, civil commitment, divorce mediation, jury dynamics, and civil litigation assessment (i.e. worker's compensation, disability, etc.), to name a few.

Those who are interested in submitting material for the journal, or obtaining more information should contact Bruce A. Arrigo, Editor in Chief, California School of Professional Psychology, Fresno, 5130 E. Clinton Way, Fresno, California, 93727. Phone: 209/456-2777, ext. 2290. ■

New Rules

California Judicial Council Prescribes Standards for Child Custody Evaluators

On January 1, 1999, Uniform Standards of Practice for Court-Ordered Child Custody Evaluations (Rule 1257.3) as well as a Rule of Court specifying standards for domestic violence training for custody evaluators (Rule 1257.7) will become effective in California. Both Rules were mandated by the California Legislature (Family Code §§ 3111(d), 3111(e), 3117(a) & 3117(b)). As Rules of Court, they will carry the force of law and will have direct impact on practice, as well as indirect impact on liability for psychologists providing custody evaluation services.

The Uniform Standards of Practice contain mandatory language defining the scope of evaluations; requirements for evaluator training, continuing education, and experience; and ethics requirements.

The standards were formulated by a group of directors of Family Court Services under the charge of the Family Law Subcommittee of the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. Consultation was sought with children's and other advocacy groups, judges, Family Court Services Directors, and court-affiliated and privately-based child custody investigators and evaluators.

For more information or discussion, contact:

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Correctional Psychology London Conference Focuses on Prison Design-Behavior Relations

Carl Clements
The University of Alabama

I was fortunate to be invited to the *International Symposium on Penal Philosophy and Prison Architecture* held at Queen Mary College of the University of London, April 22-24, 1998. Attended by prison administrators and government officials, architects, psychologists, and criminal justice and legal scholars, the conference addressed questions of how prison design reflects and influences prison goals and policy, staff/inmate interactions, and the integration of secure facilities into the community. Discussions also ranged to questions of increasing sentence lengths, overcrowding, drug offenders, and privately-run prisons, all of which are in ascension in Europe (though not yet rivaling the record-setting pace of the U.S. "war on crime"). European incarceration rates are typically only 20-25% of the U.S. rate, despite similar crime rates, which, in the U.S., have been flat or declining. But the imprisonment figures are climbing on "both sides of the pond," and Her Majesty's (UK) Prison Service Director General, Richard Tilt, suggested that the sentencing behavior of the courts is a chief contributor to this escalation. In circular fashion, rapid expansion of prison capacity in England and Wales, he surmises, provides no incentives for courts to do otherwise.

Despite the palpable pressure toward containment (incapacitation) of offenders, England also has endorsed a renewed emphasis on second-generation treatment programs (or regimes). Many of these

have been validated in extensive prison-based studies. Long known for their behavioral orientation, UK treatment staff (as well as line officers) focus on targeted "offending behavior" or "criminogenic needs"—an approach also favored in Canada. Another feature of UK's essentially federal system (with fewer total prisoners than many of our states) is an impressive research and statistics branch which feeds information back to policy makers and administrators and which often commissions studies by respected practitioner-researchers. Uniquely, to my knowledge, the UK also has a Chief Inspector of Prisons whose authority lies outside the prison administration. Sir David Ramsbotham, a retired general, has taken an activist approach, pushing for smaller institutions, nearer to families, and designed to provide work training relevant to both today's economy and the offender's eventual release site.

Reflecting the incapacitation-intervention conundrum, criminologist and conference co-host Sean McConville observed that modern penal philosophy is far from coherent. Widely varying building design and staffing patterns exemplify this inconsistency—from high tech, impersonal, minimal-human-contact prisons to more environmentally friendly settings that promote interaction and "normalization." Architectural photographs showing these two extremes were starkly contrasting. Several speakers, but notably those from the Netherlands, reported no major barriers to achieving an interactive atmosphere even in quite secure settings. One UK Prison Governor (our Warden or Superinten-

dent) gave superior safety ratings to a prison that provided open space and in which staff circulated in the living units as compared to its counterpart, the officer-in-a-bubble design. He cited "dynamic" security which builds on staff-inmate relationships and the need to avoid the mentality of custody-program separation and the delegation of treatment solely to clinicians.

In contrast to this trend, "supermax" facilities are on the increase in the U.S. (some 30 now operate). Legal scholar and prison reformer Norval Morris notes that these are very costly to run but have now become part of the public culture. "There is no end to the amount of money the U.S. is willing to spend on prisons." The long sentences now characteristic of our justice system will give rise to a new profession, the "prison gerontologist," according to Morris. Though public sentiment often drives policy, Morris believes the reverse to be true—that political, "tough on crime" sound bites stir up public opinion. When questions are properly put, citizens are much more reasonable about prison practices and alternative sanctions. (My own surveys support this hypothesis.) Revived quotes and catchy phrases that capture the progressive tone of some of the speakers—and these were *not* your wild-eyed academic do-gooders—included, "You can't ready a man (sic) for freedom under conditions of captivity," and "Prevent The Next Victim," the latter combining the emphasis on public safety with focused intervention. Throughout, presenters expressed the belief that justice leaders have to enlist the public in rational discourse, and to counter reactive slogans with better ones.

Australian psychologist Brian Crabbe (Univ. of Sydney) provided an overview of research on the psychological effects of prison environments. Both he and panelist Paul Paulus (Univ. of Texas-Ar-

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lington) have conducted studies on stress and overcrowding. Crabbe distinguished between what is “bearable” in the short run and what individual “adaptations” are required in the long term. The latter sets the stage for psychological compromises and maladaptive responses and patterns, for both inmates and staff. Design factors, furnishings, management practices, people characteristics, and their unique combinations each can result in an exacerbation or amelioration of baseline prison effects. Among the more important (and sometimes competing) factors are social and spatial density, perceived control, safety, privacy, access to support, availability of resources, cues for pro-social behavior, and work and activity settings and opportunities. Prison space is in high demand. But staffing patterns and services offered have been too often considered as an afterthought, with little awareness of the interplay between design, management, and psycho-social outcomes.

Architectural solutions to some of these dilemmas—the primary focus of the second half of the symposium—were imaginative and seemed to flow from a fairly enlightened awareness of the interrelations among policy, environment, and justice outcomes. One speaker suggested that we view prison design “as a statement about your theory of humanity and the role of the state (in relation to humanity).” Another noted that “every known geometric figure has been tried, forgotten, and tried again.” Visual images, both horrific and promising, filled the theater-sized screen at Queen Mary College; one memorable example was the “floating” prison purchased by the UK from the US federal system. Others included the sculpture and similar aesthetic touches that reflect the Netherlands’ mandate to consider the visual impact of *all* public buildings.

While most of the creative ideas were from the drawing boards of European architects, US advances were also presented. Several recent federal designs and a private-firm portfolio of impressive community-adjacent facilities seemed refreshingly attuned to the security-humanization balance.

In sum, portions of the conference were optimistic in tone. New designs, an awareness at the highest levels of design-behavior relations, and the data-oriented approach to management and treatment portrayed by some administrators were encouraging. Countering those advances remains the press for “get tough” sanctions that seem not to have reached any outer limit. The roles for psychologists in this arena go beyond the clinical and managerial functions that are our familiar turf. These design-behavior questions and solutions contribute to prison settings “for better or worse.” While the relevant theory and research may be more the province of social and human factors psychologists, clinicians and other treatment-oriented staff can daily recognize the impact of the built environment on inmates and staff alike and on the effectiveness of their professional work. ■

Fellowships and Positions, *cont...*

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Faculty Position: University of South Florida

We invite applications for a faculty position in the Department of Mental Health Law & Policy, which is housed in the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, a research, training, and policy institute located at the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida. This position is

tenure earning or non-tenure earning depending upon the qualifications and interest of candidates, and responsibilities include research, publication, and teaching. Rank is open and salary is commensurate with rank and experience. Starting date is August 1999 or January 2000. The Department’s multidisciplinary faculty is comprised of psychologists, attorneys, social workers, and others who focus their research on the interaction between the legal and mental health systems, broadly conceived.

Qualifications: Candidates should have a doctoral or law degree, and a promising or established record of research, publication, grant support, and training/teaching in their area of emphasis, consistent with potential rank. Persons with interests in the following areas are invited to apply: mental health law, services and policy research, and program evaluation; health care economics and financing; treatment and evaluation of forensic populations; and substance abuse and mental health issues in corrections and forensic populations.

Application Process: Applications must be postmarked by January 4, 1999. Applicants should submit a letter of application, CV, representative publications, and three letters of recommendation to Paul Stiles, Department of Mental Health Law & Policy, MHC 2618, 13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612-3807.

Under Florida law, meetings of the search committee and all documents related to the search are open to the public. USF is an equal opportunity, affirmative action, equal access institution.

For disability accommodations contact Michelle Kunkel at 813/974-1138 at least 5 working days in advance of need. ■

Workshop Schedule

American Academy of Forensic Psychology 1998-99

St. Louis, Missouri

Hyatt Regency Hotel

November 11-15, 1998

- Assessing Malingering & Defensiveness- Randy Otto: Wednesday, November 11th
- An Introduction to Forensic Psychology Practice- Randy Borum, Psy.D.: Thursday, November 12th
- Effective & Ethical Expert Testimony- Steven Bank & Ira Packer: Thursday, November 12th
- The Use of the Rorschach in Criminal Responsibility Evaluations- Irving Weiner: Friday, November 13th
- Forensic Assessment of Employment Discrimination & Sexual Harassment in the Workplace- Herbert Weissman: Friday, November 13th
- Evaluating Parenting Capacity & Allegations of Child Maltreatment- Lois Oberlander: Saturday, November 14th
- Assessment of Psychopathy- An Overview of the Hare Scales- Stephen Hart: Saturday, November 14th
- Comprehensive Child Custody Evaluations- Marsha Hedrick: Sunday, November 15th
- Preparing for the Diplomate Exam in Forensic Psychology- ABPP- David Shapiro: Sunday, November 15th

Palm Springs, California

Palm Springs Hilton Resort

January 20-24, 1999

- Effective Expert Testimony: Law & Practice- Charles Patrick Ewing: Wednesday, January 20th
- Substituted Judgement: Roles for the Forensic Psychologist- Eric Drogin: Wednesday, January 20th
- Childhood Trauma: Forensic Psychological Issues & Applications- Steven Sparta & Herbert Weissman: Thursday, January 21st
- Neuropsychology for the Forensic Psychologist: Ethics, Law & Practice- Wilfred Van Gorp: Thursday, January 21st
- Ethical Dilemmas in Forensic Psychology- Bruce Ebert: Friday, January 22nd
- Assessment of Violent Juvenile Offenders- Thomas Grisso: Friday, January 22nd
- A Conciliation/Evaluation Model for Child Custody Determination: A Different Perspective- Robert Strochak: Saturday, January 23rd
- Role of the Forensic Psychologist in Death Penalty Mitigation- David Ruhnke, Jean Barrett & Alan Goldstein: Saturday, January 23rd
- Practical Legal Research Techniques for Forensic Psychologists- Alexander Greer: Sunday, January 24th
- Preparing for the Diplomate Exam in Forensic Psychology- ABPP- Robert Meyer: Sunday, January 24th

Austin, Texas

Omni Austin Hotel Southpark

February 24-28, 1999

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- Risk Assessment: Basic Issues- Kirk Heilbrun: Thursday, February 25th
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- Risk Assessment: Advanced Considerations- Kirk Heilbrun: Friday, February 26th
- The Role of the Forensic Psychologist in Employment Discrimination Cases- William Foote: Friday, February 26th
- The MMPI-2 & Rorschach in Court- J. Reid Meloy & Richard Lewak: Saturday, February 27th
- The Ethics of Forensic Expertise: Law, Ethics, & Professional Practice- Stephen Golding: Saturday, February 27th
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The Royal York Hotel

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- Comprehensive Examination of Malingering in Forensic Settings- Richard Frederick: Saturday, March 27th
- Forensic Assessment of Child Sex Abuse Allegations- H.D. Kirkpatrick: Saturday, March 27th
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Las Vegas, Nevada

Harrah's Las Vegas

April 15-18, 1999

- Child Custody Evaluations: Legal, Ethical & Clinical Contours- Randy Otto: Thursday, April 15th
- On the Same Page as the Judge: Psychiatric & Psychological Evidence & Testimony Benchbook- Eric Drogin & David Hominik: Thursday, April 15th
- Role of the Forensic Psychologist in Death Penalty Litigation- James Eisenberg: Friday, April 16th
- Correctional Psychology: Practice, Ethics, & Law- Joel Dvoskin: Friday, April 16th
- Ethical Issues for the Forensic Practitioner- Donald Bersoff: Saturday, April 17th
- Personal Injury Evaluations: Ethics, Practice & Case Law- Stuart Greenberg: Saturday, April 17th
- Brewing a Jury: Scientific & Practical Perspectives- Brian Cutler: Sunday, April 18th
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Doubletree Hotel Philadelphia

May 5-9, 1999

- Achieving Expertise in Child Custody Evaluations- Beth Clark: Wednesday, May 5th
- Personal Injury Evaluations: A Two-Day Workshop- Stuart Greenberg: Thursday & Friday, May 6th & 7th
- Advanced Topics in Criminal Forensic Assessment- Charles Clark: Thursday, May 6th
- The Use of Third Party Information in Forensic Assessment- Kirk Heilbrun & Janet Warren, D.S.W.: Friday, May 7th
- Civil & Criminal Forensic Neuropsychology- John Kenny & Kathleen Stafford: Saturday, May 8th
- Role of the Forensic Psychologist in Death Penalty Mitigation- David Ruhnke, Jean Barrett & Alan Goldstein: Saturday, May 8th
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Correctional Psychology Interest Section

Update on Progress

Jennifer Boothby
Melissa Warren

There's a lot going on in corrections according to social scientists, legal scholars, and advocates. First, the number and rate of incarceration in the U.S. continues to rise rapidly. Craig Haney and Phil Zimbardo are the authors of an article that appeared in the July 1998 issue of the *American Psychologist*. The article commemorates the 25th anniversary of the publication of the Stanford Prison Experiment, one of the most widely known social psychology experiments of modern psychology, wherein a mock prison was constructed in the basement of the psychology department and the guards and prisoners exhibited shocking role-stereotyped behaviors within a week. Haney and Zimbardo document and analyze the changes in U.S. penal policy and highlight the consequences.

Second, the "International Symposium On Penal Philosophy And Prison Architecture" met in London on April 22-24. Carl Clements attended that conference. His report is found on page 36.

Third, the American Association of Correctional Psychology (AACP), founded in 1960s to facilitate good practice and relevant research in correctional settings, proposed an affiliation with AP-LS. The purpose of the affiliation is to promote communication among psychologists working in corrections and make it easier to disseminate knowledge that is important to them. [See minutes of the Execu-

tive Council meeting of 13 August 1998 and subsequent executive actions for the particulars of the alliance.] The two groups will unite in their efforts to identify correctional psychologists, improve the utility and relevance of publications and professional meetings for correctional psychologists, and provide a forum for new ideas about corrections.

The AACP publishes a quarterly journal, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, edited by Dave Glenwick, and a newsletter, *The Correctional Psychologist*. Elsewhere in this newsletter there is information about how members of AP-LS can join AACP and receive the journal, both at a substantial discount. The offer was developed by the two societies to encourage dual membership.

Fourth, co-incidentally in time with the discussions between representatives of AP-LS and AACP, Jennifer Boothby and Carl Clements, both of the University of Alabama, launched an international survey to discover who correctional psychologists are, what they do, and what is important to them. Boothby and Clements sent 2500 surveys to federal and state prison systems in the United States, Canada, and England. Response rates have been good thus far with over 700 surveys completed and returned. The survey includes questions about job satisfaction, ethical dilemmas, the delivery of mental health services, and memberships in professional organizations. Results of the project are

certain to shed light on the growing field of correctional psychology.

Of immediate interest to AP-LS is the number of survey respondents identifying themselves as members of this organization or other professional organizations. Preliminary demographic data reveal that only 3% of respondents belong to AP-LS, while almost 8% report membership in some other organization focused on corrections. Even more interesting is that many respondents expressed an interest in joining professional groups with an emphasis on psychology in corrections but were unaware that such groups existed.

Colleagues who are interested in the activities of AP-LS's Corrections Committee, particularly those who would like to help develop its agenda, can contact the chair of the Corrections Committee, Melissa Warren, at warren@apa.org ■

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- To receive brochures sooner, return the form below with self-addressed envelopes for every two brochures you request.
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Requests for application materials, or nominations for people to receive application materials should be submitted to me at any time. Completed applications including the letters of reference must be received by the divisions fellows committee by January 6, 1999. Please send all requests and completed applications to:

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