



American Psychology-Law Society

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Welcome to the October 2023 American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) Newsletter

Our monthly Newsletter provides information about activities, upcoming events, and resources to connect the psychology-law community.

AP-LS aspires to excel as a valuable, effective, and influential organization advancing the science of psychology-law and the translation of psychology-law knowledge into practice and policy.



Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS)

****CALL FOR PROPOSALS - DEADLINE EXTENDED TO
OCTOBER 9th****

The 2024 AP-LS Conference will be held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel and Suites in Los Angeles, CA, March 21-23, 2024.

The conference submission portal is now open: <https://ap-ls2024.exordo.com/>

It will close on Monday, October 9, 2023 (11:59PM ET). Please note the extra requirements for those choosing to submit symposia (as they will provide CE opportunities for attending practitioners).

Reviewers are invited for all content areas. Please sign up to be a reviewer using the submission portal when you submit your proposal, or, if you do not plan to submit a proposal, using this Google form: <https://forms.gle/dNDx2AtUU5tcb3oG8>

You can direct any conference-related queries to the Conference Co-Chairs, Cait Cavanagh and Samantha Zottola at conference@ap-ls.org.

Please visit the AP-LS webpage <https://ap-ls.org/> for further conference-related news.

Apply to become a Fellow or Distinguished Member of AP-LS

According to our bylaws, “Full Members nominated for Fellow in the Society must provide evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions in the area of psychology and law. All candidates for Fellow must be endorsed by at least two Fellows of the Society. In addition, all candidates for Fellow must meet the requirements of the bylaws of the Association. Full Affiliates nominated for Distinguished Member in the Society must provide evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions in the area of psychology and law. All candidates for Distinguished Member must be endorsed by at least two Fellows or Distinguished Members of the Society.”

Members nominated for Fellow or Distinguished member status through AP-LS must provide evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions in the area of psychology and law. The deadline for receipt of all application materials (nominee’s materials and endorsers’ materials) is Dec. 1. For Fellow status (unless you are already a Fellow in another division), apply through the APA Fellow portal (<https://www.apa.org/members/your-membership/fellows/apply>). For Distinguished Member status and if you are already a Fellow in another APA division, email materials to ebrank2@unl.edu

For more information about criteria for becoming a Fellow, see this page: <https://www.apa.org/members/your-membership/fellows/division-41.pdf>

AAFP/AP-LS 2024 Saleem Shah Award: Call for Nominations

The Saleem Shah Award is an annual award co-sponsored by the American Academy of Forensic Psychology and the American Psychology-Law Society recognizing early career excellence and contributions to the field of psychology and law. Please see <https://aafpforensic.org/awards/saleem-shah-award-for-early-career-excellence-in-psychology-and-law/> for more information.

The focus of a nominee's contributions may be in any area of forensic psychology practice, research, or public policy. The recipient must have received a doctoral degree (or law degree, whichever comes later, if both have been earned) within the last 6 years (Year 2017 or later, inclusive of 2017). The award includes \$2,000, as well as the opportunity to give the Saleem Shah Address at the next meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society.

Nominations must include 1) a letter detailing the nominee's contributions to psychology and law and 2) a copy of the nominee's vita. Self-nominations will not be considered. Nominations are due by midnight CST on **November 30, 2023**.

Nominations should be sent electronically, in PDF or Word format, to James Mikesell, Ph.D., President-Elect of AAFP: jwmikesellphd@gmail.com.

Call for Applications: Embracing Leadership: Developing Skills for Your Career Evolution

The American Psychology-Law Society is starting a leadership development program. *Embracing Leadership* is designed to provide our members with practical training in leadership and with leadership opportunities. The goals of the program are:

1. Provide training for interested members in a variety of leadership skills that could benefit their careers broadly
2. Cultivate interest in leadership within the Division
3. Provide leadership opportunities within the Division
4. Prepare our members to take on leadership challenges

Embracing Leadership will have four activities that will take place over one year, beginning in March 2024. These activities include:

1. A workshop on leadership on the Wednesday prior to the AP-LS conference
2. Webinars on leadership topics that may be eligible for CE credit (~1 per month)
3. Connecting participants to a mentor already in leadership in the Division
4. Providing opportunities for leadership within the Division by completing an initiative with AP-LS leadership

Applicants are welcome from all career levels, including applicants who are students, ECPs, mid-career, and beyond.

To apply, please fill out the Qualtrics survey linked here (https://scrippscollege.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6usN0qp8SBVbSe2), where you will upload your CV and statement of interest. The statement of interest should provide a brief summary (up to 500 words) of where you are in your career, what interests you about leadership development, what leadership roles you have had, and what (if any) leadership roles you would like to obtain in the future.

Applications are due **November 1, 2023**.

****Note:** As part of the application process, some basic demographic information will be collected through the Qualtrics survey that can be used to track applicants and

participants as part of the evaluation of the program. It will help us determine who applies and who is accepted.

Congrats to the winners of the Undergraduate Paper Award!

First Place

Katerine Aminot, University of Manitoba

Delusion or Conspiracy? How Forensic Mental Health Professionals Differentiate Delusional Beliefs from Extreme Radicalized Beliefs

Mentor: Alicia Nijdam-Jones

Second Place

Sydney Reuter, George Mason University

Improving Confidence in Pretrial Release Decisions: Pretrial Risk Assessments and Structured Guidelines

Mentor: Evan Lowder

Third Place

Emma Bergquist, Butler University

Discrimination by Association: The Role of Race and Exoneration in Hiring Decisions

Mentor: Fabiana Alceste

Intentionality is Key in Mentoring Practitioners to Develop a Racially and Culturally Aware Forensic Mental Health Practice

By: The Practice Committee

The Practice Committee's **Inaugural Award for Outstanding Practitioner Mentoring for the Elimination of Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural (REC) Disparities** recognizes practitioners whose mentorship helps reduce REC disparities in psychology and the law. Practitioners are in a unique position to offer education, assessment, intervention and advocacy on issues of REC disparities, racism, and discrimination in the legal systems. However, a limited body of research, lack of practice guidelines on REC integration in forensic practice, and low representation of Black, Indigenous, People Of Color (BIPOC) professionals, limit such efforts. Mentorship of emerging practitioners in psychology and the law on such issues can bridge the gap of knowledge, application, and BIPOC representation in the field.

The 2023 recipient of the Practice Committee's **Inaugural Award for Outstanding Practitioner Mentoring for the Elimination of Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural (REC) Disparities** is Dr. Natalie Anumba, Ph.D., ABPP (Forensic). Find a Q&A with Dr. Anumba [HERE](#).

The Practice Committee is currently accepting award nominations for 2024. Additional information about the award can be found at: <https://ap-ls.org/awards/> Nomination packages are due **January 15th** and should be emailed to the chair of the award subcommittee at practice@ap-ls.org.

Legal Update: Taking Charge of Dismissing Charges: Implications of Pennsylvania's Commonwealth v. Humphrey for Individuals Found Unrestorable to Competency

It has long been held that criminal defendants who are unrestorable to competency cannot be indefinitely detained. Under *Jackson v. Indiana* (1972), individuals cannot be detained for purposes of competency restoration for any longer than the reasonable period of time necessary to determine if that individual is restorable to competency. If an individual is determined to be unrestorable, they must be discharged from detention. If there is a question about dangerousness, the individual can be civilly committed. But what happens to their charges? If the charges are less serious, they are often dropped; more serious charges often remain open. But what happens when an individual does not meet civil commitment criteria AND is facing more serious charges? Several commentators have noted this to be a major gap in the forensic behavioral health system. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this gap was recently addressed in the case of *Commonwealth v. Humphrey* (2022). [This Legal Update](#) will explore the implications of the *Humphrey* decision, including an analysis on the recent developments in Pennsylvania competency law and both the legal and clinical considerations in the *Humphrey* decision.

Early Career Professionals Practitioner Grant *DEADLINE EXTENSION*

Are you an Early Career Professional who practices primarily as a practitioner within the field of psychology and law? Then you may qualify for an ECP Practitioner Grant. Grants can be used to fund a myriad of activities that are novel to the early career stage such as applying for licensure, funds to support preparing for the licensure examination, continuing education activities, developing a private practice, consultation activities, and activities that enhance treatment and evaluation skill sets to name a few. If you are interested in applying, please send an email to ecp@ap-ls.org with the following information:

Cover letter

- First and last name
- Year last degree was obtained
- Email address, telephone number, and mailing address

Letter of intent (1,500 word maximum) that describes

- your current professional roles and connection to the field of psychology and law
- how you intend to use the grant
- how receiving the grant will enhance your practice and career growth
- how receiving the grant will further the practice of psychology and law

- how receiving the grant will contribute to broader impacts to society and the broader mission of AP-LS to increase efforts in diversity, equity, and inclusion

Proposed budget with justification and timeline

CV


Application Deadline: October 31st, 2023


Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting of the *American Psychology-Law Society Executive Committee* 4 August 2023


In attendance (V indicates remote participant): Eyal Aharoni, Natalie Anumba, Andrea Avila, Virginia Barber Rioja, Ashley Batastini, Ana Belmonte (V), Christopher Bishop, Caitlin Cavanagh, Tiffany Clomax, Jenni Cox, Jason Cantone, Joy DesMarais-Lanz (ex officio), David DeMatteo, Amanda Fanniff, Emily Haney-Caron (V), Jennifer Hunt (V), Lisa Kan (V), Antoinette Kavanaugh (V), Andre Kehn, Margaret Bull Kovera, Casey LaDuke (V), Michael Lamb (Sec), Lora Levett, Brad McAuliffe, Lindsay Malloy, Christian Meissner, Monica Miller, Daniel Murrie, Alicia Nijdam-Jones, Emma Paskoff (ex officio), Jennifer Perillo, Emily Pica, Barry Rosenfeld (Chair), Tara Ryan, Danielle Rynczak, Jessica Salerno, Kamar Tazi (V), Margaret Ternes (V), Lindsey Wylie. Full meeting minutes can be found [HERE](#).

Recognizing Excellence: AP-LS Dissertation Awards 2023


Attention psychology and law scholars! The American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) invites you to apply for the 2023 Dissertation Awards.

 Eligibility: Open to students who complete dissertations involving basic or applied research in psychology and law.

 Rewards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place recognitions. Cash prizes. Presentation opportunities at AP-LS conference.

 Deadline: Submit by **December 31, 2023**.

 Learn more: <https://www.apadivisions.org/division-41/awards/dissertation>

 Questions? Contact the Dissertation Award Committee Chair, Dr. Alicia Nijdam-Jones at alicia.nijdam-jones@umanitoba.ca.

Call for Grant Proposals for Research to Enhance the Impact and Diversification (REID) of Psychology & Law Research

The American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) invites research proposals for Research to Enhance the Impact and Diversification of Psychology & Law Research. The intent of this grant initiative is to advance a more interdisciplinary science that addresses understudied topics in psychology and law, as well as to broaden the discipline and amplify its practical impact. Proposed projects must investigate new or understudied topics in psychology and law, enhance the diversification of

psychology and law research through novel theoretical or methodological approaches that are cross-disciplinary in nature, and/or promote the impact of research by considering novel populations or new problems or processes within the legal system. Collaboration with practitioners or policymakers is encouraged. Successful proposals are expected to involve projects with the potential to transform and impact the field by furthering novel lines of research inquiry and/or facilitating new cross-disciplinary collaborations. As part of the AP-LS initiative toward a more inclusive society, grant applications that specifically address disadvantaged groups or understudied topic areas in psychology and law will be given preference. This includes funding scholars from traditionally underprivileged backgrounds. Proposals may be submitted into one of two funding categories:

1. Small/Seed proposals (\$1,000-\$5,000 for a 12-month research period)
2. Large proposals (\$15,000-\$50,000 over a 12-18 month research period)

Funding should primarily support research activities and data collection efforts. Support for research assistants and necessary travel may be requested, but should not constitute the majority of the requested funds. No funds can be used to support the salary of the PI or co-PI. Funds for successful proposals will be awarded to the PI's academic institution (via the institution's Office of Sponsored Research or Foundation). No institutional indirect cost recovery will be permitted, and proposals submitted for consideration by this program must not be submitted for consideration by other grant programs (including AP-LS programs). Proposals submitted but not funded in previous funding cycles may be resubmitted, but all proposals will be evaluated as new proposals.

Researchers may submit a maximum of one proposal to the large grant mechanism and one proposal to the small grant mechanism. That is, researchers can be an author or co-author on a maximum of one proposal to each of the grant categories. Students may not be PIs on proposals, although they may be Co-PIs.

Pre-proposal submissions will open on October 4th. The submission deadline is **October 15th, 2023**. Selected pre-proposal submissions will be notified in November if they are selected to submit a full proposal. Full proposals will be due in mid-December.

The application portal and more information on applications can be found at <https://ap-ls.org/awards/grants/impactgrant>. Please email one or both of the co-chairs of the Research Committee, Megan Kienzle and Eyal Aharoni, with any questions: kienzlem@apsu.edu or eaharoni@gsu.edu

Call for Book Proposals

The American Psychology-Law Society invites proposals for new titles in its book series, which is now published by [APA Books](#). We publish authored and edited volumes on current issues at the intersection of psychology and law. Books are typically a state of the science synthesis of a body of existing research with implications for practice and/or policy. Authors and editors should have a substantial and recent track record of publication and/or practice in psychology or law, and at least one should hold a doctorate in psychology or closely related behavioral science. If you have a proposal for a new book in the series or you would

simply like more information, reach out to a member of the editorial team. We would be happy to tell you more.

The editorial board members are:

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Executive Committee

For more information or if you wish to contact a member of the AP-LS Executive Committee, details can be found [here](#).

On The Job or Postdoc Market? AP-LS Job Postings



Check out [AP-LS's Job Postings Page](#) for up-to-date information on available psychology-law positions.

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