American Psychology-Law Society

APA DIVISION 41

Welcome to the September 2026

American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) Newsletter



Congratulations to Our New Division 41 Fellows and Apply to Become a Fellow or Distinguished Member of AP-LS

Congratulations to Jeffrey Kukucka and Monica Miller for recently becoming Division 41 Fellows! Would you like to see your name here next year? If so, read on for information about how 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 three 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 three 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. 1st**. 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 or if you are already a Fellow in another APA division, email materials to **fellows@ap-ls.org**

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

Congrats! Undergraduate Paper Award Winners

This year’s winners for the Undergraduate Paper Award are:

1. **Tory Westgard**, *The effects of processing orientation on eyewitness accuracy*
Mentor: Dr. Jamal Mansour, University of Lethbridge

2. **Rowan Baran**, *Blame or Belief? How the Nature of Malingering, Defendant Negligence Level and Plaintiff Gender Influence University Students’ Attitudes in PTSD-related Civil Litigation*
Mentor: Dr. Alicia Nijdam-Jones, Simon Fraser University

3 (tie). **Audrey Ecelberger**, *Are Documentaries Entertaining or Informative? Perceptions of Expert Interview Testimonials on False Evidence Ploys*
Mentor: Dr. Fabiana Alceste, Butler University

3 (tie). **Sophia Weathers**, *Knowledge and Decision-Making in Mandated Reporting: Assessing Non-Professionals' Capacity Through CAST and Non-CAST Students in a Universal Reporting Context*
Mentor: Dr. Travis Conradt, Florida Institute of Technology

Call for Grant Proposals for Research to Enhance the Impact and Diversification 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 (REID). 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 ($5,000-$10,000 for a 12-month research period)
2. Large proposals ($15,000-$50,000 over a 12-18 month research period)

Applicants should note the new funding amount for the small grant mechanism (up to $10,000). The Research Committee intends to fund two small grant proposals and one large grant proposal this funding cycle.

Funding should primarily support research activities and data collection efforts. Support for research assistants and travel may be requested, but should not constitute the majority of the requested funds. One-time conference travel is limited to the PI and/or co-PI only. 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. 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. **New for 2026-2027 applications**: funds **cannot** be used to support the salary of the PI or co-PI. Funds must be used for expenses associated with research activities, data collection, and dissemination.

Applicants should carefully consider anticipated project costs and associated budget expenditures. In the event of proposal funding, budget reallocation requests will be considered only in exceptional circumstances. All budget reallocation requests must be aligned with the original scope of work and be necessary to fulfill the project objectives.

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 September 15th. The submission deadline is **October 16th, 2026**. 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, Mel Baker or Evan Lowder, with any questions: **research@ap-ls.org**.

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

Embracing Leadership is designed to provide American Psychology-Law Society (APA Division 41) members with practical training in leadership and with leadership opportunities. Embracing Leadership will have four activities that will take place over one year, beginning in March of 2027. Applicants are welcome from all career levels, including applicants who are students, ECPs, mid-career, and beyond. Click **here** for more information and the application link.

Call for Applications for Early Career Professionals Practitioner Grant: Due October 31

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 using evidence based practice, to name a few. **If you are interested in applying, please send an email to ecp@ap-ls.org with the following information:**

1. Cover letter:
- First and last name
- Year last degree was obtained
- Email address, telephone number, and mailing address

2. 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

3. Proposed budget with justification and timeline. The award is up to $500.
4. CV

AP-LS 2027 Distinguished Service Award

The AP-LS Distinguished Service Award recognizes members that have contributed exceptional meritorious professional service to the Society and/or the field of legal/forensic psychology. Examples might include (but are not limited to): extensive committee service and leadership for the Society, community outreach/advocacy, services provided to state, local, or federal governments, or uncompensated consultation in legal or clinical services. Nominees must be members of AP-LS, have been in the field for at least 10 years since their doctoral degree, and have demonstrated a sustained track record of leadership and service. Up to two individuals may be recognized each year.

Recipients will be formally recognized at the AP-LS Annual Conference. Awardees will receive a plaque, complimentary registration to that year's conference, and up to $1,000 in travel reimbursement upon request.

All nominations should be submitted to: **https://tinyurl.com/APLS-Awards-2026** by **November 15, 2026**. Self-nominations will not be considered. The nomination packet should be a single PDF document that includes:

- A copy of the nominee's CV;
- A letter detailing the nominee's distinguished contributions to psychology and law; and
- Any additional letters of support that address the nominee's service to the field.

More information about the award can be found at: **https://ap-ls.org/awards/awards/distinguishedservice**.

AP-LS 2027 Distinguished Contributions to Psychology and Law Award

The AP-LS Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology and Law honors one who has made distinguished theoretical, empirical, and/or applied contributions to the field of

psychology and law. This award will not be presented on a regular basis. Rather, it will be reserved for those individuals whose contributions are so unusual as to merit special commendation. This award is not exclusively for AP-LS members, and anyone who meets these criteria may be nominated (but self-nominations are not considered).

Recipients will be formally recognized at the AP-LS Annual Conference. Awardees will receive a plaque, complimentary registration to that year's conference, and up to $1,000 in travel reimbursement upon request.

All nominations should be submitted to: **https://tinyurl.com/APLS-Awards-2026** by **November 15, 2026**. Self-nominations will not be considered. The nomination packet should be a single PDF document that includes:

- A copy of the nominee's CV;
- A letter detailing the nominee's distinguished contributions to psychology and law; and
- Names and addresses of four individuals who are familiar with the nominee's work and who would be able to address the nominee's contributions to the field of psychology and law (or additional letters from these four individuals).

More information about the award can be found at: **https://ap-ls.org/awards/awards/distinguished**.

AP-LS 2027 Mid-Career Award

The AP-LS Mid-Career Award recognizes members whose work has already substantially contributed to the fields of forensic and legal psychology. Up to three awards may be given each year to recognize scholars who have contributed through research, theory, and/or practice within these fields (e.g., experimental, forensic, corrections, etc.).

Nominees will have completed their terminal degree 10 - 25 years before the nomination deadline. The nominee should be a member of AP-LS.

Recipients will be formally recognized at the AP-LS Annual Conference. Awardees will receive a plaque, complimentary registration to that year's conference, and up to $1,000 in travel reimbursement upon request.

All nominations should be submitted to: **https://tinyurl.com/APLS-Awards-2026** by **November 15, 2026**. Self-nominations will not be considered. The nomination packet should be a single PDF document that includes:

- A copy of the nominee's CV;
- A letter detailing the nominee's distinguished contributions to psychology and law; and
- Any additional letters of support that address the nominee's contributions to the field.

More information about the award can be found at: **https://ap-ls.org/awards/awards/midcareer**.

AAFP/AP-LS 2027 Saleem Shah Award

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.

AAFP and AP-LS leadership have expanded the recognition of emerging talent in our field by honoring up to two (2) early career forensic or legal psychologists annually for this prestigious award. This modification aims to provide greater opportunities for acknowledging outstanding contributions from professionals in the early stages of their careers.

The focus of a nominee's contributions may be in any area of forensic/legal psychology practice, research, or public policy. The selection committee will prioritize one winner from more applied clinical domains and one winner from field or experimental research that can include less clinical domains. Of course, we recognize that excellent work (like Saleem Shah's) may span these broad categories or be difficult to categorize.

The recipient(s) must have received a doctoral degree (or law degree, whichever comes later, if both have been earned) within the last 10 years (as defined by APA, year 2015 or later, inclusive of 2015). 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.

All nominations should be submitted to: **https://tinyurl.com/APLS-Awards-2026** by **November 15, 2026**. Self-nominations will not be considered. The nomination packet should be a single PDF document that includes:

- a letter detailing the nominee's contributions to psychology and law, and
- a copy of the nominee's vita.

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NACCJPC Victoria 2027 (N6): Canada's Leading International Conference for Criminal Justice Psychologists, Researchers, and Students!



Abstract submissions for the 6th North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference will open this October!

N6 will mark the 20th anniversary of NACCJPC, Canada's leading international conference for criminal justice psychologists, researchers, and students. The conference will take place from June 3–5, 2027, in Victoria, Canada, alongside the Canadian Psychological Association's 88th Annual National Convention.

The N6 program will consist of presentations and symposia selected or invited by the Conference Steering Committee. We invite submissions that are empirical, theoretical or related to practice in correctional and criminal justice psychology, broadly defined. Typical

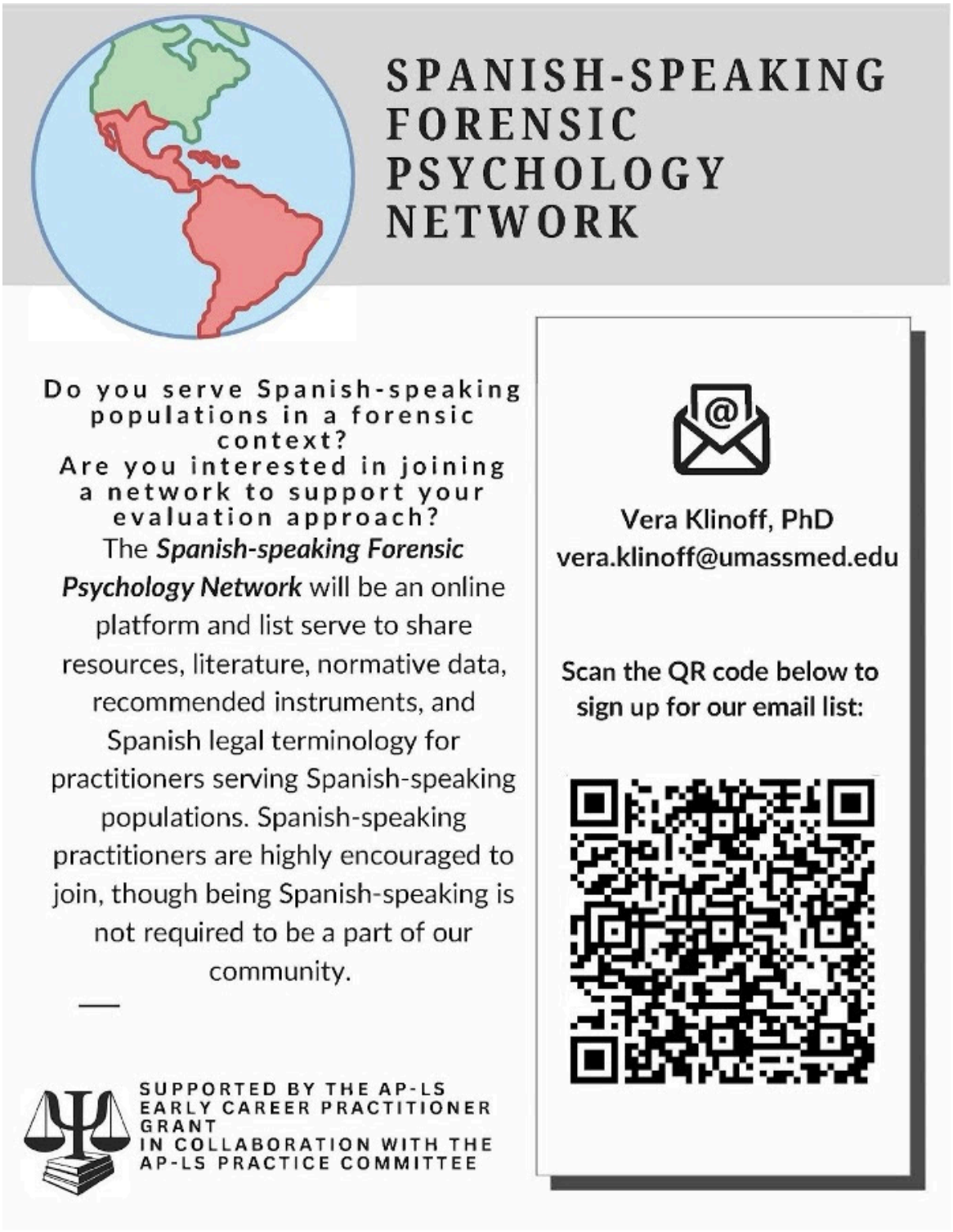
presentation formats include:

- Poster
- 5-minute Snapshot
- 12-minute Talk
- 25-minute Round Table Conversation
- 25-minute Theory Review
- 55-minute Panel or Symposium

Get your submission ready to avoid the rush at the December deadline.

Updated information about the conference will be regularly posted on our social media pages and our website: **https://cpa.ca/naccjpc**

Consider Joining the Spanish-Speaking Forensic Psychology Network



Law and Human Behavior Editorial Fellowship

The Editorial Team of *Law and Human Behavior* is seeking nominations for one editorial fellowship position for an early-career psychologist (ECP) from a group historically underrepresented in the academy and/or professional practice. The fellow will serve a 12-month term beginning January 1, 2027, and the position includes an honoraria stipend of $2,500 USD.

Law and Human Behavior's Editorial Fellowship Program seeks to elevate leadership opportunities for ECPs from communities that have been historically underrepresented in research and publishing leadership roles. Such individuals include, but are not limited to, psychologists who are Black, Indigenous, or other people of color and ethnicities as well as those psychologists who study, advocate on behalf of, or practice primarily with communities of color. Members of other underrepresented communities (e.g., LGBTQIA+ individuals, individuals with disabilities) or who work with or advocate on behalf of individuals from these communities will be considered.

Qualifications

The fellowship is open to qualified candidates who meet the above description and are no more than 10 years postdoctoral. Preference will be given to applicants who have experience conducting peer reviews and who are interested in pursuing a leadership role with a peer-reviewed journal.

Responsibilities

The fellow will work closely with the *Law and Human Behavior* Editorial Team (Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors) to develop their editorial leadership skills. The fellow will be mentored to perform the tasks typically required of an Associate Editor, including screening manuscripts for appropriateness, inviting reviewers to review manuscripts, and writing decision letters. The fellow will also participate in periodic meetings (via Zoom) with the *Law and Human Behavior* Editorial Team. Fellows will be credited on the journal masthead and, upon successful completion of the fellowship, will become members of *Law and Human Behavior*'s Editorial Board.

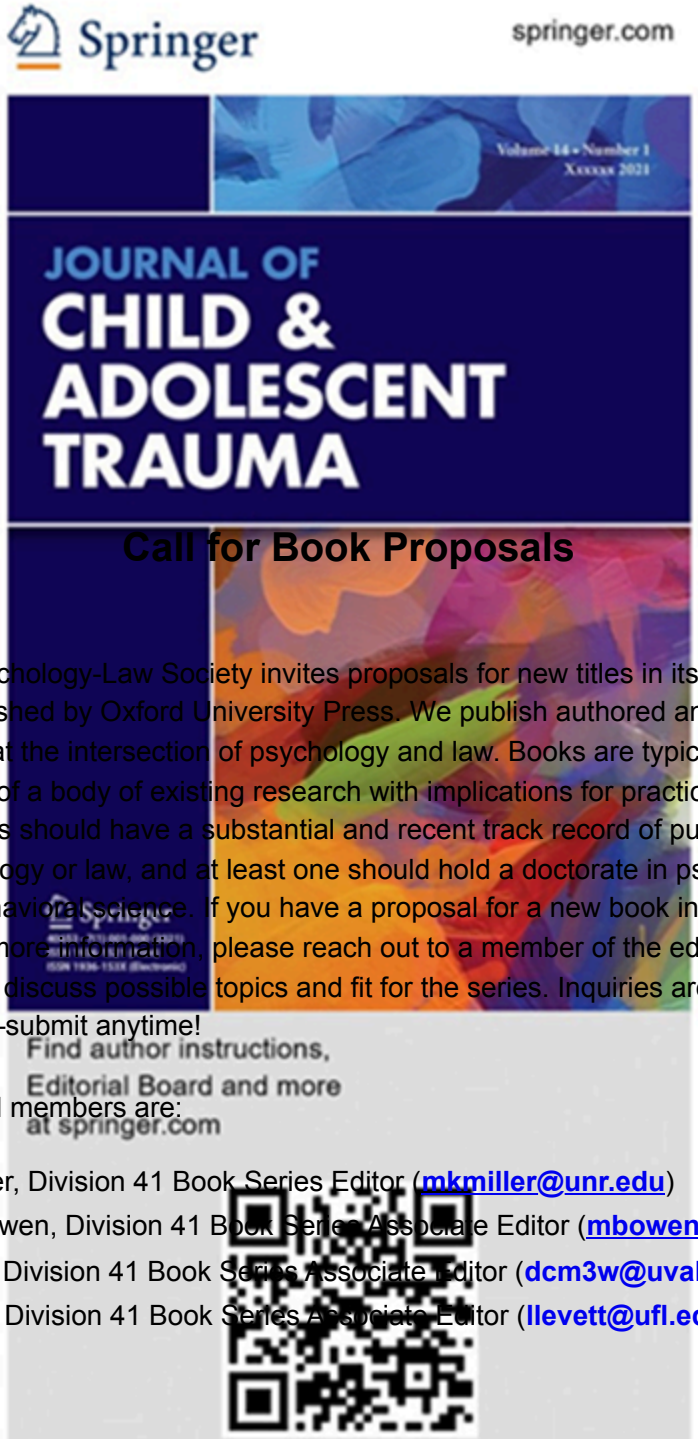
How to Apply

Interested candidates should send their application to the Editor-in-Chief of *Law and Human Behavior*, David DeMatteo (**david.dematteo@drexel.edu**), by **November 1, 2026**. Applicants should provide a CV and a letter of interest that (a) describes their expertise and experience, (b) provides context for their interest in the editorial fellowship program, and (c) indicates how their participation in the editorial fellowship program will contribute to the journal's advancement.

Invitation to Contribute to SAGE Encyclopedia of Bullying

Dr. Lisa Rosen & Dr. Stephanie Fredrick are inviting contributors for the SAGE Encyclopedia of Bullying. This 2-volume encyclopedia is designed to provide students from diverse disciplines with a comprehensive understanding of bullying across the lifespan and across different contexts. Entries in the SAGE Encyclopedia of Bullying are intentionally concise and manageable, making the contribution process both efficient and impactful. **Several entries focused on legislation/legal issues remain available**, and both the due date and word count are flexible. If you are interested in authoring an entry, please contact **lrosen@twu.edu** or **ssfredri@buffalo.edu**. We look forward to hearing from you!

Call for Papers -
Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma Special Issue on
Identifying and Uncoupling the Links Between Trauma and Juvenile Justice



Call for Book Proposals

The American Psychology-Law Society invites proposals for new titles in its book series, which is now published by Oxford University Press. 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, please reach out to a member of the editorial team. We would be happy to discuss possible topics and fit for the series. Inquiries are accepted on a continuous basis—submit anytime!

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Request for Proposals for Chapters and Essays

Monica K. Miller, David DeMatteo, and Daniel Krauss are editors of the book series "Advances in Psychology and Law," which seeks to enhance understanding of the connections between these disciplines, present "state of the science" summaries for current researchers, and provide a starting point for scholars wanting to delve into a new topic of study by reading an up-to-date review chapter or brief essay on that topic. All areas of

The Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma (JCAT; 5-year IF: 2.3) invites manuscripts for a special issue entitled *"Identifying and Uncoupling the Links Between Trauma and Juvenile Justice"* planned for publication in the summer of 2027.

Although the high prevalence of trauma, cognitive, and psychosocial sequelae among youth in the juvenile justice system is well established, studies are directed toward identifying the underlying developmental processes that account for those links. Also important are attempts at prevention and intervention that are devoted to treating the risks by investigating services or resilience processes. Although they might provide treatments to disrupt a new pathway, they are organized for this special issue, journal articles will be chapters and essays will be published in the series, although studies involving other interested fields (and especially those with less widely cited outlets, such as practice journals) are welcome. Chapters will be relatively short (30 pages or less), which allow authors to provide in depth analysis and take calculated risks (e.g., engaging in informed speculation about future research or the consequences of particular legal policies).

Essays will be shorter (approximately 10-14 pages d.s.) because they discuss a topic that is new and/or has less previous research to synthesize.

The book series has an editorial board of distinguished scholars who are experts in various areas in psychology and law. The editors strive to produce one volume in the series approximately every 12-18 months.

Overviews of the previous volumes can be viewed here to ensure topics have not been recently included in the series and to see examples of chapters: **http://www.springer.com/series/11918?detailsPage=titles**

Submit an approximately 300-word description and title and indicate if you want to write an essay or chapter. Specify both the legal component and the psychological component of your topic. Please include a sampling of key references and a CV of authors. Inquiries are welcome. Please contact Dr. Patricia K. Kerig, Editor in Chief: **p.kerig@utah.edu**

Manuscripts must be submitted no later than **October 1, 2026** to be included in the special issue. The journal website provides details about the submission process (**https://link.springer.com/journal/40653/submission-guidelines**) including the need to follow APA 7th ed. manuscript preparation guidelines in all respects. Please note that all submitted manuscripts will be subject to a robust double-blind peer review process and final acceptance is not guaranteed. Article-processing fees will apply only if authors opt for their paper to be published open access. Accepted papers will be published online promptly after acceptance.

JCAT welcomes basic research and intervention studies that employ quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods, as well as work that includes diverse samples and derives from diverse cultural contexts. In keeping with best practices in research, cross-sectional studies testing suppositions derived from developmental models should be framed cautiously as tests of indirect effects rather than "mediation" (see O'Leary et al., 2018; Maxwell & Cole, 2007; Weems, 2025). Systematic reviews and meta-analyses will be welcome, following best practice guidelines (e.g., Siddaway et al., 2019). High-quality conceptual papers that promise to move the field forward also will be considered.

Research Briefs

For inquiries, please contact Dr. Patricia K. Kerig, Editor in Chief: **p.kerig@utah.edu**

Take a look at the latest research briefs for short summaries of recent research relevant to psychology-law. Read the research briefs **here**.

Minutes from the May 2026 AP-LS Executive Committee Meeting

To read the minutes from the May 2026 AP-LS Executive Committee meeting, please click **here**.

Executive Committee

For more information or if you wish to contact a member of the AP-LS Executive Committee, details can be found **HERE**.

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