



President's Column: Looking Ahead

By Charlotte J. Patterson

By the time you read this, the 114th Annual APA Convention will be approaching rapidly. As you know, the convention will be held August 10–13 in New Orleans. In this column, I will highlight some of the special events that are planned for the Convention. I will also add a few words about issues that will be before the Division in the weeks and months following the Convention.

First, the Convention: Thanks to the good efforts of Jon Mohr, our program chair, we can look forward to an exciting program. Evan Wolfson, the Executive Director of the Freedom to Marry Coalition, and a pioneering activist for equal marriage rights, will speak on “No Marriage Without Engagement: How Diverse Voices and Nongay Allies Help Build Support for Ending Discrimination.” A varied group of cutting-edge symposia will be chaired by Division members, including Randall Ehrbar, Oliva Espin, Beth Firestein, Perry Halkitis, Greg Herek, Jon Mohr, Glenda Russell, and Ritch Savin-Williams. My presidential address will be entitled

“Our Families: Building a Psychology of Lesbian and Gay Family Life.” Division 44 will also sponsor multiple paper sessions and conversation hours. In addition, thanks to Julie Konik, there is an exciting lineup of activities scheduled in the Division 44 Hospitality Suite, which will be located in the Hilton. To find the suite, ask at the hotel registration desk for the room number, or look in the lobby for signs.

Division 44 is also cosponsoring a number of events that will be of interest to members. With Divisions 42 (Independent Practice) and 45 (Ethnic Minority Issues), we are cosponsoring a pre-convention CE workshop on “Psychotherapy with Lesbians and Gay Men: Surviving and Thriving Between a Rock and a Hard Place.” This will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 9, and will be led by Division 44 members Bev Greene and Gladys Croom. For more information, contact Miguel Gallardo: *Miguel.Gallardo@pepperdine.edu*. On Saturday, August 12, from 10:00 to 10:50 a.m., Gary Remafedi, a pediatrician noted for his work with gay adolescents, will give an invited address entitled “Gay and Lesbian Youth: Topics in Physical and Mental Health.” Through the efforts of Division 44 member Anne Kazak, who is currently president of Division 54 (Pediatric Psychology), we are cosponsoring this event with Division 54. On Saturday, August 12, from 12 noon to 12:50 p.m., as part of presidential programming for the Convention, Diane Ossana will deliver an invited address about her translation, with Larry McMurtry, of the short story *Brokeback Mountain* into the hit movie. This special session will be chaired by former Division 44 president Doug Haldeman.

While we are in New Orleans, Division 44 will also be going to Bourbon Street. Spearheaded this year by Michael Ranney, the annual fundraising dinner will be held at the Bourbon Vieux Restaurant, 501 Bourbon Street, on Saturday, August 12, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. With a menu featuring New Orleans specialties, the evening promises to be a festive occasion. As you know, this event raises money to support the division programs, and is likely to be a highlight of the Division 44 Convention experience. If you want to make a reservation and/or a donation, contact Michael: *mranney@ohpsych.org*. If you are a student who would like to attend, check with Michael about reduced price options.

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Division 44 Meetings at APA Convention Help Energize and Restore

In the face of frequent “micro-aggressions” from politicians, daily events, and media reports, members of Division 44 who attend the 2006 APA Convention in New Orleans will find vital support and opportunities to “recharge our batteries” in a variety of programs and activities.

The Convention begins on Thursday, August 10, and features a series of informal meetings in the Division 44 Hospitality Suite at the Hilton Hotel (check the desk or signs for the room assignments, which will be made at the convention). Topics include: youth and families (12 noon), bisexual issues (1 p.m.), workshops on recovery and relapse prevention for LGBT clients (2 p.m.), antigay politics (3 p.m.), a discussion hour on generational issues (5 p.m.), a Student Pizza Party (6 p.m.), and the Opening Party (8–11 p.m.). All are welcome at these events and it is a good way to make the overwhelming APA circus an informal and friendly experience.

The major Division 44 invited address will be by Evan Wolfson on Friday, August 11, at 4 p.m. (see the *Division 44 Newsletter*, Spring 2006 issue, page 8); the title is “No Marriage Without Engagement—How Diverse Voices and Nongay Allies Help Build Support for Ending Discrimination.”

The Division 44 presidential address will be given by Charlotte Patterson, internationally known expert on parenting and same-sex parenting. Her empirical research has frequently been instrumental in court cases regarding custody and adoption issues. Truly, she has touched the lives of many children and families of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender adults with the best of psychological research and practice. Her talk will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, at the Hilton Hotel, Belle Chasse Room. It will be followed by the Division 44 “Business Meeting”—really a celebration of our hard work as a team—and an Awards Ceremony to give tangible praise to this year’s winners. A social hour will follow in the Magnolia Room. The annual Fundraising Dinner will follow these events (see information on page 8).

In addition, of course, Division 44 offers a full schedule of formal programs (see the Convention pull-out section), thanks to Jonathan Mohr and all those who helped with the convention programming. Thanks to Wendy Biss for arranging the Hospitality Suite. Thanks to Greg Wells for providing the non-convention related information on New Orleans.

There are also relevant Continuing Education opportunities and programs in other divisions listed in this issue of the *Newsletter*.

Any member, fellow, associate, or student affiliate of the Division is welcome to attend the Executive Committee meetings, to volunteer for any of the committees or task forces, and to connect with Division 44. We all need each other’s peer support to cope with the daily micro-aggressions and larger examples of social oppression we experience far too often.

—Doug Kimmel, Editor



Cisco Sánchez, Division 44 Malyon-Smith chair, and Eileen Lüders, a UCLA post-doc in neuroscience, staff a booth for the Genetic Studies of Sexual Orientation project at Long Beach Pride in May. The research team collected saliva samples from 100 gay men and 100 lesbian women and conducted brief psychological surveys.

Eric Vilain, principal investigator of the study, will be presenting at APA Convention on Sunday (10–10:50 a.m.) in a symposium titled “The Biology of Sexual Orientation.”

Photo courtesy of Sven Bocklandt

Letter to the Editor:

Regarding the article in the Spring Newsletter on membership numbers, about 1996, when I was membership chair, the Division contracted with APA Division Services to handle our membership database. Whereas APA Membership Office may handle the member and associate lists, Division Services handles the affiliate and student lists because of confidentiality. If the original agreement is still in effect, then Division Services bills membership dues directly to the affiliates and students so they should have the numbers of each group, not APA Membership. —Jim Fitzgerald

Editor's Response: This is still the procedure used, according to APA Division Services. It is from them that the membership numbers shown in the last issue were obtained. —DK

In Memoriam: Fritz Klein, Ph.D.

27 December 1932–24 May 2006

Dr. Fritz Klein founded the American Institute of Bisexuality in 1998 to encourage, support, and assist research and education about bisexuality, and served as Chairman of the Board up until his death. He was best known for his pioneering sex research and the development of the multi-dimensional Klein Sexual Orientation Grid, which measures the complexity and fluidity of sexual orientation. The Klein Grid, first published in 1978, expanded on the “zero to six” Kinsey scale. The Klein Grid measures actual sexual experiences, but also sexual attractions, fantasies, emotional preference, social preference, lifestyle, and self-identification as they relate to a person’s past, present, and ideal future. Klein’s research showed that these factors can change over time for an individual, and vary not just between but also within groups of straight, gay, and bisexual people. He concluded that people generalize from their own experiences and feelings to assume, often wrongly, that other people must experience their own sexual orientations the same way.

As a result, Klein concluded sexual orientations are too complex to be broken into simple, well-defined categories. Nonetheless, he was a tireless activist, especially concerning bisexual issues and community. He was known all over the world for his groundbreaking research and writing, including *The Bisexual Option: Man, His Body, His Sex* and a novel,

Life, Sex and the Pursuit of Happiness, published in 2005 by Harrington Park Press.

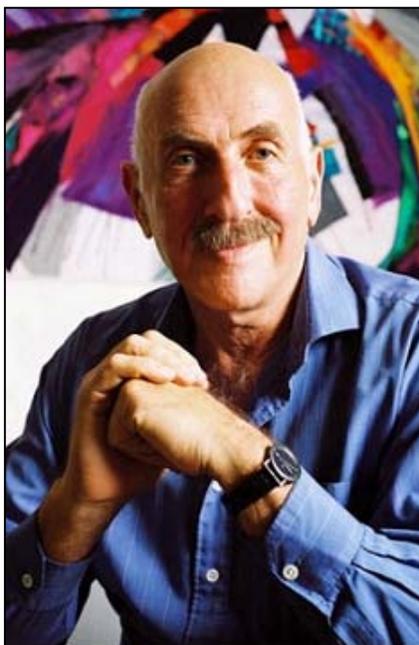
He was born Fred Klein in Vienna, Austria, in 1932.

While still a small boy, he fled with his family to New York City to escape anti-Semitism and the impending war. He later studied medicine in Switzerland at Bern University and received an MBA from Columbia University. Dr. Klein was a board-certified psychiatrist for 30 years in New York and San Diego until his retirement.

Early in his career he realized that there was a void in knowledge about sexual orientation, specifically in the area of bisexuality. He placed an ad in the *Village Voice* for a meeting that resulted in the creation in New York of the “Bisexual Forum.” After moving to San Diego, Dr. Klein founded the Bisexual Forum for that city in 1982, wrote several books, and founded and became editor of the *Journal of Bisexuality*.

He died at age 73 following a cardiac arrest at home in San Diego, California. He is survived by his life partner, Tom Reise of San Diego, and two brothers, George and Seymour of New York City.

[Adapted from an obituary by the American Institute of Bisexuality, Retrieved from www.bisexual.org/fritz.asp, May 27, 2006.]



Student Volunteer Opportunities

Students planning to attend the 2006 APA Convention and who want to learn more about Division 44 can volunteer to help with a variety of tasks in the Hospitality Suite. It is a great chance to work with other LGBT students and to contribute to the Division. Please send e-mail to Wendy Biss, wendywonch@hotmail.com, if you are interested.

From the Newsletter 5, 10, 15, and 20 Years Ago

Summer 2001

President Terry Gock reported the Division had completed a survey of the President Emeriti in order to solicit their input and seek their valuable experience as past leaders of our Division. Kris Hancock summarized the responses of this "Lavender Ribbon Panel" regarding future directions of the Division.

Representatives from Division 19 (Military Psychology) asked that the ban on military advertising be lifted and it was expected that an informal meeting between Divisions 19 and 44 would be held at the convention.

Division 17 (Counseling Psychology) Section on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Awareness (SLGBA) invited Division 44 members to consider joining their Section.

The APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns prepared a sample letter in support of elimination of Footnote 4 to the Accreditation Guidelines that certain religiously based professional psychology programs have been used to justify policies that discriminate against LGB students and faculty.

July 1996

President Robin Buhrke announced that the Public Interest Directorate Miniconvention will be on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns in Psychology at the APA convention in Toronto.

The Executive Committee approved publication of a directory for all student-affiliates and affiliates who desire to be placed in the directory to facilitate collaboration on research and other tasks.

The APA Office on AIDS announced that the increased need for behavioral science in assessing, prioritizing, and targeting HIV prevention programs has created a demand for psychologists in the community planning process.

Ron Fox and Sari Dworkin, co-chairs of the Task Force on Bisexual Issues in Psychology announced that a discussion hour on the interface of lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues would be held in the Division 44 Hospitality Suite, hosted by incoming Division President Doug Haldeman, supporting the ongoing dialogue on the inclusion of bisexual issues in the Division.

July 1991

The Public Interest Directorate and Division 44 will sponsor a mini-convention entitled "Beyond Stigma: Homosexu-

ality as a Social Issue" at the APA convention in San Francisco.

Division 44 sponsors a pre-convention workshop titled: "AIDS Dementia: Critical Issues in Managing the Environment."

The Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists (ALGP) is sponsoring the Fourth Annual ALGP Empowerment Conference on social activism for lesbian and gay psychologists and our friends at APA's convention on Thursday, August 15.

The APA Board of Directors passed a recommendation to APA Council clarifying APA policy in response to the U.S. military's request to advertise in APA publications in light of the Department of Defense policy of discrimination against lesbians and gay men.

July 1986

Alan Malyon reported that the Division 44 Task Force on Diagnostic Concerns, formed in March, met with the Work Group to Revise DSM-III on June 24. On June 27, 1986, the Board of Trustees of the American Psychiatric Association voted to recommend removal of Ego-dystonic Homosexuality from DSM-III-R. Thus, we are now close to having disabused the official diagnostic nomenclature of all references which link homosexuality, either explicitly or implicitly, with psychopathology.

The APA Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns Task Force to Develop Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbians and Gay Men has been meeting since January 1985, and has received broad official support within APA governance. Data collection will begin this summer, representing the first empirical data ever gathered on professional practices in the delivery of psychological services to lesbians and gay men.

Linda Garnets reported that the APA Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns Task Force on Avoiding Heterosexual Bias: Guidelines for Ethical and Valid Research produced an excellent draft document, now being revised; and that the APA Insurance Trust is unwilling to eliminate the one-year waiting period for its "spouse-equivalents" coverage.

Armand Cerbone reported that a group of Midwest psychologists and students from 4 states met in Chicago to discuss common issues and to devise strategies for establishing a regional support system.

CE Credit Available for Division 44 Programs

The following symposia in the regular Division 44 convention program will have CE credits available for attendees:

"Transgender and Intersex Psychology—Research and Practice"

Friday, August 11, 9–9:50 a.m., Convention Center, Room 354

"Conducting Research with LGBT Communities—Bridging the Theory-Practice Continuum"

Saturday, August 12, 8–9:50 a.m., Convention Center, Room 274

"Antigay Politics—Psychological Impact and Psychologists' Role"

Sunday, August 13, 11–11:50 a.m., Convention Center, Room 342

APA Presidential Candidate Statements

There are five nominees for APA President-Elect. Each candidate was invited to submit a response to two questions: (1) What do you see as the important role(s) APA can or should be playing in improving the lives or mental health of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people? (2) Please describe or list any professional activities in which you have participated that are related to improving the lives or mental health and well being of LGBT people.

Rosie Phillips Bingham

Inclusion is Power! ...is my campaign theme. APA must:

- foster inclusion to improve the lives of LGBT people;
- find ways to increase the access and empowerment of marginalized groups;
- continue to issue resolutions (gay adoption, for example) that can influence laws and policies that impact the lives of LGBT people; and
- support training, research, and education that enables us to become better practitioners, scientists, and advocates for LGBT people, clients and colleagues.

We must end discrimination against LGBT professionals because all of us want to earn a respectable living and because it is the right thing to do.

While I have been an advocate for years, perhaps my best-known work is with the National Multicultural Summit. As co-founders of the Summit, we strove to include LGBT issues from the very beginning. The Summit is sometimes a haven and sometimes a lightning rod for LGBT issues, but the discussion is always there. At the APA convention of 2005 I co-facilitated a workshop on conflict between marginalized groups and will again this year. Away from APA, I support LGBT students and colleagues. At my university the Stonewall Tigers were voted student organization of the year.

James H. Bray

APA should continue to support policies, research, programs, and educational standards that support the equal rights and mental and physical health of LGBT people. APA has approved standards for LGBT psychotherapy. We need to make sure that they are applied in policy documents, such as evidenced-based practice, to ensure that LGBT's psychological needs are addressed.

I have been a consistent and strong supporter of LGBT issues throughout my work in APA. As president of the Division of Family Psychology, we established the Lesbian and Gay Family Issues committee. Later as a board member, through a bequest from Dr. Royce Scrivener's estate, we created a research award on gay and lesbian family issues. I also supported the allocation of division funds for PFLAG activities. As the first chair of the APA Rural Health Committee, LGBT issues were included in the mission statement of the new committee. Currently, I am working with community leaders to create a center for homeless LGBT youth in Houston, Texas. Our plans are to provide shelter and psychological and medical care at this center. LGBT adolescents need a safe and secure place to help them re-unite with their families or become successful, independent young adults.

Alan E. Kazdin

The 2005 APA survey (Office of Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Concerns) conveyed a great need to provide course work and graduate and postgraduate training opportunities, overcome prejudice and discrimination, improve faculty hiring and retention, and lobby for clinical services and greater research funding on LGBT issues. I am eager to work on these issues, to mobilize APA council, Directorates, this Division, and State Psychological Associations, and to move from reports and recommendations to action. Diversity, health care, international work—important priorities for me—involve LGBT issues to advocate, lobby, and communicate (please see *votekazdin@apa.yale.edu*).

I direct a clinic devoted to parenting and frequently am involved with lesbian and gay parenting. This has sensitized me to ensuring that there are suitable services to address special needs and concerns and in a context that parents and families will experience as supportive and friendly to their concerns. There are more issues than parenting, but this has been a critical entry point into the issues, and I am keen to lobby for better and more services and the broader social sensitivities that such services require.

Nora S. Newcombe

Nora S. Newcombe is a professor of psychology and a James H. Glackin Distinguished Faculty Fellow at Temple University. Her research on cognitive development is widely recognized as innovative work that is integrative across different theoretical viewpoints, methodologies and age groups and that has launched new ways of thinking about spatial and memory development (*APA Monitor*, May, 2006). She sent the following statement: "Thanks for writing to me about the APA Presidency. APA is a large and complex organization that serves many constituencies. I believe that the staff of APA, headed by a very capable CEO, does a fantastic day-to-day job of monitoring and addressing the concerns of the various groups of

psychologists who comprise APA. My aim in running for President is to provide a unifying face and voice for several overarching issues: relating science to practice and public policy, organizing ‘big picture’ activities that reduce the fragmentation of our discipline, and delineating appropriate ways to make evidence-based decisions. Because I am committed to this vision, I have decided to concentrate on these themes in my campaign rather than comment on all of the many particular questions that form a part of the ongoing work of this largely well-functioning organization.”

Stephen A. Ragusea

Last week, I was talking with a friend, who is a judge and gay. He put his arm around me and proudly introduced me to his partner. My friend said, “You know, we owe a lot to psychologists like Steve. A long time ago the psychologists stood up for us and told the world we weren’t crazy; they’ve always been there for us.” That appreciation wasn’t for me; it was for us. APA needs to stand firm in all the ways it has to advance respect for all of humanity, including the LGBT population. We’ve done well, but we can do better. E.g., we must do more for LGBT kids!

I have a private practice in Key West, Florida, where, as the reader may know, we have a disproportionately large LGBT population. Perhaps one-third of my practice involves family and individual psychotherapy with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals. I also work in the Department of Health’s HIV Clinic one day each week as the state’s sole provider of psychological and neuropsychological services in the Florida Keys. In this capacity, I confront all the issues related to the AIDS epidemic and the profound destruction it has wrought.

More information: www.raguseaforapa.com

Announcements

Congratulations and Good Luck!

Division 44 Past-President, Judith M. Glassgold, has been nominated for President-Elect of the New Jersey Psychological Association. She is the first openly GLBT person nominated for the position. If elected, she would join several other Division 44 members who have served as president of their state psychological association.

New Book in Division 44 Book Series

I just wanted to make you all aware of an excellent resource from the Division’s book series, *Sexual Orientation and Mental Health: Examining Identity and Development in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual People*. Editors: Allen M. Omoto, Ph.D. and Howard S. Kurtzman, Ph.D.

In *Sexual Orientation and Mental Health*, expert contributors explore the impressive body of rigorous empirical research on mental health in lesbian, gay, and bisexual people that has emerged over the past decade. This volume presents some of the most important work in this field from both established and emerging investigators. The contributors examine the prevalence and potential determinants of depression, anxiety, and substance abuse in adolescents and adults, giving consideration to the roles of prejudice and harassment as well as positive family and social supports. The chapters address a wide range of topics, including sexual behavior and identity, the influence of religion on mental health, work satisfaction, the well-being of children of same-sex couples, and the links between psychosocial processes and physical health. Several chapters also focus on the experiences of members of ethnic minority groups. Contributors discuss methodological challenges in conducting research with lesbian, gay, and bisexual people and suggest topics for future research. In addition to contributing to scientific knowledge in numerous areas, findings reported in this volume can inform the development of prevention and treatment interventions, service delivery systems, and health policies that are sensitive to the needs of lesbian, gay, and bisexual people.

Part of the APA Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues (Division 44) Series For further information and to order: www.apa.org/books/4316052.html

—Christopher Martell, President-Elect

Research Funding from the National Institutes of Health

The National Institutes of Health has issued a program announcement, Health Research with Diverse Populations (PA-06-218), that invites grant applications for research on the health of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and related populations. The PA, which remains active until May 2009, is published in the NIH Guide (grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-218.html). Inquiries may be directed to Dr. Howard Kurtzman, National Institute of Mental Health: kurtzman@nimh.gov or 301-443-1576.

Division 44 Is Going to Bourbon Street

The Annual Division 44 Fund Raising Dinner will be held at Bourbon Vieux Restaurant on Saturday, August 12, 2006 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bourbon Vieux is located at 501 Bourbon Street and Division 44 members will enjoy dinner and the view from the balcony overlooking the street. Yes, it is true—Bourbon Street is always festive!

Students—\$60 (limited number available)

Division 44 members—\$75

Mentor —\$150 (Div 44 Member and sponsored student)

We appreciate those who elect to be mentors or who pay for a dinner and donate it back to the Division to be made available to a student. Students interested in applying for one of the mentee slots should contact Michael Ranney by mail, fax 614-224-2059 or e-mail mranney@ohpsych.org. The limited number of mentee slots will be allocated in the order received. Please include name, address, email, phone, school, and year in school when you apply for a mentee slot.

Support Division 44's Annual Fund Raising Dinner by making a donation with your dinner reservation or making a donation even if you are not able to attend the dinner. Funds raised support important Division 44 initiatives.

Donor—\$100 (Dinner + \$25 or donation from non-attendees)

Sponsor—\$150 (Dinner + \$75 or donation from non-attendees)

Patron—\$250 (Dinner + \$175 or donation from non-attendees)

Benefactor—\$500 (Dinner + \$425 or donation from non-attendees)

Underwriter—\$1,000 (Dinner + \$925 or donation from non-attendees)

Send your check to confirm your reservation today! Send your reservation to Michael Ranney, c/o OPA, 400 East Town Street, Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43215. If making a donation, please indicate if you are planning on attending or not.

Reservations and credit card payments may also be made on line:
www.ohpsych.org/Div44AnnualFundRaisingDinnerReservation.htm

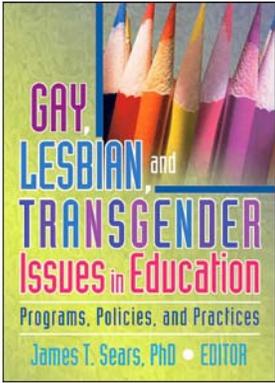
As always, this annual fund raising dinner is a highlight of the Division's activities at the APA Convention. This year's event promises to be a festive celebration. Check out Bourbon Vieux, www.bourbonvieux.com, or the Bourbon Vieux Cam, www.bourbonvieux.com/bourbonvieuxcam.html. This year a fabulous buffet dinner has been planned that will feature some great New Orleans specialties.

- Open bar with domestic beer (Bud, Bud Light, and Miller Lite), House Red and White Wine, Hurricanes, and Soft Drinks
- Spring mix salad w/Creole tomatoes, crumbled blue cheese (on the side), pecans, and raspberry walnut vinaigrette (vegan)
- Seafood Gumbo
- Corn Macque Choux with rice (vegan)
- Spicy Boiled New Potatoes
- Red Beans and Rice
- Pasta Primavera made with olive oil (vegan)
- Cajun Fried Turkey
- Pecan Praline Bread Pudding

Make your reservation today as we have a limited number of slots available!

If you have questions, contact Michael Ranney: mranney@ohpsych.org or 800-783-1983.

Book Reviews



Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Issues in Education: Programs, Policies, and Practices. James T. Sears (Ed.). Harrington Park Press, 2005. 197 pp.

I will be teaching a graduate-level course this summer on meeting the learning and development needs of GLBT students and families that is designed for educators in K-College settings and I am searching for relevant readings for the course. The title of this book closely parallels the title of the course, so my reading of the book focused on determining whether or not it would be a useful resource.

This book is Sears's selection of articles from the first volume of the *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Issues in Education*. It is intended to be a primer and resource for parents and educators and those training to be educators. Twenty-nine contributors wrote seventeen chapters that are organized around three sections: Youth Voices; Research and Policy; and Programs, Policies, and Practices.

The book includes a strong international perspective, including authors from New Zealand, Australia, China, Japan, and Canada, as well as the United States, and explores GLBT topics across the full range of educational settings: elementary school, high school, and college.

The section on Youth Voices is rich with short statements by students from several countries followed by commentaries from distinguished educators, which are in turn followed by the reactions of the students to the commentaries. The students' voices illustrate that their educational experiences and concerns vary from country to country but also that some issues and concerns are universal. The resilience of the students is apparent, as is their independence. The students showed no hesitancy in disagreeing occasionally with the commentators, as well as learning from them.

The section on Research and Policy includes three chapters: One focuses on students' school experiences and examines questions such as the number of GLBT youth, concerns of GLBT students of color, extent of harassment and violence, and how children of GLBT parents fare in schools. Another presents a brief overview of the history of GLBT studies in education, while the third chapter, which discusses bullying in Canadian schools, though interesting, seems a bit out of place.

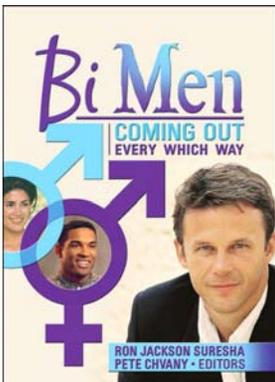
The section on Programs, Policies, and Practices includes chapters that cover the educational spectrum, including transgender college students, transgender youth in Hawaii, elementary teachers in Appalachia, urban youth, and the roles of gay-straight alliances. These chapters are particularly comprehensive; they include the voices of students as well as the authors and provide specific suggestions for improving the educational climate for GLBT students.

Several themes were pervasive throughout the book. These include the importance of balancing promotion of changes that improve support for individual GLBT students and changes aimed at having an impact on the system, thus having an impact on all students; the centrality of language as a concern; and the necessity of having support from the central administration, if the changes are to be substantive and not just symbolic.

For a multiple-author book, there are remarkably few redundancies of points of view and citations. The brevity of the chapters means that the presentation in many instances is not deep, but the references in each chapter are extensive and current. The voices of the students and the authors help make the book readable and alive as well as informative.

This book is now at the top of my list for books I will use this summer for my graduate class on meeting the learning and development needs of GLBT youth and families. My hope is that many educators will read this book.

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Bi Men: Coming Out Every Which Way. Damian W. Riggs and Gordon A. Walker (Eds.). Ron Jackson Suresha and Pete Chvany (Eds.) Harrington Park Press, 2005, 312 pp.

The collection of autobiographical essays edited by Ron Jackson Suresha and Pete Chvany explores personal stories and experiences of a conglomeration of diverse bisexual men. Suresha, author of *Bears on Bears: Interviews & Discussions*, and Chvany, a longtime bisexual activist from Boston, compiled stories provoking a reexamination of long-held stereotypes and beliefs about bisexuality, masculinity, and traditional sex roles in Western culture. The editors successfully paint a picture of the broad spectrum of sexuality by exploring stories from a New Orleans native, a rural resident of Kentucky, a survivor of gay conversion therapy, an Amish man, a Jewish Puerto Rican who converted to Buddhism and Hinduism, Bears, and numerous other bisexual males evoking an increased awareness on the full range of sexuality originally proposed by Alfred Kinsey. No book

thus far has so successfully depicted such a brilliantly colorful array of diversity among sexual minorities and given such a strong answer to biphobic monosexuals.

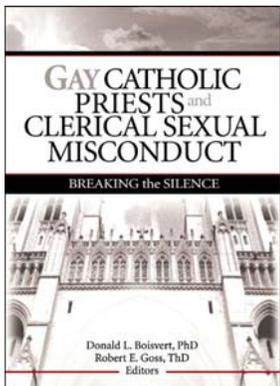
Suresha and Chvany divide the book into four categories of stories: discovering a bisexual self, extending bonds of marriage and family, interacting in evolving GLBTQ communities, and bridge-building in bisexual spirit. Each section provides a unique perspective into the bisexual male. Most specifically I appreciated delving into the negotiation and struggle of spirituality and sexuality by the anecdotal stories from Buddhist, Amish, Hindu, Southern Baptist, and Celtic bisexual men. The struggles encountered while coming to terms with their sexuality and coping with religious oppression opened my eyes to the emotional exertions many bisexual men are forced to face.

My favorite depiction of this struggle was “Ex Exodus” by Ed Boland. He began with a belief in gay conversion therapy: “God will change me if I pray, and if that change never happens, then I’m not praying enough or I’m just not worthy. If the change doesn’t come, that means God doesn’t love me.” The author held these views for many years, but upon no change in his sexuality he finally had the revelation while at a gay-conversion conference that he is OK and so are all the other GLBT people he was with—that he didn’t change his sexuality because he wasn’t meant to. This revelation opened the door to exploration of his sexuality and as well as to allow himself to be free of guilt and experience happiness and pleasure.

The most valuable lesson I learned from reading this book was the inherent biphobia prevalent in the gay and lesbian community. Remembering my own struggle to have a sense of identity and belonging, it pained me to see the anguish many of these bisexuals went through. Not only was it caused by ostracism of the straight community, but also they felt rejection from the gay and lesbian community while simply searching for a sense of belonging. The rejection many bisexuals face coming out, often first as gay, is doubly difficult when coming out later to their gay friends as bisexual and was beautifully depicted in the emotional narratives in this book. I identified with the rejection from peers and was forced to look at and challenge my own views of bisexuality. I was forced to reexamine my own personal beliefs about the spectrum of sexuality, and in fact, to see it illustrated by examples that defy sexuality as either being heterosexual or homosexual.

As a practicing clinician, I found this book helped open my eyes to a world that, for me, is difficult to understand, and it will help me further empathize with the struggles my clients are facing in regards to defining their own sexuality. The book is easy to read for the clinician and the non-clinician alike and can be given to those struggling with their sexuality at almost any age. *Bi Men: Coming Out Every Which Way* is a book every clinician should read to force them to reexamine their views of sexuality and more fully appreciate the brilliance of Alfred Kinsey’s work exploring the full spectrum of human sexuality.

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Gay Catholic Priests and Clerical Sexual Misconduct: Breaking the Silence. Donald L. Boisvert and Robert E. Goss (Eds.). Harrington Park Press, 2005, 272 pp.

This collection of articles, edited by Boisvert and Goss, addresses the conflicts that gay male (and to a lesser degree, lesbian and heterosexual female) Catholics face within a system of contradictions. The two main shortcomings of the collection arise quickly, but once accepted, the volume has much to offer in terms of insightful analysis of the experience of queer Catholics. The first shortcoming is the title, which led me to expect that the book would provide an in-depth analysis of the sexual misconduct of priests, including child sexual abuse. About one-third of the chapters do address sexual abuse specifically, though this does not begin until Chapter 9 (of 16). While an in-depth analysis of sexual misconduct itself is not provided consistently in the book, it does provide thoughtful and provocative analyses of the culture in which such abuses arise and are, in some ways, supported.

A more consistent and pervasive theme of the collection is an in-depth analysis of the culture and contradictions of the all-male Catholic hierarchy. The analyses of gay men within this culture are, for the most part, insightful and well-argued. There are also excellent analyses of the incentives and consequences (psychological, economic, spiritual) for participating in a structure that not only oppresses gay participants within the hierarchy but also actively excludes women from power and funds political activity that limits the options of non-Catholics throughout the world (for example, Cartier describes the Church’s funding of a mass media campaign in California in the late 1990s in promotion of Proposition 22, which defined marriage as exclusively between a man and a woman).

A second shortcoming of the collection is that it does not stand independently. In promotional materials, this volume is described as having been “inspired” by *The Silence of Sodom: Homosexuality in Modern Catholicism*, by Mark Jordan (2000). Indeed, each essay is written in direct response to Jordan’s work, including one chapter originally published as a formal review of that book. The writers of each chapter presume that the reader will be familiar with Jordan’s work, and many of the works read as a continuing conversation that was begun with his book. A reader who has not first read Jordan will feel out of the loop. Nonetheless, the extensive quotes from Jordan’s work provide sufficient foundation so that a reader who has not read Jordan can still gain much in terms of insight and analysis from the current collection.

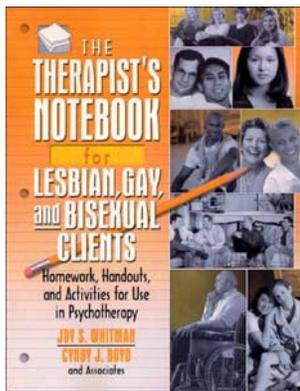
Despite these limitations, Boisvert and Goss have compiled a collection of engaging articles that describe and analyze Catholic culture, predominantly as it intersects with gay priests. The volume consists of an Introduction and 16 chapters, divided into four sections. The first section, *Speaking in New and Different Names*, is written predominantly by gay men who were once a part of the Catholic hierarchy. Most articles include a presentation of each author's personal experiences, of spirituality, developing self-awareness, cognitive dissonance, and eventually, rebellion against the proscribed contradictions built into the institution. Several of the articles then link the author's experience to academic analysis of the hierarchy's interactions with same-sex desire. These articles highlight the complexity of the experiences of gay priests, ranging from rebellion to active participation in the oppression of other gay priests and parishioners. Several author's beautifully describe the psychological and spiritual pain brought about by coming of age in a system that demands both profound love and devotion to male figures (e.g., Jesus, saints, fellow priests, etc.) and actively and brutally condemns "homosexuality."

Section two, *Ecclesial Misogyny*, is written largely by outsiders. The majority of these authors are women who make concise and insightful analyses regarding the links between misogyny and homophobia on the one hand, and on the great deal of privilege that priests hold within the patriarchy on the other. For example, Mary Hunt takes priests to task for being caught up in the series of privileges that keep them working for and within a system that privileges men. Marie Cartier further discusses the power of the Catholic Church and the degree to which gay priests (and most other Catholics) have tolerated the church's involvement in state and national politics to regulate the behavior of non-Catholics. Notably, it is in this section on misogyny that sexual abuse is first addressed in substantial detail. Several authors argue that the scapegoating of gay priests is not only homophobic and convenient for the institutional church but also a function of the devaluing of women; girls are estimated to account for at least half those believed to have been sexually victimized by priests.

Section three, *Power Games and Calling Names*, details some ways of breaking the silence, and further analyzes the scapegoating process and how one can break it. Several authors detail their own experiences of breaking silence and the swift and powerful response of the church. Section four is a response from Mark Jordan and further clarification of how he envisions the development of a queer Catholicism.

Overall, I think this collection makes a nice companion to Jordan's earlier work. It is an insightful read for those wanting to better understand the structures that keep gay men going to and participating in a Catholic world. Further, it provides a feminist analysis of the ways that gay priests, despite their simultaneous oppression, participate in the continued oppression of women within the Catholic institution. The book does not provide the promised analysis of clerical sexual misconduct, but for those interested in this topic, several of the chapters are a worthwhile read.

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The Therapist's Notebook for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients: Homework, Handouts, and Activities for Use in Psychotherapy. Joy S. Whitman and Cyndy J. Boyd (Eds.). Haworth Clinical Practice Press, 2003, 309 pp.

The Therapist's Notebook for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients is a practical and creative compilation of 49 activities for use in clinical settings with LGB clients. Most of the exercises are introduced as individual therapy activities, although there are some activities geared specifically for couples or groups. Several dozen scholars and clinicians contribute to this volume; the variety of theoretical orientations and clinical styles is evident through the wide array of activities that are presented—from paper and pencil checklists, worksheets, or questionnaires to activities involving drawing, visualization, two-chair exercises, or physical/movement activities. *The Therapist's Notebook* is not intended for clients to use on their own. Therapists are instructed about how to introduce and/or guide clients through activities, and therapists are given specific suggestions for assisting clients to process their reactions and emotions that emerge during the activities.

The structure of *The Therapists' Notebook* is well organized and consistent across activities. Descriptions of activities are fairly brief (a few pages) yet provide ample explanation for implementation. Authors begin each description by identifying the type of activity and its objective. Next, a rationale is provided for each activity, supported by scholarship and research. Authors then provide instructions for facilitating or leading each activity and indicate if any particular materials (large drawing paper, index cards, markers, etc.) are needed. Each section contains suggestions for follow-up, typically in the form of questions therapists can ask while helping clients process their experience. The next critical piece of each section is contraindications, in which authors thoughtfully disclose specific client issues or particular circumstances in which an exercise may be not particularly useful, potentially harmful, or should not be used at all. At the end of each activity, readers will find a list of valuable resources (typically books or journal articles but in some cases Internet, audiovisual, or organization suggestions), separated into resources appropriate for professionals, bibliotherapy sources for clients, and references for works cited.

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The Therapists' Notebook is organized into four main sections and spans a wide variety of topics relevant to LGB clients. The first section devotes 13 activities to issues of coming out and managing homophobia and heterosexism. Two of these activities are specifically geared toward bisexual men and women (regarding disclosure and passing, and working through biphobia). Section One also includes activities to help clients explore their identity, identify stereotypes and internalized homophobia, recognize connections between discrimination and trauma, increase awareness of the impact and consequences of heterosexism, and create a sacred space. Section Two of the notebook focuses on relationship issues, spanning 13 activities including partner selection, creating a cultural and sexual genogram, negotiating a healthy open relationship, sex role values, gender roles and intimacy, and negotiating financial issues in relationships. In Section Three, gender, ethnic, and sexual identity issues are addressed across 5 activities. In one activity, clients reflect on how they label themselves in terms of gender identity, expression, and sexual orientation. A genogram exercise is described (for use with biological families or families of choice), complete with symbols inclusive of LGB, two spirit, cross-dresser, transsexual, and drag individuals. Other handouts help clients explore lesbian gender expression, consider how oppression plays out across their multiple identities, and understand how sexual and ethnic identities interact. The longest section of the book is Section Four, spanning 18 activities that address a variety of special topics, including spirituality, body disturbance in gay men, unwanted sexual behavior, disability issues, domestic violence, HIV-medication adherence, LGBT parenting, addiction recovery, alcohol use, workplace issues, negotiating relationships with ex-partners, and assisting youth to find community.

While no single therapeutic activity can be expected to completely “resolve” any particular client issue, each of these activities provides a terrific starting point for exploration and working through of client concerns. The rationale sections are particularly noteworthy and may be useful for expanding or deepening therapists’ knowledge base as well as for educational use with clients (i.e., helping normalize issues typically faced by LGB individuals). Furthermore, resources listed after each activity offer additional opportunities for both therapists and clients to continue to explore and learn about specific LGB-related topics as needed to suit their unique needs.

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What is the Malyon-Smith Fund?

Since its establishment in 1985, Division 44 has played a vital role in the understanding and appreciation of the LGBT community. From promoting education and training within the discipline to informing the general public on LGBT issues, the Division depends on psychological research to guide its activities. As the Division continues to mature, the key to its future lies with today’s students and their research interests.

Recognizing the importance of funding student-initiated research, the Division established the Malyon-Smith Fund in honor of the memory of two founding past presidents of the Division, Alan Malyon and Adrienne Smith.

The Malyon-Smith Scholarship awards up to \$1000 to selected graduate students in psychology to advance research in the psychology of sexual orientation and gender identity. The award represents one of the Division’s major efforts to mentor and support science in LGB psychology by encouraging the work of young researchers.

Each year a committee consisting of Division 44 members and officers reviews the proposals. Each application is evaluated on its relevance to the Division’s objectives, organization and clarity, quality of design and methodology, and potential contribution to theory and practice. Awardees are notified by June, and the awards are made public at the Annual APA Convention.

Although at the present time the fund can only support one award, at times the Division has been able to secure external funding for additional awards. Consequently, to date the Division has been able to award over 25 students with a scholarship. As the number of applications submitted continues to grow, it is hoped that the fund will eventually be able to award more scholarships each year. In order to assist with this effort, you may send tax-exempt donations for the fund to the Division’s Secretary-Treasurer.

Further information on the Malyon-Smith Award can be found on the Division’s home page. The next deadline for applications is February 1, 2007.

Faculty members are strongly encouraged to inform students of this award so that we can continue to insure the future of LGBT research in psychology.

—Cisco Sánchez, Chair Malyon-Smith Award Committee

Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Foster Parents

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There are large numbers of foster children in the United States. In a typical year over 500,000 young people enter the foster care system and stay an average of 2.5 years. Most youth enter foster care because of parental neglect or abuse (CWLA, 2005). Foster homes can compound earlier traumas or improve overall functioning.

The number of available foster homes is extremely small, with only about 174,000 licensed homes in the U.S. (e.g., CWLA, 2005). Burnout rates for foster parents are high, with many discontinuing within the first six months. Foster parents who continue to provide homes are those with deep concern for youth, positive attitudes toward children, and good health (e.g., Tyebjee, 2003). Recently, Tyebjee (2003) noted that gay and lesbian adults show greater interest and willingness to foster and adopt than heterosexual adults.

The critical shortage of foster homes would logically lead state agencies to recruit GLBTQ adults as prospective foster parents. Unfortunately, many state agencies shun GLBTQ prospects because of social stereotyping, homophobia, or other factors (e.g., James, 1998).

The existing literature on GLB and heterosexual adults indicates that their parenting skills are equivalent (e.g., Patterson, 2003). This fact underscores the irony of some states banning GLB adults from foster parenting (Ferrero, Freker, and Foster, 2005).

We conducted the first empirical study of GLB foster parents in the U.S. The full report and findings appear in the spring 2006 issue of *Child Welfare*. We report the highlights of the findings here.

Our sample included 60 active foster parents recruited by a variety of means. The parents worked for state agencies in 13 states; they were gay men (30), lesbian (25) or bisexual women (5); they were racially diverse and well educated. Each completed a 30-minute phone interview. These were "veteran" foster parents, with an average of 5.4 years experience, caring for youth ages 1–21.

These adults believed they were very effective as foster parents because they understood the unique and difficult distinctions of being a foster youth. Most had limited or no relationship with the youth's homes of origin.

While both men and women most often named friends as their primary social supports, men also gained support

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from school and the community. Women gained additional support from family, church, the foster agency, therapy, and support groups. In over 90 percent of instances, these sources of support were GLB-affiliated.

Greatest sources of satisfaction in foster parenting were watching their child develop, enjoying the child's happiness, and making a difference in the child's life. The most challenging aspect of fostering were coping with the harm previously done to the children.

While only one-third of the parents had experienced legal challenges or difficulties to foster parenting, those problems were alarming. Many problems were associated with the original application to become foster parents and the subsequent investigation process. Other problems centered on actual denial to become foster parents; these were denials that were challenged and overturned. Most parents (over 64% overall) indicated that because they were GLB-identified, they had encountered significant challenges working with the foster agencies. The chief challenges came in the form of agency discrimination and needing to prove oneself as "exceptional" parents because of being GLB.

Given the terrible failure rate of first-time foster parents and the critical shortage of these parents, GLBTQ adults would seem to be ideal candidates to become foster parents. Indeed, many of our sample volunteered that they had begun fostering to try out the parenting role to possibly adopt in the future.

Additional research comparing GLB with straight foster parents, outcomes of youth reared in GLB foster homes, and many other research questions are awaiting empirical scrutiny. We hope we've provided an initial foundation upon which others can build.

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Alphabetical Listing of Division 44 Symposia at the 2006 APA Convention

(See pullout section for times and location.)

Advances in Empirical Research on Same-Sex Romantic Relationships

Jonathan J. Mohr, Ph.D., Chair

David E. Greenan, Ed.D., Discussant

Much of the research on same-sex couples over the past two decades has indicated that the similarities between same-sex and heterosexual romantic relationships far outweigh the differences. Recently, increasing attention has been given to areas of difference associated with the unique social conditions faced by same-sex couples. The lack of acceptance of same-sex relationships that is typical in many parts of the world exposes same-sex couples to special stresses (e.g., lack of legal protections, overt discrimination, negative portrayals of same-sex love) as well as special opportunities (e.g., relative freedom from the restrictive conventions for romantic relationships associated with traditional heterosexual marriage). This symposium presents four examples of research on consequences of these unique social conditions for same-sex couples. As detailed in the individual papers, the studies cover a variety of topics that are of special relevance to same-sex couples, including workplace anti-discrimination policies, management of a stigmatized identity, role models for same-sex relationships, and communication strategies for navigating the challenges of non-monogamy. After the four papers are presented, our discussant—a psychologist and practicing family therapist whose scholarly work has included focus on same-sex couples—will comment on implications of the studies for research and practice.

Against All Odds: Being Resilient in the Face of Heterosexism

Jeanine C. Cogan, Ph.D., Chair

Lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) research and theory has come a long way in its short history marked by Evelyn Hooker's groundbreaking work in 1959. Her findings contradicted the paradigm that homosexuality was pathological, led to the removal of homosexuality as a mental disorder, and set the stage for a groundswell of advocacy for the equal treatment of LGBs. Later LGB research identified heterosexism as a significant stressor that had measurable deleterious impact on the mental and physical health of LGBs. The purpose of this symposium is to highlight the epistemological shift in LGB psychology we find ourselves in that encompasses a strength-based perspective in our thinking, writing, and story telling about our lives. In this strength-based perspective theorists build upon and go a step beyond acknowledging the psychological vulnerability that results from adversity and focuses on LGB resilience. This symposium will consist of stories of resilient LGB psychologists who have overcome many heterosexist challenges and are successful in their careers and lives. The first paper will provide the backdrop for the three personal stories that follow by defining resilience and highlighting the findings from that research literature. The other authors will describe the challenges, triumphs, and lessons learned in managing minority stress during key periods of their lives. They will focus on the resiliency factors that allowed them to adaptively and successfully overcome the adversity, including but not limited to: coming out, social support, creating families of choice, professional mastery, and questioning dominant cultural ideas. One author will also discuss how the lessons learned confronting racism served her in understanding and negotiating the challenges that were a function of heterosexism.

Antigay Politics: Psychological Impact and Psychologists' Role

Glenda M. Russell, Ph.D., Chair

Michael R. Stevenson, Ph.D., Discussant

In 2004, 13 states adopted policies that exclude lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) people from access to marriage. Even more states are expected to face similar forms of antigay politics during the coming two years. These political events represent personal and collective challenges for LGB people. They also represent a challenge to psychologists and an opportunity for psychologists to make use of their professional knowledge and skills in the service of equal rights. This symposium brings together three papers addressing various facets of psychologists' responses to antigay politics. They represent work by psychologists in states as diverse (and as unlikely) as Colorado, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The first paper describes extensive programming undertaken by the Georgia Psychological Association (GPA) in response to a ballot issue supporting an anti-same-sex-marriage amendment. The GPA called upon psychological research to produce campaign materials (text and video) and to participate actively and visibly as part of a large coalition working to convince Georgia voters to defeat the amendment. The second paper describes a research agenda being carried out amidst antigay campaigns in Kentucky and Tennessee. Using a minority stress model, this research program explores the psychological impact of antigay politics on LGB individuals and their families. The paper concludes with descriptions of avenues for psychologist/activist involvement in fighting antigay politics. The final paper describes a mixed-methods research project that explores the decade-long aftermath of the



passage of an antigay amendment in Colorado. Using both a quantitative survey (itself derived from earlier research on the impact of antigay politics) and qualitative data from interviews with key informants, the research captures some of the complexity of the lingering effects of antigay elections. The symposium concludes with a discussion by a psychologist who has written extensively on the role of psychology in public policy that affects LGB people.

Conducting Research with LGBT Communities: Bridging the Theory-Practice Continuum

Perry N. Halkitis, Ph.D., Chair & Discussant

Much has been said about the need to bridge the gap between science and practice in behavioral research. Specifically, federal agencies such as the NIH have indicated that researchers working within university settings should consider models and methods for engaging community-based entities in designing, conducting, and disseminating research. Yet despite these mandates, true community-based or community-centered research remains an illusive reality, as both researchers and their community-based partners struggle with how to best implement such working relationships, and above that to obtain funding for these complex endeavors. Bridging the gap between science and practice is of particular importance to those of us conducting research with LGBT communities. Community-based endeavors, especially those focusing on HIV/AIDS prevention, have often evolved from grassroots efforts, while simultaneously, research that has been conducted with LGBT communities has much neglected the work of frontline staff. This is not to say that such collaborations have not occurred, and for that matter successfully, but such endeavors have been limited. More often than not, the efforts of researchers working with community collaborators have been limited to recruiting samples in these contexts. Thus, the symposium seeks to open a discussion among researchers and practitioners to consider how to more closely ally in these research undertakings such that both the tenets of research and the needs of individuals served by community-based agencies are respected. In doing so, new paradigms need to be developed. The four main speakers will share the working models they have developed, as a means for engaging in discussion on how to further move these efforts forward. The chair of the session will set the context for the discussion and as discussant, will both provide feedback on the papers presented and lead the audience in a brainstorming session on how these efforts can be realized.

Controlling Stigma & Privilege: Managing Sexual and Gender Identities

Olivia M. Espin, PhD & Gregory E. Koch, Psy.D., Chairs

Olivia M. Espin, Ph.D., Discussant

The shifting of social and personal identities can involve a great deal of stress, as well as provide opportunities for the emergence of resilience. For example, shifting identity from heterosexual to homosexual, from female to male, from non-victim to victim, from victim to abuser, or from lesbian to heterosexual requires the shifter to cope with the loss (and sometimes gain) of privilege and stigma. This symposium will discuss these shifting identities through new qualitative research on gay male hate crime victims, lesbians who come out in midlife, lesbian domestic violence survivors who become domestic violence offenders, female-to-male transsexual identity development, and the challenges faced by adolescent lesbians. Understanding these transitions in identity will aid psychologists, both clinicians and researchers, in understanding the personal struggles lesbian, gay, and trans-gender people face in dealing with stigma, privilege, and control in their lives. It will also provide important insights for improving therapeutic services with these populations and for helping lesbian, gay, and transgender people access their resilience to social and personal stress.

Current Research on Bisexuality: Identity, Health, and Clinical Attitudes

Emily Page, PsyD & Beth Firestein, Ph.D., Chairs

Beth Firestein, Ph.D., Discussant

These presentations provide new information about public and mental health needs of bisexual women and bisexual men plus attitudes that mental health clinicians may hold toward them. Researchers examined bisexual women's and men's sexual behaviors, including risks for sexually transmitted diseases and the contexts in which they tended to take risks. They also examined the degree that bisexual women have experienced relationship violence as either victims or perpetrators. In addition, they explored the influence of prevalent stereotypes on clinician's assessments of bisexual clients' clinical issues. Presentation #1 investigates attitudes towards homosexuality and sexual risk behaviors of men who have sex with men and women, as opposed to similar measures for men who have sex exclusively with men. The findings of this study will contribute to public health needs of bisexual men as well as provide more accurate information for mental health clinicians serving bisexual men. Presentation #2 addresses the public health needs of behaviorally bisexual women. The researcher interviewed 40 bisexual women about the progression of their bisexual identities over their lifetime as well as specific behaviors that impact health. Presentation #3 examines the possibility that cultural stereotypes about bisexuality might influence psychotherapists' clinical assess-



ments of bisexual clients. The researchers exposed practicing clinicians to case examples that varied by sexual orientation of the client. Their findings suggest that clinicians are more likely to confound current stereo-types about bisexuality and their bisexual clients' clinical issues. Presentation #4 explores the numbers and/or intensity of relationship violence incidents of lesbian women versus bisexual women. They found that bisexual women and lesbian women tend to report having been the victim of relationship violence in approximately equal numbers. They also found that bisexual women who reported that they had been a perpetrator of violence with a partner had done so more with men than with women. Presentation #5 focuses on the prevalence of same-sex and bisexual behavior in males and females, to what extent these two dimensions of sexual orientation overlap or fail to overlap in adolescence, and whether the pattern the same for males and females. Presentation #6 reports a path analysis of data indicating that Openness to Experience mediates the relationship between other-sex sexual attraction and sexual identity, with those higher in Openness to Experience being more likely to label their sexuality as "bisexual."

Emerging (Existing) Perspectives on Sexual Minority Youth Issues

Ritch C. Savin-Williams, Ph.D., Chair & Discussant

In research on sexual minority youth, recent trends favor acknowledging diversity within the population and observing ways in which sexual minorities' life and health issues are similar to, as well as distinct from, experiences of general populations of youth. In hopes of encouraging these trends, the papers that comprise this symposium take perspectives that have already been successfully applied in other areas of adolescent health research and apply them to sexual minority youth issues: Family Stress Theory examines family members' reactions and adjustment to a child's disclosure of sexual minority status, Match Theory mandates greater specificity in the study of social support among sexual minority youth, and Problem Behavior Theory articulates reciprocal interactions between psychological and behavioral risk, social control, and sexual minority youths' felt disconnection from the social environment. These are powerful theoretical tools that the authors believe could be used to far greater effect in research on sexual minority youth. Through this symposium, we hope to engender discussion on further integration of research on sexual minority youth with the larger field of adolescent health research. A chair and discussant have been chosen with expertise in areas of youth development, sexuality, social development, and minority stress and health to further the conversation.

Legal Rhetoric of Transgender Rights and Same-Sex Marriage Cases

Gregory M. Herek, Ph.D., Chair & Discussant

In this symposium the presenters will discuss their analyses of the judicial rhetoric in cases involving same-sex marriage and discrimination against transgender people. In these two emerging areas of the law, the ways judicial actors frame these rights claims, and the institutions they implicate (marriage, gender) usually determine the legal outcome. Using content analysis, the presenters examine the rhetorical strategies of advocates and judges in narrating non-conforming gender identities, and marriage/reproduction. Understanding the operations and effectiveness of this kind of legal rhetoric is of critical importance for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. Moreover, these legal arguments very often depend heavily on science and social science expertise on, for example, the "best interests of the child" and definitions of sex and/or gender. It is crucial for researchers to understand how this type of expert discourse can be deployed in legal rhetoric and decisions. The presenters, Currah and Rollins, are Wayne F. Placek Award recipients.

Psychological Research on Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Romantic Relationships

Jonathan J. Mohr, Ph.D., Chair

Ruth E. Fassinger, Ph.D., Discussant

Over the past two decades, legal recognition of same-sex romantic relationships in the United States has transformed from an issue pondered by only a minority of citizens into one that regularly appears in leading news venues. Although legal recognition is provided to same-sex couples in only a small number of U.S. municipalities and states, debates about "marriage equality" continue to engage individuals across the political spectrum. The issue of legal rights for same-sex couples has generated considerable political and social commentary, but relatively little psychological research has been conducted on this topic. The symposium proposed here includes four methodologically diverse empirical studies that offer different perspectives on the effects of efforts to provide legal protections for same-sex couples. Two of the studies focus on the same-sex marriage debate itself. One—a large national survey—examines heterosexuals' views of same-sex marriage and civil unions, and the other—a qualitative study—examines the views of lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals who are in same-sex romantic relationships. The other two studies offer data that directly speak to the growing opportunities for same-sex couples to pursue legal recognition of their relationship. One study reports on longitudinal outcomes from the first psychological study of couples who sought civil unions in Vermont. The other study investigates the degree to which legal recognition and same-sex commitment cere-

monies are associated with individual and couple functioning in a large sample of people in same-sex romantic relationships. To offer audience members additional perspectives on the topic, the four papers will be commented on by a discussant whose own research has focused on the impact of heterosexism on lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals and couples.

Transgender and Intersex Psychology—Research and Practice

Randall Ehrbar, Psy.D., Chair

Transgender people continue to be discriminated against in psychological settings. As a result, transgender people may avoid seeking mental health services. Enhancing competence among psychologists is an important step to improving the care provided to transgender people. The goal of this symposium is to provide a place where researchers can present findings and educate others about working with this community. Paper titles are: Developmental Experiences of Transgender Youth; Support Group Effectiveness for Female-to-Male Transsexuals; and Untold Stories: Experiences of Transgender Military Veterans.

Note: Full descriptions of the participants in these programs and the other Division 44 sessions can be found in the program book available by mail from APA, or www.apa.org/convention.

Committee on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns Seeks Nominations

To apply, send a curriculum vita and statement of the nominee's interests in, and qualifications for, the committee by August 31 to lgbc@apa.org. For more information visit the Web site: www.apa.org/pi/lgbc/.

APA Convention Announcements

Division 39 Hospitality Suite

Division 39 (Division of Psychoanalysis) is offering two programs that might be of interest to members of Division 44. Both programs will be part of the Hospitality Suite program and will be in the Hilton Riverside Hotel. The room number will not be assigned until the Convention begins and will be posted in the hotel lobby and on the Division Web site, www.division39.org, when available. The following programs will be held on Friday, August 11:

1:00–1:45 p.m.: **“Postmodern Gender Theory for Psychoanalytic Therapists,”** with Shari Thurer, Sc.D., Boston University, Boston, M.A., presenting a discussion of her work with gay and lesbian clients.

2:00–3:45 p.m.: **Sexualities and Gender Issues Committee Open Meeting and Roundtable Discussion—“Developing GLBT-Affirmative Psychoanalytic Curricula, A Collaboration Between Divisions 39 and 44,”** with Dennis Debiak, Ph.D., Philadelphia, PA, Chair.

Sessions on NIH Funding Opportunities at Convention

Are you a predoctoral, postdoctoral, or professional researcher who is interested in learning more about applying for NIH funding? If yes, then consider attending the following two sessions at the 2006 APA Convention in New Orleans:

August 11, 9:00–9:50 a.m. (Division 44 Hospitality Suite, Hilton Hotel). This will be an informal question and answer session with Dr. Robert Freeman (NIH) and Dr. Susan Cochran (UCLA). Dr. Freeman is a staff member of the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism with extensive knowledge of the grant and award application process. Dr. Susan Cochran is a faculty member at UCLA who has received NIH funding for sexual orientation research and who has served on NIH review panels.

August 11, 2:00–3:50 p.m. (Grand Ballroom C, Hilton Hotel): This **“Meet the NIH”** symposium will provide information on the basic funding mechanisms through NIH.

Division 17 Section for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Awareness

Our highlight convention symposium for this year is entitled **“Mentoring GLBT Psychologists and Trainees,”** which takes place on Thursday, August 10, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. in the Convention Center. As a sequel to our symposium on Mentoring, we will hold a Mentorship Social on Thursday, August 10, from 4:00 to 4:50 p.m. in the Division 17 Hospitality suite A.

On Saturday, August 12, the Section sponsors an open *Discussion* session entitled **“Privilege: Gender and Race”** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. in the Division 17 Hospitality suite B. This discussion session promises to challenge and engage attendees on professional and personal levels.

APA Continuing Education Workshops

The following CE workshops may be of special interest to Division 44 members. If registration is required, they should be registered for in advance, as there may be no space available at the convention, and the fee for advance registration is lower. Note also that several workshops will be offered in the Division 44 Hospitality Suite (but CE credit is not given for them); see the listing in the pullout Convention Program in this issue.

“Psychotherapy with Lesbians and Gay Men: Surviving and Thriving Between a Rock and a Hard Place”

Sponsors: Division 42, 44, 45. Faculty: Beverly Green, Ph.D., ABPP; Gladys Croom, Psy.D. Wednesday, August 9: 12:00 noon–4 p.m. [See *Division 44 Newsletter*, Spring 2006, page 33, for details.] Registration: div42apa@cox.net.

“Working with Transgender Clients: Beyond the Basics”

Sponsor: Division 44—Intermediate Level. Faculty: Randall D. Ehrbar, Psy.D. Thursday, August 10, 11 a.m.–12:50 p.m. Convention Center Room 260. Registration is not necessary.

This workshop will address some of the issues that arise for mental health professionals in working with transgender clients. This includes a review of relevant standards of care and a discussion of how these standards can be applied to individual clinical situations. Both traditional and non-traditional transition paths will be considered. Participants will have a chance to explore how these standards are individualized on both a provider and a client level and some of the considerations that influence this process. This workshop also addresses issues of importance to transgender clients that fall outside of the standards of care *per se*, such as sexuality, spirituality, family, and work. This is a holistic trans-affirmative approach to therapy. This workshop will include discussion, role-play, and clinical vignettes. Working clinically with transgender clients can be complex when the psychologist is serving both a therapeutic and a gate-keeping role, as approval from a mental health professional is often required prior to hormone therapy and surgeries. Transgender clients are also an unusual population in that they are required to interact with mental health professionals whether or not they see themselves in need of therapy. This is an intermediate workshop in that its presupposed participants have a basic familiarity with what it means to be transgender. The workshop is appropriate for clinicians who work with transgender clients as well as clinicians (and clinicians in training) who are interested in working with transgender clients. The workshop focuses on work with adult (18+) clients.

“Men, Masculinity, and Relationships: Diverse Perspectives for Psychotherapists”

Sponsor: APA Continuing Education—Introductory Level. Thursday, August 10, 8 a.m.–3:50 p.m.

Because most contemporary men are experiencing major disruptions in their lives, many of them are finding their way in treatment settings both directly and indirectly. This increase in male clients offers exciting possibilities, yet also poses major challenges to the field of psychotherapy. In this workshop, the presenters will provide several avenues for improved psychotherapy with "traditional" men. Although most interventions will be focused on the needs of all men, special attention will also be given to unique issues for African American and gay/bisexual men. Faculty: Gary R. Brooks, Ph.D., Baylor University, Waco, TX; Douglas C. Haldeman, Ph.D., Independent Practice, Seattle, WA; Michael M. Mobley, Ph.D., University of Missouri, Columbia, MO. CE Credits: 7. Registration: www.apa.org/convention06/

“Affirmative Psychotherapy with Sexual Minority Clients, Couples, and Families”

Sponsor: APA Continuing Education—Intermediate Level. Saturday, August 12, 8 a.m.–3:50 p.m.

This workshop outlines foundations for psychotherapy with lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) clients. A multiphase process of identity development condensed from various stage models is presented along with phase-specific interventions that include ethno-cultural effects. Behaviors during identity crises are compared with DSM-IV criteria to differentiate between situational stress and inherent psychopathology. Challenges that adolescents, individuals at midlife, and seniors face and interventions that facilitate family adjustment are presented. Same-sex couple relationship dynamics and spiritual development for LGB people of faith are addressed. Faculty: Kathleen Y. Ritter, Ph.D., California State University, Bakersfield, Bakersfield, CA. CE Credits: 7. Registration: www.apa.org/convention06/

***Brokeback Mountain* Screenplay Authors Get Presidential Citation**

There will be a special event at the APA Convention in August to honor Diana Ossana and Larry McMurtry, who wrote the screenplay for the recent hit movie, *Brokeback Mountain*. The event, which will be chaired by our own Doug Haldeman, will allow me to give Ms. Ossana and Mr. McMurtry a special Presidential Citation from Division 44 (they will also receive an award from Division 46). Ms. Ossana will attend and she will be invited to speak for 20 minutes or so. There will also be time for Q & A. The event is scheduled for noon on Saturday, August 12. Many thanks to APA President Gerry Koocher for devoting one of his presidential program hours to this event, and to Doug Haldeman for his efforts in organizing this. I hope many of us will be able to attend.

—Charlotte Patterson, President

Meyerowitz to Speak

APA Div. 26 (History) is sponsoring a major address by Joanne Meyerowitz, a Yale University Professor of History and American Studies who wrote *How Sex Changed: A History of Transsexuality in the United States* (2002). This book won the Stonewall Award of the American Library Association and the Foreward Magazine Book of the Year Award in the Gay/Lesbian Nonfiction category.

We want to maximize contacts between Prof. Meyerowitz and psychologists at the APA and find venues where we can publicize her talk, tentatively titled "A New History of Gender."

—Ben Harris, Department of Psychology, University of New Hampshire, bb5@unh.edu

Committee Reports

Six Research Studies on Bisexuality to be Presented at Convention

The Committee on Bisexual Issues is sponsoring a symposium on recent research. Beth Firestein, Ph.D., will chair the symposium and also be the discussant. Titles and presenters are as follows:

"Behaviorally Bisexual Men and the Internet"

Michael Ross, Seth Welles, R.W. Coombs, M.M. McFarlane, and C. Rietmeijer

"Sexual Identity, Behavior and Health: Narratives from Bisexual Women"

Dawn L. Comeau

"Client Sexual Orientation and Psychotherapists' Clinical Perceptions"

Jonathan Mohr and Jennifer Weiner

"Experiences of Relationship Violence by Behaviorally Bisexually Women"

Shana Hamilton, Brandy Smith, and Sharon Horne

"Dimensions of Sexual Orientation in Adolescence: Identity vs. Behavior"

Carol Goodenow and Laura A Szalacha

"Openness to Experience as a Mediator Between Sexual Attraction and Orientation"

Hook Davidson, Alena Jirjis, and Julie Konik

Greetings from your Membership Co-Chairs!

Our mission is to develop the membership base and represent membership interests before the Executive Committee. We also maintain current members, add new members, and address member needs and interests. The year has been a very positive one from the standpoint of membership. As of only April of 2006 we have 1133 paid members while our entire 2005 total was 1191 paid members. With several months still to go in the 2006 dues cycle, we stand to easily surpass our membership total from last year. We especially thank our very interested students who continue to join in record numbers. You are most certainly our future and we welcome you most enthusiastically. Division 44 only continues to become stronger and more vital, building on our excellent past.

Your Membership Co-Chairs have been busy in the last few months working with APA Publication Services to develop our new and improved Membership Brochure, which will be introduced and disseminated at the August Convention in New Orleans. The brochure will also be available in PDF on the Division 44 Web site.

Recently, the Division clarified its Listserv Netiquette rules for discourse especially when controversial issues arise. APA's Netiquette rules can be viewed at listserve.apa.org/Welcome/Subscription.htm.

Finally, we extend a very warm welcome to all our new and returning Division 44 Members. We all are the heart of this Division and are what makes it great! We hope you are finding your way in our Division, and especially onto our Listserv; if you are not on the Listserv or you have any other questions or concerns, please be in touch with one of us, and we would be most glad to assist you in whatever way we can.

Your Membership Co-Chairs continue to be Jackie Weinstock, Ph.D. (Vermont) and Barry A. Schreier, Ph.D. (Purdue). You may contact either of us by e-mail: Jacqueline.Weinstock@uvm.edu or bas@purdue.edu.



Task Force on Aging Publishes Ground-Breaking Resource on LGBT Aging

The Task Force on Aging announces the publication by Columbia University Press of the book *Research and Clinical Perspectives on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Aging*, edited by Douglas Kimmel, Tara Rose, and Steven David. The book contains a complete bibliography of research and published resources in the area, which will be updated periodically on the Division 44 Web site. A portion of the royalties from the book will go to the Division 44 Malyon-Smith Fund. Copies will be on display, and forms to purchase it at a discount will be available at the Division 44 Hospitality Suite.

Special thanks are due to the chapter authors: Marcy Adelman, Kimberly F. Balsam, Robert L. Barret, John Blando, Dean Blevins, Loree Cook-Daniels, Anthony R. D'Augelli, Brian de Vries, Matthew R. Dubois, Sari H. Dworkin, Linda Garnets, Beverly Greene, Arnold H. Grossman, Jeanette Gurevitch, Elizabeth Kling, Steven E. Mock, Nancy A. Orel, Letitia Anne Peplau, Mark Pope, Michael Rankins, Derek D. Satre, Ritch C. Savin-Williams, Catherine J. Taylor, James L. Werth, Jr., and Edward A. Wierzalis.

The Task Force is currently seeking a co-chair with Steven David (now a Ph.D., so the co-chair can be a student) to undertake future projects, which may include oral histories of Division 44 and Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists pioneers.

The Task Force will hold its annual meeting in the Division 44 Hospitality Suite in the Hilton Hotel on Saturday, August 12 from 10:00 to 10:50. All interested persons are encouraged to attend, or to contact Steven David: sdavid@mednet.ucla.edu.

Report from Committee for Youth and Families

The Division 44 Committee for Youth and Families will meet in the Hospitality Suite at the APA Convention on Thursday, August 10 at 12 noon; all interested APA members (whether members of Division 44 or not) are welcome to participate.

Several committee members have been in e-conversations concerning the primary issues and concerns for research, policy, practice, and service for GLBT families and youths. The committee members have many interests concerning families and youths. They include (1) GLBT youths living in out-of-home care (including foster care, street youths, and other substitute care), (2) reduction in victimization of GLBT youths in schools, (3) Same-sex marriage issues and concerns, and (4) the varieties and challenges of GLBT parenting. Some e-conversations also have taken place with representatives from Divisions 43, 37, and 35 on several topics to promote greater support for work in these areas.

The Committee invites constructive feedback and suggestions for improvement from all Division 44 members.

—Chris Downs (dcacfp@casey.org) and Shara Sand (sand@yu.edu), co-chairs

Science Committee News

The Science Committee has focused its energies on two main areas over the past few months:

1. **APA Convention Programming.** The Science Committee is sponsoring three events at the upcoming convention. First, under the leadership of Perry Halkitis, the committee developed a symposium to showcase efforts to enhance sexual orientation research by bringing researchers and practitioners together: "Conducting Research With LGBT Communities—Bridging the Theory-Practice Continuum." Second, the committee is sponsoring a question and answer session for individuals who are interested in seeking NIH funding for sexual orientation research. Third, we invite Division members and student members to attend our annual convention open house. The open house is a chance to generate new ideas for the committee and network with others who are interested in LGBT research. All of these events are listed in the convention schedule in this issue of the newsletter.
2. **Division 44 Web Site.** We have been working on two sets of science-related resources for the Division 44 Web site. First, we are in the process of creating a collection of Internet links that may be useful to individuals who do LGBT research. Second, we are preparing to conduct a short survey of Division members to create a database of Division 44 researchers. Our hope is that such a database can serve to stimulate collaborative and mentoring relationships among Division members, and to help students who are seeking opportunities to work and study with individuals who do LGBT research. Stay tuned for developments on this project!

As always, we welcome feedback and participation from members of the Division 44 community. Feel free to be in touch.

—Jonathan Mohr, Chair, jmohr@gmu.edu

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As exciting as the Convention is shaping up to be this year, I also want to mention some issues and events that will be coming up later this year. One is a conference that we are cosponsoring, called “Reaching out: Best Practices in Teaching Diversity and International Perspectives Across the Psychology Curriculum,” to be held on October 13–14, 2006, in Atlanta. This conference has been organized by Division 2 (Teaching) and is cosponsored by a number of other groups in addition to Division 44.

I am also glad to announce that, with Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging), 45 (Ethnic Minority Issues), and 48 (Peace), we have been awarded a \$1,500 interdivisional grant from APA entitled “Diversity Enhancement and Conflict Resolution for Divisions.” Richard Rodriguez has generously agreed to represent Division 44 in this project, which will culminate in a report in the coming months.

The APA Task Force on Gender Identity, Gender Variance and Intersex Conditions, chaired by Division 44 member Margaret Schneider, has been hard at work. The task force is scheduled to make recommendations later this year as to how these issues should impact training, education, and

research, and how APA can meet the needs of psychologists and students who identify as transgendered, transsexual or intersex. As you know, one of the many questions before the task force is that of the best “home” for these issues at APA. Division 44’s Committee on Transgender and Gender Variance Issues, currently chaired by Joe Ippolito, explores how to meet the needs of transgender individuals and the transgender community through advocacy, scientific research, and professional training and education. After the task force submits its report and when all is said and done, I hope that gender identity, gender variance, and intersex issues will continue to find a place in the activities of Division 44.

There are many more issues and concerns ahead for our division, but I have run out of space for this column. Let me close simply by saying thanks for the opportunity to serve as Division 44 president this past year. I have enjoyed working with other members of the Division and am grateful to all who have given so generously of their time and resources to support the Division’s work. Looking ahead, I feel confident that when Christopher Martell takes over as president at the Convention, Division 44 will be in good hands.



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