



## President's Column: Oh Canada!

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As usual, the APA convention will be jam packed with incredible offerings from all of the divisions, directorates, and other entities, which comprise our professional organization. Division 44 will very successfully vie for your attention and time during your stay in Toronto. Throughout this issue of the newsletter, you will find information about our program-

ming. Following are just a few of the events I would like to highlight for your consideration.

**Healthcare Convention Theme.** With the moves within the U.S. to reform healthcare and the advances in healthcare delivery in Canada, it is fitting that Division 44's convention theme, "Living Well and Advancing Competent, Available, and Accessible Healthcare for the LGBT Community," will highlight many innovative symposia and paper sessions discussing the challenges for addressing healthcare disparities within our community. Review the program insert in this issue.

**At Last: A Wedding for Us All.** That is the title of a groundbreaking event in which we are participating in collaboration with the Division 17 (Counseling Psychology) Section for LGBT Issues. On Thursday evening during the convention we will come together to support marriage equality by celebrating the union of couples at Voglie Ristorante. For further information about the event or to make plans to tie the knot at the ceremony, read the information in this issue or go to [www.div17.org/slgbti/wedding.htm](http://www.div17.org/slgbti/wedding.htm).

**The Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues.** In case you have not noticed the new masthead of the newsletter, we are now officially the Society for the Psychological Study of LGBT Issues. While this change has been long awaited, it has been formally approved for only a few days. We are exploring ways to celebrate this greater inclusion in our name and mission while we are together in Toronto. Stay tuned.

**Invited Address.** On Saturday of the convention beginning at 11:00 A.M. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre Reception Hall 104B we are honored to have Dr. Robb Travers, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Wilfrid Laurier University; Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences, University of Toronto and Associate Scientist at the Ontario HIV Treatment Network present. His talk is entitled "Making Research Relevant: Reflections from

LGBT Community-Academic Partnerships in Ontario." In his address, he will describe model community-based participatory research partnerships in Toronto, which focus on impacting the emotional well-being of LGBT adolescents and adults in racially and ethnically diverse communities.

**Presidential Address.** While the Presidential Address is always a stimulating presentation and is the official swan song for the outgoing President, I invite you to attend and participate in a slightly different format for this year's address (Saturday 2:00 P.M., Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Ontario Room). I am hoping that after some brief introductory remarks, we can come together as a Division and have a discussion about some of the challenges and opportunities facing the Division. Within a town hall meeting format, I hope that we can continue an ongoing discussion, which has been occurring within the Executive Committee concerning such issues as:

- How do we mentor leaders within the Division?
- What is the most advantageous role for allies within the life of our Division?
- How should we engage individuals and organizations that threaten the mission of our Division?

Please join in with your collegial, brain storming, thinking caps firmly affixed.

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**Business Meeting.** In the same vein of the Presidential Address, the Division Business Meeting (Saturday, 3:00 P.M., Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Ontario Room) will not only be informational but interactive. Each officer, committee, and task force report will be followed by focused questions, which will challenge our members to engage the Executive Committee to offer ideas, suggestions, and a vision for the work of the Division.

**Networking Reception.** The Mentoring Task Force under the leadership of Steven David and Michelle Vaughn is planning a special networking reception after the Awards Ceremony. The Task Force will provide updates in the coming weeks. Please plan to attend the event at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel (room to be announced) on Saturday at 5:00 P.M.

**Fundraising Dinner.** On Saturday of the convention, directly following the reception at the hotel, we will meet at Bright Pearl Seafood Restaurant located in Chinatown. See the announcement for the Fundraising Dinner in this issue. Bright Pearl has been featured on several Food Network programs and recommended in many travel guides. Michael Ranney, the Fundraising Committee Chair, has booked a venue that is highly rated for its quality food and value. Therefore, we are able to offer a ticket price that is the lowest in my memory and hopefully will open up the event to even more members, students, and guests. This is a casual event, that will provide an opportunity to mix with old friends and meet new colleagues. The dinner is also where we will present the third annual Clarity Award in conjunction with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to recognize leaders

who embody the core standards and ethics of our profession while advancing the rights of LGBT people.

**Thanks.** As you can see, your Division 44 Executive Committee has been working tirelessly to make the APA Convention 2009 a rich and rewarding event for you to enjoy. Besides the folks I have mentioned above who have taken on key responsibilities for the success of the event, I cannot end this column without extending my endless gratitude to Wendy Biss, this year's Program Chair. Be sure personally to thank her when you see her for her dedication to every detail of planning for the convention. Erin Deneke, next year's Program Chair, is coordinating this year's suite events, which is the hub for much of our socializing and meeting events at convention. Also, the suite events would not take place without our Student Representatives, Joe Miles and Laura Alie, who take primary responsibility for staffing the suite and coordinating the student volunteers.

This is my last newsletter column as President of the Division. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this capacity. The responsibilities of the office will be handed off to our incoming President, Bonnie Strickland. We are so fortunate as a Division to have her wealth of experience and wisdom available to us. I will continue my involvement as Past President and will be there as a sounding board for her and the newly elected President-Elect. Ruth Fassinger, our Past President will be rotating off in August. This is a sad development but I am comforted by the knowledge that she has agreed to continue to play a significant role in the life of the Division.

See you in Toronto!

## Larry Kurdek, Leading Researcher on Lesbian and Gay Relationships, Dies on June 12

In an e-mail message, Larry's partner, Gene Siesky, wrote: "To our dear colleagues, family, and friends, of whom there are many: It saddens me deeply to inform you of Larry's passing. He passed away peacefully at 4:51 P.M., today, 6/11/09. He was at home with the dogs by his side, just as he wished."

John Flach, Chair of the Psychology Department at Wright State University, shared these thoughts about Larry in an e-mail:

Larry had been battling cancer for several years. Up until a few weeks ago he was still working and working out. Those of you who know Larry, know that he was very dedicated to his work and his personal fitness.

Larry will be greatly missed by his colleagues in the Psych department. In many respects, Larry was the spiritual center of our department—helping us to always focus on quality.

Larry completed the Ph.D. at University of Illinois, Chicago in 1976 and began as an assistant professor at WSU that same year. He was promoted to Professor in 1984. He was an excellent teacher—teaching courses in statistics and developmental psychology. He was a leading researcher on commitment and satisfaction in family relationships with over 145 journal publications. And he was dedicated to serving the department, college, and university. For example, he was instrumental in developing the department bylaws.

I relied heavily on Larry's support and guidance and will personally miss him very much.

For more on Larry Kurdek's life and accomplishments, see "Remembering Larry Kurdek," by Gregory Herek: [www.beyondhomophobia.com/blog/2009/06/12/remembering-larry-kurdek](http://www.beyondhomophobia.com/blog/2009/06/12/remembering-larry-kurdek). See also Larry Kurdek's Web page at Wright State University: [www.psych.wright.edu/~lkurdek](http://www.psych.wright.edu/~lkurdek).



Larry with Gretta and Lillie

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

### Summer 2004

President Judith Glassgold noted the Division's efforts to support scientific researchers that had their government funding threatened by Congress and conservative groups. A special panel on this topic will be held at convention in place of the usual invited address. She also noted that the diversity training at the midwinter meeting was conducted by Gayle Iwamasa seeking to make the Division more diverse and inclusive.

Shinobu Ogasawara reported that he successfully defended his dissertation on "Asian-American Transsexuals" and has received his doctorate.

Randall Ehrbar contributed an article on "Cross-Cultural Examples of Gender Variance" and reviewed the book, *Transgender Emergence*, noting that Lev's book was eminently practical for clinicians and transgender clients.

The Transgender Task Force was made a standing Committee by the Division's Executive Committee.

The Report of the APA Task Force on Sexual Orientation and Military Service listed several recommendations and a proposed APA Policy Resolution, which would replace the current advertising ban. A working relationship was established between Divisions 44 and 19 (Military).

### Summer 1999

President Steven James noted how important reaching out and welcoming traditions are to the Division and the role of the Newsletter, e-mail listserv and Web site to do this for the Division. He reported on the European Conference on Gay and Lesbian Youth, Schools, and Families, where Division 44 was regarded as an example of what other groups hope to be.

Barry Chung, *Newsletter* Editor, called attention to the fundraising dinner plans for the convention organized by Mason Sommers, Fundraising Committee Chair.

Nina Nabors, an African American lesbian psychologist with rehabilitation and neuropsychology interests, raised the question of where she should put her energy in dealing with the ongoing struggle LGBT psychologists of color experience. "Why is it so difficult for oppressed groups to empathize with each other?" she asked.

Ms. Nancy Nangeroni, a well-known transgender community organizer, will be the keynote speaker at the convention to be held in Boston. She produces and hosts a weekly radio talk show called "Gender Talk" in Cambridge, MA.

Juli Konik and Greg Wells invited students to help staff the hospitality suite and stay in Division-sponsored rooms.

Sari Dworkin reacted to her first APA Council of Representatives meeting: "I actually enjoyed it."

Davina Kotulski (Public Policy Committee) reported on her presentation of the psychological aspects of marriage during the annual California Psychological Association Convention, following the movie, "The Right to Marry." Much attention focused on the California "Knight Initiative" to prevent recognition of same-sex marriages.

### August 1994

Terry Gock and Patricia Rozée, program chairs, reported that: "This year's program celebrates the diversity within the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community by examining some of the emerging issues and current concerns." They noted that the first Division 44 convention was in Los Angeles in 1985, so this year marks a return to LA.

Craig Kain, *Newsletter* Editor, wrote that this "special issue" devoted entirely to convention programming and events will be followed in the Fall with a regular full issue.

Dr. Walter Williams, anthropologist and Pulitzer Prize nominee, will speak on "Cross Cultural Understanding of Male Homosexuality." Dr. Lillian Faderman will speak on "The Social Construction of Lesbianism."

For the second year, Division 44 will host a hospitality suite, sponsoring three evening parties. A fundraising dinner and dance is planned at the private home of a local psychologist in Hollywood Hills.

### July 1989

Instead of a Presidential Address by Adrienne Smith, "A Tribute to Alan Malyon: Speakers Whose Lives Alan Touched" will be held. Dr. Malyon was to serve as SPSLGP's president this year, but illness prevented him from serving his term and he died earlier this year.

April Martin will present an address titled "The Planned Gay and Lesbian Family: Parenthood and Children."

Adrienne Smith, President, noted the twentieth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the fifth anniversary of Division 44. She reported that John Gonsirek and Beverly Greene will be co-authors of an annual series to last five years.

Armand Cerbone announced that the Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists (ALGP) will offer a leadership conference, "Organizing for Support and Change"; speakers include Florence Denmark, Steve Morin, Gregory Herek, and Armand Cerbone. ALGP will also host the hospitality suite at the New Orleans Hilton during the APA convention. The kick off party will be on Friday and ALGP's annual fundraising dinner and award banquet will be on Monday at the former residence of Tennessee Williams.

"Ask Me About Division 44" buttons will be available for \$5.00. Donations will be contributed to the legal expenses of Karen Thompson, who has been denied the right to provide care to her disabled partner.

Clinton Anderson and William Bailey provided an update on the *Watkins v. U.S. Army* case, which was decided in favor of the gay Black army sergeant Perry Watkins; the brief filed by APA was partially paid for by the contributions of Division 44 members. The brief was also used in the case of *Ben Shalom v. Marsh*, the case of an army reserve officer fighting against the refusal to allow her to reenlist.

Dee Bridgewater, Editor, solicited nominations for a new editor of the *Newsletter*, beginning in November, 1990.

## Opportunities to Support Division 44 Activities with Financial Donations

**The Annual Fund Raising Dinner** is the primary fund raising activity of the Division. In addition to individual members attending the dinner (see reservation information and form in the *Newsletter*), your business contribution will be listed in the Division's program, which will be distributed to all Division 44 members. To confirm sponsorship for the Fundraiser Dinner please contact our Fundraising Committee Chair, Michael Ranney at [mranney@obpsych.org](mailto:mranney@obpsych.org).

**Sponsor the Division 44 Reception**, which will be held at the host hotel following the Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony. This year's theme for the reception is "Welcome Home," which will focus on mentoring future leaders within the field. Sponsors will be listed in the Division's program, which will be distributed to all Division 44 members. To sponsor the reception, please contact our Treasurer, Chris Downs at [chris.downs215@gmail.com](mailto:chris.downs215@gmail.com).

**The Malyon-Smith Scholarship** is named for two founding past-presidents of the Division, the late Alan Malyon and the late Adrienne Smith. It is a fund that annually 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 LGBT psychology by encouraging the work of young researchers. 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. To donate to this fund, please contact our Treasurer, Chris Downs at [chris.downs215@gmail.com](mailto:chris.downs215@gmail.com).

**Student Travel Awards** to the APA Convention, enable highly qualified graduate students to attend the APA Convention and benefit from the many scholarly presentations and networking opportunities at these conventions. To donate to these awards, please contact our Treasurer, Chris Downs at [chris.downs215@gmail.com](mailto:chris.downs215@gmail.com).

**Task Force on Guidelines for Assessment and Treatment of Transgender and Gender Variant Clients** is a current project the Division seeks to achieve and needs to raise \$8,000 to support the establishment of the Task Force and the development of Guidelines. To donate to support this Task Force, please contact our Treasurer, Chris Downs at [chris.downs215@gmail.com](mailto:chris.downs215@gmail.com).

## Multicultural Conference and Summit Focuses on Social Justice

The National Multicultural Conference & Summit (NMCS) was held in New Orleans on January 15–16, 2009. For two days, nearly 600 psychological scientists, practitioners, educators, and students focused on the role that social justice plays in multicultural psychology. In addition, many attendees took part in a community service project assisting areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Throughout the NMCS, we celebrated several historic moments including the 10-year anniversary of the inaugural NMCS in Newport Beach, the eve of the inauguration of the nation's first African American President, and the birth date of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Five keynote speakers addressed the NMCS: Gargi Roysircar talked about her work in disaster relief efforts around the world; Linda Mona reviewed the state of research on sexuality issues among people with disabilities; Jamie Washington tackled the conflict that often arises between different marginalized groups; Patricia Arredondo discussed the challenges unique to immigrant communities in the U.S.; and Lisa Porché-Burke reflected on what led to the founding of the NMCS and where we are 10 years later.

LGBT issues were infused in the program including whole symposia (e.g., "Research Implications: Social Justice in LGB Communities of Color"), individual presentations within symposia (e.g., "Historical Perspectives of Social Justice and Aging Illustrated by Examples of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity"), roundtables, and student posters. Division 44 focused its session on transgender issues in a symposium entitled "Gender Identity: Theory, Practice, Science, and Policy." During the session, Lore M. Dickey reviewed basic concepts and theories on transgender identities; Arlene Istar Lev offered her view on the history and rationale for Gender Identity Disorder being in the *DSM*; Eric Vilain reviewed major biological research examining the developmental roots of gender identity; and Randall Ehrbar reported on the findings from the APA Task Force on Gender Identity and Gender Variance. Randy Georgemiller chaired the session, which was attended by over 120 people.

We continued the tradition of honoring senior psychologists for their pioneering work in multicultural psychology. During the Honored Elders' Ceremony, seven psychologists were recognized for their lifetime commitment and significant contributions: Drs. Florence Denmark, A.J. Franklin, Janet Helms, Martha Mednick, Charles Silverstein, Bonnie Strickland, and Derald Wing Sue. In addition, 11 psychologists were recognized as "Distinguished Ancestors" for the impact that their work has had on the development and establishment of multicultural psychology: Drs. Toy Caldwell-Colbert, Asa Grant Hilliard III, Naomi Meara, Adrienne Smith, Donald Atkinson, Martha Bernal, Robert V. Guthrie, Reginald L. Jones, Patrick Okura, Carolyn Payton, and Dalmas Taylor.

Plans for the next NMCS are underway. I have remained on the coordinating team and have assumed the position as Lead Coordinator. Joining me are Roger Worthington (Division 17, Counseling), Debra Kawahara (Division 35, Women), and Lisa Rey Thomas (Division 45, Ethnic Minority). We recently held a planning retreat in Austin, TX, during which the four coordinators and Sherry Reisman (of Reisman-White, Conference Planner) drafted an initial program and developed a working theme. The NMCS will be held January 2011 in Seattle, WA. The specific dates and host hotel should be determined soon. Further details will be posted on our Web site ([www.multiculturalsummit.org](http://www.multiculturalsummit.org)) later this summer.

—Francisco Sánchez

### Photos from the 2009 NMCS, New Orleans



Jamie Washington



2009 NMCS Coordinators: Lisa Flores, Francisco Sánchez, Tania Israel, and Jeanette Hsu



Doug Haldeman



Armand Cerbone



Tania Israel with ASL translator



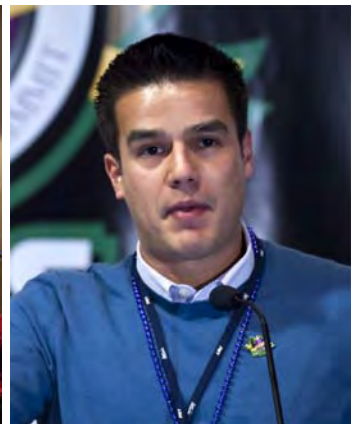
Charles Silverstein



Melba Vasquez



Laura Brown at the Elders' Ceremony



Francisco Sánchez

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## Book Review

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### **The Trial of Masculinity: Sport, Rituals, and Homophobia** *L'épreuve de la Masculinité: Sport, Rituels, et Homophobie*

Simon Louis Lajeunesse. H&O Editions, 2008, 234 pp.

At this writing *The Trial of Masculinity* is available only in French. But I think an introduction to this book for English speaking audiences is warranted because of the challenging questions it raises about: (1) the subjective meanings of competitive team sports and athletics; (2) sexuality between men that falls outside the conventional discourses of orientation and; (3) the role of sexuality in male bonding, initiation, and the construction of a masculine identity. “*Épreuve*” in French can mean: “test, proof, or trial.” For the purposes of this review, I have chosen to translate it as “trial” since, in English, that can mean a series of tests or challenges that eventuate in a proof of personal worth.

The book is based on a thesis for a doctorate in Social Service at the University of Laval in Québec. The author, Simon Louis Lajeunesse, spent several months building rapport with his informants. These were all young men between the ages of 18 and 24 who were candidates for the

Baccalaureat—the equivalent of the U.S. Bachelor’s degree. In the book they are referred to as “sportifs”—corresponding, in current American English, to something between athlete and “jock.”

Twenty-two respondents participated in the study. Of these, fourteen played team sports, while eight practiced an individual sport. None of those playing team sports identified themselves as gay, whereas four of the eight practicing an individual sport did. All were, or had been, serious athletes at high school, university, or Olympic levels. The research methodology was ethnographic. Lajeunesse gained the confidence of his informants who candidly shared their feelings and thoughts about the meaning that sport had in their lives, together with a rich store of observations drawn from their personal histories in playing sports. At a time when so much of research that purports to be psychological submerges individual voices in statistical manipulations of scores, scales, and questionnaires, *The Trial of Masculinity* allows men’s feelings and thoughts to be heard in their own words. The result is a fascinating excursion into the labyrinth of male sexual psychology.

### **A Hierarchy of Masculinity**

The introduction to the book includes the author’s recollection of what it was like to grow up as a boy in the Québécois culture of the 1960s. There were, he notes, three kinds of boys: the first group consisted of those who excelled in athletics and constituted a kind of “elect.” They were more aggressive, more rough and tumble, and seen as the most masculine. The second group was more disparate and consisted of those boys who strove to be like the first group. The third group were, in the author’s words, “the mistakes of nature,” who included boys seen as effeminate. They represented a perfect model of what a boy did NOT want to be. With the tacit or even overt encouragement of the teachers, they were the objects of derision. Excluded from the opportunity to salvage their reputations through participation in sports, their friendships tended to be with girls. *The Trial of Masculinity* had its origins in those recollected events of forty years ago. Lajeunesse says that he swore to try to understand the rituals that, for certain boys, meant suffering and exclusion because—addressing the reader—he says, “You have no doubt guessed that I found myself in the bad group.” In contrast, the informants in this study were young men who would have fit neatly into the top group of his boyhood hierarchy.

Lajeunesse views the system of social reward and exclusion that he grew up with in the framework of “hegemonic masculinity.” The aspect of this framework that the author focuses on and that is most germane to this review is its tendency to view masculine and feminine in binary terms and to equate male homosexuality with femininity. It is hegemonic in that it is imposed on boys in their formative years and is also influential among the power elites in the political, sports, and military establishments.

To what extent does this brand of “hegemonic masculinity” continue, in the present day, to exert influence on Québécois culture in a country where gay men can openly serve in the military and where marriage between people of the same sex is legal? The author does not address this question directly. However, his narrative indicates that it is alive and well in the psychology of those of his informants who played team sports.

### **The Sports Experience: Team versus Individual Sport**

A major fault line divided the two groups interviewed by the author. Those who played group—or team—sports he called “*les gregaires*”—“the gregarious” and those who practiced individual sports were labeled “*les solitaires*”—“the solitaires.” On one side of this divide, the experience of being a team player involved a total immersion in the subculture of the group. Antoine, a football player said, “. . . it’s a gang that’s really close. I wouldn’t be able to train alone. It’s a bloc of 70 guys. They all know each other. Everyone helps everyone else. You become real chums. You’re together 40 hours a week.” (p. 21). Throughout the book, it is clear that, for “*les gregaires*” the group experience is every bit as important as the athletic experience, so much so that it is questionable which of the two is more meaningful. One man put it this way: “I wanted to really become a man—a real one (“*un vrai*”)—a man who would have courage, a man who could change his life by developing his physical body.” (Manu, baseball,



hockey, p. 43.) The fact that the route to the realization of his dream of manhood was through team sports is testimony to the potential importance of the team experience as a developmental stage in the life histories of the team players in this study.

(Note: Throughout, “football” refers to American style football. Soccer in Québec does not enjoy the same status as it does in most countries outside of North America.)

Those who practiced individual sports served as a kind of control or comparison group that allowed Lajeunesse to tease out the meaning and effects of group membership as opposed to the practice of sport per se. This comparison is facilitated by a series of useful tables that compare the two groups along a number of dimensions. For the team players, the author suggests, sport and life were totally integrated, whereas for the individual athletes sport was an adjunct to life. There was an “all for one, one for all” psychology among the team players, while the individual practitioners strove to excel for themselves. To achieve a sense of masculinity was important to both groups, but the means were different. For the team players it was through association with the group, whereas the individual athletes worked toward internalizing a sense of masculinity on their own. The feminine was dangerous to both. However, whereas anyone with noticeable traces of femininity would be ejected from the group, the individual athletes—whether gay or heterosexual—rejected it in themselves.

The experience of the locker room was markedly different for the two groups. For the team players it was a special place, the place of the “tribe” and the house of men, the place where one underwent the transformation into the warrior, and a place to party with one’s mates. For the individual athletes, while it was a place that was exclusively male, it had none of the positive meanings that it had for the team players.

### The Body

Their bodies were the focus of concern for all the athletes in this study—whether team or individual. Most worked out with the aim of becoming more muscular. They wanted to be attractive and even if they were heterosexual, to elicit the admiration of men as well as women. One might have thought that their athletic accomplishments would have provided these young men with a sense of a security in their masculine selves. But it appears that, especially for those playing team sports, working to maintain a masculine self was never far from their concerns. Even simple physical actions could come under scrutiny. Thus, in sitting, the legs should be spread, while crossing the legs had to be done by resting the ankle of one leg on the knee of the other. Above all, it was important to avoid doing anything that could be construed as “*fi*,” that is, effeminate.

### Sexual Gestures and Rituals

While athletes practicing individual sports have sometimes come out as gay—for example Olympic diving champion Greg Louganis—it is extremely rare for athletes in team sports to do so. The team members that Lajeunesse interviewed displayed various degrees of uncertainty about or opposition to the concept of a gay team member. One man flatly said that, by definition, there were no gay athletes. On the other hand, another said that an “urban legend” had it that one-sixth of all football players were gay. In the locker room, where the tacit assumption was that everyone was heterosexual, intimate gestures that might elsewhere be interpreted as sexual advances were allowed—and not only allowed, but seen as positive expressions of bonding, friendship and mutual encouragement. Contacts such as slapping buttocks or slipping fingers in between them, stroking the hair, sniffing armpits, touching and commenting on the penis and testicles of teammates were not seen as homosexual or tending toward homosexuality. One hockey player described the actions of a teammate that under other circumstances would be seen as unequivocally gay: “He is really fixated on his ‘engine.’ He talks about it, he shows it off, he looks at other people’s. Sometimes he says, ‘Marc, I’d like to kiss it.’ Richard is always kissing someone’s penis. I don’t think there is anything homosexual in it. He’s so much into girls. It doesn’t enter your head that he could be gay. But—if someone else came up to me and asked to kiss my dick, I’d certainly be asking myself a few questions.”

Another man described the game in which a group of young men masturbated to orgasm over a piece of toast. The last man to come had to eat the toast. Interestingly, this game corresponded *exactly* to what one of my undergraduate students, some years ago, told my small evening class about a game played in his fraternity, except in the American version, the object on which everyone ejaculated was a cookie. He added, emphatically (to the skeptical amusement of the class) that there was nothing “homosexual” about it. Yet, it does seem rather extraordinary that young Canadians in Québec and young Americans in New York more than a decade apart should have devised the same game. The fact that they did so implies the operation of a ritual, where a ritual consists of a set of actions that have symbolic meaning as well as the power to effect change. The young men in this game engaged in a ritual that occurred outside the framework of sexual orientation. Their participation in the game tells us little about the enduring sexual preferences of the participants. But it does tell us something about male psychology. It tells us that men have a need to bond with each other and that sometimes this bonding takes a sexual form.

Lajeunesse points out the similarity between the practices of the young Québécois men and the rituals of a culture far removed from Québec—the Melanesian culture area of Papua, New Guinea. Gilbert Herdt, in *The Guardians of the Flutes* (1981) tells that in the belief system of the “Sambia” (a pseudonym for the tribal group that he studied) boys could only become sexually mature by ingesting semen provided by the adolescent cohort on a regular basis over a period of time. For some other tribal groups in the same culture area anal intercourse was the preferred method of insemination as the means of promoting growth to manhood. In the creation myth of the Keraki people the prime originator first utilized anal intercourse on his son to promote his growth (Williams, 1936, pp. 308–309). Among the Marind-Anim (the “Marind people” as they called themselves) the ceremony

marking the initiation of boys at puberty included anal intercourse (Van Baal, 1966, p. 479.) Symbolically, these elements were also seen in the rites of passage marking the initiation of the Québécois rookies into the status of veteran.

### Rites of Passage

A frequent aspect of initiation practices among these athletes was the requirement that those undergoing them be nude except for an athletic supporter. The implication, Lajeunesse notes, is to leave the young men feeling vulnerable and—by implication—penetrable. One man said, “I’ve been initiated on all the teams. It’s like a pack of dogs who egg each other on. There are initiations where the rookie has to use the words ‘sodomy’ and ‘fellatio’ in a speech he is giving in front of everybody. Sometimes, it goes further. There are little gangs where, after you got out of there, you’d walk with your legs apart for a couple of days because they’d given it to you up the ass.” (Paul, football, p. 116.) Another man alluded to the anxiety about such an occurrence without putting it into so many words: “It’s so that you know your place. When you’re in a jock-strap, you’re less at ease than when you’re in jogging pants or something else. It puts you under tension, stress, you don’t know what they’re going to do.” (Didier, rugby, p. 116.)

Another man recounted: “They made us wear a jock-strap to do all sorts of tests. There was a large cube of ice with an olive on it, and a glass farther away. They put [two of] you a bit apart from each other and you each had to pick up an olive with your butt, and then carry it over and drop it into the glass. The person who got his olive into the glass first made the other one eat it.” (Marc, football, p. 117.) These initiations were not resented but seen as a process of inclusiveness. “It makes everyone equal. That’s how you become part of the group. All of a sudden, there are no rookies, everyone is a veteran, everyone has the same status. Once you’ve gotten through it, you’ve finished training camp. You’re accepted by the team. It’s for team spirit. When the initiation is over, you come back as a veteran.” (Antoine, football, p. 118.)

### The Paradox of Homophobia

Lajeunesse points out that the homosexual behavior that he has documented—whether expressed in the locker room in an informal way or during initiation rituals more systematically—co-exists alongside of an emphatic homophobic attitude. Questioning his informants about possible same-sex feelings on their part was not part of Lajeunesse’s research agenda. But we can ask if, in spite of their professed homophobia, some of the team players interviewed might have recognized feelings of attraction toward another man. I think there is reason to think that they did. In my own sample of graduate students in education, something over 40 percent of men were aware of some degree of same-sex attraction—most commonly toward a good or best friend (Tejirian, 2000.)

The team players interviewed by Lajeunesse were caught between two imperatives: on the one hand, the deep and primal tendency that exists outside of any given culture to bond emotionally with other men through sexuality and, through this bonding, to construct a sense of masculine identity; and on the other hand the “hegemonic” cultural definition of masculinity that equates homosexuality with an intrusion of femininity into the masculine self. The locker room and the initiation rituals, Lajeunesse suggests, provided his young informants with a cover and an “alibi” that allowed for the expression of male bonding and male-to-male sexual feeling while, all the time, permitting them to maintain a heterosexual identity and a homophobic attitude.

### Change

In the last chapter, the author observes: “In effect, the young men practice such and such a sport, whether collective or individual, because, in their eyes, it makes them [more] masculine.” (p. 207). Yet, in spite of their athletic accomplishments, when the men in this book rated their own level of “masculinity” on a scale of 1 to 10, the average for the team players was about 6 and for the individual athletes slightly higher. Lajeunesse, in his concluding chapter, stresses the importance of presenting the young with a broader and more inclusive model of masculinity than the hegemonic model that his informants had internalized and against which they fell short. At the same time, he recognizes that change is more easily recommended than effected, citing a recent incident in which a rising star of the Canadiens hockey team mentioned, in an interview with a gay magazine, that he accepted gay men, had a gay friend while growing up, and that the fact of being heterosexual did not prevent him from having gay friends. In the furor that followed, he apologized for having been “trapped” into granting an interview with a magazine that he said he had not realized was gay.

Clearly a more realistic and more humane definition of what it means to be a man is needed, one in which homophobia has no place. How to bring about such a change is a challenging subject for further research. *The Trial of Masculinity* is an invaluable first step in that larger project. I know of no other work that takes us into the inner sanctums of sport and into the minds of its practitioners with such thoroughness, insight, and compassion. It is very much to be hoped that an English edition of the book will soon make it available to a much wider audience.

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## Informing Public Policies that Affect the Mental Health of LGBT Citizens: New Roles for State Psychological Associations<sup>1a</sup>

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Over the last two years, public policy activity regarding the mental health of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people has increased. The great majority of this activity has happened at the state level. Within the last six months alone, same-sex marriage was legalized in Vermont, Connecticut, Iowa, and Maine; in California, voters overturned the ability of same-sex couples to legally wed. Psychologists working at the state level have been actively involved in supporting policies to reduce minority stress experienced by LGBT citizens and promote their psychological well-being. In this article, we highlight the public policy involvements of state psychological associations in Arkansas, California, Washington, and Michigan. Division 31 is sponsoring a symposium on this topic at the upcoming APA Convention (Friday August 7, 2009, Toronto Convention Center, 8:00 A.M.–9:50 A.M., room 201D). We hope these stories will inspire psychological associations and individual psychologists in other states to take a public role in supporting the mental health of their LGBT citizens.

### Arkansas

Since 2001, the Arkansas Psychological Association (ArPA) has partnered with APA and other professional associations (“we”) to challenge efforts to restrict abilities of LGBT Arkansans. Through *amicus* briefs, we successfully challenged a statute criminalizing intimate expressions of affection for same-sex partners that were lawful for opposite-sex partners and a regulation prohibiting foster placement of children into homes with an LBG adult. In both cases, the ArPA-APA *amicus* briefs focused on the adverse psychological impact of those prohibitions. Proponents of the foster care ban took it to the legislature where we met their efforts with legislator visits, phone calls, and e-mails. When we prevailed, the proponents broadened it to include all unwed couples and made it a referendum. ArPA consulted on polling, op-ed pieces, and ads televised statewide. A week beforehand, polling indicated majority opposition. However, it passed. Subsequent reports indicate confusion about what voting YES or NO meant. Plaintiffs have filed suit and asked ArPA to consider an *amicus* brief.

### California

LGBT-related legislative/judicial issues were a significant focus of the California Psychological Association’s (CPA) 2008 advocacy agenda. In conjunction with APA and other mental health associations, we submitted an *Amicus Curiae* brief to the California Supreme Court in the nationally publicized case challenging the state’s ban on same-sex marriage. The brief

reviewed the relevant psychological literature, which provides no scientifically justifiable reason to deny same-sex individuals the ability to marry. Following the Court’s May 2008 decision in our favor, groups opposing same-sex marriage placed Proposition 8 on the November ballot. In the fall we engaged in successful efforts to have CPA and many local chapters around the state, including the Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego County Psychological Associations, officially and publicly oppose Proposition 8. Despite our efforts, Proposition 8 passed by 52 percent on Election Day. At the time of this writing we are awaiting the decision of our Supreme Court on its constitutionality.

### Washington

In 2009 Washington State has a domestic partnership expansion bill in the works. Washington State Psychological Association has taken several steps to support this bill, which would give same-sex couples all of the equal opportunities and responsibilities of civil marriage. We utilized our Grassroots Network to send an action alert to the 1,500 licensed psychologists in the state, asking them to contact their legislators in support of the bill. We sent a letter to legislators, signed by our association President, reviewing empirical data on the effects of lack of marriage equality. We submitted an op-ed piece in support of the bill to several newspapers around the state for publication. Several of us attended Washington State Equality Day where we participated in a rally and lobbied our legislators. The bill passed the House and Senate and the Governor is expected to sign it into law later this year.

### Michigan

The Michigan Project for Informed Public Policy (MPIPP), funded by Arcus Foundation, organizes social scientists and mental health professionals to convey accurate psychological information about LGBT issues to media, legislators, courts, and other policy makers. Ninety-five professionals in Michigan with LGBT expertise have been recruited as volunteers. Activities include disseminating research information to the media and policy makers about the mental health perspective on employment anti-discrimination policies, safe schools protections, second-parent adoption law, hate-crimes legislation, and same-sex partner protections. In all activities, MPIPP works closely with the state’s LGBT equality groups. Clinton Anderson, Director of APA’s LGBT Concerns Office is a consultant to MPIPP. The Michigan Psychological Association’s nonprofit Foundation (Judith Kovach, Executive Director) manages on-the-ground activities. Rockway Institute at CSPP/Alliant International University is serving as grant recipient and catalyst during the first year, after which the Michigan Psychological Association’s nonprofit Foundation will assume full leadership of MPIPP. Web site: [www.mpipp.org](http://www.mpipp.org).

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## Division 44/APA Ethics Committee Student Travel Award Scholarships

Jeff Barnett, Chair, APA Ethics Committee  
Randy Georgemiller, Division 44 President

This year Division 44 and the APA Ethics Committee collaborated on an awards program to fund travel scholarships so that LGBT graduate students with an interest in ethics could attend the National Multicultural Conference and Summit. The Summit was held January 15-16, 2009 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme of the Summit was “Advancing our Communities: The Role of Social Justice in Multicultural Psychology.”

A large number of excellent applications were received, but the four travel award winners selected were truly outstanding. Each has a demonstrated interest in, and commitment to, the advancement of LGBT issues with a specific focus on ethics. These travel awards were instrumental in allowing these remarkable students to attend the NMCS to meet with other scholars to assist in their professional development. The four travel award winners are: Néstor Borrero-Bracero, University of Puerto Rico; Angela Enno, Utah State University; Michael Jay Manalo, The University of Georgia; Xiomara Owens, University of Alaska.

Néstor Borrero-Bracero is being recognized for his research on the sexual identity development of gay youth in Puerto Rico and the implications of the use of foreign theoretical frameworks to understand their sexual identity development. Angela Enno is being recognized for her research on clients’ multiple minority statuses and the implications of the coming out process in collectivist cultures. Michael Jay Manalo is recognized for his studies of dual relationships when working with LGBT communities of color and for his advocacy work to create an LGBTQ-positive campus community. Xiomara Owens is recognized for her HIV/AIDS research with individuals with multiple vulnerabilities to include incarcerated LGBT minority individuals.

Congratulations to each of these outstanding award winners. Below, the award winners each provide a brief description of their experiences in New Orleans at the NMCS.

### Néstor I. Borrero-Bracero

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Thanks to the APA Ethics Committee/Division 44 Travel Award for an LGBT student of color I recently attended the National Multicultural Conference and Summit (NMCS) for the first time. During the conference, I identified several themes which addressed the intersections between ethnic and sexual identity issues and ethics. In the following paragraphs I will reflect on the intersections of LGBT People of Color (POC) identities and experiences. From an ethical perspective, it is important that as psychologists we address diversity in every role we participate in (Barnett, 2009). We should assess how individuals are socially and individually diverse. The APA Ethics Code (2002) posits that we address diversity issues in our work. Specifically, Standard 2, Competence, highlights recognition and knowledge of what diversity means in LGBT-POC and the importance of possessing and applying the necessary knowledge, skills, awareness, and sensitivity to appropriately and effectively interact with, and provide professional services to LGBT-POC.

It is well known in psychology that human beings are complex. This complexity is clear in the ways we construct our multiple identities and the intersections among them. Multiple identities are evident in LGBT-POC since they must integrate both an ethnic and sexual identity. The discussion in many presentations at the NMCS emphasized the importance of not focusing on only one aspect of LGBT-POC. We should thus be cognizant about the whole person. Another particular aspect we must consider when approaching LGBT-POC is the fact that they may be part of an ethnic community where their experiences are ignored by other community members (Harper, 2009). Reflecting about the effects of ignoring the complexity of LGBT-POC’s multiple identities and their intersections is an ethical analysis we must undertake. What can we, as psychologists, do to efficiently approach intersections among the multiple identities of LGBT-POC? Are the intersections among multiple identities a vulnerability or strength? This last question leads me to another ethical issue we must be aware of and consider.

We should also address LGBT-POC social and psychological needs while promoting their strengths (Harper, 2009). I think it is imperative that we pay close attention to the strengths and resilience of LGBT-POC. Doing so will help us adopt a systemic approach when understanding the complexities of LGBT-POC. This approach should analyze how individual, familial, social, political, and economic factors influence their lives. LGBT-POC should be thus understood taking into account the social and political context in which they develop. In order to do so, we must also assess our personal and professional values. What aspects of my personal and professional lives hinder or promote my understanding and work with LGBT-POC? These issues do not have a simple answer since I believe it is impossible to understand complexity from simplicity. We must continue our work on trying to broaden our understanding of these issues. We have to embrace the concept of diversity and make it our own, since we each are inherently diverse and no one should ignore that.

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The 10<sup>th</sup> National Multicultural Conference and Summit involved many explorations of the intersections of diversity and ethics. What follows are some brief highlights of the conference.

In the symposium “Am I Competent Enough? Multicultural Competence from an Ethics Perspective,” Dr. Melanie Domech-Rodriguez said sometimes we have “two identities that collide, and serve to oppress each other.” She referred to the aspirational principles in the code of ethics as a beginning framework for choosing a direction in the midst of the clashes between aspects of our identities, and competing value systems.

In the symposium, “Research Implications: Social Justice in LGB Communities of Color,” Dr. Aretha Fisher discussed the coming out process, which is hard for any LGBT individual, but for many African Americans represents greater risk. Coming out is a central theme in the larger LGBT community, and is seen as a critical step in accepting one’s sexual orientation. Yet, the values of many collectivist cultures center on family cohesiveness, sensitivity to others, and preserving the family’s reputation before asserting individual identity. Taking into account both sets of cultural values, balancing competing ideals is no easy task for many LGBT ethnic minorities. From an ethics perspective, psychologists must recognize the complexity of multiple minority group statuses and avoid pushing their own values.

This was further illustrated in the symposium “When aspects of diversity collide: Ethical Considerations.” Dr. Judith Glassgold posed the question of how to provide competent evidence-based therapy, in such contexts while taking client characteristics into account. Glassgold stated that the lack of support for conversion therapy for sexual orientation in the literature makes the practice questionable from an ethical standpoint, even at the request of a client. She recommended working on aspects more amenable to change. For example, negotiating the definitions of public and private sexual identifications (and whether those match). Clients may explore their values more thoroughly, work on emotional well-being and acceptance in whatever context they choose, and address self-stigmatizing. The therapist can affirm and support without agreeing or endorsing any perspective. Remaining open to different outcomes is essential, rather than trying to direct a client (toward coming out versus not, pursuing same sex relationships versus not, etc.). These are the nuances of multicultural competence.

It is important to be mindful of the many aspects of diversity, where they collide and intersect in our own lives and the lives of our clients. This mindfulness necessarily involves an understanding of our own values and the ability to set those values aside to benefit our clients, demonstrating respect for their right to choose the value systems that govern their lives. Through the generosity of Division 44 and the APA Ethics Committee, I was able to attend NMCS to explore these complexities and have thus begun to develop a perspective rooted in the intersection of multicultural psychology and ethics: a firm foundation for competent practice.

### Michael Jay Manalo

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The January 2009 National Multicultural Conference and Summit represented a series of firsts for me. This was the first time I had been to New Orleans, the first time I had attended a Summit, and in accepting the NMCS travel award for LGBT graduate students of color in psychology, the first time I had made my identity as a gay student of color known on a national and professional level. I greatly appreciate having Division 44 and the APA Ethics Office foster my personal and professional growth.

Being an award recipient and attending the NMCS allowed me in particular to explore the intersections of ethics and diversity in many forms, whether it was ethics and race, ethics and LGBT identity, or a combination of both. As I wrote in my award application essay on dual relationships in working with LGBT communities of color, several unique and ethically challenging situations have arisen for me in working with the LGBT community on my campus because I am also a member of that community myself.

Several specific ethical principles were also addressed in various presentations I attended at the conference. For example, Principle D, Justice, appeared in a Division 44 panel on gender identity, which discussed the implications of diagnosing “Gender Identity Disorder.” The diagnosis of Gender Identity Disorder, which is necessary for transgender individuals to receive appropriate medical care, highlights Principle D’s statements regarding access to care for all individuals. The presentation raised questions in my own mind as to the ethical issues about having to give transgender persons a diagnosis of a mental disorder in order for them to receive medical services as well as my role as a future psychologist in being a gatekeeper to such services.

Ethical Principle E, Respect for People’s Rights and Dignity, was discussed in the case examples presented by Dr. Melba Vasquez and Dr. Judith Glassgold on working with clients to reconcile their family views and religious beliefs with their sexual orientation while avoiding harm to the clients’ views of themselves and respecting the clients’ belief systems. Their discussion brought to mind for me not only my own personal journey to reconcile my religious identity and sexual orientation but also the journeys of clients with whom I have worked with similar struggles. I have learned not only to honor their personal beliefs about these intersecting identities but also to realize that ultimately the client is the one who will determine the outcome of this reconciliation process and that the end result may be different from person to person.

All in all, the NMCS was one of the first times I began to integrate the ethical principles I learned in my classes with real world experiences of myself and others in the field, particularly with regard to LGBT issues in psychology. Accepting the travel award has afforded me the opportunity not only to grow professionally but also personally and to be aware of how ethical issues can affect working with the LGBT community.

### Xiomara Owens

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As an adolescent, growing up in Wasilla, Alaska, I had one Black friend and the two people that were openly gay in my school were ridiculed on a daily basis. Since high school, I have grown confident in my identity as a Black Hispanic lesbian, but I am now faced with the struggle of integrating myself into the professional realm. Until I attended the 2009 National Multicultural Conference and Summit (NMCS), I was blind to understanding *how*, or even *if*, I could connect my personal identity with my professional dreams and aspirations. As my first professional conference and first solo trip outside of Alaska, I was relieved to find that NMCS attracted such a diverse group of individuals, all of whom shared goals of “informing and inspiring multicultural theory, research, and practice.”

Through a myriad of personal experiences and natural curiosities, I have been drawn to topics of human sexuality and issues faced by historically marginalized populations. Most of the populations I research are often considered vulnerable by nature of their attributes (e.g., people who identify as gay, lesbian, or transgender; people who are incarcerated; and Blacks, Hispanics, and Alaska Natives). In addition, most of the topics I review, research, or present, are often considered taboo (e.g., cultural influences on sexual identities, practices, and traditions). Whether I am gathering literature for a course project or conducting research as a research assistant, I am constantly aware of the layers of interaction between research ethics and factors of diversity.

Throughout the course of this year’s NMCS conference, I was exposed to countless individuals who were conducting research that addressed topics and ethical challenges similar to that of my own interests and experiences. In listening to how NMCS presenters had conducted culturally-sensitive, empirically-based ethical research, I gained a deeper understanding and greater appreciation for how such research influences social change on various levels. Some presentations summarized research that seeks to enlighten the public about invisible aspects of individuals’ identities—for example, research addressing the sexual identities and needs of people with disabilities. Other researchers provided insight into the need to revise public policies and professional standards of care—for example, findings that suggest Gay Affirmative Therapy is more conducive to a client’s comprehensive self-identity than Reparative Therapy.

I was impressed by the research presented at NMCS as well as the researchers’ ability to highlight the strengths and characteristics of resiliency that are often overlooked in such diverse populations. This theme was expressed throughout the conference, and was felt in the streets of New Orleans, a city that is equally as rich in history and tragedy as it is in culture and resilience. I am humbled by the notions of confidence and encouragement given to me and my fellow awardees by members of the APA Ethics Office and Division 44 (Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues). I am grateful for having had access to such a wealth of knowledge and insight from each of you, all of whom have paved the way for aspiring psychologists such as myself.

### Award Winners with the President of Division 44 and the Chair of the APA Ethics Committee



Randy Geormemiller, Néstor I. Borrero-Bracero, Michael Jay Manalo, Angela Enno, Xiomara Owens, and Jeff Barnett



## APA President-Elect Candidates Respond to Division 44's Questions

Candidates were asked to limit their response to 200 words. The fifth candidate requested to be omitted.

Q1: 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?

Q2: 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.

### Donald N. Bersoff, Ph.D., J.D.

APA can be proud of its decades-long efforts on behalf of LGBT people. Among other initiatives, however, it can do the following. In 1991, the *American Psychologist* published a special section on activism on behalf of LGBT persons commemorating the 15th anniversary of passage of APA's resolution that homosexuality implies no impairment in any capability. Now, in honor of the resolution's 35th anniversary, I would urge AP to devote a special issue to articles portraying the subsequent research relevant to undoing of laws barring homosexual persons in the military, from marrying their partners, and laws denying custody.

For a decade I served as APA's first general counsel. The activity I valued most was the drafting of *amicus* briefs in the US Supreme Court and lower courts, five of which advocated for the rights of lesbians and gays, working with the Lambda Legal Defense Fund and other groups. (See Bersoff, D., & Ogden, D. (1991). APA *amicus curiae* briefs: Furthering lesbian and gay male civil rights. *American Psychologist*, 46, 950–956 for a compilation of cases.) I also worked closely with Steve Morin, Greg Herek, Clint Anderson, and Doug Kimmel during my tenure as legal counsel, on the C/R and the B/D.

### Ronald H. Rozensky, Ph.D.

As the world's largest psychological organization, APA has the responsibility and opportunity to educate the public, public-policy makers, and providers regarding issues surrounding enhancing the quality of life of all LGBT people. APA must reinforce our policy that homosexuality is not a mental illness. APA must use psychology's scientific excellence and strong commitment to equality to strongly support our policy statements regarding same sex marriage, LGBT people and adoption, policies against hate crime and discrimination in employment and schools, and the mental health issues surrounding prevention and management of HIV/AIDS.

I had the honor of working with Catherine Acuff and the Task Force on "Guidelines for Psychotherapy with LGB Clients" preparing the final version that passed APA Council in 2000. Catherine arranged for me to speak to Council in support of those Guidelines. The Guidelines have had great impact on our educational system and curricula and the availability of quality services to LGBT people. When I was Illinois Psychological Association President I was asked to support a new Section on LGBT issues. I did, IPA did, and that Section has added much to the Association and the well being of LGBT members and citizens of Illinois. Both of these were important activities in moving forward LGBT healthcare and advocacy.

### Melba J. T. Vasquez, Ph.D.

I am proud that APA supports the Office and Committee of LGBT Concerns regarding issues such as parenting, gender identity, and same sex marriage. We develop practice guidelines, encourage training settings to welcome LGBT people, and advocate for anti-discrimination protection, e.g., the *amicus* briefs in regard to same sex marriage. I recommend that APA support state, provincial, and territorial associations to increase involvement in same sex marriage initiatives. I also support increased solidarity efforts with other groups within APA to reduce prejudice and discrimination in society.

- Member of Division 44 since inception; Fellow, 2008.
- Honored by Division 44 for co-founders' support of LGBT initiatives, National Multicultural Conference & Summit.
- Served as discussant during 2008 Council of Representatives and Boards and Committee LGBT Diversity Training, with Doug Haldeman, discussant and Ruth Fassinger, presenter.
- As president of Texas Psychological Association (TPA), invited establishment of LGBT Special Interest Group, active since then.
- Initiated a "Social Justice" Group to publish a column in the TPA newsletter; the first was by Nathan Smith on same-sex marriage.
- Have written about the intersection of various identities, including sexual orientation.
- I'm proud to be known as an ally in the LGBT community!

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**Robert “Bob” H. Woody, Ph.D., J.D.**

An APA cornerstone is pursuing psychological benefits for *all* people. Therefore, APA should reject exclusion and discrimination by any source of an individual or group because of personal characteristics and, in addition, should promote affirmation of diversity. APA should encourage the dissemination and integration of accurate information and research relevant to LGBT into the learning experiences afforded to all people—not just professionals—throughout the lifespan, whether by informal communications, school curricula, or messages in the media.

At the University of London, I spent a postdoctoral year with a project on sexual behavior, and later received training from the Kinsey Institute. For the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT), I wrote the 1992 ethics code and have been active in various committee roles. On the APA Ethics Committee, I was the liaison for the Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients. As Education Chair for the Florida Psychological Association, I have arranged numerous educational experiences relevant to human sexuality. I have taught human sexuality as a positive, enriching dimension of life and have provided sex therapy.

### Convention Program Highlights Featuring Division 44 Members

The following sessions are sponsored by Divisions or APA Boards separate from the listed Division 44 Programming; check the APA Convention Index for additional sessions and posters related to LGBT issues.

- **“Opposing Discriminatory Legislation and Initiatives Aimed at LGB Persons”**—a symposium sponsored by Division 31 (State Psychology Associations), focuses on LGBT Public Policy efforts at the state level, organized by Clinton Anderson and features several speakers affiliated with Division 44, on Friday, August 7, 8:00–9:50 A.M. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Room 201D.

CHAIR: Clinton W. Anderson, APA Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns Office

PARTICIPANTS: Jo Linder-Crow, California Psychological Association; Miguel E. Gallardo, Pepperdine University; James Albert Peck, UCLA; J. Judd Harbin, University of Arkansas; Robert-Jay Green, Rockway Institute, San Francisco; Judith Kovach, Michigan Psychological Association; Glenda M. Russell, Independent Practice, Boulder, Colorado

DISCUSSANT: Armand R. Cerbone, Independent Practice, Chicago, IL

- **The APA Task Force on Appropriate Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation** will host a symposium to discuss its findings, report and resolution on Friday, August 7, 10:00–10:50 A.M. at the Metro Toronto Convention Center, Room 716A. The Task Force members will discuss appropriate affirmative interventions for those who seek sexual orientation change efforts for themselves or their children.
- **“Gay and Lesbian Family Frontiers: Coming Out, Marriage, and Adoption”**—a symposium sponsored by Division 43 (Family Psychology), focuses on LGBT couples and families research, organized by Robert-Jay Green, features several speakers primarily affiliated with Division 44, on Friday, August 7, 3:00–4:50 P.M. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Room 717A.

CHAIR: Robert-Jay Green, Rockway Institute, California School of Professional Psychology

PARTICIPANTS: Margaret Rosario, City University of New York; Eric W. Schrimshaw, Columbia University; Joyce Hunter, New York State Psychiatric Institute; Amity Pierce Buxton, Straight Spouse Network, Mahwah, NJ; Julie Shulman, Sonoma State University; Robert-Jay Green, Rockway Institute; Gabrielle Gotta, Rockway Institute; David Brodzinsky, Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute

- **“Children of Lesbian and Gay Parents: Psychology, Law, and Policy”**—an invited address by Division 44 Fellow **Charlotte J. Patterson**, 2009 winner of APA’s Distinguished Contributions to Research in Public Policy, at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 8, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Meeting Room 712.

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## Convention Information

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### Students Take Note: Convention Plans

Hello Division 44 Students! The 2009 APA Convention in Toronto is just around the corner! We would like to invite you to become involved with Division 44 by volunteering in the Division's hospitality suite.

This year's Convention will be held August 6–9, 2009, in Toronto, Canada, and Division 44 is in need of student volunteers to help with activities in the Division's Hospitality Suite. Volunteering for Division 44 is a great way to meet scholars, practitioners, and other students with similar interests.

Suite activities include presentations, meetings, discussion hours, student and Division parties, and a book display. Student volunteers help welcome and orient event participants, host Division parties, and manage the book display.

Volunteering for four hours allows you to share a hotel room reserved by the Division, and split the cost with two or three other student volunteers in a supplementary hotel. Staying with other students cuts down significantly on your hotel costs, and initiates interactions with other students active in the Division. The number of rooms is limited. We will continue to recruit volunteers even after the rooms are filled.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with Division 44! Please e-mail Joe Miles at [joemiles@umd.edu](mailto:joemiles@umd.edu) or Laura Alie at [laura.alie@yahoo.com](mailto:laura.alie@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

Please also join us for Division 44 sponsored events in the Hospitality Suite. Each year, the Division hosts a student pizza party, a Division party, and many interesting programs in the Hospitality Suite that may be of interest to students. This year, the student representatives are also hosting a student hour in the Suite with the Past, Present, and Incoming Division 44 Presidents. It is our hope that this can be an hour in which students can learn more about the Division, how to become involved, and to meet some of the leaders in the Division. Please look for additional information on the listserv in the near future and Convention Program for a full schedule of these events. We hope to see you there!

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### 2009 Division Annual Fund-Raising Dinner

This year the dinner is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, 2009, from 6:30 P.M. to 10 P.M. at the Bright Pearl Seafood Restaurant located at 346 Spadina Avenue in Toronto (Kensington Market/Chinatown). Bright Pearl has been featured on several Food Network programs and is highly rated in many travel guides. Visit their Web site, [www.brightpearlseafood.com](http://www.brightpearlseafood.com), for a look at all they have to offer.

The evening begins with a cocktail reception (cash bar) at 6:30 P.M. and followed by dinner at 7:15 P.M.

Our dinner will consist of a fabulous selection of appetizers, soup, six entrée selections and 2 dessert options. It will be served family style. There will be a brief program during dinner.

Since we have been able to negotiate an excellent price for dinner, we are passing on the lower cost this year! But you will need to act fast and make your reservation early. Reservations are required for the dinner and must be received no later than July 28, 2009: Students: \$45 (limited number available); Division 44 members, guests, and allies: \$60; Student Sponsors: each student \$60. Please make your reservation as soon as possible to guarantee your place at the dinner. Reservations after July 28, 2009 can be made at the Division 44 Suite and will include an additional \$5.00 charge.

Students who wish to attend the dinner as a sponsored student (the sponsor is paying for your dinner) should contact Michael Ranney at [mranney@obpsych.org](mailto:mranney@obpsych.org) to request to be sponsored.

This is the annual Fund-Raising Dinner so please consider adding a donation to your dinner reservation. If you are not attending the dinner, you can still make a donation or sponsor a student. Funds raised at the 2009 dinner will support the Malyon-Smith Scholarship Fund. Consider contributing to the Scholarship Fund by being a

Donor—\$100, Sponsor—\$150, Patron—\$250, Benefactor—\$500, or Champion—\$1,000.

Your support will be acknowledged and you will receive one or more complimentary dinners (see form on following page for details), which can be used by students.

Mail your reservations and donation (check payable to SPSLGBTI) to Michael Ranney, c/o OPA, 395 East Broad Street, Suite 310, Columbus, OH 43215 (use form on following page). Or, fax the form to 614-224-2059, Attention: Michael Ranney, to make a credit card payment.

If you have questions, contact Michael Ranney at [mranney@obpsych.org](mailto:mranney@obpsych.org) or 800-783-1983 or cell at 614-204-5756.



**2009 Division 44 Donation & Toronto Fund-Raising Dinner  
RESERVATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve # \_\_\_\_\_ seats at the 2009 dinner at \$60 per person. Total: \_\_\_\_\_

- I will sponsor a student (you + student = \$100) Total: \_\_\_\_\_
- I cannot attend the dinner, but I will sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ students at \$60 each. Total: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please do not list me as a Student Sponsor.

I am a student. (*Limited number of student seats available*)

- Please reserve # \_\_\_\_\_ seats at the dinner at \$45 per student. Total: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please register me to be a sponsored student.

I want to make a contribution to support important Division 44 initiatives

- Champion—\$1000 (4 complimentary dinners). Total: \_\_\_\_\_
- Benefactor—\$500 (3 complimentary dinners). Total: \_\_\_\_\_
- Patron—\$250 (2 complimentary dinners). Total: \_\_\_\_\_
- Donor—\$100 (1 complimentary dinner). Total: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please do not list me as a contributor.

**GRAND TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

List names of guests you are registering:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

- My check is enclosed (Payable to SPSLGBTI).

**Mail to: Or Fax to: 614-224-2059**

Michael O. Ranney, MPA  
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395 East Broad Street #310  
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## At Last: A Wedding for Us All

Division 17 Section for LGBT Issues, Division 44, and other sponsors would like to invite all APA attendees and guests to attend “At Last: A Wedding for Us All.” The event will be Thursday, August 6 at 8 P.M. at the Voglie Ristorante in Toronto. All details are available on the Web site: [www.div17.org/slgbti/Wedding.htm](http://www.div17.org/slgbti/Wedding.htm).

The Voglie Ristorante is lesbian owned, and the site will offer a legal wedding for those who are unable to marry in their home states. This wedding is a chance for all of us who support marriage equality to come out and enjoy fabulous northern Italian dining, dancing, and a fun evening with colleagues. Proceeds will be used to support the use of psychology as a tool to promote understanding on this important issue.

At the Voglie Ristorante there will be a four-course Northern Italian dinner; the menu is shown on the Web site. Cost for attending the dinner and reception is \$50.00 per person and requires prepayment to Holly Savoy, 4425 Randolph Road, Ste. 411, Charlotte, NC 28211. Her contact information is listed on the Web site under “RSVP.”

To participate in the wedding, please contact: Jan Weiner at [jweiner@fisher.edu](mailto:jweiner@fisher.edu); or Jill Barber at [jill.barber@vpss.gatech.edu](mailto:jill.barber@vpss.gatech.edu) for more information. Information regarding completing the necessary paperwork to be married in Canada is also included on the Web site under “Getting Married.”

Students are welcome to participate in the wedding event, and there are some scholarships available to students to defray the \$50 cost per person. In addition, after dinner there will be a DJ, cash bar, dancing, and karaoke late into the night. If you want to attend the dance only (without the cost of the dinner) you are also welcome.

—Jill Barber Lee

*Division 17: Counseling Psychology's Section for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Issues  
and Division 44: Society for Psychological Study of LGBT Issues*

*Cordially invite you to attend*

### *“At Last: A Wedding for Us All”*

*Date: Thursday, August 6, 2009; Time: 8:00 p.m.,—late*

*Place: Voglie Ristorante and Bar  
582 Church Street. Toronto*

*Cost: \$50.00 per person for dinner and reception*

*Following wedding at 8pm and dinner there will be a dance and karaoke with a cash bar.  
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enjoy fabulous northern Italian dining, dancing, and a fun evening with colleagues.*

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*All proceeds will be used to support the use of psychology as a tool  
to promote understanding on same sex marriage equality.*



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## Announcements

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### Sánchez Selected for Science Conference

Francisco Sánchez has been chosen as a delegate to the APA Fifth Annual Science Leadership Conference, which will be held in November.

This prestigious opportunity is extended to only 100 scientists and our own Cisco has committed to attend. This year's theme is "Enhancing the Nation's Health Through Psychological Science." The goal is to advocate for increased Federal funding for basic and translational psychological research and training, which will ultimately contribute to the development and evaluation of empirically based interventions to improve health.

I have asked that Cisco inform the EC of any developments that we should be aware of and solicit input from us that he might carry to the conference on our behalf.

Please join me in congratulating Cisco!

—Randy Georgemiller

### Glassgold Selected for Congressional Fellowship

Judith Glassgold is the newly selected APA Congressional Fellow for 2009–2010. She is an independent practitioner and visiting faculty member at the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at Rutgers University. Judith brings to the Fellowship an impressive background in APA governance, state psychological association leadership, and professional and social advocacy. The Congressional Fellow is assigned to a member of Congress and assists with relevant legislative tasks.

The interns will begin the term on September 1st with an APA pre-orientation session prior to a two-week orientation to Congress and the Executive Branch, which is conducted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). You will have the opportunity to meet Judith at an informal APA reception to be held in her honor in October.

—Diane Elmore, APA Senior Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer

### Adelman Appointed AARP Advisor



Marcy Adelman has been appointed AARP California Policy Advisor on Livable Communities. This is a two year, 2009–2011, volunteer position. She will be advising AARP Executive Council on issues related to creating environments that improve quality of life for people of all ages and programs that encourage engagement of citizens in civic and social life.

She has been a long time advocate for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and has worked to make visible the lives of LGBT seniors. She collaborates with community and mainstream organizations to increase awareness of LGBT aging issues and to ensure that there are LGBT sensitive senior health services for San Francisco's growing LGBT senior population.

Since the 1970s her research and writing have focused on lesbian and gay aging and senior issues, including editing two books, *Long Time Passing: Lives of Older Lesbians* and *Midlife Lesbian Relationships*. Her most recent study, "openhouse: Community Building and Research," is a community assessment survey of San Francisco's lesbian and gay senior population.

In 1998 she founded "openhouse" with her late partner, Jeanette Gurevitch; openhouse is a non-profit community based organization building mixed income housing with comprehensive health and social services and programs that are welcoming to LGBT seniors in San Francisco. She established the key matrix of programs and relationships in senior housing, senior services, and community building which are the basis of the openhouse vision. In addition to founding openhouse, she has served as its president and is currently the chair of openhouse's Research and Policy Committee. She is also an advisor to the University of California San Francisco's Lesbian Health and Resource Center and the San Francisco Queer Cultural Center. In 2008 she received the KQED LGBT Local Hero Award for her lifelong contribution to the well being of LGBT seniors, and in 2007 she received the New Leaf Service Award in recognition of her contribution to LGBT community mental health services.

Marcy Adelman received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the Wright Institute in Berkeley in 1980, and is a therapist in private practice in San Francisco.

### Steven David Joins Antioch University LGBT Specialization

LGBT Specialization faculty members Lauren Costine and Douglas Sadownick recently welcomed Steven David as an Associate Professor. The LGBT Specialization in Master's Level Clinical Psychology at Antioch University Los Angeles is a one-of-a-kind focus of graduate study that addresses the deep need within our own and allied communities to confront our psychological selves, and heal the damages caused by homophobia, both internalized and institutionalized to reach our worthiest potentialities. To succeed, we are training a new generation of 40-plus therapists to work effectively with the LGBT population using a revolutionary approach: infusing political activism with psychological mindfulness. We won't accept just a seat at the table, we must fight for an even stronger and more self-actualized LGBT (and allied) identity freed from internalized heterosexism!

We want to stay in touch with the larger community and to create a dialogue between LGBT-affirmative theory and practice and the fight we are all engaging in for psychological freedom in all our communities during this historical time of transition.

—Douglas Sadownick, Director, LGBT Specialization, [lgbtspecialization@antiochla.edu](mailto:lgbtspecialization@antiochla.edu).

### SPSSI Request for Applications

APA Division 9, the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Council has approved support for a one-time initiative to fund up to three special projects consistent with SPSSI's priorities as described in our Strategic Plan ([www.spssi.org/strategicplan](http://www.spssi.org/strategicplan)). At a time of economic challenges and tight foundation and federal research funds, we believe it is critical that SPSSI be a source of support for research programs that are less likely to receive funding from more traditional mechanisms. Competitive responses to this RFA can include a range of research methods, and a broad range of content areas. However, with respect to the latter, there is a strong preference for topics that are timely, unlikely to be funded through traditional mechanisms, and relevant to public policy.

Types of proposals that would be competitive might include but are not limited to: 1. Critical literature reviews of a timely topic. 2. Focus groups on current topic that could be used as pilot data for a larger, fundable project through traditional competitive mechanisms. 3. Observational study of the impact of current events and/or policies on outcomes relevant to SPSSI's mission. 4. Development and evaluation of a novel curriculum relevant to SPSSI's mission to be shared with SPSSI members and other professionals. Period of Funding: Up to two years.

Submission Process: Grants should be submitted electronically to SPSSI by no later than July 15, 2009. Questions about the initiative should be sent via e-mail to SPSSI's Executive Director, Susan Dudley ([sdudley@spssi.org](mailto:sdudley@spssi.org)). Note that questions and answers will be posted on the SPSSI Web site at [www.spssi.org/rfp2009](http://www.spssi.org/rfp2009) so that all potential applicants have access to the same information.

### Loan Repayment Funding Available for Psychologists

In the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) signed by the President on February 17, 2009, \$500 million was set aside to address health professions workforce shortages across the nation; \$300 million of the \$500 million will be going to the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). Of the monies allocated to NHSC, almost \$200 million will be directed to loan repayment awards for new applications and renewals; \$75 million will remain available specifically for loan repayment renewals in 2011. ARRA also allocated \$24 million for new NHSC Scholarships and \$20 million for state loan repayment programs to be allocated by states. NOTE: Psychologists are eligible for the loan repayment program but not the scholarship program.

This new money could potentially fund 4,000 new loan repayment awards, which would double the number of clinicians participating in the NHSC.

There is a very short time period to fill these spots, only 18 months, and so the NHSC plans to fill the positions as soon as possible. Applications will be available in April and will be evaluated on a rolling basis throughout the year. Because of the additional monies, the NHSC expects that institutions with very low Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) scores will now be- come eligible for NHSC scholars and loan repayors. For information visit: [nhsc.brsa.gov/loanrepayment/](http://nhsc.brsa.gov/loanrepayment/).

### Call for Papers

*The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health (JGLMH)* is looking for submissions for new series on these topics: LGBT parenting, addictions, lesbian and bisexual women's issues, ethnic minority LGBTs, and faith and religious issues. These are recurring series that will run across journal issues. Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis.

JGLMH is a quarterly, interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal that publishes cutting-edge scholarship on LGBT mental health issues. We are the official journal of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists ([www.aglp.org](http://www.aglp.org)).

Send submissions to Mary Barber and Alan Schwartz, editors, at: [rbarker@aglp.org](mailto:rbarker@aglp.org).

## Report from the APA Council of Representatives Meeting February 2009

### The 2009 Budget

Much of the February Council meeting focused on the impact of the economic downturn on APA. Along this line, the 2009 Budget was a major area of discussion.

APA CEO Norman Anderson, APA Treasurer Paul Craig, and APA CFO Archie Turner each told the Council that while APA's overall financial health was strong, based on its membership, publishing operation and real estate holdings, the economy was having a direct effect on APA's operating budget. In response, the association took very specific actions to cut 2009 spending to ensure a balanced budget. This meant making some major cuts.

After broad discussion and in an effort to protect against the possibility of deficits in 2009, the Council adopted a budget with approximately \$12 million in spending cuts. They included governance activities, such as some meetings, the elimination of the board and council discretionary funds, cuts in spending on public education programs and a staff hiring freeze. Council also directed APA staff to closely monitor spending and revenues as the year continues and to take the necessary steps to ensure a break even budget at year's end.

### Joint Division 19 and 44 Report Was Received by Council

Council received the final report of the Division 19 (Military) and 44 Joint Task Force on Sexual Orientation and Military Experience. Implementation of the report recommendations will be developed by the relevant APA governance entities and staff.

### APA Council Is Working on Actions Based on the 2008 Petition Resolution on Torture

After years of grappling with the difficult issues related to the role of psychologists in national security detention settings, the Council moved to make the results of last fall's membership vote in support of a petition resolution on torture official APA policy. The petition resolution prohibits psychologists from working in settings where people are held outside of, or in violation of, either International Law or the U.S. Constitution. The only exceptions to this prohibition are in cases in which a psychologist is working directly for the person being detained, for an independent third party working to protect human rights, or providing treatment to military personnel.

According to the Association Rules, action on a petition is not complete until the Association's "next annual meeting" in August. Council, however, voted to suspend that rule to complete action on the petition immediately. The Council also adopted a title for the petition, "Psychologists and Unlawful Detention Settings with a Focus on National Security," in an effort to clarify the scope of the petition as not intended to be applied broadly to jails, all detention centers, or psychiatric hospitals.

In a related action, Council also received the report of the Presidential Advisory Group on the Implementation of the Petition Resolution, and forwarded the report to relevant APA boards and committees for their review and action. Council also directed APA's Central Office to include information in its regular reports to Council and the Board of Directors about steps taken to implement the petition resolution as proposed in the Advisory Group report.

### A New Vision

As part of APA's first-ever strategic planning process, Council adopted the following vision statement for the Association. The statement is intended to describe the type of organization APA aspires to be and the impact it hopes to make over a 20- to 30-year horizon.

#### APA VISION STATEMENT

The American Psychological Association aspires to excel as a valuable, effective, and influential organization advancing psychology as a science, serving as:

- A uniting force for the discipline;
- The major catalyst for the stimulation, growth, and dissemination of psychological science and practice;
- The primary resource for all psychologists;
- The premier innovator in the education, development, and training of psychological scientists, practitioners, and educators;
- The leading advocate for psychological knowledge and practice informing policy makers and the public to improve public policy and daily living;
- A principal leader and global partner promoting psychological knowledge and methods to facilitate the resolution of personal, societal, and global challenges in diverse, multicultural, and international contexts; and
- An effective champion of the application of psychology to promote human rights, health, well being, and dignity.



### Other Council Actions in Brief

- Postponed action on proposals to reduce the costs of dues for some members including state, provincial, and territorial association members, due to the restraints on the 2009 and 2010 budgets.
- Adopted updated Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations in Family Law Proceedings.
- Received the report of the Task Force for Increasing the Number of Quantitative Psychologists.
- Established a continuing Committee on Human Research.

—Robin Buhrke, Sari Dworkin, and Terry Gock (based on the summary by Rhea Farberman, APA staff)

## Committee Reports

### Report from the Division 44 Committee on Bisexual Issues in Psychology

Division 44 will sponsor two programs on bisexual issues at this year's APA Convention in Toronto. The first will be a Symposium titled "New Directions in Research with Bisexual Populations."

The Symposium Chair will be Kimberly Balsam, and the presenters will include: Arnold Grossman, presenting on his research titled "Comparing Protective and Risk Factors of LGB Youth Seeking Services"; Kimberly Balsam, presenting on her research titled "Health Disparities among Bisexual Adults: A Population-Based Analysis"; Elizabeth Thompson, presenting on her research titled "Bisexual Chic: Implications for Young Women's Sexual Health and Identity"; and Anna Levy-Warren, presenting on her research titled "Dually Attracted Women's Narratives: The Capacity of Bisexual Women to Tolerate Paradox." The Discussant for this Symposium will be Jonathan Mohr.

The second program will be a Division sponsored Bisexual Issues Discussion Hour in the Division 44 Hospitality Suite that will once again offer members the opportunity to gather, talk about bisexual issues in psychology and network.

In the coming year, the Committee will continue to support the ongoing work that the Division is doing in educating and advocating for LGBT issues in APA and within psychology. We will continue to develop convention programming on bisexual issues, as well as other resources on bisexual issues in psychology, like the reading lists that are now available.

We invite you to contact us to let us know about your interest in and expertise in bisexual issues and to keep us informed about academic, clinical, research, or community projects, including publications and presentations in which you may be involved that relate to bisexual issues and the interface of LGBT issues.

—Ron Fox, [ronfox@ronfoxphd.com](mailto:ronfox@ronfoxphd.com), and Beth Firestein, Co-Chairs

### Health Initiatives Taskforce

We continue to await direction from the National Coalition for LGBT Health to assist them in drafting guidelines for the Federal government's "Healthy People 2020" document. "Healthy People" is a document released by the Federal government every decade, with input from the public, to identify targeted health disparities and plans for reducing those disparities over the following decade. Researcher, universities, community health and mental health centers all rely on the "Healthy People" document in providing direction in designing programs that utilize Federal grant funds.

The National Coalition for LGBT Health was given a direction by congressional representatives to identify two priorities for LGBT inclusion in healthcare reform. They put forth a survey that was open to all to select which priorities the Coalition should focus on and it closed in March. We are waiting for the results.

In mid-May we asked Division 44 members to distribute and act upon an e-mail sent by us soliciting comments from the Federal government on implementing the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act. Given that, left unchecked, insurance carriers would be shouldering most of the increased cost of open access mental health and addiction care, the Federal government is looking to bring providers and insurance carriers to the table to decide how the increased cost of services will be distributed. Unfortunately, the ability to comment was restricted to a one month window—providing inadequate time for national organizations (such as ourselves) to partner with sister organizations (American Psychiatric Association, National Association of Social Workers, etc.) to prepare a thorough response. It was left to individuals to craft statements on how best to role out a major piece of healthcare legislation! As such, we hope everyone had an opportunity to provide suggestions to the Federal government on how best to role out this important revamping of healthcare policy. We will update everyone at convention on the outcome of this feedback if available.

For more information, please visit [www.lgbthealth.net](http://www.lgbthealth.net) or [edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-9629.pdf](http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-9629.pdf).

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### Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (CoRED) Report

The Division 44 Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity is pleased to announce the following opportunities for involvement at the 2009 APA Annual Convention:

- **Joint Symposia Co-Sponsored by Divisions 35, 44, and 45:**
  - “Research Implications: Intersections of Race, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity” (Thursday, August 6, 10:00–11:50 A.M., Convention Centre, Meeting Room 205D): This is a two-hour research symposium highlighting research that informs about the experience of individuals and communities that reflect more than one oppressed identity. In particular, research that reflects LGBT and ethnic minority status will be presented. Presenters include: Maria Celia Zea, Eduardo Morales, Jane Simoni, Michael Mobley, Mei-Fun Kuang and the Discussant is Nadine Nakamura. Chairs: Rebecca Toporek (Div 45) and Kirstyn Yuk Sim Chun (Div 44).
  - “How Do Margins Intersect? Ethnicity, Sexual Orientation, Disability, and Gender” (Saturday, August 8, 9:00–10:50 A.M., Convention Centre, Meeting Room 206D): This is a two-hour conceptual symposium on the complexities of multiple oppressions and privileges and how these influence our relationships professionally and personally. Recent political events such as the presidential election and anti-gay marriage legislation as well as strategies for engaging in dialogue across and within communities will be discussed. Presenters include: Brian Ragsdale, Kirstyn Yuk Sim Chun, Glenda Russell, Martha Banks and the Discussant is Roger Worthington. Chairs are Rebecca Toporek (Div 45) and Jane Simoni (Div 35).
- **CoRED Annual Business Meeting:**  
Join us for the annual CoRED Business Meeting! We will discuss the needs of LGBT people of color within Division 44, review ongoing CoRED projects, explore potential collaboration with other committees and divisions, and discuss new ideas for the committee. All are welcome. Please see the Division 44 Convention Program for details about the scheduling of this event.
- **Presentation of Dr. Richard R. Rodriguez Division 44 Student Travel Award:**  
This CoRED award will be presented at the Division 44 Awards Ceremony. Many thanks to L. Angelo Jürgen Gómez-Riquelme and Nadine Nakamura, Ph.D., who served on the travel award selection committee. Please see the Division 44 Convention Program for details about the scheduling of this event.

**Report of the 2009 Joint APA Ethics and Division 44 Student Travel Award for the National Multicultural Conference and Summit:** The Joint APA Ethics and Division 44 Student Travel Award was sponsored by the APA Ethics Office, Ethics Committee, and Division 44 Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues. The purpose of this award was to support student engagement with the intersections of ethics and LGBT people of color issues in psychology by defraying travel costs to the 2009 National Multicultural Conference and Summit. The following four graduate students received full financial support for roundtrip travel, conference registration, hotel stay, and a per diem (see their essays about the experience in this issue of the Newsletter): Néstor Borrero-Bracero (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus), Michael Jay Manalo (The University of Georgia), Xiomara Owens (University of Alaska, Fairbanks & Anchorage), and Angela Enno (Utah State University). Partial financial support was also provided to the following graduate students: Catherine Bitney (New School for Social Research), Lauren Logan (Alliant International University, San Francisco), Katrina Sanford (Adler School of Professional Psychology), Tim Perry (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), and Yin-Chen Shen (Alliant International University, Los Angeles).

—Kirstyn Chun, *kchun@csulb.edu*

### Education and Training Committee Report

The Committee developed a comment to the Commission on Accreditation’s proposed implementing regulation regarding the diversity domain. The comment, which was approved by the Executive Committee, was posted on the Commission on Accreditation’s public comment site before the March 2009 deadline. We encouraged numerous like-minded entities to weigh in to increase the weight of our comment. Our statement was supported by the Association for Women in Psychology (AWP); APA Divisions 9 (SPSSI), 56 (Trauma), and 17 (Counseling); APA’s Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns; the National Council of Schools and Programs in Professional Psychology; and numerous individuals. As a next step, the Committee has checked the schedule of programs slated for upcoming APA accreditation reviews to identify programs which might rely on Footnote 4 (exemptions based on religious beliefs). As these programs come up for review the Committee will determine if public comment is warranted and submit comments to the Commission on Accreditation.

The Committee has begun the process of applying for APA Continuing Education (CE) provider status. In the past, Division 44 held provider status but has not actively renewed it in recent years. Having CE provider status will enable the Division to offer continuing education programming at APA and other venues.

—Maryka Biaggio, Co-chair



## Name Change Approved!

The March 18th deadline for voting on the proposed Bylaws Amendment to change the name of Division 44 to “The Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues” has come and gone. I am proud to announce that 97 percent of voting members (254 Yes, 9 No) approved the name change—exceeding the necessary two-thirds majority mandated by our bylaws. In accordance with APA Bylaws, which proscribe the process for division name change, we have now completed the notification process and the name change is official. Thank you to all of you who voted and have been involved in the process of incorporating transgender issues into the mission of the Division over the years. The completion of this vote is just one more step in formalizing this commitment.

—Randy Georgemiller

## News Flash: Division 44 Election Results

*President-Elect:* Charles Silverstein, *Secretary-Treasurer:* Angela Ferguson,  
*Member-at-Large:* Michele Lewis, *Council Representative:* Beverly Greene

## Division 44 Liaison Appointments

APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns (CLGBTC)—Michael Hendricks, [mbhendrick.sphd@gmail.com](mailto:mbhendrick.sphd@gmail.com)  
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 APA Division 19 from Division 44—Bonnie Moradi, [moradib@ufl.edu](mailto:moradib@ufl.edu)

## ASPP Student Travel Award: Learn How APA Governance Works

The Assembly of Scientist/Practitioner Psychologists (ASPP), a caucus of the APA Council of Representatives (COR) of APA, is providing an expense paid trip to the February 2010 Council meeting in Washington, DC, for a doctoral student in psychology to become familiar with the governance structure of the APA Council and the caucuses and how they work. At the COR meeting the student who receives the award will be mentored by the Chair of the ASPP. The ASPP Board will review all submissions, select a student, and announce the recipient during the August 2009 ASPP Board meeting. Interested students need to send: (a) their CV, (b) 100-word statement explaining their reason for applying for the award, and (c) a letter of endorsement from their advisor talking about their plans as a Scientist-Practitioner to the Chair of the ASPP, Dr. Linda Sobell, at [sobelll@nova.edu](mailto:sobelll@nova.edu).

Deadline for submission is July 15, 2009.

## University of New Hampshire

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## Leadership of APA Division 44

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