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### DIVISION 44 COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

The following article consists of synopses of reports submitted by the chairs of the various divisional task forces and committees at the Division 44 Mid-Winter Meeting held March 12-13.

#### **Membership, Christine Browning, Ph.D.**

As of March, 1988 Division 44 had a total membership of 778. Women comprised 46 percent (359 members) and men 53 percent (413 members) of the organization. Seventy seven percent (604 members) have full membership status. Twenty three percent (173 members) have associate, affiliate or newsletter only status.

The Division has been consistently growing since its inception. In the past year, 73 individuals have requested membership information. Current members are asked to promote Division 44 membership among their colleagues.

#### **Future Directions, Armand Cerbone, Ph.D.**

The main focus this year has been setting the stage for the development of a divisional Southeast caucus. The Southeast region is diversified in its needs, lifestyles, and functioning vis a vis gay and lesbian communities. For the most part communication networks are informal and apolitical. These informal groupings can find no reason around which to coalesce. Individuals were unanimously positive about Division 44 efforts to foster networks. However little awareness of a need to affiliate. Direction and leadership for organization would have to come from the Division at this point.

Activities taken this year include raising awareness of Division 44 in the Southeast region by contacting psychologists in various southeastern cities; and securing APA Convention time to discuss local and regional groups within SPSLGI.

The Midwest Association for the Psychological Study of Gay and Lesbian Issues (MAPSGLI) continued to increase its membership, particularly in the Cleveland and Minneapolis areas. Development of procedures for the recruitment of new leadership was undertaken.

A future conference is being planned for June. Negotiations are being made for a September 1988 or 1989 conference in the Cleveland-Dayton area. A Minneapolis conference is also in long range planning.

#### **Ethnic/Racial Minority Issues, Adrienne Smith, Ph.D.**

The Task Force has taken a number of steps to promote the active involvement of racial-ethnic minorities within the Division. The divisional Elections Committee was contacted to assure ethnic and racial minority candidates on the present ballot. Continued efforts at recruiting racial-ethnic minorities for membership.

Plans have been made to sponsor an anti-racism workshop for members of the Executive Committee for the 1989 Mid-Winter meeting.

An hour of APA Convention time will be provided to discuss ethnic-minority issues vis a vis Division 44. Also, SPSLGI will participate in the Convention's Ethnic-Minority Recruitment Fair. Volunteers are being sought to represent us at the fair.

The major effort of the Task Force has been implementing the charge of adopting editorial policies to increase accountability of all research in terms of sampling and statements regarding generalizability.

The Division, in consultation with the Task Force, will formalize these suggestions into a formal statement explaining the Division's editorial policy, giving examples and suggestions on how to implement the policy. This policy statement will then be submitted to BEMA by Ed Morales, our divisional liaison. The statement will also be published in the Division's newsletter and be implemented in all divisional publications. Ray Fowler, APA President, will also be contacted to discuss ways to implement it throughout APA.

#### **Education and Training, Christine Browning, Ph.D.**

Given that the magnitude of changing graduate, undergraduate and internship training to include Lesbian/Gay Psychology is enormous, we decided to create very specific and do-able goals for 1987-88. These goals included: surveying other divisions about the activities, strategies, and functions of their education and training committees; corresponding with APA groups related to education and training and informing them of our existence; discussing issues critical to the long range goal of implementing Lesbian/Gay Psychology into graduate and undergraduate curriculum and internship training experiences. So far, feedback has been received from the following Divisions regarding their education and training functions: 29, 13, 43, 38 and 12.

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## The President's Column

by Laura S. Brown, Ph.D., ABPP

One of the joys as well as the challenges of being involved in the leadership of a division at its early stages of development is the opportunity to shape the directions in which the division can go. We are a group ambitious in our goals; after having been held back for so long, lesbians and gay men and their supporters within organized psychology find ourselves with a plethora of tasks and a sense of tremendous impatience about getting them done.

Thus I have found myself simultaneously impressed and overwhelmed by how many different issues we are attempting to address this year. High on the list is insuring that we are in all ways a multicultural and anti-racist organization. As a division, we can be proud that we had a working and effective Task Force on Ethnic Minority Concerns in place from the very start. We are now implementing the by-laws changes that would make this a standing committee of the division. When your ballot arrives in the mail, I strongly urge you to vote in favor of this change, along with the several others that will be before you. It's not simply a symbolic act; it's a way of saying that we believe that our commitment to anti-racism is an essential element of how we also confront homophobia and heterosexism. The Task Force is in the process of exploring anti-racism training for the divisional leadership so as to increase our sensitivity and awareness as a group to the needs of our minority colleagues. As AIDS becomes more of an issue for minority communities, our abilities to form alliances in sensitive and non-oppressive ways will become more essential to all of our survival.

Within organized psychology, we've taken a higher profile this year by becoming a divisional member of the Association for the Advancement of Psychology and Psychologists for Legislative Action Now (AAP/PLAN), the political lobbying organizations for psychology on Capitol Hill. Doug Kimmel, our Past President, was one of the nominees for the newly reorganized board of that group, and it was a pleasure to be able to cast our divisional vote on his behalf. APA has done tremendous work lobbying for AIDS and lesbian/gay civil rights legislation at the federal level; our membership supports that effort, as well as such important successes as the inclusion of psychologists as independent providers under the Kennedy-Waxman Minimum Health Care for All Workers bill, a step that will insure access to a larger number of lesbian and gay affirmative mental health practitioners to anyone whose health insurance is paid for by their employer (since our counterparts in psychiatry are still few and far between).

At the division level we also have newly active Task Forces on Ethics and on Education and Training issues. Each of these task forces is attempting to deal with questions of major importance to our membership, yet have gotten little

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# THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

by Stephen F. Morin, Ph.D.

**APA Reorganization.** Shortly, we will be asked to vote on revised APA by-laws which will allow restructuring of the organization. What are the relevant issues for Division 44?

For the last three years I have worked on the reorganization, first as part of the Task Force on the Structure of the APA (TF/SAPA) and more recently as a member of the Group on Restructuring (GOR). Both were productive groups and as a result of their work a set of by-law amendments have emerged which will address the pressing needs for reorganization experienced by many of our members.

The current organizational structure of APA is peculiar. Decision making is made by a 119 member Council of Representatives which meets only twice a year. Representatives are elected from 45 active divisions and over 50 state and provincial associations. Those members of the association who do not belong to either a division or state association have no representation. Those members who belong to several divisions and state associations have access to vote and run for office through many channels. Therefore representation is not democratic and does not reflect a one person/one vote.

Practitioners and those concerned about public interest issues feel that the association cannot move quickly under the current structure. Scientists and academics feel disenfranchised by Council of Representatives' meetings which have become increasingly preoccupied with professional practice issues and share little interest to them or their constituents.

The proposed by-law changes would allow a restructuring with clearly delineated authority at three levels of governance. A **Board of Directors** would be given corporate representation for the association. It would be democratically elected rather than the current procedure of selection by the Council of Representatives and would exercise clear management authority.

Up to five **Societies** would be formed to deal with issues of particular concern to constituent psychologists. The additional five constituent Societies would include: Practice, Scientific and Applied, Scientist-Practitioner, Public Interest, and State Associations. Societies would set policy in their particular area and initiate consideration of APA-wide policies and actions. Members of the associations would be free to join any number of Societies including none. Dues would be set by the Societies to reflect the needs of their constituents. Each member would continue to have ten votes for allocation of voting strength to be awarded to different Societies in the same manner as voting strength is currently assigned to divisions and state associations.

A **Legislative Assembly** would be formed to adjudicate issues of conflict among constituent Societies and set policies which cut across all of APA's interests. This Legislative Assembly would be similar to the current Council of Representatives although reduced in size and scope of authority.

Representation would be elected by members of the constituent Societies.

What then would be the impact on Division 44 and what would be the role of the division under the new organization's structure? Division 44 would be one of the original conveners of the constituent Society of Public Interest along with Divisions 9, 35, and 45. Other divisions and state associations would be welcomed to contact the named conveners for possible inclusion in the planning process. The convening body would then have the option of forming a Society or the option of deciding to pursue their interests in other ways. The conveners would be asked to formulate a plan of initial organization of a Society and propose mechanisms of cooperative interactions with other constituent Societies. Each Society would participate in the association-wide governance and initiate proposals for possible adoption as an APA-wide policy or action. Each Society would directly elect people to serve on the Board of Directors and as representatives to the Legislative Assembly.

I urge Division 44 members to give careful consideration to the proposed by-law changes when casting their vote.

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## E.C. Reports (Continued from page 1)

Anthony D'Augelli, CLGC's liaison to the APA Education and Training Committee and the Task Force on the Review of the Scope and Criteria for Accreditation, has been contacted. CLGC's goals are very compatible with Division 44's and include: 1) integrating lesbian and gay issues into the teaching of psychology; 2) assuring non-discrimination against lesbian and gay students and faculty through changes in APA criteria for accreditation; and 3) developing educational materials on lesbian and gay issues for both psychologists and nonpsychologists.

Finally, the Task Force has been pondering several pertinent questions regarding education and training related to lesbian and gay issues: What are the specific curriculum recommendations that we have regarding teaching and training on Lesbian/Gay Psychology? Should graduate programs be required to provide separate, required courses on lesbian and gay issues or should this material be integrated into the mainstream curriculum? What constitutes "expertise" in this area, i.e. who will be teaching this material and how will they be trained? How should APA approved internships provide training and supervision on lesbian and gay issues? How can resources for such training be made available? How can examination on lesbian and gay issues be integrated into the licensing process of the various states? Interested readers who wish to provide input on these and other education and training issues can contact Christine Browning, Ph.D. (see EC roster on page 2 for address).

# Executive

# Committee

The candidates running for the various elected posts of Division 44 were asked to submit candidacy statements. These statements are being published to aid division members in their voting decisions.

## PRESIDENT ELECT

### Carol Becker, Ph.D.

I am a Professor of Human Development at California State University, Hayward, and a licensed psychologist practicing in San Francisco and Berkeley, California. The most exciting thing in my life right now is the completion of my book: Unbroken Ties: Lesbian Ex-Lovers, which will be released this Spring by Alyson Publications in Boston. I believe that this sort of research is an important way for gay and lesbian people to heal ourselves from homophobic negations, and to build a strong community around the issues that are salient in our day-to-day lives. As President of Division 44, I will promote this type of gay-affirmative research.

In my teaching, my research and my clinical work, I am dedicated to combating heterosexism and to helping gay and lesbian people lead respected and emotionally whole lives within a heterosexual society. I have had the privilege of serving as a Member-at-Large on the founding Executive Committee of Division 44, and I have been a member of the Program Committee for the past three years. Prior to the existence of the Division, I served as Secretary/Treasurer of ALGP, and am currently finishing a three-year term as Secretary/Treasurer for another APA Division. The expertise in governance that I have gained from these positions will help me champion lesbian and gay causes within APA.

I am indeed honored to be nominated for the position of President-Elect. In this term, I will continue the able leadership of past Presidents by building coalitions with other APA Divisions and Task Forces, by promoting the concerns of ethnic and racial minorities and women within the Division, by encouraging high quality research by our membership, and by ensuring the continued strength of the Division through mentorship task forces on publishing, teaching, research, and clinical matters. As President-Elect of Division 44, I will work to empower lesbian and gay psychologists.

### Adrienne J. Smith, Ph.D.

I am a clinical psychologist who received her Ph.D. in 1966 from The University of Chicago. Since 1973, when I attended the first organizational meeting of the Association of Gay Psychologists (now the Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists), I have been involved in lesbian and gay activism within APA. Because I am in private practice I have had the privilege of being able to be openly lesbian. From this position of openness I have been one of those who could speak for gay and lesbian visibility in various parts of psychology. During the early years I was instrumental in maintaining the connection between AGP and AWP, calling meetings of lesbian caucuses in both organizations. Currently I am involved in efforts to assure a visible lesbian presence in the International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women. I have also been active in Chicago municipal and Illinois statewide lesbian and gay politics, testifying repeatedly for passage of the yet to be achieved gay rights bill.

As a woman in her mid-fifties I have been a lesbian in APA both before and after our own "Stonewall", the creation of ALGP. The

difference that event made in my mental health and that of the other participants cannot be overestimated and led to my presenting a paper on the mental health benefits of "coming out" at APA in 1975. Although I have presented papers on feminist therapy and gay-affirmative therapy I see myself primarily as an enthusiast, an organizer and a role model.

I would like to be President of Division 44 because I believe our division, in conjunction with ALGP and the Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns, has been a major vehicle for my own personal pride and self-esteem and for those of other lesbians and gay men within and outside of APA. Since the founding of the division three years ago I have been on the Executive Committee as a Member-at-Large and currently as Chair of the Committee on Ethnic/Racial Minority Issues. I would like to see Division 44 continue its leadership role in creating a coalition of underrepresented groups within APA, working with the ethnic/racial minority groups, women's groups, disabled groups, and all other psychologists who have not felt central to the "establishment" of psychology.

## SECRETARY/TREASURER

### Terry S. Gock, Ph.D.

In the past year, it has been my honor to serve the unexpired term of the Secretary/Treasurer position of Division 44. I am now running for the full term of this position because of my belief in the potentials of the Division in encouraging sensitive understanding of Lesbian and Gay issues within both our professional community and the public, and my commitment to the financial stability of our Division.

If elected, I will continue my work in maintaining and strengthening the fiscal soundness of the Division, keeping the records of the Division, and serving the membership of the Division as part of the Executive Committee. In addition, it is my hope that, by the end of my full term, there will be sufficient financial resources for the Division, through my involvement as the Treasurer with the Task Force on Finance of the Division, to provide scholarship incentives to encourage quality lesbian and gay research.

Previously, I chaired the Division's Task Force on Future Directions for two years. I have also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center. Presently, I am the chairperson of the Division of Public Service Psychologists of the California State Psychological Association and the chairperson of its Ethnic Minority Task Force. I am also a board member of the L.A. Society of Clinical Psychologists. I believe that strong networking and coalition between the many organizations within and without APA (such as Division 9, 12, [Section IV], 35, and 45, as well as CWP, CLGC, and ALGP) which are concerned about equality for and affirmation of ethnic and social minorities will ultimately further the sensitive understanding of and respect for human diversity.

### Charles Weiss, Ph.D.

I have a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas. I have been active in gay and lesbian educational, service, and political organizations since 1973; among them, I have served on the Steering Committee and as Chair of the Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists, President of Community Resource Center in Dallas, Texas, and as

# Statements of Candidacy

advisor to our campus Lesbian and Gay Union. Since 1979, I have been Director of the Counseling Center of the University of California, Riverside. Other professional involvements have included Secretary of the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center Board of Directors and Chair and Treasurer of the California Organization of Counseling Center Directors in Higher Education. If elected, I vow to be a conscientious officer of my Division and to serve to the best of my abilities. I have a special interest in increasing the representation of academic (faculty and staff) lesbian and gay psychologists among our membership.

## COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

### **Olivia M. Espin, Ph.D.**

I am a counseling psychologist, Associate Professor and Director of the Counseling Psychology Program at Tufts University in Boston, who also maintains a private practice where I have specialized in the concerns of Hispanic lesbians. I have been a leader in the development of literature in the area of psychotherapy with Hispanic lesbians, and have been instrumental in bringing the concerns of Hispanic women to the attention of psychology. In my prior academic position at Boston University, I was one of three faculty members instrumental in developing and implementing the first specialization in Counseling Women within a counseling psychology program.

I have been involved organizationally within psychology in a variety of ways. These include chairing the Fellow Selection Committee and Committee on Hispanic Women of Division 35, (along with service on several other committees of the Association for Women in Psychology. I chaired the Human Rights Committee of the American Association for Counseling and Development, and have been a member of the editorial boards of Psychology of Women Quarterly and Personnel and Guidance Journal. I was elected a Fellow of the APA in 1987.

My goals for serving on APA Council as the Division 44 Representative include a desire to use my skills at working within groups for the benefit of the Division, and a hope to demonstrate by my presence that lesbians and gay men are a culturally and ethnically diverse group. As a psychologist who is both an academic and in private practice, I will be able to understand the needs of the broad range of interests represented on Council. I hope to continue in the tradition of leadership established by our first Council representative, and to serve as a strong voice for the concerns of lesbians and gay men and their supporters as organized psychology undergoes reorganization and change.

### **Edward S. Morales, Ph.D.**

Representing the interests of Division 44's membership at the APA Council is a significant responsibility requiring a variety of knowledge and skills. I have been involved with lesbian and gay psychological organizations since 1974 with the start of AGP now known as ALGP. I am a member of the Task Force on Ethnic Minority Gay and Lesbian Concerns of Division 44, and Division 44's liaison to the Board of Ethnic Minority Affairs (BEMA) of APA. I have served a three year term on the APA Committee of Gay and Lesbian Concerns (1982-1984). Other experiences include being Program Chair of Division 45 for two years and being closely involved in the formation of Divisions 44 and 45 of APA. I have served on a variety of national, state and local committees and

boards including: a) the State of California Committee for the "Friends Can be Good Medicine Campaign" focused on the Gay and Lesbian Community (1982-83); b) Program Chair of the Citizen's Alcoholism Advisory Board of San Francisco (1984-Present); c) Board Member of the Medically Indigent Adult Program of San Francisco (1985-Present); d) APA Advisory Steering Committee Member of the White House Conference on Families (1982); and e) Steering Committee Member of the National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Activists Organization (present). I have founded and was director of a variety of programs for gays and lesbians that include: a) Third World Lesbian and Gay Counseling Program of Operation Concern in San Francisco (1978-1980); b) AIDS Health Project in San Francisco (1984); c) Multicultural Inquiry and Research on AIDS (MIRA) (1986-Present); and d) the Multicultural Alliance for the Prevention of AIDS (MAPA) (founded in 1986). I believe I have the experience and dedication to represent the interests of membership as a member of Council for Division 44. My goals include increasing the number of openly identified lesbian and gay psychologists in Council, as well as, coalition building within Council to further the interests of Division 44 membership.

## MEMBER AT LARGE

### **Bart Aoki, Ph.D.**

Our Division is at a point where its growth and success will be dependent upon the involvement of more of its membership and the representation of interests of parts of the membership which have yet to be heard. As potentially one of three members at large of the Executive Committee I see an important part of this role to be to enhance the diversity of input and opinion heard at this level of governance. In particular, the interests of researchers as well as practitioners, graduate students, regional chapters, and ethnic minorities need to be integrated into the agenda of the Division. The development of linkages with other structures within APA as well as with external organizations is critical in reaching our mutual goals in the areas of research into gay and lesbian issues, social policy, and the provision of psychological services. Here again the members at large play a potentially vital role in developing and strengthening linkages with diverse but allied groups.

I am a clinical psychologist trained at the University of Colorado. Since leaving Boulder some years ago I have practiced psychology as both a therapist and a teacher. In addition over the years I have come to appreciate the importance of the organized profession of psychology as an entity which despite its problems ultimately serves the public interest. To further that process I have served on the board of the San Francisco Psychological Association, have agreed to chair the California State Psychological Association's annual convention for the next two years, and last year served as a Task Force chair for this Division. These experiences, in particular, have contributed to my familiarity with issues at various levels of governance and to my awareness of the increasing importance for every one of us to pitch in and help whenever possible.

### **John C. Gonsiorek, Ph.D.**

I received my Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Minnesota in 1978. Throughout my graduate training, and in the

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years immediately following, I was involved in lesbian and gay community services in Minneapolis. In 1970, while a college student at SUNY, Binghamton, I helped form a gay liberation organization there.

I am currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota. I divide my time between private practice, consulting, and writing. In 1982, I edited Homosexuality and Psychotherapy: A Practitioner's Handbook of Affirmative Models by Haworth Press and also was involved in editing the SPSSI volume, Homosexuality: Social, Psychological and Biological Issues, edited by Paul, Weinrich, Gonsiorek, and Hotvedt. I have written a number of other articles and book chapters on gay and lesbian affirmative mental health concerns. Currently I am involved in editing a book on sexual exploitation of clients by psychotherapists. My other consulting activities involve development of AIDS prevention services, and quality assurance systems in mental health. I currently serve as chairperson for the Division 44 Task Force on Ethical Issues.

One of my most consistent personal and professional goals has been the development and application of gay and lesbian affirmative mental health perspectives. I am particularly interested in facilitating a well developed sensitivity to ethical issues and issues of quality assurance in the emerging gay and lesbian affirmative perspectives. One of my concerns is to make certain that the gay and lesbian affirmative perspectives continue to create a place in the tumultuous health care delivery system. Another concern of mine is the development of the next generation of gay and lesbian affirmative psychotherapists. I believe that active involvement in training, role modeling and mentorship must be pursued. Finally, I believe that Division 44 has an important role to play in the development of public policy toward gay and lesbian issues.

#### **James Harrison, Ph.D.**

I have been a part of the political organization of psychologists working for understanding of gay issues and gay people from the beginning. Though quiet and often invisible at first, I was present at the organizational meetings of "AGP" in Montreal in 1972 and have been a member since its founding. From 1961 to my final term this year, I have been on the steering committee and have been treasurer of the NYC Regional Association: NYAGLP. I served as a member of the APA CLGC from 1984 to 1986. I have been an enthusiastic member of Division 44 from its inception as SPSLGI, and am currently its liaison to the APA Centennial Task Force. Though trained as a clinical psychologist, I am a social psychologist at heart. I am committed to a scientifically and research based discipline with the creativity to apply our knowledge to human social welfare. I am especially concerned about public policy issues, and the communication of psychological knowledge through the electronic media. If elected, I will do my best to strengthen Division 44, and in turn our professional association as a whole.

### **Newsletter Submissions.**

Interested parties are invited to submit copy to Division 44's Newsletter. Newsletter deadlines are: June 1; October 1; and February 1 of each year. For information and submissions contact: Dee Bridgewater, Ph.D.; 9033 Wilshire Blvd.; Suite 406; Beverly Hills, CA 90211; (213) 392-1504.

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## **AIDS / LATINO CONFERENCE**

**A** conference examining AIDS in the Latino community was held in Los Angeles February 26-27. The conference included health experts from the federal Centers for Disease Control and 15 state and local health departments. The goal of the conference was the development of guidelines to help communities provide better medical and mental health programs for minority AIDS patients and expand AIDS education outreach programs to these populations.

Although Latinos comprise only seven percent of the US population, they constitute 14 percent of the nation's AIDS patients. This disproportionate percentage is due to cultural factors within the Latino community and a lack of action on the part of the government's AIDS programming.

Dr. Juan Ramos, conference chairperson and deputy director of prevention for the National Institute of Mental Health, noted that while some strides have been made in addressing the problem of minorities with AIDS in the past year, "there is still a great sense of urgency."

Dr. Ramos stated that many gay and bisexual Latino men marry because of cultural pressures and spread AIDS to spouses and children.

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# 7 New Books on Issues of Concern to the Gay & Lesbian Community!

## GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH

*Edited by Gilbert Herdt, PhD*

How do the personal experiences of gay and lesbian teenagers vary from culture to culture? Here is the best, most complete description of the identities, situations, and relationships of homosexual teens in many societies. The changing contexts, values, and goals of societies worldwide are affecting how these adolescents adapt to being homosexual. This compelling book gives keen insight into how changes in the United States contrast with changes elsewhere. Gay teenagers and their parents will better understand the similarities of the problems facing youth—with fascinating examples of both similarities and differences in personal and social situations.

\$14.95 paper. Approx. 230 pp. 5-1/2" x 8-1/2"  
ISBN: 0-918393-56-6. LC#: not set. August 1988.

## HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE FAMILY

*Edited by Frederick W. Bozett, RN, DNS*

Gays and lesbians choose to live in a variety of alternative family forms. This enlightening volume provides informative discussion on the effects of homosexuality upon family members and the family as a unit and dispels the myth—promoted by a relatively small group of social scientists—that gay people are inherently "antifamily" and "antifamily life." Experts in the fields of human sexuality, family studies, psychology, and social work offer insightful perspectives into how issues of homosexuality and the family intersect and influence each other in potentially positive ways. This is a unique book that provides exciting insights into how homosexuality and family life potentially clash and potentially provide opportunities for personal growth and understanding.

\$14.95. Approx. 230 pp. 5-1/2" x 8-1/2"  
ISBN: 0-918393-57-4. LC#: not set. September 1988.

## DECADE OF THE PLAGUE

*The Sociopsychological Ramifications of Sexually Transmitted Diseases*

*Edited by Margaret Rodway, PhD, and Marianne Wright, BSW, MA, RSW*

Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) have probably been with us since the beginning of time, yet they continue to threaten our emotional and physical health, and indeed our very lives. Recent media attention on herpes and AIDS has brought to light the possible devastation caused by these diseases since both are incurable. This informative book is one of the first important weapons in the arsenal of education—our most reliable weapon thus far—to fight the spread of STDs.

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# American Psychological Association Central Report

The following update of APA activities pertinent to Division 44 was prepared by Bill Bailey of the Office of Legislative Affairs and Clinton Anderson of the Public Interest Directorate.

**AIDS** The Board and Council at their February meetings approved a nearly \$160,000 budget for an Office on AIDS in the Public Interest Directorate, including staff currently participating in the AIDS Working Group. The recently awarded NIMH contract with APA to train health and mental health practitioners about the mental health aspects of AIDS will also be administered in the Office of AIDS. Requiring the training of 500 providers in at least five different disciplines annually, the contract's training sessions will be conducted at five sites in the first year by a national core faculty supplemented by local trainer-leaders, local speakers, and persons with AIDS.

APA is coordinating legislative strategy on AIDS appropriations with other national professional associations, gay organizations and AIDS advocacy groups. Lobbying activity has also been directed towards HIV counseling, testing, confidentiality and non-discrimination; AIDS education, prevention and service delivery; and research. Obstacles expected include proposals for mandatory testing, contact tracing, and criminal penalties for knowing transmission of HIV, as well as amendments to prohibit use of federal funds for "explicit" education material and to prevent extension of protections for people with handicaps to HIV infections or AIDS. For further information about these AIDS initiatives, contact Bill Bailey at (202) 955-7653.

**Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men** At their February meeting, the Council of Representatives condemned harassment, violence, and crime motivated by prejudice based upon race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or physical condition. It also encouraged psychologists' involvement in government action on hate crimes. Collecting data and publishing statistics is a government action supported by Council's resolution and mandated by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act (H.R. 3193) which is moving forward in the U.S. House.

This bill needs your support. Call or write your members requesting them to support H.R. 3193. Specifically indicate that you oppose any amendment to delete sexual orientation from the bill. (Information appears at the end of the article on how to contact your Congressperson.)

Lesbians and gay men are probably the most frequent victims of hate violence of all groups, according to a recent report on hate crimes. The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) which commissioned the study, is now refusing to release it. According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Justice doesn't want to followup the report's recommendations. Some members of Congress, led by Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Brock Adams (D-Wash.), are attempt-

ing to pressure NIJ to go forward with work on hate violence. NIMH has agreed to sponsor a small research workshop on anti-gay and anti-lesbian violence in 1988.

**Sodomy Laws** A proposal to stop holding conventions in states with sodomy laws was referred back to BSERP without action by the Council in February. The matter will be on the agenda of CLGC's spring meeting. Information on Georgia's sodomy law, the Bowers vs. Hardwick decision, and APA's position opposing sodomy laws will be included in materials given to all 1988 APA Convention attendees. BSERP has agreed to fund the inserts.

In light of Bowers' affirmation of states' rights to criminalize homosexual behavior, action against sodomy laws focuses on state legislatures. You can help to influence repeal in sodomy states by lobbying state psychological associations.

**The Disease Concept of Homosexuality** Opposition to the diagnosis "ego-dystonic sexual orientation" should be officially communicated to the World Health Organization (WHO) soon, according to Rob Tielman of the University of Utrecht in a recent conversation. Tielman met recently with Dr. Sartorius of WHO. In Tielman's opinion, Sartorius sees the reasoning behind opposition to the diagnosis, and WHO is likely to follow APA's recommendation. Dr. Tielman recommended that if APA opposes "ego-dystonic sexual orientation" it is now time to formally address WHO in writing on the issue. The recommendation will be considered by the Central Office Coordinating Group on the ICD-10. Letters requesting APA action should be addressed to Russell Newman, Ph.D., Director, Professional Affairs, American Psychological Association, 1200 17th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

**Ethics Interventions** adversely affecting lesbian and gay psychologists and areas not addressed adequately by the 1981 ethics code have been solicited from CLGC by David Mills, Ph.D., Director of the Ethics Office, for consideration in the current revision of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists which Mills sees moving toward behavioral language. A key issue for those concerned with lesbian and gay issues is duty to warn in the context of AIDS.

CLGC has also requested that the Ethics Committee consider possibilities for public rebuttal of Paul Cameron. The assertion is that Cameron's publications and speeches on homosexuality oppose civil rights legislation for lesbians and gay men.

**Contact Your Members of Congress** All members of Congress need to hear from their constituents about the issues discussed above. Call or write your representative in the House and both your Senators. To call dial (202) 224-3121 and ask for the office of your member. To write: address your member (Hon. \_\_\_\_\_), U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., 20515 or U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.



# NOTICES OF NOTE

## DIVISION 44

Fund raising. Division 44 is currently investigating long range fundraising strategies to support SPSLGI in its efforts to promote gay and lesbian issues in psychology. Individuals interested in working on the development of long range fund raising policies including personal donations from estates, publication royalties, etc. can contact: Laura Brown, Ph.D.; 4527 First Ave. NE; Seattle WA 98105.

By-Laws. In the near future, SPSLGI members will be receiving a ballot to vote on the acceptance or rejection of changes in the division's by-laws. The Executive Committee strongly recommends that members vote for these changes. The changes are designed to facilitate the functioning of SPSLGI and to promote ethnic-racial minority participation in the organization.

Task Force on Ethical Concerns. The Task Force on Ethical Concerns was created at the 1987 APA Convention and was charged to develop resource materials for psychotherapists and researchers working with gay and lesbian clients and/or subjects. Materials related to these issues, i.e. dissertations, research papers, etc. are requested for the task force's files. For further information and submissions contact: John C. Gonsiorek, Ph.D.; Physicians and Surgeons Building; 63 S. 9th St.; Suite 506; Minneapolis, MN 55402 (612) 332-5068.

## APA

On site accreditation visitors are being sought to make evaluations of academic institutions being reviewed for APA accreditation. Individuals sensitive to feminist and/or lesbian and gay issues would be a valuable addition to this accreditation process. Interested parties can contact: Paul Nelson, Ph.D.; Office of Accreditation; APA; 1200 Seventeenth St., N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20036.

The Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns is committed to increasing representation of lesbian and gay issues on all APA Boards and Committees. To this end, we are collecting names and background information from all gay-affirmative APA members interested in serving. If you would like to be nominated, please send a copy of your vita and a brief note indicating which specific committees or topic areas interest you to: Nominations Subcommittee; APA Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns; 1200 Seventeenth St., N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20036.

## CONFERENCES.

The Fund for Human Dignity, the national lesbian and gay educational organization, has announced plans for "The Lesbian and Gay Education Conference: Initiatives Toward a National Education Agenda for Our Culturally Diverse Community". The conference will be held July 24, 1988 in Boston. For further information contact: The Lesbian and Gay Education Conference; The Fund for Human Dignity; 666 Broadway; Suite 410; New York, NY, 10012 (212) 529-1600.

Female Sexuality: Feminist Psychological Perspectives is the title of a one day conference scheduled for May 21 at the Didi Hirsch Mental Health Center, Los Angeles. The conference is sponsored by the LA chapter of the Association for Women in Psychology. Updates on new research and theories on the nature of female sexuality and discussions of clinical interventions with

diverse populations are scheduled. For further information contact Mary Hayden, Ph.D. at (818) 792-7823.

The Pacific Sexuality Institute will be hosting a multi-disciplinary conference on human sexuality and sexual behavior in Vancouver, Canada, August 5-7, 1988. Registration is \$185.00 Canadian (\$140.00 American). The theme of the Conference is From Sex to Sexuality. The conference goal is to exchange information, to look at the ways in which sexual freedom has increased, and offer an opportunity for networking to protect the gains of the past two decades. For information/registration contact: PSIA; P.O. Box 535, Station A; Vancouver, B.C.; Canada; V6C2N3.

Harvard Medical School announces a course of workshops and discussions entitled Psychotherapy: Clinical Issues with Gay Men and Lesbians, June 3-4, 1988 in Cambridge, MA. The course is sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry at the Cambridge Hospital and will address psychotherapy issues from theoretical and clinical perspectives. For further information contact: Judy Reiner, Ed.D.; Continuing Education, Department of Psychiatry, The Cambridge Hospital, 1493 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02139; (617) 864-6165.

The first international feminist therapy conference will be held December 19-21, 1988 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The conference will address a wide range of issues of interest to feminist therapy practitioners, researchers, and consumers. Conference sessions will be conducted in English. For information contact Ingrid Foeken, Stichting De Maan; Koninginneweg 11; 1071 HZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The Midwest Association for the Psychological Study of Gay and Lesbian Issues (MAPSGLI) will have its next meeting in Chicago on Gay Pride Weekend, June 24-26, 1988. Presentations, social networking, and the option to march in the Gay Pride Parade united as identified psychologist will be featured. For further information contact: Armand Cerbone, Ph.D.; 990 W. Fullerton St.; Suite 490A; Chicago, IL 60614; (312) 248-0292.

## SUBMISSIONS.

Women and Therapy is planning a special issue on the topic of women and weight. We are interested in articles on any aspect of this topic. Articles that consider cross-cultural comparisons or groups such as women of color, lesbians, older women, teenagers, and children are especially encouraged. Prospective authors should submit three copies of a one-page abstract, including name, address, professional affiliation if any, and phone number by June 1, 1988 to Esther Rothblum, Department of Psychology, John Dewey Hall, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405.

The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction encourages interested parties to contribute personal papers having archival value. For further information contact: June M. Reinish, Ph.D.; Director, The Kinsey Institute; 313 Morrison Hall; Bloomington, IN 47405; (812) 335-7686.

## OPPORTUNITIES

AIDS in the Black Community, a comprehensive two-hour documentary, originally aired on cable's Black Entertainment Television is available free of charge. Contact: Madeline Lawson; 200 Independence Ave. S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20201.

input from the membership at large into their work. For those groups to function, they will need more active participation from within the entire division membership. And this brings me to the "overwhelmed" part of my job as President, and all of you to where you can help out.

To get those tasks done we need more of you to become part of divisional activities.

I'm aware that for many of our membership, public association with the Division still feels risky. Yet there are tasks that can be done out of the limelight (continuing education committee, working on the membership survey that we are developing, serving as one of many people on a division committee or task force) that would allow for the balance between sharing your talents with us and maintaining your needs for privacy. We also, of course, are always in need of folks who are willing to be part of the visible divisional leadership, particularly members who can help burst the stereotype that members of Division 44 are all gay males.

This year, because of a long bout with my own illness over the Fall, I've had to be willing to see our movement towards our goals as a Division slow down; not being able to either speak or breathe very well for three months was an effective barrier to my usual frenetic style of pushing to get absolutely everything done. Although not easy, it was helpful in getting me to take the long view of things. After all, every other place in APA I've ever been active has been around for more than a decade; many of the ambitious goals we have for ourselves take time, and it's okay for us to take that time (even if I am back at full steam again). To plan for that future, we need to see new faces and hear new voices in divisional activities.

If you're beginning to consider coming to Atlanta this August, come with thoughts in mind about how you can become active within the division. In this newsletter you'll have the chance to read about what our already extant groups are doing; if you see one whose chair you'd like to be two or three years down the line, get involved now. If there are issues that we haven't yet addressed, think about how you can be instrumental in moving the Division to address them. Plan to include the Division's open business meeting on your "not-to-be-missed" list for the convention. If you can't make it to Atlanta, write and tell us what's on your mind.

Somewhere in the next few months, you will be asked to vote on a plan for the reorganization of APA. Steve Morin, our representative to the AA Council, has been among those who have drafted this plan, thus making certain that the basic concerns of Division 44 members are contained within it. If reorganization passes, we will need more than ever active members committed to complex strategies by which we can maintain our gains and expand upon them as scientists, scientist-practitioners, practitioners--but most of all, as psychologists whose concerns with lesbian and gay issues in psychology bind us together across those differences. Your participation now, in whatever way, can help us make it through whatever transitions do occur.

## **BOOK REVIEW**

Reviewed by Carol Becker, Ph.D.

Long time passing: The lives of older lesbians. Marcy Adelman. (Ed.). (1986). Alyson Publications, Inc., 40 Plympton Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02118

Marcy Adelman's new anthology, Long Time Passing: The Lives of Older Lesbians, is a landmark in the history of the lesbian community. It provides a vital developmental bridge for younger lesbians in two ways: it enables them to know what it was like to be a lesbian in the pre-Stonewall era; and it allows them to look ahead to the life events in their futures. This collection of stories is a hand extended by old lesbians to their community--a community that was virtually non-existent when they were living closeted lives during their younger years. As such, the book is a proud "coming out" of older lesbians who entrust us with the sorrows and joys of their past as well as their current lives.

Because many of the stories in Long Time Passing are actually interviews that Dr. Marcy Adelman conducted with older lesbians, reading this book is like being invited into the inner chambers of these women's hearts and lives.

Each story in Long Time Passing raises a multitude of issues about being a lesbian and growing old; all of them important and heretofore largely undiscussed matters for thought and discussion within the lesbian community.

This book should be read slowly, so that each chapter can be savored, and the experiences of these seasoned travelers absorbed into the hearts and the life journeys of its readers.

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### AIDS Latino Conference (Continued from page 6)

Nationwide, almost 20 percent of all women who have AIDS are Latina. Among the 852 pediatric AIDS cases, 194 are Latino children, CDC figures show.

Because many are poor, less educated and do not speak English, they do not have access to mainstream AIDS information or do not seek medical help, Ramos said.

Whites live an average of 22 months after diagnosis, non-whites an average of five months, according to federal figures.

Most information is written in English. Even materials written in Spanish do not reach target populations.

In recent months there have been some efforts to combat AIDS among minorities. For example, federal health officials have supplied advertisements on AIDS to about 600 Spanish language radio stations. AIDS information brochures, many written in Spanish, are being sent to millions of households.

Formal policy recommendations are being generated from the conference. These recommendations will be available for health planners nationwide later this summer.

(Abstracted from a Los Angeles Times article, "Lack of Action to Combat AIDS in Latino Community Criticized", 2-26-88.)