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DIVISION 44 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The Division 44 Convention Program for 1988 offers a diversity of presentations and meetings pertinent to researchers, theorists, and practitioners involved with gay and lesbian issues. Below are descriptions of some program highlights.

Invited Presentations

Division 44's invited presentations consist of one address, one panel presentation, and three symposia.

Explore What's Growing in Your Own Back Yard: Lesbians and Gays in Local Psychological Associations is an invited address presented by Margaret Nicholas. The possibility of a "grass-roots" approach to gay and lesbian issues through APA's state organizations will be discussed.

The Stresses and Rewards of AIDS Research is an invited panel assessing the investigative agendas of AIDS vis a vis psychologists. The panel will explore the emotional toll AIDS research exacts as well as the sense of fulfillment one can receive.

Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men: Toward a Research Agenda is an invited symposium investigating the role of psychologists in examining the alarming increase and prevalence of anti-gay violence in America.

HIV Infection: Neuropsychological Consequences and Policy Implications is a second invited symposium. Recent research on the neurological impact of HIV infection and ramifications on public policy will be presented.

The Future Demise of State Sodomy Laws: Roles for Psychologists is the third invited symposium. The involvement of psychologists in repealing statutes prohibiting consensual sexual acts will be discussed. The subject matter is particularly poignant since the Convention is being held in Atlanta, home of the Hardwick sodomy case.

Division 44 Business Meeting

Division 44's annual convention business meeting is open to all interested parties. Division members and nonmembers are encouraged to attend, observing the

workings of SPSLGI's Executive Committee, meeting EC members, and exploring the possibility of getting involved with Division 44 governance.

Conversation Hours

An important function of each Convention is interacting with colleagues, reaffirming and expanding our networks of professional friends. SPSLGI is sponsoring two conversation hours to promote these interactions.

Organizing at the Local Level: Future Directions in Lesbian/Gay Psychology focuses on the possibility of a "grass-roots" gay and lesbian psychology movement within APA.

Forging Alliances II: Effecting Change Around Lesbian/Gay Ethnic Minority Issues is a sequel to the conversation hour held at last year's Convention. The goal of the hour is to generate input on how sexual preference and ethnic minority statuses interrelate and how to promote positive public policy agendas around these issues.

Social Hours

Finally, Division 44 is cosponsoring a number of Social Hours, establishing a relaxed atmosphere for colleagues to mingle.

Practitioners Interested in the Psychology of Women Social Hour is primarily sponsored by Division 35.

Forging Alliances Social Hour is co-sponsored by Divisions 9 and 45, APA Board of Ethnic Minority Affairs, CLGC and ALGP.

The Psychologists Involved with AIDS-Related Issues Social Hour is co-sponsored by Divisions 7, 8, 9, 31, 35, 41, and 45.

The Celebrating Lesbian and Gay Contributions to Psychology Social Hour is co-sponsored by CLGC and ALGP.

Division 44 would like to extend its thanks to Greg Herek, Chair of the Program Committee, and to all who contributed to the creation of a fascinating and valuable roster of Convention presentations and events.

President's Column

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

As often seems to be the case I find myself writing this column in the midst of a process that will have come to a finish before my words are read. This time that process is the reorganization of APA. Ballots are being cast as I write, and the outcome of the election will be determined before we go to print. But whatever the outcome of the election there are consequences for Division 44, for psychologists concerned about lesbian and gay issues, and for lesbian and gay psychologists and our friends.

If reorganization does not pass, we are faced with the possibility that some psychologists, including perhaps some members of this Division, will choose to leave APA, feeling that the organization as it is currently constituted can no longer serve their needs. A new organization is already being planned that would either constitute an autonomous alternative to APA, or (should reorganization pass) one of the proposed new assemblies.

If reorganization does pass, we will find ourselves having to work in coalition as never before. As one of the groups designated to convene a Public Interest Assembly, we will find ourselves drawing heavily upon our previous relationships with our colleagues in Divisions 9, 35, and 45. And we will have to find ways to make our concerns visible in other assemblies that may have little interest in speaking up for lesbian and gay concerns.

Whatever happens we will need to reconsider our strategies; how would we now best promote research and teaching on lesbian and gay issues, support the development of affirmative practice with sexual minority clients, and most importantly, how do we gather a unified voice of psychology to lobby for our concerns in the development of public policy? If psychology splits into two separate groups, many of those planning to leave are scientific psychologists, the researchers upon whose work our public policy efforts are predicated. If we reorganize, we must gain the consent of not only of our own assembly, but every other one within the corporate APA structure in order to speak with the voice of "official psychology" when approaching the outside world in attempts to effect change.

We cannot discount how important psychology's voice in public policy can be. Many Division 44 members are familiar with the amicus curiae brief entered by APA on behalf of Michael Hardwick's case at the Supreme Court. This was simply one in a continuing series of investments of time and money undertaken by APA at the federal level in support of lesbian and gay rights. This support has been possible in part because the various elements of psychology—science, practice, and

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American Psychological Association Central Report

The following update of APA activities pertinent to Division 44 members was prepared by Clinton Anderson of the Public Interest Directorate.

CLGC

The Committee of Lesbian and Gay Concerns (CLGC) has chosen the topic "Gay Black Men: Building Positive Identities" for its conversation hour contribution to the mini-convention on Black men to be held in Atlanta. Billy Jones, AIDS educator at the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C. will be the facilitator.

CLGC and BSERP have reaffirmed the Council resolution to stop holding Conventions in states with sodomy laws. A fallback position was posited to allow anti-discrimination statutes or progress toward sodomy law repeal to be considered in choosing Convention site. BSERP demanded better preparation for the floor debate and a broader justification for the boycott policy.

To continue its program of nominating gay and lesbian affirmative psychologists to APA governance bodies, CLGC is soliciting nominations to itself and other standing committees. For further information contact: Clifton Anderson; APA; 1200 17th St., NW; Washington, D.C. 20036.

CLGC and CWP are collaborating on a pamphlet on custody issues and are reviewing a resource packet developed by staff. To receive copies of the packet for review and comment contact Clinton Anderson at the above address. For input into the development of the pamphlet, contact: Connie Chan, Ph.D.; 47-18 Cogswell Ave; Cambridge, MA 02140; (617) 956-1197.

Connie Chan, Ph.D. and Clinton Anderson will be presenting "Toward a Mental Health Agenda for Lesbians and Gay Men: Sexual Privacy, Violence, Family Rights, and Elimination of the Pathology Conception: at the Second International Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and AIDS Forum in Boston on July 20-26.

CLGC decided in April to undertake a centennial celebration project. A publication on the movement within psychology from homosexuality as a disease to the formation of SPISGLI is in the works. Convention materials presented at Division 44's inauguration will be utilized. Linda Garnets will be coordinating the project.

Hate Crimes

On May 18, the Hate Crimes Statistics Act (H.R. 3193 and S. 2000) was approved by the House. A perfecting amendment eliminated the term sexual orientation and replaced the phrase with "homosexuality or heterosexuality". Also a clause was inserted stating that no right to bring action complaining of discrimination based on homosexuality was created by the act.

Voting against the amendment (and therefore against inclusion of anti-gay and anti-lesbian violence

categories in the bill) were Archer, Arney, Ballenger, Barton, Biliarkis, Brown (CO), Burton, Coats, Coble, Combest, Craig, Crane, Dannemeyer, Davis (IL), Delay, Denny, Emerson, Fields, Gekas, Hastept, Holloway, Hunter, Kyl, Livingston, Nielson, Shumway, Skelton, Smith, Solomon, Stump, and Volkmer. If any of the above represent you, making known your disapproval of his vote would send a powerful message supporting positive gay and lesbian legislation.

A Senate subcommittee began hearings on the bill in June. It is crucial that you write your Senators to request 1) their co-sponsorship 2) their opposition to weakening the bill and 3) their vote for the bill. Particularly important is Spector (R-PA), who is a key Judiciary Committee member whose vote will be looked to by other moderate Republicans for guidance.

NIMH

Bill Bailey and Grek Herek, Ph.D. met on May 20 with the NIMH Antisocial and Violent Branch. The discussion focused on NIMH's September research workshop on anti-gay violence.

Homophobia Conference

The National Conference on Homophobia Education was held May 20-22. More than one hundred people involved in homophobia studies were present. Greg Herek, Ph.D., spoke about homophobic attitudes, stating homophobia must be understood from a functional standpoint if educational programs to change attitudes are to be effective.

Watkins vs. the Army

The Ninth Circuit Court recently agreed to re-hear the Watkins vs the Army case. APA is considering entering as an amicus curiae, submitting a brief on the immutability of homosexuality, the ineffectiveness of conversion therapy, and the developmental pattern of homosexual feelings and behavior.

Public Forum

Gary Melton is guest editing a text for the Psychology in the Public Forum series. The text will deal with gay and lesbian rights issues, including sodomy laws, parental custody, and homophobic violence.

Budget Cuts

Central Office staff members are attempting to reduce long distance calls. When you call APA, please leave as complete a message as possible, including times when you can be reached. APA now has the computer mail system, bitnet. Clinton Anderson's bitnet address is *APAPICWA@GWUVM*. Use of the bitnet system will save on telephone and postage expenses.

Sexual Harrassment

The following article is an excerpt from *The Invisible Trap: Sexual Harassment and the Corporate Lesbian*, an invited address presented at last year's Convention by Lee Chiramonte.

Silence has always been the hallmark of the nexus between lesbians and sexual harassment. My interviews from 1984 to 1986 demonstrated that lesbians experienced twice as much sexual harassment as their straight counterparts.

So what should we do about sexual harassment? Here are some ideas:

1. We have to refuse the myth that goes: "Many successful women sleep their way to the top." As Gloria Steinem has said, "If a woman could sleep her way to the top, there would certainly be more of us there."
2. Companies need to be educated and to educate. They also need to write their policies on sexual harassment with strong, understandable language.
3. We need to know why employees miss work. We need to find out if they could be avoiding harassment and not their jobs:
4. We need to take investigation of sexual harassment claims out of the hands of immediate supervisors, for that is the most likely harasser group.
5. We have to protect those who choose to report.
6. The crime of sexual harassment has to result in punishment.
7. We have to believe that sexual harassment is the indigenous code of behavior in some workplaces.
8. There are warning signals of sexual harassment in a victim. When employees seem to be experiencing these symptoms, a colleague or supervisor should begin to ask questions.
9. Companies that really want to tackle this problem have to learn that it is not enough to prohibit unlawful behaviors. They must indicate the behaviors they wish to promote.
10. Because 73% of the managers in this country are male, that means that the victim of sexual harassment will likely have to report this largely male crime to a man. Women executives need to be assigned to field

Rural Lesbians and Gays

The following article entitled *Rural Lesbian and Gay Lives: Whose Grass is Greener?*, was submitted by Anthony R. D'Augelli, Ph.D., Department of Individual and Family Studies, Pennsylvania State University. Dr. D'Augelli has spent several years conducting a NIMH project in the rural areas of Pennsylvania.

At the many meetings I attend related to gay and lesbian issues at APA, I've always felt a bit like an outsider. Of course, all lesbians and gay men have had this experience in their lives, but usually not among their kindered souls. At my first meeting of the Committee of Lesbian and Gay Concerns, I realized that I was different--I was the only person from a rural setting. I would leave the meeting recognizing the tremendous need that exists in most of this country, especially in the small towns of America, to create a lesbian- and gay-affirming climate.

What can we do about establishing such a climate? For me, the most effective way to help those of us who reside in suburban and rural areas is to help institutionalize positive resources about lesbian and gay issues. There are many ways to do this, of course, but as psychologists, we should start with APA.

I feel that it is timely that academic curricula in psychology departments around the country be officially examined in their coverage of lesbian and gay lives. Knowledge is the power here, and official psychology cannot allow lesbian and gay people to remain invisible in the departments of psychology around the country. This must occur at the high school level too.

We must stop focusing so much of our professional time on the needs of postdoctoral professional psychologists (who can care for themselves in most ways and have access to excellent resources). Others are needier.

The teaching of psychology occurs through this country. Psychology textbooks are the Reader's Digests for the next generation; yet lesbian and gay people are seldom present in the texts or in the courses. They are present in the classroom. We know that the most powerful strategy we can all model is disclosure and action to institutionalize lesbian/gay affirmative perspectives.

All of us are limited in our time, energy, and resources, so we must plan change at the most effective level. While we must examine our own myopia to understand the scope of the need, we must also move to encourage change. Psychology has much yet to offer in encouraging the development of educational mechanisms to prevent all of us from becoming islands in our own small towns, even if they are lesbian/gay utopias.

DIVISION 44 CONVENTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday, August, 12

9-9:50 am Outgoing Executive Committee Meeting (Chair: Brown). Thomas Jefferson Room (Hilton).

9-9:50 am Invited Address: Ward Cates: AIDS Prevention: Progress and Pitfalls. Grand Salon D (Hilton). (primary sponsor: 38).

11-12:30 pm Symposium: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Homosexuality and Adolescence (Chair: Herdt). Crystal Parlor B (Hilton). (cosponsors: 7, 45).

12-1:50 pm Symposium: Behavioral, Psychological and Immunologic Function in AIDS Risk Groups (Chair: Schneiderman). Grand Salon D (Hilton). (primary sponsor: 38).

1-2:50 pm Symposium: AIDS and Latins: The Many Faces of an Epidemic (Chair: Marin). Fulton/Cobb (Hilton). (primary sponsor: 45).

2-3:50 pm Symposium: Outcomes of AIDS Prevention Programs: What Works Best With Whom (Chair: Kelly). Grand Salon D (Hilton). (primary sponsor: 38).

3-3:50 pm Invited Symposium: Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men: Toward a Research Agenda (Chair: Hancock). Forsythe (Hilton). (cosponsors: 9, 31, 35, 41).

3-3:50 pm Invited Address: Elizabeth Janeway: The Psychology of the Oppressor (Chair: Kimmel). International Salon B/F (Marriott). (primary sponsor: 35).

4-4:50 pm Barbara Snell Dohrenwend Memorial Address: John L. Martin: The Psychosocial Impact of AIDS from 1984 to 1987: Reshaping (Chair: Dohrenwend). Grand Salon E (Hilton). (primary sponsor: 27).

4-4:50 pm Panel: Federal Funding for AIDS Research (Chair: Kelly). Grand Salon D (Hilton). (primary sponsor: 38).

5-5:50 pm Social Hour: Practitioners Interested in the Psychology of Women. International Salon B/F (Marriott). (primary sponsor: 35).

Saturday, August 13

9-10:50 am Clinical Roundtable: AIDS: New and Old Roles for Clinical Psychologists (Chair: Tunnell). Grand Salon A (Hilton). (primary sponsor: 38)

9-10:50 am Symposium: Training Psychologists to Work with Ethnic Minority Populations (Chair: Vargas). Grand Salon B. (Hilton). (primary sponsor: 45).

10-10:50 am Roundtable/Panel: Conducting Research on Lesbian Issues: Overcoming the Barriers (Chair: Dworkin). Yukon (Marriott). (cosponsor: 35).

11-11:50 am Invited Address: Margaret Nichols: Explore What's Growing in Your Own Back Yard: Lesbians and Gays in Local Psychological Associations (Chair: Scrivner). Crystal Parlor B (Hilton). (cosponsor: 31).

11-11:50 am Invited Address: John Charles Boger: Problems of Proving Discrimination Using Social Science Data (Chair: Saks). Rockdale (Hilton). (primary sponsor: 41).

11-12:50 pm Symposium: Contributions of Minority Women in Psychology (Chair: Framboise). Grand Salon B (Hilton). (primary sponsor: 45.)

12-1:50 pm Symposium: Burn-out: Prevention Strategies for HIV-Related Service Providers (Chair: Hawkins). Grand Salon A (Hilton). (Cosponsors: 13, 31, 38).

1-2:50 pm Symposium: Women and Addiction (Chair: Vedder). Battle (Westin). (primary sponsor 17).

2-2:50 pm Presidential Address: Laura S. Brown: New Voices, New Visions: A Lesbian/Gay Paradigm for Psychology (Chair: Malyon). Crystal Parlor E (Hilton).

3-3:50 pm Division 44 Open Business Meeting (Chair: Brown). Crystal Parlor E (Hilton).

4-4:50 pm Conversation Hour: Forging Alliances II: Effecting Change Around Lesbian/Gay Ethnic Minority Issues (Task Force on Ethical/Racial Minority Issues, Chair: Smith). Crystal Parlor E. (Hilton).

5 pm Social Hour: Forging Alliances. Crystal Parlor F/G (Hilton). (Cosponsors: 9, 45, APA Board of Ethnic Minority Affairs, Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns).

DIVISION 44 CONVENTION PROGRAM (continued)

Sunday, August 14

10-11:50 am Incoming Executive Committee Meeting (Chair: Malyon). George Washington (Hilton).

10-11:50 am Symposium: Lesbian Health and Mental Health: Results of National Surveys (Chair: Gentry). Trinidad/Madrid (Marriott). (cosponsors: 27, 31, 35, 38).

12-12:50 pm Poster Session: New Directions in Research on Lesbian/Gay Issues (Chair: Kimmel). International South (Marriott).

1-1:50 pm Invited Panel: The Stresses and Rewards of AIDS Research (Chair: Oullette). Fulton/Cobb (Hilton). (cosponsor: 38).

1-2:20 pm Symposium: Consulting with Organizations on AIDS (Chair: Backer). English Room (Westin). (primary sponsor: 13).

2-2:50 pm Conversation Hour: Organizing at the Local Level: Future Directions in Lesbian/Gay Psychology (Chairs: Cerbone and Rose). Crystal Parlor G (Hilton). (cosponsor: 31).

3-4:50 pm Symposium: Gay Male Relationships Confront the Crisis of AIDS (Chair: O'Brien). Grand Salon A (Hilton). (cosponsors: 8, 13, 31, 38, 43).

3-4:50 pm Symposium: APA Task Force on Psychology and AIDS: Critical Psychological Aspects of AIDS (Chair: Morin). Grand Ballroom C (Hilton).

3-4:50 pm Invited Roundtable Discussion: Federal Judges' Perspectives: Using Social Science Evidence to Prove Discrimination (Chair: Tomkins). Consulate (Marriott). (primary sponsor: 41).

5-6:50 pm Social Hour: Psychologists Involved with AIDS-Related Issues. Grand D (Hilton). (cosponsors: 7, 8, 9, 31, 35, 41, 45).

Monday, August 15

8-9:50 pm Symposium: Psycholegal Perspectives on Privacy (Chair: Kagehiro). Crystal Parlor C (Hilton). (primary sponsor: 41).

10-11:50 am Invited Symposium: HIV Infection: Neuropsychological Consequences and Policy Implications (Chair: Morin). Crystal Parlor F (Hilton). (cosponsors: 31, 38, 41).

Monday, August 15 (cont.)

11-11:50 pm Symposium: AIDS: The Psychologist as Consultant to Policymakers (Chair: Deloras). Spanish Room (Westin). (primary sponsor: 13).

11-11:50 am Invited Address: Gary B. Melton: Law, Science, and Humanity: Reflections on the Defeat of Judge Bork (Chair: Grisso). Cobb (Hilton). (primary sponsor: 41).

11-11:50 am Symposium: AIDS: The Psychologist as Consultant to Policymakers (Chair: Deloras). Spanish Room (Westin). (primary sponsor: 13).

12-1:50 pm Symposium: AIDS: Contact Notification and Public Policy (Chair: Dejewski). Clayton (Hilton). (cosponsors: 9, 13, 27, 31, 35, 38, 41, 45).

1-2:50 pm Roundtable: AIDS Research: Directions and Funding Opportunities (Chair: Marin). International Salon D/H (Marriott). (primary sponsor: 45).

2-3:50 pm Invited Symposium: The Future Demise of State Sodomy Laws: Roles for Psychologists (Chair: Herek). Gwinnett (Hilton). (cosponsors: 9, 31, 35, 41).

5-5:50 pm Social Hour: Celebrating Lesbian and Gay Contributions to Psychology. Gwinnett (Hilton). (cosponsors: APA Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns, Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists)

Tuesday, August 16

9-10:50 am Symposium: Female and Male Clients and Counselors: Do Their Differences Matter? (Chair: Friedlander). Georgian (Westin). (primary sponsor: 17).

10-10:50 am Roundtable Discussion: Issues in the Psychology of Women (Chair: Thomas and Royak-Schaler). Grand Salon C (Hilton). (primary sponsor: 35).

Note: It is never possible to avoid conflicts between similar programs because each Division does its scheduling separately; thus we may not know what another Division is doing until it is too late to make changes; even when we do consult with other divisions, there may be last minute changes that produce a conflict that cannot then be resolved.

NOTICES OF NOTE

Division 44

It is with regret that the Division announces that Alan Malyon, President-Elect, has taken a medical leave of absence from the Division 44 Executive Committee. He has also decided that it will be necessary for him to resign as President-Elect of the Division.

Alan was recently diagnosed with cancer. He is doing well but his treatment is time consuming. He is concerned that this might interfere with his responsibilities as President next year.

Laura Brown will continue as President of the Division until the mid-winter meeting of the Executive Committee in 1989. At that time the winner of this year's President-Elect election will assume her term in office six months early.

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.

Continuing Education. Division 44's Committee on Continuing Education is currently without a chairperson. Individuals interested in guiding the development of continuing education programs related to lesbian and gay issues are encouraged to volunteer. Contact: Laura Brown, Ph.D.; 4527 First Ave. NE; Seattle WA 98105.

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. NW; Washington, D.C. 20036.

Positions

The Centers for Disease Control are recruiting a research psychologist to assist in the design and evaluation of national and local programs to reduce the risk of AIDS. The psychologist would collaborate with an interdisciplinary team to develop and monitor an extramural grant program and to conduct intramural research. Although the position will primarily involve AIDS-related work, opportunities exist for research related to all sexually transmitted diseases.

A doctoral degree and research experience is desired. Experience with the design and evaluation of individuals group, and community-based interventions and experience with AIDS prevention would be particularly relevant. Salary is dependent upon educational background and experience.

For more information write or call: Kevin R. O'Reilly, Ph.D. or Robert E. Johnson, M.D., M.P.H.; Division of Sexually Transmitted Diseases; Centers for Disease Control; 1600 Clifton Rd.; Atlanta, Georgia 30333; (404) 639-2580.

Submissions

Middle-Aged Lesbian Anthology. Barbara Sang, Adrienne Smith, and Joyce Warshow are editing a book on middle-aged lesbians. If you are interested in contributing to this anthology, please send your topic and a brief description to: Joyce Warshow; 421 Hudson St.; Apt 604; New York, NY 10014; (212) 475-6859.

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; (818) 335-7686.

Opportunities

Understanding the Manuscript Process: Increasing the Participation of Women is now available from the Committee on Women in Psychology and the Women's Program Office. The third edition of this monograph contains three articles adapted from symposium presentations at the 1981 APA Convention and a new article on the book publication process. The monograph office offers positive suggestions for authors to increase the probability of their manuscripts being published. A limited number of copies are available from the Women's Program Office on request at (202) 955-7767.

Newsletter Advertising Guidelines

Division 44's Executive Committee has established the following advertising policy and advertising rates for the divisional Newsletter.

Advertising Policy: The publication of any advertisement in the Division 44 Newsletter is not an endorsement of the advertiser or of the products or services advertised. Division 44 reserves the right unilaterally to reject, omit, or cancel advertising for any reason. Advertisements that unfairly discriminate against any group or individual will not be accepted.

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public interest--worked together well and in harmony.

Now we must use our skills in a new game. Should reorganizaion fail and you are one of those who will decide to leave APA, we ask that you not leave us in Division 44. Retain your affiliate member status in the Division; continue to contribute your skills, your research findings, your mentorship. Make certain that whatever new organization is established has lesbian and gay issues defined as core and central, with openly lesbian and gay psychologists always among the leaders and policy-makers. Keep the networks between us open and active. The constituency of this Division are still too few in number for us to have the luxury of divisiveness among us.

If reorganization passes we will all have the task of learning how to work the new system. Aside from creating the new Public Interest Assembly as a Division, each of our members will have to assess how she or he can have influence and impact in other assemblies that represent her or his interests--Practice, Science, Scientist-Practitioner, State Association (to name those currently possible). This will involve decisions about allocations of various kinds of votes in such a way as to give power to the Public Interest Assembly as an organizational entity while giving individual Division 44 members voting power within other assemblies so as to influence the policy and leadership of those groups simultaneously.

Whichever way we turn, we have a complex juggling act on our hands over the next several years. This all is happening at a time when research on lesbian and gay issues is growing, when the number of openly lesbian and gay psychologists and those who actively support us are increasing, and while the AIDS epidemic continues to extract a heavy cost in beloved friends and colleagues while drawing ever more frequently upon the services we offer. As psychologists and as human beings we are truly living in the "interesting times" of the Yiddish curse. Our choices are two: to become overwhelmed and frozen by the chaos, or to see it as fertile and full of possibilities.

Let me end by reiterating my call for unity and action. We may need to rely more upon ourselves for support in the time to come. To do so we must be truly in coalition with one another, a state defined by shared purpose and respect for differences among us. If you're coming to Atlanta, become an active part of the Division: make certain to attend the annual Busines Meeting, consider joining the process of developing regional groups and come to the Conversation Hour sponsored by the Task Force on Future Directions. Give us your input. Raise your hand when we ask for volunteers. This issue of the Newsletter is full of information about what's happening in Atlanta and in psychology in general.

Read, be inspired, and act.

Bibliography

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Senior Action in a Gay Environment

Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE) is a social service organization for older gays and lesbians founded in New York City in 1977. Currently more than 250 active volunteers contribute approximately 3000 hours to SAGE projects each month. At present over 600 older gay men and women use SAGE's services per month. The hope of SAGE is to provide for some of the needs of the estimated 130,000 gays and lesbians over the age of 60 who now living in New York City.

SAGE's annual operating budget is over \$500,000. The majority of the budget comes from individual donors (61%). Foundation and government grants (31%); program revenue (5%); and United Way contributions (3%) provide the remaining funding sources.

SAGE has three primary functions.

Social and Educational Center.

SAGE provides a Drop In Center five afternoons per week; weekly rap groups and workshops; monthly dinner dances, brunches and other events; legal and medical clinics; educational forums; and hundreds of free or discounted theatre tickets per month.

Social Outreach.

Sage offers services to the homebound and those in nursing homes. Client services include: a social work needs assessment; help in obtaining social services benefits; short term counseling, weekly visits; telephone reassurance; transportation to the doctor or other services.

Education.

SAGE alters misconceptions about growing old as a lesbian or gay man by sponsoring an educational outreach program. Several populations are targeted for formal presentations and in-service training; media outreach; and person-to-person contact. Social service workers receive staffings to educate them about the "invisible" lesbians and gays who are clients in their service agencies. Gay and lesbian people of all ages are offered programs to debunk the negative myths that exist about growing old as a homosexual. Media presentations are conducted to deal with these negative myths on a societal level. Finally person-to-person contacts are made to deal with individual issues concerning the gay and lesbian elderly.

Membership in Division 44

All social scientists with interests in applying psychological knowledge to the study of lesbian and gay issues are warmly welcomed as members, irrespective of personal sexual/affectional orientation. New members are elected formally once a year in early Fall. However, they are placed on the mailing list immediately if qualified for membership and if dues are paid. The five classes of membership in the division at this time are Fellows, Members, Associates, Affiliates and Student Affiliates. Affiliate members of the division are either students or non-students. Affiliates can hold membership in the APA or be non-members. Names of Affiliate members are not published in the APA Register and are kept strictly confidential.

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Book Review

Carol S. Becker. (1988). *Unbroken Ties: Lesbian Ex-Lovers*. Boston: Alyson Publications, Inc.

reviewed by Marcy Adelman, Ph.D.

A book has finally been written to help us understand what happens when lesbian lovers break up, how we recover from the wounds, and what we learn from these experiences. *Unbroken Ties* is Dr. Carol Becker's summary and analysis of her interviews with forty lesbians of different racial and socioeconomic backgrounds about the breakup of their partnerships. The book explores the diverse ways that women coped with the end of these relationships and the creative ways in which they rebuilt their lives.

Throughout *Unbroken Ties*, the women speak in their own voices about why their lover relationships ended, how they recovered from their breakups, and the process of building ex-lover relationships. In the first part of the book, the women tell us about their losses and disillusionments. I found myself reliving my own losses and was reminded of how hard we try to make our relationships succeed.

From the patterns that emerged in these interviews, Dr. Becker discerns five situations that lead to the breakups: polarized differences, traumatizing affairs, passive withdrawal by one partner, dissatisfaction with a chaotic relationship, and simply growing apart. Becker's comments on the issue of nonmonogamy are refreshing and insightful. She writes:

"Affairs don't always destroy lover relationships; sometimes they are used to enhance them. The effect of affairs depends on many factors: the resiliency of the relationship; the intentions of each of the women; how traumatic the actual affair is to the couple's relationship; the extent to which the affair evokes old wounds. Affairs, then, are not automatically good or bad for relationships. They can be used to renew or sever the primary relationship. Irreparable trauma to a relationship is just one possible out-come within this complex matrix of issues and events."

Her description of dysfunctional, crisis-oriented relationships is clear-sighted and compassionate. Becker states:

"By engaging in these dysfunctional relationships women make unconscious attempts to fix wounded aspects of themselves by fixing their lovers. Roles and problems polarize, and crises provide the illusion of movement and change. Current relationship dramas repeat the unseen and unhealed wounds of each partner's past life."

The second half of the book brings us to the healing process. The women begin the task of rebuilding their

lives by refocusing on their needs and priorities. They discover a new appreciation of themselves and describe the rebuilding of their social relationships--with friends, children, family members, new lovers, and ex-lovers. These chapters will be welcome and helpful reading for any women in the process of recovering from a breakup.

The strength of *Unbroken Ties* is its focus on how we acquire greater empathy for our own needs and strengthen our self-esteem by grieving for our losses. Dr. Becker has written an empowering book about a painful topic. This ground breaking work will be immensely helpful to therapists with lesbian and gay clients and will be a comfort to women experiencing the breakup of a lover relationship.

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