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APA Convention Programs Spotlight Lobbying, Living and Loving

The 1992 Convention of the American Psychological Association promises many programs of interest to members of Division 44. Symposia, papers and addresses cover a wide range of lesbian and gay topics and interests.

Beginning one day prior to the actual start of the Convention, on August 13, the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists, NALGP, will hold its Empowerment Conference. In keeping with the Convention's location, this year's conference is will be a day dedicated to furthering the gay and lesbian political agenda. It will include presentations by major political organizations and lobbying in legislators' Capitol Hill offices.

On that same day, Division 44 will sponsor a Continuing Education Workshop featuring well-known author and psychotherapist, Betty Berzon. The workshop, entitled "Permanent Partners: Building Gay and Lesbian Relationships That Last" will address critical issues in dealing with the problems of same-sex couples and will

include a case conference portion focusing on issues of concern to the participants.

Many of the Division 44 programs focus on diversity and sexual orientation. The APA's Public Interest Directorate and the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs are sponsoring a Mini-Convention in which Division 44 is an active participant providing eight hours of programming.

Social Hours play an important part in the Convention experience. In addition to the social hours on Friday and Saturday nights, a special event will be held on Sunday. The theme of the combined social and conversation hours is "Forging Alliances: A Shared Past, Present and Future."

In perhaps the most provocatively titled session, Connie Chan, Division 44 President, will be presenting "What's Love Got to Do With It: Sexual/Gender Identities." Her Presidential Address is scheduled on August 16 from 2 to 3 pm.

More information on all of Division 44's Convention Programs can be found on pages 6 and 7. ▼

From the President

When Worlds Combine: Ethnicity and Sexual Orientation at Convention

by **Connie Chan, Ph.D.**

I hope that many of you are planning to attend the APA Convention in Washington, D.C. in August, as Division 44's program promises to be both stimulating and diverse in its offerings. Our 1992 Program Chairs, Barbara Slater and Joan Rabin deserve our deep appreciation and congratulations for their hard work in organizing such a strong selection of sessions to attend. I am particularly excited about Division 44's participation in the

Public Interest-sponsored Mini-Convention focusing upon Ethnic Minority Issues. We have eight hours of programming which focus upon the intersection of ethnicity and sexual orientation, or more specifically, conceptualization of ideas as related to ethnic minority and lesbian/gay issues in combination. Since these sessions are relevant to psychologists with interests in sexual orientation as well as to those whose specialty is in ethnic minority/racial issues, we have the opportunity to create new ways of understanding differences and diversity, to build new bridges, and to meet at a common crossroad.

In particular, this meeting of dual interests in ethnic minority and sexual orientation is embodied in two addresses (and two of us as your division officers) at the convention: Dr. Oliva Espin, whose seminal work in the area of Latina lesbian issues has been groundbreaking in our understanding of dual minority identity, is presenting her Award Address for Contribution to Psychology on Monday from 2-2:50; and my Division 44 Presidential

address (Sunday, 2-2:50), also focuses on understanding the intersection of sexual/racial, and gender identities. As women of color, we have represented Division 44 as Council Representative and President. Our presence has served to challenge many preconceived notions and stereotypes

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among APA members and governance groups of who Division 44 is, and what the Division represents. I hope that our leadership continues to represent the

diversity, in all its forms, within our Division. On behalf of Division 44, I would also like to congratulate Dr. Oliva Espin on the honor of being awarded the Contribution to Psychology Award from APA. We can take great pride in the achievements of Oliva and other members of Division 44 who have been so active in bringing APA into its second 100 years with some successes as a leader in lesbian and gay issues. Our impact as a division and as a discipline has been felt, I believe, beyond Psychology, in helping to create a richer understanding of the lives of lesbians and gay men.

I am not only excited about our programming at Convention, but just as thrilled about the opportunities to meet with, talk with, eat with, drink with, and dance with other Division 44 members in D.C. I have always been amazed at what a home Division 44 provides for all of us, whatever our individual fields are within Psychology. Whether we are academics, clinicians, researchers, or a combination of

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APA Central Report

Department of Defense Policy Opposed; Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Youth Policy Approved

In the following report, Clinton Anderson, Division 44's APA Liaison describes Association events of interest to our members.

Bias in psychotherapy. The Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns (CLGC) is still working diligently to promote widespread dissemination of *Bias in Psychotherapy with Lesbians and Gay Men: Task Force Final Report* authored by the CLGC Task force on bias in Psychotherapy with Lesbians and Gay Men. The Task Force Report has been sent to all APA approved graduate programs and internships and to all the faculty listed in *Graduate Faculty in Psychology Interested in Lesbian and Gay Issues 1990*. Beginning at the annual Convention, the *Task Force Report* will cost ten dollars.

U.S. Department of Defense Policy on Sexual Orientation. Public Interest Directorate staff have established an advisory group of representatives of Division 19 and 44. The group met by conference call in early May to consider the plans for a meeting of national organizations that the Counsel funded in February. The advisory group recommended that the meeting take place in late November or early December, after the election. The purpose of the meeting will vary with the outcome of the election: if Clinton is the winner, our purpose will be to offer support to his commitment to rescind the policy and assistance in managing its implementation; if Bush or Perot is elected, then our primary purpose will remain as it was originally — initiating a larger coalition of professional, scientific, and higher education organizations to advocate change whether directed at the administration or the congress. In any case, the core content of the meeting is the same — APA should pull together, research information and professional opinion on the scientific issues that need to be addressed in order for other organizations to feel

confident in opposing the military policy on homosexuality. The issues include how the policy change could be effectively managed, what lessons have been learned from racial and gender integration, what has been the experience of other military forces in which the integration has occurred, and what are the attitudinal and behavioral barriers to integration of lesbians, gay men, and bisexual persons into the military period. The advisory group reaffirmed that APA's primary target population for the meeting is other scientific, professional, and higher education organizations, i.e., that organizing other sectors should not be our focus. However, the primary advocacy groups that have been working on this issue do need to be included in the meeting in some way so that our meeting is fully informed of their plans.

On June 5, representatives of a number of organizations that are already interested in the issue met with APA staff. David Vershure of Rep. Schroeder's staff briefed the group on the bill that Mrs. Schroeder recently introduced. APA urges Division 44 members to write or call their congress members in support of the bill.

DACOWITS Testimony. APA provided a written statement to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Spring Conference on Tuesday April 28. The statement asked that DACOWITS consider the disparate impact of the military policy on women, including the possibility that the policy is used to harass woman.

Lesbian and Gay Youth and Families. CLGC and CYF have jointly proposed that APA adopt a policy statement on lesbian, gay and bisexual youths. BAPPI (Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest) approved the proposed policy statement for consideration in the fall round of governance meetings.

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Membership

Spreading the Word on Division 44

by Steven James, Ph.D.

As the membership surveys enclosed in the last Newsletter begin to accumulate, I am encouraged and surprised by the number of people who have volunteered to help with projects. Opportunities to make good on your offers will begin to find you as the convention approaches. If you haven't returned your survey, please do so immediately.

I would encourage anyone who will be attending the convention to drop by the Social Hours to meet other Division 44 members and to share in the vitality and warmth of our membership. See the Division 44 Program Information in this issue for more details.

In the last few months, several people asked me for Division 44 brochures to take to organizational meetings and workshops. The result has been gratifying. Anyone interested in dropping off some of our brochures need only call me at (813) 933-6904 to receive as many brochures as you can effectively distribute. This appears to be one of the most effective ways we have of informing colleagues about Division 44 membership.

If you can think of any other ways we can spread the word about Division 44, please give me a call. ▼

Alan Malyon Memorial Fund

Scholarship Fundraising Campaign Begins

by Robin Burkhe, Ph.D.

Do you remember what it is like to live on a graduate student's income? Can you imagine what it is like trying to decide between buying groceries and paying for dissertation research expenses? For many graduate students living on small incomes, research choices may be limited due to economic constraints. Some very important research ideas may not be carried out simply because they go beyond the student's financial capacity. The Alan Malyon Memorial Scholarship Fund was initiated in order to address this concern, and a major fundraising campaign to provide an endowment enabling yearly grants of up to \$1000 total to one or more graduate students conducting research on gay and lesbian issues.

Alan Malyon, considered to be one of the founders of the field of lesbian and gay psychology, died of lung cancer in 1988. He was actively involved in the Association for Lesbian and Gay Psychologists and Division 44, as well as numerous other organizations. Although his illness prevented him from taking office, he was elected President-elect of Division 44 in 1987. He has been credited with having led the fight in removing homosexuality from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Alan was a well-loved and respected psychologist whose life work resulted in changing the way psychology views homosexuality.

Donations for the Scholarship Fund will be solicited through the newsletter, at the Convention, and through a direct mail to Division 44 members and affiliates. If each member or affiliate contributed just \$25, the scholarship fund would reach its goal and the Division would be able to fund graduate student research for many years to come. Donations in any amount will be gratefully accepted. If you are willing to contribute, please send a check made out to the Alan Malyon Memorial Scholarship Fund to: Robin Burkhe, Chair, Alan Malyon Memorial Scholarship Committee, CAPS, 219 Page Building, Duke University, Durham, NC, 27706, or phone 919-660-1000. ▼

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Submissions to the Division 44 Newsletter are welcome. The deadline for the next newsletter is September 18, 1992. For more information about submissions contact:

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Student Column

Student Co-Chair Wanted

by Lisa Frey

Division 44 has two student representatives serving a two-year term as co-chairs. The terms overlap so that the new co-chair has the advantage of learning from the more experienced co-chair. As Division 44 values and strives for gender parity, the student co-chairs consist of one woman and one man. This year a female co-chair is being sought to replace me, as my term will end in August.

This position is quite gratifying, and offers much to the person who accepts it. It's a wonderful way to meet other members of Division 44, to be exposed to the workings of the Executive Committee of the Division, to learn more about the "nuts and bolts" of APA, and perhaps more importantly, it's an opportunity to raise your voice and to become active for those things we all value so deeply as lesbian, gay and bisexual students in the field of psychology.

As students in Division 44, our voice really does matter, and we are listened to, heard, and responded to by those within the Division. When Jim (my co-chair) and I wanted to send out letters to graduate programs across the country to inform more students of Division 44 and to invite them to join, the Executive Committee did not hesitate to fund this endeavor. When we wanted to send out a survey to student members (to be mailed out next fall) to find out how the Division can better serve all of us, the Executive Committee members gave their moral and financial support. When individual members of Division 44 were approached and asked to participate in a symposium to be given at APA Convention, every person agreed to participate. This was no small thing when you consider that the focus of the symposium consists of the personal reflections and experiences of these individuals with respect to their graduate training and professional development as lesbian and gay male psychologists. Such responses are heartening, and they are examples of the support, dedication and commitment to students on the part of Division 44.

If you are interested in serving a two-year term as student co-chair, please do not hesitate to call or write. If you are interested but doubt that you can fulfill this position, think again and make that call anyway. It's enriching. It's fun. It's gratifying. And it promises not to drain your already taxed time resources. If you're not interested in the position of student co-chair, but do want to be more involved in some way (such as a student committee), please call. You can write me at 75 Palfrey Road, Belmont, MA 02178 or call 617-489-6364. Thanks! ▼

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Division 44 Pre-Convention Continuing Education Workshop **Permanent Partners: Building Gay and Lesbian Relationships That Last**

Presenter: Betty Berzon, Ph.D.

Author and psychotherapist in Los Angeles, California

This workshop will address critical issues in dealing with the problems of same-sex couple relationships. The presentation will include guidelines and discussion of case material. A case conference portion will focus on issues of concern to the participants.

Number of Continuing Education hours: 6

Cost: \$125 (\$100 for students). Includes coffee and tea. Participants furnish own lunch.

Time and Date: Thursday, August 13, 1992. 9 am. to 4:30 pm.

Place: Capital Hilton Hotel, New York Room, Washington, D.C.

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DIVISION 44 CONVENTION PROGRAMMING

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 14th**

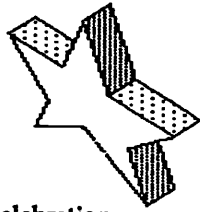
Outgoing Executive Counsel Meeting
 Connie Chan
 Presiding
 9-11am.
 Capitol Hilton,
 Continental Room

Lesbian and Gay Relationships
 A paper session chaired by Catherine Acuff. Co-sponsored by Division 35, CLGC, AWP, NALGP.
 Includes: Dating Scripts (Klinkenberg & Rose); Consequences of Early or Later Coming-Out Patterns in Lesbian Development (Rabin & Slater); Internalized Homophobia and Lesbian Couple Functioning (Melamed); Conflict in Gay and Lesbian Cohabiting Couples (Kurdek); Sexual Orientation Disclosure to Parents (Leaveck, Ronan & Hammontree).
 12 - 2 pm
 Capitol Hilton, Senate Room

Psychological Perspectives in Health Issues with Diverse Populations
 An invited symposia chaired by Terry S. Grock. Co-sponsored by Divisions 9, 45, 35, CLGC, AWP, NALGP.
 Includes: Ethnicity, Gender and Health From a Community Health Perspective (J. Chin); Lesbian/Gay Health Agenda Beyond HIV/AIDS: What Can Psychology Offer? (Rothblum); AIDS: An Integrating Conceptual Metaphor for Public Interest Psychology Concerns (Tafoya). Elizabeth Robinson will be the discussant.
 2 - 3 pm.
 Capitol Hilton, Congressional Room



"Tongues Untied"
 Media presentation of Marlon Briggs documentary.
 Chaired by Connie Chan.
 3 - 5 pm.
 Capitol Hilton, Congressional Room.



Celebration
 A social hour hosted by Connie Chan. Co-sponsored by CLGC & NALGP.
 6 - 7 pm.
 Capitol Hilton, Federal Room.

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 15th**

Lesbian and Gay Reflections on Graduate Training and Professional Development
 A symposium chaired by Leah Fygetakis. Co-sponsored by Divisions 9, 35, 45, CLGC, AWP, NALGP.
 Includes: Negotiating Transitions: Homophobia and the Young Professional (Keren); Multiple Identities Or Who Am I Today? (Gainor); Transforming Discrimination Into Empowerment: A Personal and Professional Evolution (Frey); Cultural Experiences of a Gay Native American Psychologist (James); Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexual Orientation:

Working Towards Balance and Integration (Greene). Leah Fygetakis will be the discussant.
 9 - 11 am.
 Capitol Hilton, Pan American Room.

Our Future: Lesbian and Gay Issues
 A Town Meeting chaired by John Gonsiorek.
 11 - 12 noon. Capitol Hilton, Massachusetts Room.

When Homophobia Corrupts Psychological Practice
 An open meeting of the APA Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns.
 10 - 11 am.
 Mayflower Hotel, Pennsylvania Room.

New Perspectives on Ethnic Minority Lesbians and Gay Men
 An invited symposium chaired by Connie Chan. Co-sponsored by Divisions 9, 35, 45, CLGC,

AWP, NALGP.
 Includes: African-American Lesbians: Triple Jeopardy (Greene); Sex, Love, and Stereotypes in the Gay/Lesbian Asian-American Community (Yoshimura). Connie Chan will be the discussant.
 12 - 1 pm.
 Omni Shoreham Hotel, Ambassador Room.

Dual Minority Youth: Ethnicity and Sexual Orientation
 An invited symposium chaired by Barbara Slater. Co-sponsored by Divisions 16, 45, 35, CLGC, AWP, CYG, NALGP, APAGS.
 Includes:

Countertransference Issues in Working with Minority Youth Who Are Gay/Lesbian (Porter). Black and Gay Or Gay and Black: What's More Important? (Washington); The Needs of Dual Minority Youths: Educational Curriculum Issues (Newberry). Representatives from Lesbian and Gay Ethnic Minority Youths will be in attendance. Terry Tafoya will be the discussant.
 1 - 3 pm.
 Omni Shoreham Hotel, Ambassador Room.



Social Hour

Barbara Slater & Joan Rabin chairs. Co-sponsored by Divisions 35, 45, NALGP, AWP.
6 - 7 pm.
Mayflower Hotel, Chinese Room.



**SUNDAY
AUGUST 16th**



The Bible Tells Me So: Training, Practice, and Religious Homophobia

A symposium chaired by Augustine Baron. Co-sponsored by Division 36, CLGC, NALGP.
Includes: Sexual Orientation Conversion: Perpetuating the Illness Myth of Homosexuality (Haldeman); Coming Out to Jesus: A Client's Experience with Conversion Therapies (Johnson); When Psychological Training and Religious Homophobia Collide: Three Case Examples (Baron, Casler & Stigletz); Gay and Lesbian Affirmative Psychological Practice Within a Religious Context (M. Clark & T. Clark). Augustine Baron will be the discussant.
9 - 11 am.
Mayflower Hotel, Rhode Island Room.

Lesbian and Gay Issues

A poster session chaired by Joan Rabin & Barbara Slater. Includes: Struggling for Meaning: HIV-Positive Men Making Sense of AIDS (Schwartzberg); Blaming People with AIDS: Who Deserves to be Sick? (Schellenber & Bem); The Relationship of Individual's Attitudes Toward Lesbians with Other Characteristics (Simon); Counseling Expectancies Related to Counselor Orientation and Client's Internalized Homophobia (Lease, Cogdal & Smith); Homophobia and AIDS: Do Sex, Religion and Age Matter? (Shore, Quigley, Phillips & Matter).
11 - 12 noon.
Washington Hilton Hotel, Exhibit Hall.



What's Love Got to Do With It: Sexual/Gender Identities Presidential Address by Connie Chan
2 - 3 pm.
Mayflower Hotel, Chinese Room.

Business Meeting
Connie Chan & John Gonsiorek presiding.
3 - 4 pm.
Mayflower Hotel, Chinese Room.



Forging Alliances: A Shared Past, Present and Future
A Social and Conversation Hour hosted by Eduardo Morales & Robin Buhrke. Co-sponsored by Divisions 9, 35, 45, CLGC, NALGP, AWP.
4 - 5 pm.
Mayflower Hotel, Pennsylvania Room.
5 - 6 pm.
Mayflower Hotel, Chinese Room.



**MONDAY
AUGUST 17th**

Incoming Executive Counsel Meeting
John Gonsiorek presiding.
8 - 11 am.
Capitol Hilton, Continental Room.

Hate Crimes Against Gays/Lesbians: Causes, Psychological Consequences and Interventions

A symposium chaired by Leslie Lebowitz. Co-sponsored by Divisions 9, 35, 45, CLGC, AWP, NALGP. Includes: Anti-gay Violence: The Sociological Background (Ehrlich); Anti-gay Violence and Victimization in the U.S. (Berrill); Psychological Response to Anti-gay Violence (Lebowitz); The Treatment of Survivors of Anti-gay Violence (Garnets). Gregory Herek will be the discussant.
11 - 1 pm.
Capitol Hilton, Senate Room.



Gay and Lesbian Psychology: The Next 100 Years
Invited address by Esther Rothblum & Augustine Baron. Chaired by Linda Garnets. Co-sponsored by Divisions 45, 35, AWP, CLGC, NALGP.
1 - 2 pm.
Capitol Hilton, Federal Room - A.



Award Address for Contribution to Psychology
Oliva Espin
2 - 3 pm.

Latino Gay Men and Latina Lesbians: Historical and Psychological Perspectives
An invited address by Eduardo Morales. Chaired by Oliva Espin. Co-sponsored by Divisions 35, 45, AWP, CLGC, NALGP.
3 - 4 pm.
Omni Shoreham Hotel, Empire Room.



Community Level Interventions to Prevent the Spread of HIV

A symposium chaired by Ellen Stover. Co-sponsored by CLGC, NALGP. Includes: Community Level AIDS Intervention for Young Gay and Bisexual Men (Kegeles, Hayes & Coates); Community Level Intervention to Alter Population HIV/AIDS Risk Taking Behavior (Kelley); HIV Prevention Among Hard-to-Reach Groups: The AIDS Community Demonstration Projects (O'Reilly). Janet Moore will be the discussant.
3 - 5 pm.
Capitol Hilton, Federal Room - A.



OUTlook

News & Notices

By & For Division 44 Members

"People fear what they don't understand...The whole purpose of science is to know what is unknown. The great significance of Evelyn's work is that she started a scientific movement towards understanding gay men and women better."

Judd Marmor,
MD, Ph.D.

The Story of Evelyn Hooker on Film at Convention

On Friday, August 14 from 8:30 to 10:00 am. the film, *Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker* will be screened. The film, produced by Dr. James Harrison, a Division 44 member, reveals the shocking, nightmare treatment of lesbians and gay men at the hand of the medical profession and the efforts of Dr. Hooker to bring this truth to the fore.



Search Opens for Seven New APA Journal Editors

The Publications and Communications Board of the American Psychological Association has opened nominations for the editorships of the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, the *Journal of Applied Psychology*, the *Journal of Comparative Psychology*, the Attitudes and Social Cognition section of the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, *Psychological Review* and a new journal, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied* for the years 1995 - 2000. Candidates must be APA members and should be available to start receiving manuscripts in early 1994 to prepare for issues published in 1995. The Publications and Communications Board encourages more participation by members of underrepresented groups in the publication process and would particularly welcome such nominees. To nominate candidates, prepare a statement of one page or less in support of each candidate. Names of members of search committees will be printed in fall issues of the journals and in the APA Monitor. First review of nominations will begin December 15, 1992.



New Members Sought for APA's Media Referral Service

The Public Affairs Office of the American Psychological Association is actively recruiting APA members to participate in its free Media

Referral Service (MRS), which is used by the news media to obtain interviews with psychologists for stories in newspapers, magazines, radio and television.

The Public Affairs Office has been aggressively promoting the service to the news media. From January 1991 to January 1992, APA members were referred nearly 5,000 times for press interviews. To obtain an application for the MRS service or for a free brochure send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Public Affairs Office, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002.



Lesbian and Gay Intro Course Taught at UCLA

"Introduction to Gay and Lesbian Studies," a new course offered for the first time at University of Southern California, Los Angeles, during Winter Quarter, could be the first step toward forming a gay and lesbian studies program on campus. The course, taught by Linda Garnets and Daniel Calder, covered a wide range of topics from theories of sexual orientation to an examination of Western notions of homosexuality compared to those of other traditions, literature and religion. The pilot class had 125 students enrolled.



Division 44 Fellow Appointed to Martin Luther King Jr. Institute Board

Harold Kooden, Ph.D., who was appointed by Gov. Mario Cuomo, was confirmed by the New York State Senate to serve on the Board of Directors of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence. This agency, which is dedicated to the teaching of the principles of nonviolence conducts trainings as well as providing hands-on intervention in problematic situations. The institute recognizes homophobia as one of the factors of biased related violence.

Book review

Volume Bears Witness to Lesbian and Gay Violence

*Hate crimes: Confronting the Violence
Against Lesbians and Gay Men*
Edited by Gregory M. Herek and Kevin T.
Berrill

Sage Publications: Newbury Park, CA 1992

Reviewed by John C. Gonsiorek, Ph.D.

One of the cultural myths that perpetuates oppression of lesbian and gay citizens is that the discrimination against us is trivial, harmless, or even not real. This volume on hate crimes, edited by Herek and Berrill, offers a powerful antidote to that particular myth. This book lays an incontrovertible foundation for the reality, seriousness and adverse effects of anti-lesbian and gay violence and does so within a rich context of social-psychological understandings.

As the contributors note, the level of unpredictable violence against lesbian and gay citizens is used as a terror tactic to force people back into the closet or from coming out of the closet. This violence is then systematically denied; invisibility enshrouds invisibility. The first steps of remedy involve the simple but profound act of bearing witness, which this volume does eloquently.

Berrill's overview of anti-gay violence and victimization appropriately starts the volume with the simple act of naming and counting the violence. Chapters follow detailing more specific studies on each coast and on the specific issues of violence against sexual minority youth.

The second part was my favorite, with a number of substantive, thought-provoking and creative discussions about the context and meaning of this violence. Herek's chapter on cultural heterosexism and attempts to conceptualize anti-gay violence and the contribution by Berk, Boyd and Hamner on critically appraising the nature and meaning of hate crimes were especially stimulating.

Herek starts off a third section on perpetrators with one of the best pieces written on the social psychology of bigotry and anti-gay violence. A number of other pieces analyzing those who commit hate

crimes follow, with a particularly hair-raising piece by Collins in which he describes a series of interviews with a right-wing gay bashing gang. Part Four contains a number of competent, well-rendered literature reviews and theoretical pieces on mental health treatment for survivors of violence, methodological issues, strategies for campus and community activists, and others. A well-tempered piece by the two editors on public policy implications and recommendations completes the volume.

Throughout the volume, brief personal accounts by victims effectively grounded the numbers and theories in the real experiences of some who have been most dramatically affected. There are a number of more general reactions I had to the volume. On one level, it represents the ripening that gay and lesbian affirmative perspectives are reaching in some areas. Empirical research, theoretical discussions, clinical material, personal accounts and public policy implications are all focused, deftly handled and managed into a coherent whole.

The tone of the volume is moderate and measured. With a topic as riveting and capable of generating affective response, the editors have wisely chosen to let the material speak for itself. In some situations regarding public policy and gay and lesbian issues, it is necessary to provoke in order to be heard. With material that is so inherently provocative, however, this lighter touch proved most effective.

Whether one is specifically interested in the topic, or simply interested in seeing the level of sophistication and integration gay and lesbian perspectives are capable of, this volume is highly recommended. In particular, I would like to single out Gregory Herek for his superb contributions as a writer and editor in this volume, and for the tireless sterling work he has produced over the years. He deserves to be declared a national treasure of the gay and lesbian communities in the United States.

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Interested in reviewing a book for the Division 44 Newsletter or in having your book reviewed? Contact Craig D. Kain, Newsletter Editor.

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Division 44 Fellows

New Process for Fellows Applicants Announced

As many Division 44 members can attest, the Fellows application process can be daunting. Connie Chan, Jeff Rehm and John Gonsiorek have been discussing how to make this process less burdensome for applicants and how to get more Division 44 applicants through the process. As a result, the Division 44 Fellows process has been changed.

First, there will be a Fellows chair whose term is for three years. For the first three year block, John Gonsiorek will be Fellows Chair. This will allow, it is hoped, for greater consistency in the Fellows Committee operation. The Fellows process will also begin earlier. Individuals who have served on the Committee have observed that often applicants enter the process too late and so short-change their application. Therefore, people are encouraged to make contact with the Fellows Committee (John Gonsiorek, Laura Brown and Oliva Espin) during the APA Convention so it can brainstorm with potential applicants about how to make their applications as strong as possible and to answer questions. In any case, new applicants should inform the Chair of the Fellows Committee by January 1 of the year if they intend to apply so that the Fellows Committee can more actively assist the applicants through the process. For those not attending the convention, John Gonsiorek can be reached at 400 Groveland Avenue, #1707, Minneapolis, MN 55403 or by phone at 612-874-9645. ▼

CLGC

Homophobia Examined at Committee's Open Forum

The following are highlights from the Spring 1992 Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns meeting submitted by Robert Mapou, the Division 44 Liaison to CLGC.

Custody Issues. CLGC will be collecting information on lesbian and gay custody issues from a number of different sources. CLGC will serve in an advisory role to help develop a Continuing Education program on custody issues in general. It was suggested that an updated literature search should be conducted for the joint CWP/CLGC paper on lesbian parents and their children.

Commission on Violence and Youth. CLGC expressed concern that a recent Commission meeting failed to address issues of violence towards lesbian and gay youth. A letter will be sent to the Commission expressing this concern. Barbara Slater will try to attend the next meeting.

Conversion Therapies. CLGC will be investigating ways to obtain official APA support for a set of guidelines on conversion therapy. Key individuals in APA, Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists and the American Psychiatric Association will be contacted.

CLGC Open Forum at APA. This year's title is, "When Homophobia Corrupts Psychological Practice." A variety of issues with which CLGC has been involved will be discussed including heterosexist bias in psychotherapy, conversion therapies, custody issues, and services for lesbian and gay youth. Plan on attending!

Need for New Liaison for Fall, 1992. Because of the adoption of the new by-laws, this was my last CLGC meeting as liaison for Division 44. Liaisons may serve for a maximum of 3 years, beginning in the Fall, so that their terms do not exceed those of CLGC members. Division 44 will be choosing a new liaison prior to the Fall meeting.

In closing, let me say that I have enjoyed serving as your liaison for the last three years. I hope that these reports to Division 44 have been helpful. I look forward to being able to serve the Division in new ways in the future. ▼

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CLGC and CYF have jointly agreed to continue the *ad hoc* joint sub-committee with a charge to develop, produce, and disseminate educational materials for psychologists. As the initial effort, the two Committees would like to propose an APA Continuing Education Workshop for the 1993 Convention in Toronto.

Guidelines for Comprehensive Sexuality Education. CLGC and CWP have reviewed the *Guidelines for Comprehensive Sexuality Education: Kindergarten — 12th Grade* published by the Sex Information and Education Counsel of the U.S. (SIECUS). The two committees have proposed BAPPI that the APA should endorse the guidelines, and further, that APA should consider developing policy statement on sexuality education.

Domestic Partnership/ Same-Sex Marriage. The Committee reviewed a request to APA for its support of Same-sex marriage. The Committee considers the section on lesbian and gay relationships in the *Texas v. Morales* brief to be an adequate for APA at the present time. The committee affirmed that obtaining legal status for lesbian and gay relationships — domestic partnerships or same-sex marriages — is a very important issue.

Unfortunately, at this time no major new commitments can be made.

Monitoring APA's performance in providing domestic partnership benefits to members and employees is not a new activity, but one that is essential to the Committee's role and it will continue to fulfill that function. One complaint of which CLGC has been informed is that the APA Insurance Trust (APAIT) does not publicize the availability of insurance coverage for members' domestic partners, a provision which the Committee initiated through its advocacy with the Insurance Trust. The one-year registration period included in the benefits provision has been unsatisfactory to the CLGC from the beginning, but in the past when CLGC has requested that the Insurance Trust consider eliminating that requirement, they were told that no change can be made because plan experience was too little. However, if the provision is not publicized than plan experience will remain minimal and no liberalization of the plan will ever be justified. CLGC agreed to write APAIT to complain.



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all of these, we are able to connect with each other as psychologists interested in lesbian/gay issues and as individuals who support each other's work and careers. I have certainly experienced this caring and support as a member of Division 44 and I hope we can all extend it to each other, especially to students and new members who can benefit from the experience of "elder" members.

In closing this column, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the membership for the chance to be President of Division 44 this year. I have had the honor of working with a wonderful group of officers and committee chairs and I know our leadership is in good hands with President-elect John Gonsiorek about to take the reins. I hope you will come to the APA convention this year and share in the home that Division 44 and NALGP will create for its members, or if unable to attend, to listen to tapes and read transcripts of the sessions. Most of all, I hope you will feel a part of Division 44 because then you will feel a sense of connection, an excitement, and an understanding of what a family we are, all of us who work to improve the lives of lesbians and gay men. Thank you.



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, PRIMARY PREVENTION: Tenure track position, starting September 1, 1993. Level of appointment (entry level to senior Assistant Professor) will depend on qualifications and experience. Required: doctorate, teaching and research experience in the primary prevention of mental and/or physical disorders, commitment to teaching scholarship, consultation in primary prevention. Desirable: a. Teaching expertise in additional areas of psychology; b. Demonstrable interest/expertise in community psychology; c. Ability to supervise students in APA accredited clinical program. Send full CV, three letters of recommendation reprints and preprints of representative publications, and an outline of further research intentions to Chair, Search Committee (Prevention), Department of Psychology, Dewey Hall, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405 by **October 16, 1992**. We are committed to increasing the diversity of our faculty and welcome applications from women, people from underrepresented ethnic, racial and cultural groups, and from people with disabilities. The University of Vermont is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

"We will be doing more about fewer things."

Town Meeting Held at Convention

Membership Input Needed on Long Range Goals

At the mid-winter meeting, the Executive Committee had extended discussions about long range plans for the division. The central problem facing the division is that there are more important issues warranting the division's attention and effort than there are time, money, and personnel within the division to devote to all these efforts. Rather than giving half-hearted responses to all relevant issues, the Executive Committee committed itself to focusing the division's energies on limited long-range goals.

The Executive Committee's plan for choosing these goals is as follows. The Executive Committee generated a list of potential goals including:

- The development of standards of care for psychological services for lesbians and gay men
- Increasing membership
- The role of students in the organization
- Fiscal stability
- Lesbian health care issues
- Effecting change in the accreditation process
- Gay and lesbian youth
- Continued work on military issues
- and many others

The next step in the process is a town meeting open to all members which will take place Saturday, August 15th from 11 to 12 noon at the APA Convention. The Executive Committee very much wants input and suggestions from the membership about long-range goals. After receiving this input, the Executive Committee will make final decisions at the executive meeting on Monday, August 17th from 8 to 11am. The Executive Committee has added an hour to its usual meeting time solely for the purpose of finalizing these long-range goals.

This process of long-range goals means that the division will be focusing its energies on a narrower scope of activities in order to be more effective and productive. Simply stated, we will be doing more about fewer things. Please come to the town meeting and tell us your thoughts. The town meeting will be chaired by the President-elect, John Gonsiorek.

Become a Member

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. Members of the American Psychological Association may join as Members or Associate Members of SPSLGI. Affiliate membership is open to professionals in related field, or to individual members of the APA who would prefer that their affiliation with SPSLGI be held in confidence. Undergraduate or graduate students may become student affiliates in the same way. The list of affiliate members is the property of SPSLGI and these memberships are confidential. If you have further questions about membership in Division 44, or would like to know how to become active in SPSLGI, please feel free to contact our membership chair, Steven James, Ph.D.

Membership Application - SPSLGI- APA Division 44

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