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President's Column

DOUG HALDEMAN

Inclusivity has been the hot topic in the Division for a couple of years now. How do we make the Division more inclusive? How do we make it a better home for all lesbian/gay/bisexual psychologists and students? Today, each one of us has an opportunity to turn the talk into constructive action: approve a change to the Division bylaws which formally includes bisexuality in the name and mission of the Division.

The question of whether or not bisexuality belongs in groups which are organized around issues of sexual orientation has been debated for years and in many different quarters. Some lesbians and gay men have objected to the inclusion of bisexuals in their groups for fear that it may open the door to a heterosexual element which would dilute or compromise their spaces. Some resent the heterosexual privilege enjoyed by some bisexuals at certain points in their lives. Some are simply biphobic. Over the past several years, our Division has been fortunate to have a team of energetic, knowledgeable, and very patient advocates for bi inclusion, Sari Dworkin and Ron Fox. Under Ron and Sari's leadership, the Division has been, and continues to be, educated about the issues pertinent to the study of bisexuality and the inclusion of bisexual individuals. From them, the non-bisexually identified members of the Division have learned much about bisexual identification and much about ourselves as well. For me, their work has highlighted two fundamental truths: first, that sexual orientation itself is fluid for some people, not dichotomous; and second, that heterophobia does nothing to bring us together as a community or to enhance our understanding of issues of sexual orientation.

At the APA Convention last year, the Executive Committee (EC) unanimously decided that the time for discussion on this issue had been sufficient, and that it was time to move to a vote on amending the bylaws to include bisexuality. I am pleased to report that at our midwinter meeting

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earlier this month, the EC followed up on its commitment to bi inclusion with a unanimous vote in support of the bylaws change. This change awaits a vote by our Division members. In this issue of the Newsletter, you will find a ballot insert which is in self-mailer form. You only need to vote, fold the ballot, print and sign your name, and stamp and mail it to create a change that has been long overdue.

Our bisexual sisters and brothers belong with us. They deserve to be formally welcomed into the Division, to be acknowledged for the fine work that they do, and to be valued for the many contributions they make to our movement. On behalf of the EC, I am asking each one of you to VOTE YES FOR BI INCLUSION.

The EC just finished a very productive, not-too-soggy Midwinter meeting here in Seattle. We were pleased to start the weekend with co-sponsoring Division 35's excellent midwinter conference on Feminist Ethics in Psychotherapy which featured Division 44's Oliva Espin, Connie Chan, Bev Greene and Chris Browning as presenters. Highlights of the upcoming APA Convention must start with kudos to Christopher Martell and Ami Robinson, who have done an excellent job coordinating the program for Convention. Christopher has put together an exciting program which is particularly rich in diversity issues, as well as women's issues, men's health, and family issues. Our invited addresses will be by Beverly Greene, who will deliver the Division's Golden Anniversary Address, and Ken Zucker, who will speak on the science and politics of Gender Identity Disorder. Ami, working with Jessica Morris and Craig Waldo, our student co-chairs, is developing a suite program that will afford stimulating programming in a more conversational setting, as well as the traditional social events. The kick-off for the Convention will be a Continuing Education workshop about which I am particularly excited. *Developing Sensitivity to Multiple Minority*

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Status: Using Organizational and Personal Power in Non-Oppressive Ways will be a day-long, didactic/experiential workshop led by Jamie Washington and Kathy O'Bear. Thanks to Isiaah Crawford, CE Chair, and Angela Gillem and Reginald Nettles, Ethnic Minority Affairs Co-Chairs, for putting together this outstanding offering. Please note that this year, the Division's programming runs from Saturday through Tuesday. And in honor of the Division's participation in the APA's "Golden Anniversary of Divisions," we will be offering Division 44 pins, t-shirts and other items for sale at reasonable cost. You will hear more about the Convention in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Finally, I want to thank Phil Levinson, Newsletter Editor, who steps down after this issue, and welcome Barry Chung, our new editor. Phil is one of those individuals who is able to take a complicated task and handle it with such competence and grace that it almost appears easy. His talents will be missed in these pages, but I hope that the Division will soon be able to welcome his energy and abilities in another capacity. Thanks, Phil, for a job beautifully done.

The Division is experiencing a groundswell of energy in a variety of directions too numerous to mention. It is an exciting place to be; let's keep the momentum going, and keep inspiring each other. Until next time

— Doug

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Division 44 has nearly 1,000 Members and Associates and approximately 600 Students and Affiliates. Our membership includes both academics and clinicians, all of whom are connected through a common interest in lesbian, gay and bisexual issues.

The Division 44 Newsletter is published three times per year, and reaches the complete membership. Advertising rates are extremely economical:

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Deadlines are printed in the Newsletter, one issue in advance, and submissions via e-mail are particularly appreciated. Please call, write, fax or e-mail with any question to my addresses listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

— Barry Chung, Division 44 Newsletter Editor

Editor's Note

In my final Editor's Note, I wish to express how gratifying it has been to serve as the Division 44 Newsletter Editor over the past 2 1/2 years. My active involvement with the Executive Committee and in Division activities has afforded me opportunities to exchange ideas about complex issues relevant to lesbian, gay and bisexual men and women with some of the smartest, and most dedicated people I have known. I hope to remain active in Division 44 and will explore other ways in which I can contribute. In the brief time that I have been the newsletter editor, I have seen many shifts in the direction and focus of the Division.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a ballot which I hope you will all complete and return. The membership is being asked to vote on whether to change the Bylaws for the purpose of including bisexual issues in the name and mission of Division 44. You will find significant space devoted to this question in this issue of the newsletter.

Barry Chung will take over the responsibilities of Division 44 Newsletter Editor following the publication of this issue. I am certain that he will do an excellent job, and bring his own personality and style to the publication. Future submissions and other correspondence should be sent to:

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The next deadline for submissions to the Division 44 Newsletter (pre-convention issue) is May 31, 1997

Committee and Task Force Reports Secretary-Treasurer Report

STEVE JAMES

As this is my last annual report before my term as Secretary-Treasurer ends in August, I would like to take the opportunity to say "Thank You" to all of the Division members and Executive Committee members who have made this job so enjoyable and productive over the past three years. It has not always been easy to help the Executive Committee make the hard decisions that always have to be made to initiate a budgetary process in an organization that has not been accustomed to such structure, but everyone has really pitched-in and made this work well. It has meant committee and task force chairs learning to use new expense forms that allow us to more accurately track expenditures and gather valuable information for the budget-making process. It has meant looking for new ways of saving money while actually increasing the

work done on the various projects at hand. The creativity and resourcefulness of those involved has been inspiring. These changes have brought with them new attitudes towards savings, fiscal planning, and valuing monies spent. All of these have been changes made to strengthen the financial status of the Division, to ensure that we have the resources needed to do the work before us. The Committee and Task Force Chairs and the members of the E.C. have done a wonderful job of responding to the financial needs of the Division and creating a planning process that will serve the Division well for years to come.

For me, it has been a wonderful experience. I have been able to use skills not much used since I left private practice, having served as Managing

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Partner in an eight-therapist group practice. I have been able to see the Division reach a level of financial security that is outstanding in the APA. I heartily encourage those of you who enjoy such work to consider this position. Make no mistake. It is a challenging commitment, but it is one that is well worth the investment. Now, on to the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1996 (FY96).

As always, there is "The Good News": the Division spent less money than we earned in 1996, and there is "The Bad News": the only reason for this success is that we did not publish the Annual this year. Here are the details.

The Malyon-Smith Fund earned \$5,722 in FY96 from direct donations (mostly royalties) and \$1,122 from interest, for a total of \$6,844. There was one withdrawal of \$500 for awards. The current fund balance is \$26,853. (This scholarship fund is not included in the operating budget and other figures which follow.)

Division Income/Assets

The Division's Operating Income for FY96 was \$42,350. This fell short of our projected income for the year by \$2,350 (5.3%). Our operating income for the previous year (FY95) was \$38,539. This difference of \$3,811 represents an increase of 9.9%. Dues Income in FY96 was \$32,362. We have approximately \$49,800 in savings.

Division Expenses

Our expenses in FY96 were \$35,902. Our expenses in FY95 were \$37,866. This reduction in expenses of \$1,964 represents a decrease of 5.2%. While we spent \$8,798 less than we had anticipated, we did not incur the expense of the Annual, which was expected to cost \$9,000. Had the Annual been published in FY96, we would have experienced a deficit of \$202. That would mean that our FY96 budget was within 0.5% of our expenses. (Not bad, as budgeting goes, for our second year in the process.) As it was, we spent 84.8% of our actual income on items that we had budgeted to be 79.9% of our projected income. Division phone expenses were \$1,360 less in FY96 than in FY95, which represents a 41% reduction. Good job everyone!!

The Toronto convention suite raised \$3,954 from parties (\$2,974) and student room rental (\$980). The total cost for the suite was \$4,957, resulting in a difference of \$1,003. In FY95, the convention suite (New York) turned a profit of \$512.

The Executive Committee approved the following budget for FY97:

Committee/Task Force Budgeted FY97

Accreditation	\$200.00
AIDS	\$50.00
Annual ('96 & '97)	\$18,000.00
Bisexual Issues	\$150.00
Continuing Education	\$1,000.00
Council Reps.	\$1,500.00
Ethnic Minorities	\$800.00
Executive Committee	\$12,500.00
Fellows Selection	\$50.00
Fund-raising (APA Anniv.)	\$1,000.00
Membership	\$3,000.00
Newsletter	\$10,500.00
Professional Standards	\$1,250.00
Program	\$5000.00
Public Policy	\$50.00
Science	\$50.00
Student Reps.	\$600.00
Youth & Families	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$55,800.00

As always, if you have any questions concerning this report, please contact me.
Steve James, Ph.D. (508) 463-3644

Membership Chair's Report

JAMES S. FITZGERALD, *Membership Chair*

KEN SWARTZ, *Assistant Membership Chair*

New Programs Successful

During the 1996 membership renewal cycle, Division 44 introduced several new programs to benefit our student members. I am glad to report that the programs have been well received by many of the students. First, a student directory has been published that included 145 students (31% of the student membership) who expressed a desire to be included in the first student directory ever published by the Division. We trust that the contact information will enable our students to feel more "connected" to the Division. A limited number of copies are available for \$3 US.

Second, the Division gave a free year membership to our graduating students and 31 students (now doctors!) took advantage of the offer. This offer will be continued for at least the next four years so let me know when you graduate. Those students given a free membership were placed in Affiliate status. After you have upgraded with APA, please send me your APA number so I can upgrade you to Member. Third, 90 students took advantage of the opportunity to purchase the Division's Annual at a greatly reduced price. These volumes will be mailed sometime after June of 1997. Please do not confuse the mailing of the 1997 volume (Summer, 1997) with the 1996 volume which was late and will arrive during the Spring of 1997. Students were able to purchase the former but not the latter volume.

Finally, student and affiliate members contributed over \$400 to the Malyon-Smith Scholarship Fund. As you might know, this scholarship fund is used to provide awards for the best student research on lesbian, gay, and/or bisexual issues.

The Membership Year

Whereas the Division membership year runs from January 1 to December 31, those who join after the APA Annual Convention (in Mid-August each year) are automatically entered as joining for the following year. That is, those of you who have joined since August 1, 1996, are entered in the database for 1997. The reason is simple: APA will not accept new names for 1996 after that date because of the lead time required for them to process and mail dues statements to over 100,000 members. Also, there would be a lot of confusion and anger should someone join in August and receive a dues statement in September. The advantage of joining after August is that you receive an additional Division newsletter, the Fall issue. The disadvantage is that you cannot receive the current year Annual from the Division (your dues would cover the next year's Annual) but must purchase it from Sage for \$21.95.

Address Changes

Please keep those address changes coming!! This is especially true for our more nomadic members, i.e., that is stu-

dents. I have noticed that many newsletters, even with the bulk mail permit (this mail usually is not forwarded), are being forwarded but a number of them are returned to me and I have to re-mail them first class. Other mail is returned with the message "temporarily away." Please Email me at FITZ404@Worldnet.ATT.Net, fax me (770.435.9357), or call me (770.435.5453) with any address changes. And a thank you to those members who promptly sent me new addresses.

Trial Memberships

Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about the half price first year membership in the Division for Fellows, Members, Associates, and Affiliates. They can "sample" the Division for the first year for \$15. This program will run through the year 2000 in an attempt to attract a larger membership base. Please assist the Division in recruiting new members as we strive for 2000 members by the year 2000. Our current membership is just over 1600.

Follow-up Mailing With The Annual

In the previous two years (the only ones that the Division has published the Annual), many people did not receive the Annual. Entitled "Contemporary Lesbian and Gay Issues in Psychology," the Annual is a benefit of membership for Fellows, Members, Associates, and Affiliates. However, in the years past, several people did not receive the Annual as expected.

In order to ensure that all eligible members receive the Annual, there is a new procedure that the Division will implement starting with Volume 3. This Volume (*Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Among Lesbians and Gay Men*) is scheduled to be mailed in March of 1997 for members of record in 1996. If you are in one of the categories of membership listed above, and do not receive the Annual by June of 1997, send me your name and address. There will be a one-time follow-up mailing in June for those 1996 members who failed to receive the Annual on the first mailing. Volume 4 (*Stigma, Prejudice, And Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men*) is due to be mailed in June of 1997. The follow-up mailing for 1997 members will be three months (September) after the first mailing (June). You must be eligible for the Annual and must send me your name and address to be in the follow-up mailing, but only if you did not receive the volume during the first mailing.

Email Contact Within The Division

Anyone who is a member of Division 44 can sign up for our FREE listserver service. Here's how it works: On your Email screen, you send a message to "majordomo@lists.apa.org", do not type anything on the subject line, and type "subscribe div44" in the message area. Then, should you want to send a message to everyone from the Division on the listserver, you send the message to "div44@lists.apa.org". Anyone on the list automatically receives your message. We encourage everyone to sign up for this service. You can inquire about job opportunities, raise a concern about the division, share

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an idea, solicit research subjects or support, send an address change, etc.

Dues Confusion

During the latest dues renewal cycle, many people became confused, and paid their membership dues and paid an additional \$10 US for the Newsletter. The Newsletter is a benefit of ALL categories of membership and is included in the dues. It does not cost extra. However, there are some members who are "newsletter only" and need that category listed on the renewal statement. The extra money was placed in the Malyon-Smith Scholarship Fund. However, if you paid extra for the Newsletter (i.e., over and above your dues) and would like a refund, please contact me.

Convention Note

CHRISTOPHER MARTELL, *Program Chair*

APA has allotted hours for scheduling Division 44 programs at the 1997 APA Convention in Chicago from Saturday, 8/16, through Tuesday, 8/19. It is probable that our Division Social Hour will be scheduled on Friday evening, 8/15. Members should keep these dates in mind when making travel plans for APA, and be aware that a good deal of our programs will occur on Tuesday.

Youth and Families Task Force Report

STEVE JAMES and KAREN JORDAN, *Co-Chairs*

JON LASSER, *Student Co-Chair*

JEAN BAKER, *State Association Project Coordinator*

The Youth and Family Task Force has embarked on a project to urge and assist state psychological associations to increase their members' awareness of the needs of queer youth and children of queer parents. With the generous help of Clint's office and the APA Office on State Associations, we have sent copies of the *1993 APA Resolution on the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youths in Schools* and the 1995 Arizona Psychological Association's resolution to all the state associations. We have offered the Task Force members' resources to the state associations and have put out a call to Division 44 members who are interested in working with us in their home states. So far we have five state liaisons, including one in Utah, who are beginning to network with other members of their state associations.

Congratulations are in order to our own Jean Baker, who was featured in a favorable newspaper article concerning positive steps made in supporting queer youth in Tucson

schools. Jean has worked with the Arizona Psychological Association to help improve the understanding of the Department of Education about the needs of queer youth in schools. For a copy of the Arizona Psychological 1995 Resolution, contact Jean Baker (520-323-3156).

In the coming year, we hope to broaden the reach of the liaison network and deepen the relationships with the state associations. To this end, we need more Division Members who are willing to serve as liaisons in their states. This does not have to be a major time commitment. At the very least, we need someone in each state who will keep the Task Force informed about issues in the state and gather basic information about the state association's policies on serving queer youth in schools, state supported mental health programs, etc. If you think you might be interested in learning more about what would be involved in serving as a liaison, please contact Steve James (508-563-3644).

While there were no proposals from the Task Force for convention programming for this year, we are still interested in developing suite programming. In addition to the regular Annual Task Force meeting, we will be asking for a discussion hour on queer parenting issues. Anyone with additional ideas should contact Steve James.

Task Force on Bisexual Issues in Psychology

SARI DWORKIN AND RON FOX, *Co-Chairs*

During this last year, we have continued to liaison with the Division Executive Committee, supporting the Division's important work educating and advocating for lesbian, gay, and bisexual interests within APA and psychology. We prepared regular reports for the Executive Committee for the membership through the Division newsletter. We also continued to provide resources on bisexual issues for the membership, in particular a one-page reading list as well as a new, more extensive resource list.

We submitted two program proposals for the 1997 APA Convention in Chicago, the first for a symposium on current bisexuality research and the second for a bisexual issues discussion hour. The symposium will include Ted Myers and Dan Allman, University of Toronto, who will present final results from their research on bisexual men in Ontario, Canada. Mary Bradford will present the results of her qualitative study of bisexual women and men, focusing on how self-concept, identity development, and the experience of community are influenced by cultural attitudes toward bisexuality. Amity Buxton will present the results of her study of sexual orientation self-disclosure in mixed orientation bisexual-heterosexual marriages, and Emily Page will present the results of her research on the psychotherapy experiences and needs of bisexual women and men. Robin Buhrke will be the discussant. The discussion hour will take place in

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the Division 44 Hospitality Suite, and once again will offer members the opportunity to gather and talk.

The Task Force has appreciated the leadership shown by the Division in bringing issues of diversity and inclusion to the awareness of the membership. The Executive Committee has given serious consideration to the question of more formal inclusion of bisexual issues in the Division for several years. Since inclusion of bisexual issues in the name and mission of the Division would involve a vote of the membership to amend the Division Bylaws, the Executive Committee has sought out the views and feelings of Division members through the Newsletter, the Division Listserv, Convention Discussion Hours, EC meeting discussions, and person-to-person discussion with members. Having received extensive input from members, the Executive Committee decided to submit the question to a vote of the membership at this time.

We would therefore like to call your attention to the Ballot included with this issue of the Newsletter. This Ballot asks for a yes or no vote on amending the Bylaws to include bisexual issues in the name and mission of the Division. We feel that approval of these bylaws changes would acknowledge the relatedness of lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues, as

well as the ways in which we have been working together on the issues that we face as Division members. This would also parallel the inclusion of bisexual issues that has taken place in the last few years for several APA related committees and groups: the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns (CLGBC); the Public Interest Directorate Office of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Affairs; the Division 17 (Counseling Psychology) Section on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues; and the Division 43 (Family Psychology) Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Family Issues. Your serious consideration of this Ballot measure and your support are sincerely appreciated.

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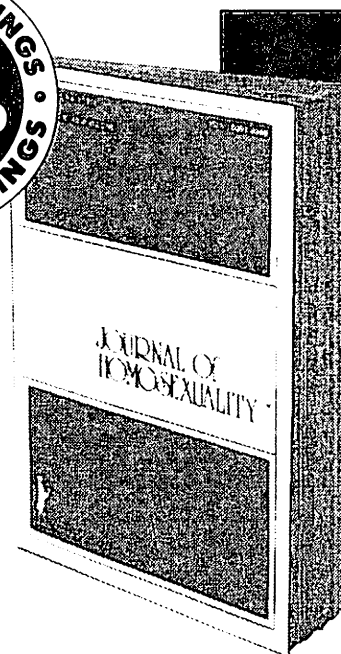
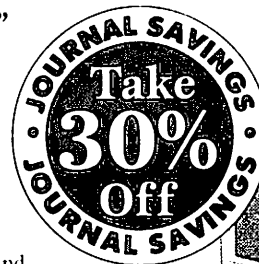
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Diversity and Inclusion in Division 44: Bisexual women and men

PAT ASHBROOK

I write to you today to address the issues of diversity and inclusion in our Division. As a bisexual woman and clinical psychologist who has been actively involved in Division 44 events and in APA more generally for years, I want to ask for your support in the bylaws change which would amend the name and mission of our Division to reflect the full diversity of our membership. Enclosed in this newsletter is a ballot that asks for your opinion about whether you want to amend the current bylaws to include bisexual issues in the name and mission of the Division. This vote is the result of much discussion, both within and outside our Division, regarding the inclusion of bisexual issues in our efforts, convention presentations, research, and other arenas. This discussion first arose at APA's National Convention in 1990 and has continued ever since. For example, there have been exchanges on our email discussion group in which it became clear that our membership consisted not only of lesbian and gay psychologists and students, but bisexual psychologists and students as well. Issues that were raised during these discussions included wanting the Division to consider sexual orientation as a continuum rather than a dichotomy (i.e., straight/gay), wanting the name and mission to reflect its support of bisexual members explicitly, and being more inviting of bisexual psychologists and students who have been reluctant to join the Division in the past, believing that their concerns would not be addressed.

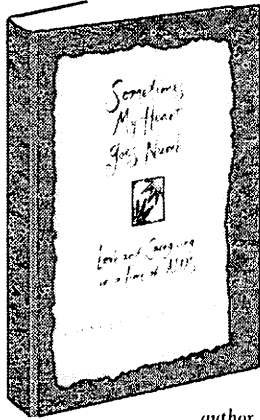
In 1991, a task force was developed to investigate whether bisexual issues were germane to the mission and purpose of the Division. This task force, formally the Task Force on Bisexual Issues in Psychology, was initially chaired by Sari Dworkin, who was later joined by Ron Fox as co-chair. These co-chairs have worked diligently to keep us aware of the diverse nature of our members, as well as the

inter-connectedness of lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues. Important examples of how our concerns remain related include the recent "don't ask, don't tell" policy in the military, which explicitly names bisexuals, as well as lesbians and gay men, as a group that is not accepted for active duty. Colorado's recent Amendment 2 explicitly discriminated against not only lesbians and gay men, but bisexual women and men as well. Clearly, it behooves us to join together, educating the public and conducting scholarly research that addresses the issues that affect all of us.

The Executive Committee of the Division has been very supportive of the inclusion of bisexual issues in the name and mission, as articulated in the Division newsletter columns of Past-Presidents Armand Cerbone and Robin Buhcke, and our current President Doug Haldeman. In our last Division newsletter, Dr. Haldeman concluded that it is a time when the momentum toward real inclusivity is unlike any we have experienced in the past. After years of education, personal contact, and just plain hard work by Sari Dworkin, Ron Fox and others, we will have the opportunity to officially include Bisexuality in the name and mission of the Division. Voting to formally include our bisexual colleagues, and the study of bisexual issues is clearly the right thing to do as the Division seeks to make itself a more hospitable place to those who have felt, and have been, excluded.

It is now up to the membership to seriously consider the challenge articulated by Dr. Haldeman and vote to include bisexual issues in our name and mission so that we can reflect the reality of our membership. I urge you to support diversity and inclusion in our Division by approving the bylaws amendment. ▼

Timely Resources on HIV/AIDS



Charles Garfield, with
Cindy Spring and Doris Ober

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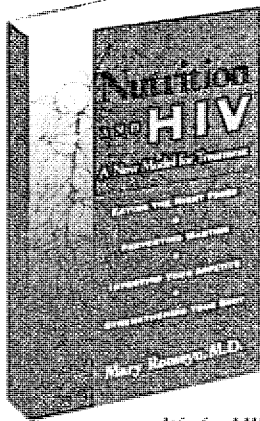
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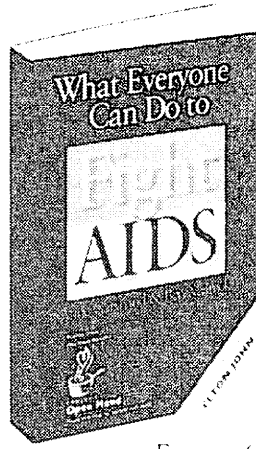
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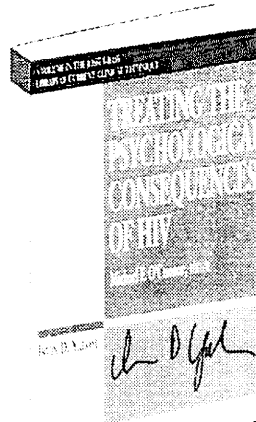
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Candidate Statements For Division Election

On or around May 25, you will be receiving ballots from the Elections Office of APA. Ballots must be received by the APA Elections Office by July 1, 1997.

President Elect

Steven E. James

If elected, I will commit myself to protecting the hard-won gains of the past while pursuing the new goals established by the membership. I would improve the Division's profile on the national scene, sharing our good works and the prodigious resources of our membership with allied organizations. I would explore ways of advancing LGB issues as our profession responds to changes in healthcare systems and increase our ability to support projects in research, practice, education, and advocacy.

I have Division 44 experience that prepares me for the tasks ahead: Secretary-Treasurer (94-97), Membership Chair (91-94), and Youths and Families Task Force Co-Chair (93-97). I am currently in my third year on the APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns. I have worked as a private practitioner, Clinical Director of the Boston Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services, and served as President of a LGB Business Guild. I am currently on the faculty at Goddard College and am a Diplomat of the American Board of Forensic Examiners.

This is a great time to be part of Division 44. We are active in more projects, addressing a wider range of LGB issues, and involving more members than ever before. We enjoy unprecedented representation of our diverse membership on the Executive Committee. We are in good financial shape. We are well-prepared to face the challenges ahead, both the goals we set for ourselves and the battles brought to us by others. Ours is a vibrant and evolving organization.

Allen M. Omoto

I earned my B.A. from Kalamazoo College and my Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, and am currently an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Kansas. My research mainly focuses on HIV-related topics and bridges scientific, practice, and practical issues.

Within Division 44, I co-chair the Science Task Force and have reviewed convention proposals. I was on the Dissertation Award Committee for the Society for the Scientific Study of Social Issues (Division 9), am an associate editor for its new electronic journal, and serve on an HIV-related grant review panel for the National Institute of Mental Health. At my university, I advise the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender student group and the comparable faculty/staff organization. I also helped found and administer an AIDS service organization in my community. Recently, I worked on HIV and g/l/b concerns in the U.S. Congress as an APA Congressional Fellow. All of these experiences would inform my work as President. Because I value the inclusion of diverse voices and viewpoints, I would seek to increase

member participation in Division decisions and initiatives. I would continue the Division's efforts on issues related to conversion therapy, training guidelines, and heterosexist biases, while also attempting to strengthen relationships with other Divisions, national organizations, and constituencies. With g/l/b issues increasing in the public eye, moreover, the Division will have opportunities to help shape professional and social policies. To maximize our impact, we need to encourage and disseminate research by and about g/l/b people, and raise awareness of g/l/b psychology among students and early-career professionals.

Secretary-Treasurer

Ruth E. Fassinger

Ruth E. Fassinger is an Associate Professor in the Counseling Psychology Program at the University of Maryland. She received her Ph.D. in psychology from Ohio State University in 1987. She joined the UMCP faculty after counseling center positions at UC Santa Barbara and Arizona State. Her scholarly and professional work focuses on the psychology of women and gender, particularly women's career development and issues of sexuality and sexual orientation. She has served on the editorial boards of *Psychology of Women Quarterly* and the *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, currently serves on the board of *The Counseling Psychologist*, and reviews manuscripts for eight other journals. She is a member of APA Divisions 17, 35 and 44, currently serving on the Malyon-Smith Award Committee for Division 44. In APA, she serves on the Joint Task Force on Professional Practice Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Clients, as well as the Task Force on Diversity Issues at the Pre-College and Undergraduate levels of Education in Psychology. In Division 17, she is a member of the Section on Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Issues, is a member and Past-Chair of the Committee (now Section) on Women, and serves as the division liaison to the Committee on Women in Psychology. She also is a member of APS and is Chair of the Lesbian Psychologies Award for the Association for Women in Psychology. She is eager to become more involved in the activities and governance of Division 44.

Susan Kashubeck

Arriving at Ohio State University in 1984 as a doctoral student in Counseling Psychology, I realized I had found a niche for myself. For one of the first times in my life, I felt like I belonged. Partly it was the atmosphere, feminist and GLB-supportive, partly it was the discipline of Counseling Psychology, and partly it was academia itself. Then I found out that Division 44 existed and I really knew I was in the right field. I've been a member of the Division for 8-9 years,

and recently have become more active. I was a reviewer for the Malyon-Smith Scholarship Award in 1995 and 1996, and in 1996 I agreed to become Chairperson of this award committee. Having just gotten tenure last month, I feel like I am in a position to take some of the energy I spent making sure I didn't perish and put it to good use for the Division. It is time for me to give back to psychology, and specifically to a division that works to promote LGB psychology. The more we work to make GLB issues important to the field of psychology and to the general public, the more we ensure that people will feel like they belong wherever they may be. Specific skills I will bring to the position of Secretary Treasurer include a good sense of organization, a good head for numbers and budgets, and a great deal of enthusiasm for working for Division 44.

Member at Large

Karen Jordan

My involvement in Division 44 began in 1992 early in my graduate school days. I served for two years as the Student Co-Chair for the Division, which included duties such as increasing student involvement and representing student interests to the Executive Committee. I was also responsible for coordinating the hospitality suite at the APA convention and successfully solicited donations of books from over 20 publishers. After graduation, I continued to serve the Division as the co-chair of the Youth and Family Task Force, a position I have held for over four years. In addition, I served as the Programming Co-Chair for the 1996 APA Convention in Toronto.

I graduated from the University of Maryland Baltimore County in 1995 with a degree in clinical psychology. I currently hold the position of project director on an epidemiological study of chronic fatigue syndrome at DePaul University in Chicago, IL. I have worked on various research projects involving gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues, including a study of coming out and lesbian relationships and a study of gay, lesbian, and bisexual youths' experiences in high school.

My desire to pursue the position of Member-At Large on the Executive Committee of Division 44 stems from my aspiration to continue my involvement with this extraordinary group of individuals and to continue my service to the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community. I feel that I have a unique perspective of the Division, having worked in various capacities, and I would be greatly honored to serve as Member-At-Large.

Bianca Cody Murphy

I am pleased to be nominated for the Member-at-Large position on the Executive Committee. I am Chair of the Psychology Department at Wheaton College and a private practice clinician who has published articles and book chapters on clinical issues with gay, lesbian, and bisexual clients. I have been an active member of Division 44 and have served the Division as Program Co-chair and as a

liaison to Division 48. In APA governance, I have served as the Chair of the Committee on Women in Psychology and as a member of the APA/ABA Task Force. I have been Governance Chair of Division 35, Chair of the Feminism and Peace Task Force of Division 48, and I was a founding member of the New England Association of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Psychologists. I am currently President of Psychologists for Social Responsibility.

Division 44 is a home at APA for me, as I know it is for many of its members. I have watched the Division and its mission grow over the years due to the hard work of so many people. I have gotten a lot from the Division and would like to give something back. To quote from Alice Walker, "If I weren't active politically, I would feel as if I were sitting back eating at the banquet without washing the dishes or preparing the food. It wouldn't feel right." I would be delighted to work for you on the Executive Committee.

Council Representatives

Augustine (Gus) Barón

The Council of Representatives is the key deliberative body within APA. Anything of consequence must survive the crucible of debate within this body. Remember that Council was the entity that passed the resolution striking down homosexuality as an illness. This group has also passed other progressive motions supporting our causes. Council can truly create our reality as psychologists. Yet we must recognize that there are forces hostile to our interests. I've had several friends and colleagues on Council and their tales of the insensitivity to our issues among distinguished psychologists in this body are truly disturbing. Council has more than its fair share of pompous windbags who attempt to silence others through their excessive rhetoric. At the same time, we have many allies with whom to forge effective partnerships.

Though I consider it a dubious skill of mine (!), my 20 years in the profession have inoculated me against our more difficult colleagues, such that I believe I can represent the interests of Division 44 in a forceful, yet respectful, manner. My strengths lie in the negotiation and compromise aspects of politics. I believe that as a Council Representative I must lobby faithfully for the agenda set by the Division leadership. I am proud to be a member of a division that has had such distinguished, visionary leadership since its inception. I am especially pleased as a Latino with the emphasis the Division has given to diversity and inclusiveness. Thus, I feel that I can represent our issues resolutely before Council.

Connie S. Chan

Two years ago, you elected me as one of the two Division 44 Council Representatives, and I have been honored to represent gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues in psychology and in APA. During the February 1997 Council meeting, Terry Gock and I introduced a resolution on behalf of Division 44, stating APA's support of same-sex marriage based on the

Candidate Statements: *continued*

psychological research concerning the strength of same-sex relationships. We were able to persuade over 40 Council members to sign on to this resolution as co-sponsors, and are hopeful about our chances of having this passed through APA Council in August 1997. But our work on this and other important issues is not yet done.

I am running for re-election as Division 44's Council Representative because I would like to finish this work. During my term, I have developed relationships with many Council representatives, formed alliances, and presented our concerns. I would like to build upon this foundation to continue as an effective and active Council Representative.

I also believe it is important to develop new leadership among our Division members, and if re-elected, I promise that this will be my last Division office. I am strongly committed to mentoring future officers.

I feel passionately about advancing gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues in psychology and within APA; I believe in their importance and timeliness. If re-elected, I pledge my commitment and hard work to keep advancing the issues important to Division 44. Thank you.

Angela R. Gillem

I am a licensed clinical psychologist with a clinical practice in Philadelphia which is devoted to the concerns of lesbians, gay men, bisexual men and women, and people of color. I received my B.S. in psychology from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Boston University. At Beaver College where I am an assistant professor, I incorporate gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues into all of my courses both as a part of the main-stream and as members of oppressed groups.

I am a co-chair of the Ethnic Minority Committee of Division 44 and, although I have not yet served in APA governance, I have been an active member of the Association for Women in Psychology serving as recorder/correspondent for three years, co-organizer of my local chapter of AWP, and co-coordinator of the Women of Color Institute for the 1993 AWP conference. Currently, I am chair of the Women of Color Psychologies Award for AWP and I was a member of the review committee for the AWP/Division 35 Distinguished Publication Award for the past two years. I believe these experiences make me a strong candidate for the position of council representative. I am eager to become more involved in APA governance and I can think of no better way to begin my involvement than through serving Division 44.

Terry Gock

I am honored to have been nominated for one of the Council of Representative positions. With your support, I am seeking a second (and my last) term on Council from our Division.

A number of Council action items of interest to Division 44 (and of which I have been involved in developing) will appear before Council in the near future. These include a resolution on sexual orientation conversion therapy and one on the support of legal benefits of marriage to same sex couples. I believe I can be more effective in shepherding these resolutions through Council by being a second-term member because of the peer coalitions I have been involved in during the present term (including being the Chair of the Public Interest Caucus of Council). If re-elected, I pledge to continue to be proactive on issues of concern to lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychology (e.g., the guidelines on psychotherapy with lesbian, gay, and bisexual clients). I will also be vigilant in monitoring those APA activities which will impact on the science, practice, and training in our area.

In addition to my experience on Council, I will bring to this position my past experience of having served respectively as the Secretary/Treasurer, Program Co-Chair, and Future Directions Task Force Chair of Division 44. I also will bring my experience in APA governance, including my past tenure on the Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns (including being its Chair for one year) and the Committee on Psychology and AIDS. In addition, I am currently a member of APA's Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest.

Reginald Nettles

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to run as a candidate for Division 44 Representative to APA Council. In my personal as well as professional life, I am very committed to reducing the stigma associated with homosexuality and increasing the acceptance of gay, lesbian, and bisexual (GLB) people and experiences.

My understanding of the psychology of GLB experience has been developed from clinical, theoretical, and personal perspectives. My training has included considerable exposure to psychodynamic theory and approaches to psychotherapy and human behavior. While I am very familiar with traditional as well as contemporary psychodynamic approaches to homosexuality, I understand GLB experience as within the normal range of human sexual behaviors. As a clinician, therefore, when working with sexual orientation concerns, I focus my attentions on discovery, acceptance of, and affirmation of the true self. I have also found work toward untangling internalized images that interfere with development of healthy adult relationships to be of great value with individuals of all sexual orientations. Relatedly, I consider treatment approaches that orient toward changing sexual orientation to be potentially damaging to the self, and therefore, inadvisable.

Currently, I serve as Co-Chair of the Division 44 Ethnic Minorities Committee, and member of its task force on bisexuality. In addition, I serve as Chair of the Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity Issues of the Board of Social Responsibility, Maryland Psychological Association. ▼

Ethnic Minority Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Publications: a 10-year Review

TOMAS A. SOTO

Illinois School of Professional Psychology

Demographic trends in the U.S. suggest that ethnic/racial minorities (African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans) continue to comprise a growing proportion of the U.S. population. Within these communities exist virtually forgotten subpopulations of gay, lesbian, and bisexual individuals. What do we know about these subpopulations? In my clinical work, I hear of coming out experiences that do not always fit the established lesbian and gay identity development models of Cass or Troiden. I hear experiences of internalized racism that are compounded by internalized homophobia. I hear of socioeconomic barriers that produce challenges for GLB minorities in meeting GLB mainstream ideals that they often feel pressured to attain. I hear of interracial couples struggling to merge disparate cultures and life experiences while concurrently trying to create a life for themselves in face of the backdrop of societal racism. In hearing these struggles, I often feel overwhelmed and confused. In attempting to seek guidance, I have turned to the literature and have become quite disillusioned. While articles by Carmen DeMonteflores, Oliva Espin, Beverly Greene, Eduardo Morales, and Alex Carballo-Dieguez provide valuable insights, the bulk of GLB literature has been grossly skewed toward White GLB's.

Unfortunately, too little is known and our ignorance in this area can have life threatening consequences. For example, a large segment of my clinical caseload has included HIV impacted gay and bisexual men of color with views about HIV transmission and risk that are different than their White counterparts. These differences in world view may be associated with the continued rise in HIV/AIDS cases among gay/bisexual ethnic/racial minority males. Prevention efforts developed in predominantly Caucasian gay communities may have limited

utility with this subpopulation. Additionally, ignorance about GLB ethnic/racial minority subpopulations can also result in greater risk for therapeutic failures with minority clients not feeling completely understood.

I often hear of the need for inclusion of ethnic/racial minorities in GLB psychology, but is it actually reflected in and thoughtfully discussed in GLB journal publications? In response to this question a literature review of 1985 to 1995 publications was conducted in an attempt to examine: (1) To what degree is the topic of ethnicity/race dealt with in GLB journal publications? (2) To what extent are issues of ethnicity/race discussed in the conceptualization of research and hypothesis making? and (3) To provide data to help conceptualize priority areas for research in GLB ethnic/racial minorities.

Method

Journal articles were identified by conducting a search on PsycLIT using the keywords: gay, gays, lesbian, lesbians, homosexual, homosexuals, bisexual, bisexuals. From PsycLIT, 2,906 articles published between 1985 and 1995 were identified. Of these, 284 (9%) of the articles were eliminated on the basis of the following criteria: 1) the author's last name was Gay; 2) the articles were not in English; 3) the articles were published in non-U.S. journals. Then, 525 (20%) of the remaining 2,622 articles were randomly selected using an SPSS generated list. Research assistants searched for the 525 articles at three major university libraries. Three hundred sixty-seven articles were obtained. Of these articles 14 were eliminated because homosexuality was not the focus of the article. A total of 353 (14%) of the 2,622 articles were randomly distributed and coded. With this sample size, the confidence level is 95% and the sampling error is 5%. Two open-ended questions were included to extract qualitative components regarding content areas of the articles. Reliability checks

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were ascertained by pairing researchers to review 10% of the articles. Inter-rater reliability was .84. Frequency counts for quantitative data from the coding sheets were obtained using SPSS. Content analysis for qualitative data was completed by an independent qualitative researcher.

Results

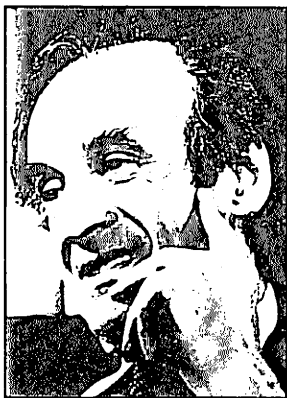
Frequency counts of GLB articles related to ethnic/racial minorities indicated that only 4.5% of these journal articles focus primarily on the area of race or ethnicity. Subsequently, a qualitative analysis was performed for responses to the following question: "How does the article treat issues of race and ethnicity?" Responses were grouped into three main categories. The largest category, labeled "Did not consider or treat issues of race and ethnicity" contained 85% of the total journal articles. The second largest category, which represented 9% of total, was characterized as journal articles that may have included non-Whites in the research sample, may have made some reference to race or ethnicity in the discussion, but made no specific hypotheses about racial or ethnic differences. Typical coder responses for this category include: "Although they briefly mention that 3.1% of their sample is non-White, they have no specific hypotheses or treatment of race/ethnicity"; "Although race was not a central part of the hypothesis, authors did discuss differences between African-Americans and Whites for high risk behavior". A disturbing example of treatment of ethnicity/race is

a statement in article indicating that a sample consisting of 100% Caucasians was described as "a good cross-section of American parents". Finally, only the remaining 6% of articles thoroughly addressed issues of race and ethnicity.

These findings have several implications. First, the lack of discussion of within group differences suggests an implicit assumption of homogeneity among GLB communities. Second, the failure to address the ethnic/racial heterogeneity of the GLB communities serves to perpetuate this assumption of homogeneity and fosters a marginalization of issues of racial and ethnicity diversity. Third, we need to address diversity among GLB clients by asking theoretical and empirical research questions which explore more fully the similarities and differences among GLB communities of color. Finally, this study should be replicated in ten years to see whether the field has increased its efforts in the area of ethnic/racial GLB research. It is my hope that new areas of research will develop that give a voice and identity to the often ignored ethnic and racial minority gay men, lesbians and bisexuals living in the United States.

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In the past, the Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists conducted an annual survey of the APA presidential candidates about their positions on LGB psychology issues. Division 44 has conducted this survey as well but we have had technical difficulties in relaying the results of the survey to our members in a timely way. This year we are going to experiment with a new method of providing you with this information. Once the candidates have been selected we will send them a survey. Prior to the voting deadline, we will post their responses on the Division

44 listserv. Hopefully this will give you adequate time to review their comments before you vote.

If you do not have access to the internet or are not on the Division 44 listserv and wish to have a copy of the APA presidential candidate's responses, please contact me and I will send, fax or email you a copy (Christine Browning, Ph.D., e-mail embrowni@uci.edu; phone 714- 824-6457). We hope that you will join the Division 44 listserv. The potential uses of the listserv is great and would benefit from more input from members. ▼

News from ALGP Europe

BIRGIT ESCHMANN

ALGP Europe was founded in 1990 by a Dutch psychologist, Jan Schippers who was familiar with ALGP USA which was already in existence at that time. The Dutch group worked hard and established contacts in many European countries. At present the association has about 350 members. Active national groups developed or are in the process of development, in Austria, Finland, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. These affiliated groups differ widely with regard to their size (from a handful to more than 100) and their degree of institutional organization. In other countries, particularly those in Southern Europe, only single members are registered. In a number of countries, annual nation-wide conferences take place with increasing attendance. In 1995, a German group of four women and three men assumed responsibility for the European organization from the Dutch group.

A burning issue for ALGP Europe is the so-called "inclusion/exclusion" policy in two respects: bisexuality and non-psychologists. At the moment, ALGP Europe is exclusive in both regards. It does not have "bisexual" in the name, and does not offer membership to non-psychologists. Only two of our affiliated national organizations, the Netherlands and Germany, are as exclusive as ALGP Europe.

Regarding bisexuals, I do not want to address their inclusion here since I have the impression that the discussion of this topic is much more developed in the USA than in several European countries. At any rate, the Steering Group

will propose that a "B" is added to the name to make it clear that bisexuals are welcome in the association. Topics of specific interest to bisexuals will be part of the ALGP Europe Newsletter and of symposia insofar as they are brought forward by the members.

The question of affording the opportunity to join to non-psychologists is presumably of interest to Division 44 members since in contrast to the USA the situation in Europe is very diverse with regard to education and training of people working in a field broadly defined as "psychology." For example, in the UK psychologists specialize primarily in research while many people working as psychotherapists have a university degree in counseling. On the other hand, this psychotherapeutic work is commonly performed by individuals with psychology degrees in the Netherlands or Germany.

In the opinion of the Steering Group, a multi-national organization should be more inclusive than exclusive. This does not mean that affiliated national associations need to change their policies regarding inclusion/exclusion, but that any member of an affiliated national organization is eligible to become a member of the European association. Thus the Steering Group will propose at the next ALGP Europe Board Meeting to change the name to "Association of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Psychologists and Psychotherapists ALGBP Europe".


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The next Board Meeting where members from the affiliated groups will come together will take place during the 5th European Congress of Psychology in Dublin, July 6-11, 1997. ALGP Europe also submitted a symposium on gay/lesbian affirmative psychology to the Congress.

A similar symposium, including a contribution by Division 44 member Leah Fygetakis, at the 6th Congress in Athens in 1995 was a big success. Since in the past many U.S. psychologists have visited this congress, we would be delighted if you would attend our symposium.

For those of you who are connected to the internet, visit our new homepage at: <http://www.psychologie.uni-trier.de:8000/projects/algp/algphome.html>. There you will find more general information and extracts from our European Newsletter. You may also contact our chair Melanie Steffens for any further information:

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A Personal Reflection

DOUG HALDEMAN

(The following is an excerpt from a speech given by Doug Haldeman at the Fall Convention of the Washington State Psychological Association, on the occasion of his being awarded the "1996 Distinguished Psychologist" award from WSPA.)

The theme of this Fall's convention is about seeking balance. We all have our stories to tell about times in our lives when this theme is particularly resonant. Sometimes, it is the search for balance itself that leads us to profound life changes. One such period in my life was in the mid-seventies, when I sought to balance the personal realities associated with coming out as a young gay man with the professional realities of teaching high school in a small California town. This balancing act required that I develop and sustain a sense of personal invisibility during my work life. Like some of our balancing acts, this came to be both unhealthy and unrealistic, particularly when, in 1978, the fall ballot included an initiative to ban gay and lesbian teachers from California's public schools. The time prior to the election brought a firestorm of anxiety and guilt into my life. But I never imagined that when the election was over, I would be left with an even greater gift than the fact that the measure was defeated: I was given a clear sense of what I wanted to do with my life.

This vision, which had to do with making a contribution in the area of lesbian/gay/bisexual psychology, started in a tentative way. My experiences in graduate school caused me to be extremely cautious, at times floridly paranoid, about being openly gay and training to be a psychologist. Still, I knew that the fear with which I had lived and worked as a school teacher was not something I could return to; the "invisible" part of my life had to be over.

In the years that followed, I learned, and continue to learn, much about what helps people actualize their dreams. First and foremost, none of us does it alone. For me, true productivity has always been, and continues to be, the result of collaboration. In this regard, I have much for which to be thankful: a supportive lover and my professional family in Division 44 and APA, in particular. Even my nine dogs help, in their own loving, chaotic way. And last but not least, I am grateful to WSPA and the psychologists of Washington State for creating a professional environment in which lesbian/gay/bisexual issues are not merely tolerated, but valued. To be able to do the work that is important to me is rewarding enough; to receive an award for it touches me deeply. ▼

Book Reviews

Clinician's Guide to Mind Over Mood,

by Christine Padesky with Dennis Greenberger (Guilford Press, 276 pages, \$18.95 paperback).

Mind Over Mood: A Cognitive Therapy Treatment Manual for Clients,

by Dennis Greenberger and Christine Padesky (Guilford Press, 243 pages, \$19.95 paperback with price reductions for bulk orders).

REVIEWED BY CHRISTOPHER MARTELL

Clinician's Guide to Mind Over Mood is a follow-up to Greenberger and Padesky's (1995) self-help book, *Mind Over Mood: A Cognitive Therapy Treatment Manual for Clients*. Although not written specifically with the gay, lesbian, or bisexual communities in mind, both the *Clinician's Guide* and the original manual for clients are useful resources for cognitive and behavioral therapists working with sexual minorities. The *Clinician's Guide* contains eleven chapters that instruct therapists in using the original treatment manual for clients. The first two chapters describe various ways of using *Mind Over Mood* as part of a cognitive therapy protocol; and discuss how to individualize use of the manual for clients. Chapter 3 addresses the issue of setting treatment goals. Chapters 4 and 5 are dedicated to use of the treatment manual with clients dealing with depression and anxiety, respectively. Chapter 6 covers the areas of substance abuse, eating disorders, relationship problems, and adjustment disorders. Chapter 7 focuses on the use of the manual with personality disorders. Chapters 8 through 10 discuss using the manual in brief therapy, groups, and inpatient settings.

The final chapter is devoted to use of the manual in cognitive therapy training. The authors attempt to remain free of gender bias in language and case examples. Pointing out that in western culture men are seen as "more rational" and women as "more emotional," the authors refrain from use of terms like "rational thinking" or "irrational belief" in order to minimize any negative response that some women may have to the manual, assuming that there is a suggestion that the treatment is "requiring them to be like men (more rational)." Because the books are written to apply to a wide audience, little detail is

given regarding the characters used as case examples.

The treatment manual follows several hypothetical clients through the cognitive therapy process in order to help clients to see the "real world" applications of cognitive techniques. Although none of the characters are presented as being specifically gay or lesbian, and in fact, two of the male characters are presented as being married, the authors suggest in the *Clinician's Guide* that "it is helpful to encourage lesbian and gay clients to see themselves in the clients profiled in the book. Linda and Marissa are single and could be lesbian. While the two male clients profiled in the treatment manual are married, they can easily be imagined in relationships with men instead of women." Although, in my opinion, this is not the perfect solution, the client treatment manual and the clinician's guide are a strong improvement over other cognitive and behavioral self-help books which do not make any attempt to minimize bias against lesbian, gay, and bisexual persons.

The client treatment manual is an excellent tool for use as "homework" or "biblio-therapy" for clients. It can be used to assist clients in their understanding of the cognitive model of emotional distress. Furthermore, the book is complete with examples of thought records, mood rating forms, client tips for evaluating automatic thoughts, and other standard writing assignments used by cognitive therapists. Both the client manual and clinician's guide are straightforward and provide suggestions for structuring therapy. Experienced therapists are likely to find the *Clinician's Guide* somewhat basic, and could easily utilize the client treatment manual without a guide. Less experienced cognitive therapists, on the other hand, are likely to find the structure of the clinician's guide to be a handy resource. The client treatment manual may appear to some clients as "simplistic", but it has been my experience that even those clients who criticize the manual in this manner also state that it is, nevertheless, very helpful in transferring what they've learned in therapy to their daily lives. For those of us with a cognitive-behavioral practice orientation, it is essential that we only suggest materials to our clients that are free of heterosexual language and gender bias. Furthermore, materials should be applicable to clients from a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Drs. Padesky and Greenberger have clearly attempted to create a text which considers these necessities. Although cognitive therapy itself may not be applicable to all clients, for those to whom it is indicated, *Mind Over Mood* is a useful aid in the therapeutic endeavor.

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A Crisis of Meaning: How gay men are making sense of AIDS

By Steven Schwartzberg, New York: Oxford University Press.

REVIEWED BY BOB BARRET

Making sense of HIV/AIDS is a task with which most of us will worry for years. From the personal and professional losses all of us have encountered springs a challenge about the role of fate and suffering in our lives. Schwartzberg's research for his doctoral dissertation involved in depth interviews with 19 seropositive gay men in the early years of this decade (1990-1991). His intent was to discover the various coping strategies employed by gay men who were infected with HIV.

From a review of Frankl's work on the process used to ascribe meaning to experience, Schwartzberg presents recent empirical research that includes models of meaning attribution. With that theoretical and empirical base, he moves into his findings from the 19 interviews. There are three principle questions driving his work: (a) how do HIV-positive gay men make sense of AIDS?; (b) what are the strategies they use to support their beliefs in the inherent meaning of experience?; and (c) how has AIDS influenced beliefs about fate, religion, death, purpose in life, and individual control of destiny?

The rich textures of individual lives provide insight into the often, but not always, deeper struggle that our community has faced in the epidemic. Constructed in three parts, we read about the ten representations of HIV/AIDS that Schwartzberg believes are the foundations on which meaning is constructed. These representations include both expected and surprising elements. One might correctly guess that the list would include such things as seeing HIV as a catalyst for personal and spiritual growth, an opportunity for belonging, or as a punishment. But the more subtle manifestations, such as relief, confirmation of powerlessness, or isolation will challenge the psychologist who is a recent practitioner of HIV-related psychotherapy.

With the representations as a foundation, Schwartzberg moves on to a discussion of four styles of adaptation: transformation, rupture, camouflage, and impassivity. The text concludes with descriptions of some of the ways meaning is restored (learning to live with uncertainty and questions of mortality, coping and changing, and the role of grief and hope). Thus he presents the landscape in which the men he interviewed were living out their lives.

A simple summary of the findings seems vacant without mention of the lives of the subjects that create a complex and challenging texture for the reader. While most of the subjects are well-educated and financially secure, their stories tell of the human struggle to incorporate a finiteness into lives that without HIV would have futures that were filled with more possibility and certainty. While none of the subjects emerges as a key figure, quotes from each help us understand the ways they were interacting with the epidemic and how they constructed lives that had an energy that pulled them forward.

Schwartzberg's own hopes permeate the writing. He often muses about his experience in the interview and it is through these comments that his own humanity shines through. Writing as a researcher, psychologist, and gay man, he leaves us with a compelling portrait of the ways some of us have lived through a nightmare we could never have imagined. Although more reflective of the HIV scene of the early 90s and drawing largely from the lives of employed and stable gay men who live in the Northeast, I left the book feeling reminded of many of those who have come into and out of my life as a result of HIV. And, I am grateful that these men offered their experience to a skilled writer who has told their stories and added to the documentation of this unique time in our lives.

Award and Funding Opportunities

Research and Education Funding Opportunities

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National Institutes of Health Grants

ALLEN M. OMOTO

The Division 44 Science Task Force is committed to encouraging research on issues that affect gay, lesbian, and bisexual people as well as research by g/l/b investigators. To this end, this article provides information on research funding through the *National Institutes of Health* (NIH). The article is informed by conversations with Howard Kurtzman, a program officer in basic behavioral science at the *National Institute of Mental Health*.

The NIH is the largest source of funding for psychological research in the world. It is comprised of twenty-four individual institutes and other major units, including the *National Institute of Mental Health* (NIMH), which historically has provided the greatest amount of NIH support for g/l/b-related research (including the pioneering work of Evelyn Hooker). In addition, the *National Institute of Child Health & Human Development* (NICHD), *National Institute on Aging* (NIA), *National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke* (NINDS), *National Institute on Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism* (NIAAA), and *National Institute on Drug Abuse* (NIDA) are prime targets for psychologists seeking research funding in the g/l/b area. All of these institutes support basic as well as clinical and applied research. The NIH offers various types of grants, including regular research grants (also known by the code R01), small grants (R03), FIRST Awards for new investigators (R29), pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships (F31, F32), various career awards (K series), and others, although not all NIH institutes offer every type of grant. Grant amounts range from a few thousand to over a million dollars per year, with less expensive grants most common. The maximum duration of a grant is five years. For most types of grants, deadlines for submitting applica-

tions are three times per year (the specific dates vary with grant type).

According to Kurtzman, researchers interested in submitting a grant application first should determine which NIH institute and which type of grant is most appropriate for their work and should carefully read through the NIH application materials. Information about NIH is available at most university grants offices or at the website <http://www.nih.gov>. Application materials can be obtained at university offices or requested from NIH at asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov or 301-435-0714.

If researchers have any remaining questions, they should contact a program officer at the NIH office that appears most closely related to their work. Program officers (also known by such titles as "program chief" and "branch chief") set the scientific direction of the NIH's funding programs, provide advice to researchers developing grant applications, and help make funding decisions. A relevant program officer can be identified from the information provided by NIH, as well as by referrals from university grants offices and, perhaps most usefully, referrals from the researcher's own colleagues who have grant experience.

Kurtzman points out that the evaluation and funding process is time-consuming and highly competitive. For each grant application, a detailed written review, including numerical score, is prepared by a panel of leading scientists in the appropriate scientific area, working under the supervision of an NIH official. (Such panels are called "initial review groups" or "study sections." The supervising officials, formerly called "executive secretaries," now have the title "scientific review administrator.") This review is usually completed and sent to the applicant within six months of the submission deadline. The score will give the applicant a good idea of the likelihood of funding; program officers also can help the applicant make this assessment. However, the official funding decision is not made for another three months or so. Funding decisions are based upon reviews as well as the institute's budget and overall scientific priorities. (This entire process is often faster for AIDS-related applications, which are handled separately on an expedited schedule).

Generally, no more than a third of applications get funded. But revised applications, in which changes are made in light of the review and the applicant's own further thinking, are welcome. It may take two or three submissions before funding is obtained. Program officers can help

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applicants interpret the review and advise on whether and how to prepare a revision. Kurtzman stresses that patience and persistence are required and often pay off.

Successful grant applications, according to Kurtzman, address a topic that is highly significant on scientific and/or health grounds, formulate specific hypotheses, relate the proposed work to other relevant literature, and describe a rigorous methodology. The work should be presented clearly and in detail. When possible, it is useful to include a report of a pilot study indicating the feasibility of the project. Kurtzman also suggests soliciting feedback from colleagues on early drafts of the application.

For research on g/l/b-related topics, Kurtzman recommends that applicants describe their project in scientific and health terms, rather than in political terms that might raise questions about the applicant's objectivity and irritate reviewers. In his experience, there is little bias within NIH against high-quality science on g/l/b-related topics. Further, the publicized cases of Congressional and other outside objections to NIH support for such research are the exception rather than rule. Nonetheless, if the proposed work is potentially controversial (e.g., dealing with children or adolescents), it is worthwhile to consult with a program officer for advice on how best to present and justify the work.

In addition, Kurtzman offers several specific suggestions for applicants investigating g/l/b topics:

- 1.** Connect the proposed work with "mainstream" research on people of heterosexual or unspecified orientation.
- 2.** Consider the interaction of sexual orientation with age, ethnicity, class, and other variables.
- 3.** Maximize the representativeness of population samples, and consider the implications of any limitations on representativeness.
- 4.** Take into account the limitations of self-report data. Try to develop techniques for increasing the validity of self-reports as well as alternative methods that can provide converging evidence.

Howard Kurtzman is available to provide researchers (including graduate students) with assistance in working with NIH and in developing grant applications. He can be reached at kurtzman@nih.gov or 301-443-9400.

Call for Contributions to the Malyon-Smith Scholarship Award

This award is a very important source of funding for graduate students conducting research on lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues. We have received more requests for information and submissions than ever before, and we are continuing to spread the word about the award so that more students have the opportunity to apply for funding. However, the fund is small and our need is great! Please help the fund grow. If each member made a tax deductible contribution, we would be able to support the research of more students, helping these students and the field of LGB psychology. Your contribution today (regardless of how small or large) will be greatly appreciated. Please write a check in the name of "Malyon-Smith Scholarship Award" and send to:

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Association for Women in Psychology announces the Annual Lesbian Psychologies Award

Unpublished Manuscripts Award:

PURPOSE: The Boston Lesbian Psychologies Collective, editors of *Lesbian Psychologies*, has donated royalties to AWP for this award to encourage scholarship on the psychology of lesbians.

TOPICS: Unpublished manuscripts focusing on any topic relevant to lesbian psychology are invited.

ELIGIBILITY: Manuscripts (conference paper, dissertation, or other manuscript) must be unpublished at the time of submission. Sole and jointly authored papers both are eligible. 50 page limit. **SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:** Send four copies of manuscript to:

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A cover sheet with the author's name, address, and phone number should accompany each manuscript. The author's name should not appear on the paper itself.

AWARD: A prize of up to \$250 for travel to next AWP conference to present work.

DEADLINE: postmarked on or before May 1, 1997

Division 1 Annual Awards Competition

The Division of General Psychology has inaugurated three new awards to recognize outstanding achievements in general psychology. For some time we have supported the *William James Book Award*. In addition to that award, we have inaugurated three new awards that recognize contributions to the field of general psychology. The *Ernest R. Hilgard Award* recognizes life-time contributions to general psychology; the *George A. Miller Award* honors an outstanding recent article in general psychology; and the *Gardner Lindzey Award* recognizes an outstanding recent doctoral dissertation in general psychology.

In each case the awards include a plaque or certificate, and for the *Hilgard*, *Miller*, and *Lindzey Awards* it includes a check for \$500.00. The *William James Book Award* includes a check for \$1000.00.

For all of these awards, including the *William James Book Award*, the focus is on both the quality of the work and the linkages it makes between the diverse fields of psychological theory and research. The primary intent of the Division of General Psychology is to encourage not only the integration of knowledge across the sub-fields of psychology, but the inclusion of contributions from other disciplines as well. A match between this goal of the Division and the nominated work will be one of the important criteria against which the work will be evaluated.

For all of these awards self-nominations are encouraged, as well as nominations by others. For the *Hilgard*, *Lindzey*, and *Miller Awards*, nominators are asked to submit the candidate's name and vita, along with both a detailed statement as to why the nominee should be considered for

the award, and supporting letters from others who endorse the recommendation.

For the *Lindzey* and *Miller Awards* nominations should also include four copies of the article or dissertation being considered. Nominations for the *William James Award* should include three copies of the book; a one-page statement that explains the strengths of the submission; and the author(s) vita. In addition, each submission must be clearly marked as to the award for which it is to be considered.

Nominations for the *William James Award* must be mailed on or by May 15, 1997, to Dr. Frank Farley, 213 Ritter Annex, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122. Nominations for the remaining awards should be submitted to Dr. Helen Warren Ross, 2449 Ardath Rd., La Jolla, CA 92037 (telephone 619-594-7715) on or before May 15, 1997. ▼

How to Use the Division 44 Listserver

1. To Subscribe: Send an Email message to "majordomo@lists.apa.org" with no subject line and "subscribe div44" in the body of the message.
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4. If you have any problems or questions, contact the Division 44 Secretary-Treasurer, Steve James, Ph.D. ("steve813@delphi.com" or 508-463-9022).
5. Please be aware that the "div44" listserver is not monitored. Please remain sensitive to the feelings of other users. This listserver is intended for the communication between Division 44 members and other mental health professionals.

Announcements

I Regional Congress of Psychology for Professionals in the Americas— Mexico City, July 27th through August 2nd 1997—

We have the pleasure of inviting psychologists who are doing research in the following areas, to submit papers: organizational psychology, evaluation psychology, psychology and national development, environmental psychology, educational and school psychology, clinical and community psychology, applied gerontology, health psychology, economic psychology, psychology and law, psychology and politics, traffic and transport psychology, and sport psychology. The scientific program will be made up of workshops, state of the art invited addresses, symposia, thematic sessions, and posters. A series of touristic visits will be an important part of the Congress. Deadline for submission of papers: workshops, September 30th 1996; all other works, October 30th, 1996. For further information please contact the Organizing Committee at tel/fax (525) 598.23.42 or 563.62.39 or at the following email: Congreso@datasys.com.mx and visit our WEB at <http://miztli.cchadm.unam.mx/imifap>

Summer 1997 Institutional Program

Massachusetts Institute for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Studies, Inc., presents *Beyond Identity: Current Thinking on the Gay and Lesbian Self*, from August 4th through 8th, 1997, in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Faculty presentations include: Deborah Carlin, Ph.D., "Sexual Identity and Trauma"; Peter Kassel, Psy.D., "Self Loathing, Body Image Distortion and Identity and Gay Men"; Lynne Layton, Ph.D., "Relational and Postmodern Views of the Development of Sexuality and Gender Identity"; and Caroline Marvin, Ph.D., and Sue Vargo, Psy.D., moderating a faculty panel. Fee: \$350. For more information, contact the Institute at (617) 624-6730.

Call for Nominations for Division 44 Awards

Division 44 has 5 categories of awards for outstanding contributions to lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychology. We invite you to submit nominations and/or self-nominations. The nomination should include a statement expressing the reason for the nomination; a narrative description of the distinguished contribution; and the curriculum vitae of the nominee. The deadline for submission is: JUNE 1, 1997 to Christine Browning, Ph.D., University of California, Counseling Center, Irvine, CA 92697 (714) 824-6457 or email cmbrowni@uci.edu.

Award categories include the following:

- Distinguished Professional Contribution to Ethnic Minority Issues
- Distinguished Professional Contribution
- Distinguished Professional Contribution to Education and Training
- Distinguished Scientific Contribution
- Distinguished Student Contribution

Continuing Education Credit, California-licensed Psychologists, and Division 44

Division 44 is an APA-approved sponsor for Continuing Education units. Up until July 1, 1996, credits earned from our programs were accepted by all states that require continuing education for license renewal. It has come to our attention that a regulatory change in the California Board of Psychology will now effect California licensed psychologists who took the August, 1996 CE course on "Teaching LGB Psychology." The four CE units earned for this course will not be accepted for MCEP requirements. **THIS CHANGE IS FOR CALIFORNIA LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS ONLY.** The California change impacts all APA approved CE providers (including other Divisional CE programs) for California licensed psychologists. Only APA sponsored or co-sponsored CE programs and MCEP approved providers are currently allowed to provide CE units for California psychologists.

Please be aware that Division 44 is working with the APA

Education Directorate Executive Staff and the APA Continuing Education Office to remedy this situation. We hope to have this issue resolved by the August, 1997 CE workshop at the APA conference in Chicago so that California licensed psychologists will be able to receive 7 CE units of MCEP credit.

We hope that you will continue to view Division 44 as an excellent resource for professional education on lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues in psychology. We invite you to attend our 7 hour workshop entitled, *Developing Sensitivity to Multiple Minority Status: Using Personal and Organizational Power in Non-Oppressive Ways*. This workshop will be conducted by Jamie Washington, Ph.D., University of Maryland-Baltimore County and Kathy O'Bear, M.S., University of Massachusetts. Both are nationally recognized speakers on multicultural and sexual orientation diversity.

If you have any questions about the CE issues, please feel free to contact me (Christine Browning, Ph.D., University of California, Counseling Center, Irvine, CA 92697, (714) 824-6457 or email cmbrowni@uci.edu).

If you would like further information about the upcoming CE workshop, please contact: Isiaah Crawford, Ph.D., Loyola University of Chicago, 6525 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626 (773)-508-2973 or email icrawfo@wpo.it.luc.edu.

Chinese Gay Activists and Professionals

BY JIN WU

The Chinese Psychiatric Association (CPA) has formed a task force to revise the third edition of the Chinese Classification of Mental Disorders (CCMD-3) from 1996 to 2000.

In both CCMD-2 (1989) and CCMD-2-R (1994), the CPA took the stand to classify homosexuality as a sexual disorder, regardless of whether the individual experiences his or her homosexual tendency as ego-syntonic or ego-dystonic. It does not adopt the measure taken in some other countries to delete homosexuality from the list of mental disorders and to see it as normal (Chinese psychiatric Association & Teaching Hospital of Nanjing Medical University, 1995).

In order to make a change in the next edition of CCMD,

a group of Chinese gay activists and professionals have been working together to conduct research and provide education to relevant professionals and the general public in China. Their project is called Medical Declassification of Homosexuality in China (MDHC).

The main objectives of MDHC are:

1. To conduct comprehensive examinations of the knowledge, attitudes, and practice of mental health professionals in China, mainly psychiatrists and psychologists, in regard to sexual orientation, especially homosexuality.
2. To promote research among mental health professionals in China.
3. To help psychiatrists and psychologists in China to understand that their attitudes and practice in regard to homosexuality are important components of how the Chinese society as a whole deals with homosexuality.
4. To encourage more mental health professionals in China to accept ICD-10 and DSM-IV.
5. To urge the CPA, Chinese Medical Association, and the CCMD-3 Task Force to adopt ICD-10 and DSM-IV.

MDHC is a three-year project with ten planned items, including:

1. a comprehensive study that is composed of a questionnaire survey and several case studies in different cities (the "case" here refers to individual clinics that have "treated" homosexuals, but not individual "patients");
2. two symposia on relevant issues;
3. publications—newsletter and translated/edited materials; and
4. support of the lesbigay community to organize itself, as well as communicate with and participate in MDHC.

The MDHC is seeking additional funding for its continuation. Its coordinator, Yanhai Wan, M.D., has been an AIDS educator and gay activist in China since 1991. He currently is a visiting scholar at the Institute for Feminist Studies, University of Southern California, and One Institute, Los Angeles. More information about MDHC can be obtained by contacting Wan at <ywan@usc.edu> (E-mail), 213-663-8524 (phone) or 213-660-4690 (fax).

On a related note, the AIZHI Action Project is a non-government AIDS education and lesbigay/transgender advocacy program and has been operating in Beijing, China,

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since 1994. It has been doing tremendous work both within the gay community and to the general public in the areas of research, AIDS and safe-sex education, media campaign for education in sexual minority issues, lesbian/gay/transgender advocacy and community building, and communication with the international lesbian/gay/transgender communities. The project coordinator, is *Yanhai Wan, M.D. Chairperson, Department of Health and Anthropology, Beijing Modern Management College.*

In the last few years, Wan and his colleagues have collected more than a hundred answered questionnaires, as well as a lot of other qualitative and quantitative data. However, due to their lack of manpower and technical support, these data are currently being kept in a few boxes, and remained not analyzed. For more information about the data, or, if you are interested in working with Wan, please e-mail him at ywan@usc.edu.

Students: Come to APA This Year & Stay with Division 44

The Division 44 hospitality suite depends on student volunteers, and the Division is committed to helping students attend the convention. Each year we invite students to stay in Division sponsored hotel rooms for a greatly reduced cost. In return, we ask that students volunteer a minimal amount of time at convention to staff the suite. This is always a chance to make new friends and have a temporary home in the vast convention. Last year we had a great time, and the rooms were very comfortable.

The convention in Chicago will have many terrific events for students, including social hours for students, discussions of student issues, students presenting their research, and, of course, fabulous parties. There is probably no better place for meeting other LGB students and networking. As LGB students none of us is in the majority at our schools, but in the Div. 44 Suite we are. Many of the leaders in LGB psychology attend the convention and usually welcome the opportunity to talk with students. Those of us who have attended the convention before, try to welcome first timers through the hospitality suite activities as well as more informal gatherings such as going to dinner. If you are interested, contact:

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APA Honors Division 44 Researcher

The APA has bestowed one of its highest honors on a Division 44 member for his work against homophobia and heterosexism. Gregory M. Herek, Ph.D., is the 1996 recipient of the APA's *Early Career Award for Distinguished Contribution to Psychology in the Public Interest.*

Herek, a research psychologist at the University of California, Davis, is being honored "for his impressive body of research, writing, and professional service in the area of sexual minorities and for his impact on national debates on that subject," according to a story in the December Monitor.

"Herek's work has furthered our understanding of prejudice and discrimination related to sexual orientation in a variety of social and professional settings," according to the Monitor article. "In U.S. military policy, for example, Herek integrated a large body of behavioral and social research—including his own empirical studies—to construct a strong scientific argument against the military's ban on service by gay men and lesbians. Herek's work has also addressed violence and hate crimes and contributed to court challenges to antigay legislation and sodomy laws. His works on AIDS-related stigma are required reading on the syllabi of most courses on lesbian and gay studies. His application of psychological research seeks to assure that public policy decisions are informed by sound psychological science."

Herek, who received his doctorate in 1983, has published dozens of scholarly papers on the topics of homophobia, heterosexism, antigay violence, and AIDS stigma. He is coeditor of the Division 44 Annual, *Psychological Perspectives on Lesbian and Gay Issues*, and chairperson of the Scientific Review Committee for the Wayne F. Placek Award, through which the American Psychological Foundation provides funds annually for scientific research on lesbian and gay issues. His books include *Hate Crimes: Confronting Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men* (1992) and *Out in Force: Sexual*

Orientation and the Military (1996, University of Chicago Press). He is currently conducting research on the mental health consequences of anti-gay and anti-lesbian violence, national attitudes concerning AIDS and people with AIDS, and the impact of AIDS on gay and bisexual men.

In addition to contributing to friend-of-the-court briefs filed by the APA in federal and state cases involving gay rights, Herek has twice testified before the U.S. Congress on behalf of the APA and other professional groups—in 1993 for the House Armed Services Committee's hearing on gays and the U.S. military, and in 1986 for the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee's hearings on antigay violence. He also has served as consultant and expert witness for numerous legal cases involving the civil rights of lesbians and gay men, including many recent cases challenging the military's personnel policy.

Herek will receive the Award and an honorarium at the APA's 1997 national convention in Chicago, where he will also present an invited address.

Campaign to Promote Psychology

APA's public education campaign is helping to make the public more aware of psychology's presence in the health care community. Through various media and community outreach efforts, we are educating the public about the value of psychology. Advertising, another component of the

campaign, will complement these activities at the state and local level. Your contribution of \$100 to the campaign will be used to provide funding for state and local associations and APA divisions to help pay for local advertising. Get involved. Send your check to: Accounting/Public Education Campaign, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20077-0522.

Self-Help and Psychology

Thanks to California Psychological Association member and Internet guru Marlene Maheu, Ph.D., new mental health technology was represented at President Clinton's Inauguration Expo. *Self-Help & Psychology*, an Internet magazine [located online at: <http://cybertowers.com/selfhelp>], was chosen to help represent new technologies in Mental Health at President Clinton's Inauguration Expo in Washington, D.C. The event took place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 17, 18, and 19. Friday was reserved for members of the press only, and doors were opened to an estimated one million people on Saturday and Sunday. The Expo was held on the Mall below the Capitol building. SH&P shared the mental health website demonstration space at the expo with the *National Institute of Mental Health*. SH&P is owned by Pioneer Development Resources, Inc., a corporation owned by local psychologist, Marlene Maheu. SH&P represented ways in which people can use advanced technology to help themselves with the research and knowledge of professionals, self-help groups and the recovery community.

APA Convention Announcement

The Board of Convention Affairs would like each person with a disability who is planning to attend the Convention in Chicago, Illinois, August 15-19, 1997, to identify himself or herself and to provide information on how we can make the convention more readily accessible for his or her attendance. APA will provide a van with a lift as transportation for persons in wheelchairs, interpreters for hearing impaired individuals, and escorts/readers for persons with visual impairments. We strongly urge individuals who would like assistance in facilitating their attendance at the convention to register in advance for the

Convention on the APA Advance Registration and Housing Form which will appear in the March through May issues of the *American Psychologist*. A note which outlines a person's specific needs should accompany the Advance Registration and Housing Form.

We encourage persons with disabilities to select one of the following convention hotels for housing as they are the best ones equipped to deal with special access issues: 1) Hyatt Regency Chicago; 2) Sheraton Chicago; 3) Fairmont Hotel Chicago; 4) Days Inn of Chicago.

DEVELOPING SENSITIVITY TO MULTIPLE MINORITY STATUSES:

Using Personal and Organizational Power in Non-Oppressive Ways

APA DIVISION 44 PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP

Chicago, Illinois - August 14, 1997 - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Workshop

Description: This workshop is designed to provide a didactic and experiential learning experience that will focus on increasing awareness and sensitivity to multiple minority statuses (i.e., race, ethnicity, gender, SES, etc.) within and outside the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community. Designed to be interactive, this workshop will include group discussion and active learning experiences that will enhance participants' ability to manage issues of diversity in academic, clinical practice, research, and organizational settings.

Trainers: Jamie Washington, Ph.D., University of Maryland Baltimore County
Kathy O'Bear, M.S., University of Massachusetts

#CE Hours: Seven (7)

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