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President's Column

DOUG HALDEMAN

The Native tribes and non-Native settlers of the pre-statehood Washington Territory had an annual gathering ritual called a *rendez-vous*. At the *rendez-vous*, Native tribes from all corners of the Pacific Northwest joined Alaskan, European, American, and Pacific Islander settlers and travelers for a week of games, contests, socializing, and exchanging information. As befitted the multicultural world of the early Northwest, the gathering sparkled with the sight of women, men, and children of many colors and cultures; the sounds of many tribal languages, along with French, English, Chinook, and Hawaiian, could be heard at the potlatch dinners.

It is again time for our own *rendez-vous*: our annual Convention. And though we will gather in lakeside hotels instead of tipis and longhouses, we still enact an annual ritual that honors the tremendous diversity in our own community. The basic elements of the *rendez-vous* ritual will be there for us in Chicago: exchange of information and social process. As regards the former, there is a rich and varied array of programming, starting with a CE workshop on diversity, setting the theme for this year's Convention. The program continues to highlight diversity issues in panels, papers, an invited address from Dr. Bev Greene, and suite programming. The program offers a broad spectrum of other topics,

including issues for youth and families, career development, bisexuality research, same-sex marriage, HIV prevention, and identity issues. On Monday at 2 PM, the Division will sponsor a special remembrance in honor of Dr. Evelyn Hooker. In all, the programming will provide something of interest to all, thanks to the excellent work done by Program Co-Chairs Christopher Martell and Ami Robinson. Further, you are guaranteed to get your exercise, since the programming is divided between the Sheraton (hospitality suite location) and the Hyatt. Please remember also that this year the CE workshop will be on Thursday, and the Division's regular programming runs Saturday through Tuesday.

The other important function of our annual gathering, of course, is to deepen and renew existing personal connections and to welcome newcomers into the Division family. To facilitate this, the Division has scheduled a variety of social activities, starting with a Social Hour on Friday from 5-6 PM (Hyatt), followed by the Kickoff Party in the Hospitality Suite (Sheraton) at 9 PM. On Saturday, the Women's Party in the Suite will start at 8 PM, followed by a party for everyone at the club "Paris," co-hosted by the Chicago organization Yahimba. The Sunday social schedule continues with a Division 44 celebration at 5 PM (following the annual Business Meeting/Awards Ceremony at 4), and the Men's Party (Suite, 9 PM). The Division will co-host, along with Divisions 35, 43, 45, and 51, a social hour following Forging Alliances (Monday, 5 PM).

Finally, the Division's fund-raising dinner will be Monday night at Platter's Restaurant; tickets will be available at the Convention.

This year, Convention affords us a historic opportunity to shape policy. The resolution on

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President's Column: *Continued*

Sexual Orientation Conversion Therapy will likely be taken up at Council's August meeting. This resolution, developed by the BAPPI Sub-Committee on Conversion Therapy, and supported by governance groups representing constituencies in all four APA Directorates, addresses the complicated issue of Conversion Therapy in a direct yet non-restrictive manner. The possibility of finally adopting a policy statement on this issue could become reality, provided that we all pitch in and lend our support. What can you do? Contact your state or provincial Council Rep(s), as well as those who represent other Divisions to which you belong. Ask them to join the Practice community, the Science and Education groups, and the Public Interest constituencies in passing a long-needed resolution on

conversion therapy which provides a policy firmly rooted in ethics. Those voices which continue to insist that same-gender sexual orientation is a mental illness have become increasingly shrill of late. It is time for us to respond--not with a similar level of hysteria, but with the reasonable perspective that this resolution provides. I hope you will all be able to join us in Chicago for what promises to be a convention that truly reflects the exciting place Division 44 is becoming. To those who have long been part of the Division family, I look forward to the contact that keeps me going the rest of the year: the talk and touch of others from all over the "territory." And to those of you newly involved, or simply interested in dropping by to "check out" the Division, I look forward to meeting and greeting you. To all, a heartfelt welcome; see you in Chicago! ▼

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Editor's Note

BARRY CHUNG

I feel very honored to be appointed Editor for the APA Division 44 Newsletter. To take this torch from Phil Levinson is indeed a challenge, for he had done such an excellent job editing the Newsletter. Fortunately, he has promised to be there for me whenever I need help. I would like to thank him on behalf of the Division membership for his hard work during the past three years. I also want to appreciate the contributions of Ariel Shidlo who served as Features Editor. He decided to step down with Phil because of his numerous responsibilities. Good luck on his other endeavors.

It is a particularly exciting time to begin my editorship when the Division has recently received the approval from the membership to change the Division's name and mission to include bisexuality. You will find that the Division's name is changed in this issue. Please read Doug Haldeman's announcement of this Bylaws amendment.

I am so glad that there are some new capable hands to assist in the production of the Newsletter. Becky Liddle has kindly agreed to serve as Associate

Editor. She will edit feature articles so please contact her (liddlbj@mail.auburn.edu) if you have some ideas or experiences to share in the Newsletter. I am sure she is not a stranger to most of you as she has been very active in our field. She is sharing her research experience with us in this issue. Monica Baskin serves as the Editorial Assistant, a new role created to handle the typesetting and layout of the Newsletter. She is a star doctoral student in our department and has agreed to work with the Newsletter as long as she is in the department. (I am thinking about how to make her stay forever.)

You will find that this issue looks a little different from previous editions. I am trying to preserve our excellent traditions as well as to experiment with new ideas to refresh this important publication of our Division. This pre-convention issue includes important programming information about the upcoming APA Convention in Chicago. I hope you will enjoy this issue and give me feedback. Hope to see you in Chicago. ▼

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

STEVE JAMES

I am happy to report that the Division's 1997 income is only three percent lower than the same period in FY96. Typically this period represents about 60% of the total annual income because of the dues collection done by APA. So, we are right on target for our projections for the year. It is important to note that 7 to 10% of our dues income for the year comes from people joining the Division at or right after the APA convention. So, inviting people who

are not yet division members to our events can help increase dues income in the crucial period following convention.

Expenses to date are also right on target with our FY97 budget. Congratulations and thanks to Committee and Task Force Chairs! ▼

Committee and Task Force Reports

Bylaws Changes

DOUG HALDEMAN

With an overwhelming approval margin, Division 44 members voted to amend the bylaws to include bisexuality in the name and mission of the Division. Of 337 votes cast in the special election, 313 voted in favor (93%), 21 were opposed (6%), and 3 abstained. The change becomes effective immediately, according to APA Division Services chief Sarah Jordan. The Division's Executive Committee is especially grateful to the Bisexuality Task Force, under the leadership of Ron Fox, Sari Dworkin, and Pat Ashbrook, for their education and advocacy on behalf of bisexual psychology. We welcome this change as another step toward real inclusivity, and look forward to celebrating the election's outcome in person at the APA Convention. ▼

Membership

JAMES S. FITZGERALD, Chair

By now, everyone (Fellows, Members, Associates, Affiliates) should have received the third edition of the Division Annual entitled "Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Among Lesbian and Gay Men" edited by Beverly Greene. If you are in the aforementioned membership categories and were a member from 1/1/96 to 10/31/96 and have not received the Annual, please contact me via mail or email <Fitz404@Worldnet.ATT.Net>. I will submit a follow-up mailing list to Sage Publication 30 days after the mailing of this newsletter.

The fourth Annual is due to be mailed in June of 1997 and should include all Fellows, Members, Associates, Affiliates, and those students who took advantage of the Division's offer to purchase the Annual at a greatly reduced cost. The follow-up mailing for those who did not receive the 4th edition will be in September of 1997.

Please remember to send me your address changes in a timely manner. I am pleased to announce that the latest mailing of the newsletter produced the least amount of returned mail since I assumed the position of Membership Chair in 1994!

During the last month, I have moved my office. Please note that my new address is:

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<Fitz404@Worldnet.ATT.Net>. Email notes receive the fastest response from me. ▼

Committee on Accreditation

JANE LEVIN and ARIEL SHIDLO,
Co-Chairs

Division 44's Committee on Accreditation has started drafting guidelines for evaluating the compliance of training programs to the revised APA accreditation document with regard to sexual orientation issues. These issues include: (1) the extent of bias with which LGB students, trainees, and faculty are treated in recruitment, training, and supervision and (2) the adequacy of trainees' preparation for dealing with issues of sexual orientation when providing psychological services.

Therefore, we are asking Division 44 members who are students, pre-doctoral trainees, faculty, program directors, and site visitors to help us (1) conceptualize the significant criteria for evaluating how a training program treats its LGB students and staff, and (2) evaluate the degree to which programs equip professional psychologists to provide services to LGB clients. We particularly want to assess subtle challenges that trainees and staff face in the form of insidious homophobia. We also want to hear from site visitors whether Footnote 4 was covered in the training, and if so, what guidelines were provided for interpreting and applying Footnote 4 when conducting a site visit. Please contact Jane Levin at levin@mister.ucs.umn.edu, (612) 626-7374 and Ariel Shidlo at ashidlo@aol.com, (212) 353-2558. ▼

Committee and Task Force Reports: *Continued*

Youths and Families Task Force

STEVE JAMES and KAREN JORDAN, Co-chairs
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Coordinator

Please check the Division's Hospitality Suite schedule for the times of the Youths and Families Task Force meetings. Please join us for our annual strategy session and learn more about our State Associations Liaisons Project. ▼

Task Force on Bisexual Issues in Psychology

SARI DWORKIN and RON FOX, Co-chairs

Division 44 will be sponsoring a Symposium and a Discussion Hour on bisexual issues at this year's APA Convention in Chicago. The Symposium, "Current Research on Bisexuality," is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, Aug. 16 from 2:00-3:50 p.m. in the Missouri Room at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel. Ted Myers and Dan Allman of the University of Toronto 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. 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. A Bisexual Issues Discussion Hour will take place in the Division 44 Hospitality Suite, also at the Sheraton, on Saturday morning from 10:00-10:50 a.m. and once again will offer members the opportunity to gather and talk.

During the past year, the Task Force has continued to work with the Executive Committee toward more formal inclusion of bisexual issues in the name and mission of the Division. The Executive Committee moved at its 1996 Convention Meeting to put the question before the membership for approval

and followed this up at its Midwinter Meeting by moving to submit the question to the membership in the form of a bylaws amendment ballot included with the Division's Spring Newsletter. The results of the vote will be announced at Convention. (Editor's note: please find the announcement of the results elsewhere in this Newsletter.)

We have wholeheartedly supported the Division and its work in advocating for all of our interests within APA and in psychology. We have appreciated the leadership shown by the Division's Executive Committee, Committees, and Task Forces in bringing the question of inclusion of bisexual issues in the Division to the awareness of the membership for discussion and consideration over a period of several years. We have also appreciated your responses as members to the ongoing invitation that we have extended to express your views on this question. On the basis of the response that we have received in the course of our outreach efforts, we are hopeful that the outcome of the balloting will be an affirmative one. We look forward to the announcement of the results at Convention and to continuing to work with all of you in the important work of our Division. ▼

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Convention Program and Activities

CHRISTOPHER MARTELL, Program Co-chair

With the exception of the pre-convention CE workshop and a Friday evening social hour and kick-off party, Division 44 programming will take place Saturday through Tuesday at APA this year. We are looking forward to a fairly diverse program, overall, supplemented by a great Hospitality Suite program. The program is full of wonderful presentations and everyone is encouraged to make plans to stay through Tuesday and not miss any of the program.

Friday 8/15

5:00 - 5:50 Social Hour
Regency Ballroom D, Hyatt

Saturday 8/16

8:00 - 9:50 Outgoing Executive Committee Meeting
Du Sable Room, Hyatt

10:00 - 10:50 Conversation Hour
Sheraton Ballroom III, Sheraton
Gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth and families: Future directions
Chairs: Gerald W. Hollander and Karen M. Jordan

11:00 - 11:50 Symposium
Michigan Room, Sheraton
An immodest proposal revisited: The study of sexual minority youths
Chair: Ritch C. Savin-Williams
Participants: Eric M. Dube, *Sexual identity development among ethnic youths with same sex attractions*
Lisa M. Diamond, *Sexual questioning and young women's development*
Peter Liu, *Promoting the well-being of gender-nonconforming sexual minority youth*
Discussant: Bertram Cohler

12:00 - 12:50 Paper Session
Huron Room, Sheraton
Effects of disclosure of sexual orientation: Development, health and career
Chair: Patricia W. Ashbrook
Participants: Merris Hollingsworth, Merideth Tomlinson, and Ruth Fassinger, *Working it "out": Career development among prominent lesbian women*

Lynne Carroll, Paula Gilroy, Natalia Hoenigmann-Stovall, and Joseph Turner, *Lesbian and gay self-disclosure, social acceptance, and ego development*

Cynthia Mathieson and Maria Gurevich, *Revealing and concealing: Theorizing the impact of disclosure on women's health*

1:00 - 1:50 Invited Address (To be followed by a discussion hour in the hospitality suite)

Crystal Room, Fairmont
Gender identity disorder in children: Science, politics, and ethics

Chair: Douglas Haldeman

Participant: Ken Zucker

2:00 - 3:50 Symposium
Missouri Room, Sheraton
Current research on bisexuality

Chair: Ronald C. Fox

Participants: Ted Myers and Dan Allman, *The bisexuality study: A Canadian study of behaviourally bisexual men*

Mary Bradford, *Bisexual identity and community: A qualitative study*

Amity Buxton, *Impact of disclosure of bisexuality in bisexual-heterosexual marriages*

Emily Page, *Psychotherapy experiences and needs of bisexual women and men*

Discussant: Robin Buhrke

Sunday 8/17

8:00 - 8:50 Paper Session
Arkansas Room, Sheraton
Multidimensional and multicultural considerations: Homosexual identity and health
Chair: Isiaah Crawford
Participants: Janna Horowitz and Michael Newcomb, *A multidimensional approach to homosexual identity*
Joseph Catania, Ron Stall, Tom Mills, and Tom Coates, *The multicultural urban men's health study*
Gordon Mansergh, David McKirnan, Brad Bartholow, and Kate MacQueen, *Multidimensional gay identity, age, and their relationships to HIV sexual risk for men*

9:00 - 9:50 Discussion
Sheraton Ballroom III, Sheraton
Lesbian, gay, and bisexual clients: Developing professional practice guidelines
Chairs: Connie Matthews and Burl Gilliland
Participants: Douglas Haldeman, Robin Buhrke, Connie Matthews, Kathleen Bieschke, Louise Douce, Burl Gilliland, Charles Gelso, Jonathon Mohr, Michael Mobley, Madonna Constantine, Rev. Su McLain, Rev. Rick Myer, Ruth Fassinger, Sue Morrow, Mary Ann Hoffman, Susan Lonborg, Miriam Phields, Kent Fisher, and Jonathan Green

10:00 - 10:50 Invited Address (To be followed by an informal discussion in the hospitality suite)
Chicago Ballroom X, Sheraton
Developing an inclusive lesbian and gay psychology: A look to the future (Listed in the Golden Anniversary of Divisions)
Chair: Douglas Haldeman
Participant: Beverly Greene

11:00 - 11:50 Poster Session
River Exhibition Hall, Sheraton
Sexual minority youth and adults: Varieties of stressors and adjustments
Participants: Jessica Morris, *Use of therapy by lesbian and bisexual women of color*
Amy Hecht, *Identity formation and self-esteem in deaf lesbians*
Jonathan Mohr and Ruth Fassinger, *Romantic attachment, parental attachment, and lesbian identity development*
Brian Reinhardt, *Examining correlates of homophobia in heterosexual college students*
Janis Bohan and Glenda Russell, *Church, state, and homophobia: Youth under siege*
Gregory Wells, Jon Lasser, and Deborah Tharinger, *Sexual minority youth: Negotiating educational and developmental guidelines*
Robert Bor and Peter duPlessis, *disclosure of HIV status within the family of gay men*
Stacey Hart, Cheryl Koopman, Nigel Field, and David Spiegel, *Adult attachment styles and risky behavior in persons with HIV/AIDS*
Eric Glunt, Gregory Herek, and Davis Webb, *Coping with HIV in a non-epicenter metropolitan area*
Linda Lesondak and Fran Norris, *Do gay and lesbian crime victims receive adequate social support?*
Robin Lewis, Valerian Derlega, Andrea Berndt, and Lynn Morris, *An empirical investigation of stressors for gay men and lesbians*

Jennifer Weier and Susan Hardin, *Perceptions of battering in cohabiting heterosexual and homosexual couples*
Armando Estrada, *Sexual orientation and U.S. military personnel*
Frank DeMarco, *Stress, coping, shame and depression in HIV-positive gay men*

1:00 - 2:50 Discussion
Regency Ballroom C, Hyatt
Ethnic and cultural diversity in the lesbian and gay community
Chair: Beverly Greene
Participants: Oliva Espin, Armand Cerbone, and Leah Fygetakis
Discussant: Laura Brown

3:00 - 3:50 Division Presidential Address
Grand Ballroom D North, Hyatt
Lesbian, gay and bisexual psychology: Professional practice, social change and geopolitics
Chair: Christine Browning
Participant: Douglas Haldeman

4:00 - 4:50 Division Business Meeting and Award Ceremony
Grand Ballroom D North, Hyatt
Chair: Christine Browning

5:00 - 5:50 Social Hour--Celebrating Division 44
Grand Ballroom C North, Hyatt

Monday 8/18

8:00 - 8:50 Symposium
Columbian Room, Hyatt
Recent research with lesbian women: Results and multidisciplinary critique
Chair: Sally D. Stabb
Participants: Sylva Frock, *The relationship between alcohol abuse and internalized homophobia in lesbians*
Catherine MacGregor, *A phenomenological study of 13 lesbian couples who chose to parent*
Marguerite Ruppenicker, *Lesbian appearance stereotypes: An explanatory study of the butch-femme dimension*
Discussants: Robin Buhrke and Pamela Brandwein

9:00 - 10:50 Symposium
Huron Room, Sheraton
Lesbian identity, friendships, and sexual relationships
Chair: Linda Garnets

Participants: Oliva Espin, *Who is a lesbian?*
Esther Rothblum, *What is a lesbian sexual relationship?*

Jacqueline Weinstock, *What is a lesbian friendship?*
Discussant: Connie Chan

12:00 - 1:50 Symposium

Chicago Ballroom VIII, Sheraton

Law, psychology and sociology of same sex marriage

Chair: Fernando J. Gutierrez

Participants: Larry Kurdek, *The nature and correlates of relationship quality in gay, lesbian, and heterosexual couples*

William Eskridge, *The case for same sex marriage*

Pepper Schwartz, *A view from the expert witness stand: Baehr v. Levin*

Discussant: Fernando Gutierrez

2:00 - 2:50 Discussion (To be followed by a videotape presentation of the film, *Changing Our Minds: The Story of Evelyn Hooker*, in the Hospitality Suite)

Chicago Ballroom IX, Sheraton

Evelyn Hooker: A remembrance and appreciation

Chairs: Gregory M. Herek and Linda Garnets

Participants: Jacqueline Goodchilds and Douglas Kimmel

3:00 - 3:50 Symposium

Ontario Room, Sheraton

Lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues: Perspectives on training

Chair: Lorraine J. Guth

Participants: Lorraine Guth, Kim Clements, Julio Rojas, and David Lopez, *Experiential versus rational training: A comparison of student attitudes*

Patricia Ashbrook, *Training lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychotherapists in nonsupportive environments*

Ann Nikolai Houston, *Bisexual and lesbian therapists: Clinical issues of self-disclosing sexual orientation*

Discussant: Craig Kain

4:00 - 4:50 Discussion (Co-sponsored by Divisions 35, 43, 45, 48, and 51)

Chicago Ballroom VIII, Sheraton

Forging Alliances

Chair: Christine Browning

5:00 - 5:50 Joint Social Hour with Divisions 35, 43, 45, 48, and 51

Chicago Ballroom IX, Sheraton

Tuesday 8/19

8:00 - 9:50 Incoming Executive Committee Meeting
Addams Room, Hyatt

Chair: Christine Browning

10:00 - 11:50 Symposium

Wrigley Room, Hyatt

HIV-negative gay and bisexual men: Assessment and clinical issues

Chairs: Ronald J. Frederick and Noah S. Glassman

Participants: Ariel Shidlo, Boaz Dalit, and George Ayala, *HIV-negative identity in gay and bisexual men: Assessment issues*

Bruce Kellerhouse, *Group design for HIV-negative gay male survivors of traumatic loss*

Ronald Frederick and Noah Glassman, *When seronegative gay male therapists work with seronegative gay male clients: Implications for psychotherapy*

Discussant: Mason Sommers

12:00 - 12:50 Paper Session

Wrigley Room, Hyatt

Lesbian and gay parenting: Attitudes and perceptions of others

Chair: Christine Browning

Participants: Beverly King and Kathryn Black, *College students' perceptual stigmatization of children with divorced lesbian mothers*

Isiaah Crawford, Andrew Mcleod, and Brian Zamboni, *Psychologists' attitudes toward gay and lesbian parenting*

Andrew Mcleod, Isiaah Crawford, and Jeanne Zechmeister, *Heterosexuals' attitudes toward gay fathers and their children*

Discussant: Christine Browning

1:00 - 2:50 Symposium

Grand Ballroom D North, Hyatt

The psychology of serostatus in HIV prevention for gay and bisexual men

Chair: Perry N. Halkitis

Participants: Joseph Kosciw, *Developing a psychology of serostatus: The evolution of prevention research at Gay Men's Health Crisis*

Perry Halkitis, *Positive testimonials: The role of HIV-positive men in HIV prevention*

Kevin Bratholt, *Effectiveness of support group interventions for HIV-negative gay men*

James Cancienne, *Psychological responses in gay men to medical advances in HIV and AIDS*

Division 44 will be co-listed with the divisions listed below on the following programs:

Div. 26: Symposium, *Heterosexuality, homosexuality, therapy: Intimacy and psychology in the twentieth century*

Div. 24: Invited Address by Judith Butler, *Construction of gender*

Div. 1: Keynote Address by Darrel Bem, *Exotic becomes erotic*

Div. 7: Symposium, *Development of prejudice in children and adolescents*

Division 44 Hospitality Suite Activities

The Division Hospitality Suite will be located in the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. There will be several programs presented in the suite for those who desire a more intimate environment for discussion as well as follow-up on several of the presentations from the main program. (Students who are interested in volunteering to help with suite activities or wish to stay in the suite, contact Dr. Ami Robinson at 313-865-2170.) There will be a book display in the suite on topics of interest to psychologists in the areas of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender psychology. The suite schedule is as follows:

Friday 8/16

P.M.

8:00 - 10:00 Kickoff Party!

10:00 Suite Closed

Saturday 8/17

A.M.

9:00 - 9:50 Presentation

Gay and lesbian identity in gay and lesbian treatment

Chair: Stephen Hartman

10:00 - 10:50 Task Force on Bisexuality

Chairs: Ronald Fox and Sari Dworkin

11:00 - 11:50 Presentation

A Fulbright experience in Russia

Sari Dworkin will speak about her recent trip to Russia and the status of lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychology there.

P.M.

12:00 - 12:50 Discussion

African American lesbian expectations in mate selection

Chair: Gladys Croom

1:00 - 1:50 Informal Hour for People of Color

2:00 - 2:50 Discussion Hour

Dr. Ken Zucker will be available for informal discussion following his Invited Address, *Gender identity disorder in children: Science, politics, and ethics*

3:00 - 4:50 Video

The Ruth Ellis Story - Part One

An interview with a 97-year-old, Black, lesbian, native Detroit; interviewed by Amorie Robinson

5:00 Suite Closed

8:00 - 11:00 Womyn's Party

Sunday 8/17

A.M.

9:00 - 9:50 Youth and Family Task Force

Chair: Steve James

11:00 - 11:50 Discussion following Beverly Greene's Invited Address, *Developing an inclusive lesbian and gay psychology: A look to the future*

P.M.

12:00 - 12:50 Presentation

The situation for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people in China: The revision of the Chinese classification of mental disorder

Chair: Jin Wu

1:00 - 1:50 Workshop

Tasks of long-term HIV psychotherapy groups for gay men

Chair: David Jull-Johnson

2:00 - 2:50 Workshop

Older-younger relationships

Chair: Armand Cerbone

3:00 Suite Closed (due to Presidential Address and Division 44 Business Meeting)

9:00 - 12:00 Men's Party

Monday 8/18

A.M.

9:00 - 10:50 Video

The Ruth Ellis Story - Part Two

11:00 - 11:50 Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee Meeting

Chair: Angela Gillem

P.M.

12:00 - 1:50 Joint Session with Division 45

2:00 - 2:50 Presentation

Research on same gender domestic violence

Chair: Brian Rhinehardt and Julie Chapin

3:00 - 4:50 Video

Changing Our Minds: The Story of Evelyn Hooker

5:00 - 5:50 Informal Hour for Students

6:00 Suite Closed

Tuesday 8/19

A.M.

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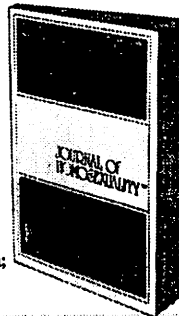
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Convention Survival Tips

STEVE MIGALSKI

Attending the annual APA Convention doesn't have to be "all work and no play." In fact, as you pack your bags and head for Chicago, think fun! As a gay Chicagoan and longtime resident, it is with great pleasure and pride that I welcome you to the Windy City and its gay/lesbian/bisexual (GLB) community. Chicago is a city of great diversity, a city of wonderful neighborhoods, friendly people, incredible eating establishments, cool bars and clubs, a beautiful lakefront, and the home of dozens of colleges, universities, and professional schools. Those of you unfamiliar with "Chicagoland," as the metropolitan area is commonly known, may be wondering about what to see, where to eat, and where to just "hang out." Well, here are a few pointers.

The heart of the GLB community is located in the Lakeview neighborhood on the north side of the city and spills into the neighborhoods of Lincoln Park, Uptown, Edgewater, and Andersonville. In these areas you will find the majority of the "GLB-friendly" restaurants and night clubs. Favorites of mine and my friends include the following:

1. *Spin* - 800 W. Belmont (Lakeview Neighborhood). This is a trendy video/dance club that attracts both men and women. Although the dance floor is small, the music is current, the drinks are cheap, and the crowd is cool!

2. *GirlBar* - 2625 N. Halsted (Lincoln Park Neighborhood). This club is primarily a women's bar, although men are welcome and come regularly. It's a great place to play pool, dance, and look pretty, or not.

3. *Big Chicks* - 5024 N. Sheridan (Uptown/Edgewater Neighborhood). Recently voted the #1 gay bar in Chicago, this rather low-key, neighborhood bar is an attitude-free, hot spot that attracts more men than women. Very sociable crowd and great bartenders!

4. *Ann Sather's Restaurant* - 929 W. Belmont (Lakeview Neighborhood). The best Swedish diner you'll ever visit! Serving hearty food that's sure to stick to your bones, Ann's is fine place to eat if

you're absolutely starving and a great place to "people watch."

5. *The Chicago Diner* - 3411 N. Halsted (Lakeview Neighborhood). Best vegetarian fare in town. Don't be surprised if you run into your favorite celebrity here! I've seen K.D. Lang, Melissa Etheridge, and Roger Ebert here...okay, so Roger Ebert isn't on my top 10 list either!

6. *Tomboy* - 5402 N. Clark (Andersonville Neighborhood). This lesbian-owned and operated establishment provides an excellent atmosphere, great Jazz music, and friendly service. Keep in mind it's strictly BYOB here...just pay a visit to the liquor store across the street for a bottle of wine.

Also, remember that hotels in Chicago are not cheap, but the Best Western Inn of Chicago at 162 E. Ohio (312-787-3100) and the Days Inn of Lincoln Park-North at 644 W. Diversey (773-525-7010) are "GLB-friendly" and more reasonably priced. And...you shouldn't visit Chicago without paying a visit to one of our incredible beaches...Oak Street Beach, North Avenue Beach, Hollywood Beach, and the Belmont Rocks!!! Any cab driver will know where these sites are located. I hope your visit to Chicago is as fun as it is professionally informative. Well, you now have a head start so enjoy! ▼

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ALLEN M. OMOTO, Science Task Force Chair

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, the Task Force is attempting to include in each newsletter some information that may help individuals learn about research conducted by other division members, possibilities and strategies for funding, and opportunities for networking with others. The following article was written by Dr. Becky J. Liddle. She was asked to describe her program of research and research issues that she thought would be of interest to Division members. Dr. Liddle completed

her Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina in 1991 and since that time has been an Assistant Professor in Counseling and Counseling Psychology at Auburn University. She was recently granted tenure at Auburn, and beginning this September, will be an Associate Professor there. Dr. Liddle's research focuses on sexual orientation issues in therapy and academia. For one example of her work, see Liddle, B. J. (1996), Therapist sexual orientation, gender, and counseling practices as they relate to ratings of helpfulness by gay and lesbian clients, *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, 43, 394-401. Dr. Liddle can be contacted via email at liddlebj@mail.auburn.edu. ▼

Doing Research on Therapy with Gay and Lesbian Clients

BECKY J. LIDDLE

I was both honored and startled to get an invitation to write about my program of research. I am just getting over feeling like a beginner myself. But I guess the area of GLBT studies is still young enough that if you publish a half a dozen articles and get tenure, you're almost a crone. So I will assume I have some advice to offer other researchers in this field. My advice (illustrated by my own research, described later) is this:

(1) Research what you care about.

(2) When you go to the trouble and expense to get a large national sample of GLBT participants, investigate several research questions at the same time. For example, when making up a survey, ask yourself what your next research question is likely to be, and include that question if possible.

(3) Once you have data, ask yourself if there are additional important questions you could answer if you had a comparison group, and then collect the appropriate data.

(4) Don't start from scratch with each study--build on your own previous research, and on the research of others.

(5) Count on fellow researchers in this area to be helpful--they will be.

As a new assistant professor in 1991, I was advised by some to stay away from the topic of GLBT issues until I had tenure because it was a topic that might be less respected. More enlightened colleagues said the topic was OK, but I should study straight people's attitudes toward GLBT folks, not GLBT folks themselves, because straight people are so much easier to find and to study. For 2 years I took their advice, studying topics I was not very interested in. Not surprisingly, I was bored and unproductive. In my third year I decided to follow my own mind and heart and study the people and issues that I cared deeply about. I decided to study gay and lesbian clients' experiences in therapy. My first task was to figure out how I would approach the biggest logistical

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problem I faced: how to reach a national sample of GLBT participants for my research. I organized a national network of people who do research in this area who were willing to distribute surveys or recruit GLBT participants locally. This effort proved successful, and the network is still operational. In addition, I found that e-mail lists (such as the Div. 44 list, the GLBT psychology student list, etc.) were very useful.

Because of the time (in this case 9 months) and postage expense involved in acquiring surveys from a large national sample, I decided to gather data on a number of research questions on that one survey. First I asked myself what questions I wanted to answer about the types of therapists who were most (and least) effective with gay and lesbian clients. I gathered information on each therapist's sexual orientation, gender, occupation (psychologist, social worker, etc.), number of sessions, and year of service delivery, and compared respondent satisfaction with these various therapists. As I was designing the survey I also asked myself, "If I find differences among the groups, what will I want to know next?" I decided I would want to know what effective and ineffective therapists were doing differently that might be leading to differences in client satisfaction. For this reason, I also provided respondents with a checklist to use in reporting on the behaviors of their therapists. These data allowed me to not only investigate which types of therapists were being most effective with their gay and lesbian clients, but also what these groups were doing differently, and how various therapist practices related to client satisfaction.

The data on year of service delivery, combined with client satisfaction ratings, allowed me to examine whether services to gay and lesbian clients had improved over time. When I found improvement over time, however, I realized that this improvement could be attributed to a variety of factors, including recency, client maturity, improved performance of therapists over time with all clients, etc. I would need comparative data from heterosexual clients to see whether the improvement was unique to services to gay and lesbian clients. I sent a parallel survey out to a smaller heterosexual sample. Once I collected those data, I realized I had not only answered that question, but had also (accidentally) gathered comparative data from gay and straight clients about utilization of therapy. I selected a subset of gay and lesbian

participants from my original data set in order to carefully match (demographically) the heterosexual participants. Then I compared number of therapists seen and duration of therapy for the two groups.

By asking several questions on one instrument, and by collecting follow-up data from heterosexual participants to provide comparative data, I ended up with four manuscripts (answering four different research questions) from two data sets. Such efficiency is necessary to be successful in this area, where collecting data is so time consuming.

Finally, let me say this. When my elders said to establish a "program of research," I rolled my eyes. I did not understand why it was important to do multiple studies in one area. I now understand how one study flows from another, and how this logical flow can advance knowledge in a particular area in a way that single studies cannot. It also has the very practical advantage that you can write manuscripts quickly when you are already familiar with the literature in that area. To those who are considering establishing their program of research in the area of GLBT studies, I say this: It is not for the faint of heart. You will encounter extra problems (from IRBs, tenure review committees, and editorial reviewers). But for those who have the skill and determination to succeed despite these extra barriers, it is a very rewarding area to do research. You will find that your research participants and colleagues will appreciate your efforts to a degree rare in other fields. I have found it very rewarding. ▼

Between Mars and Venus

JOHN H. BICKFORD, JR.

Women are slightly but reliably better able than men to decode subtle nonverbal affective cues (Hall, 1978). Men are more ludic than women in their approach to relationships (Hatkoff & Laswell, 1979). Men typically base their moral decisions on principles of justice, while women typically base theirs on compassion (Gilligan, 1982).

Researchers examining gender effects have publicized these and other findings of wide interest to men and women trying to understand themselves and each other. People are often interested in psychological research on gender differences, not only because they are motivated to better understand the opposite-gender others in their lives, but also because they hope to better understand themselves. Such studies provide useful insight into why men behave as men and women behave as women, but rarely is an attempt made to understand whether and under what conditions men may behave as women and women may behave as men.

This perspective is of particular relevance to gay and lesbian people who may have difficulty interpreting traditional gender research in a way that is meaningful to them. The problem is the etiology of any reported gender effects. Since all such research must necessarily be correlational and issues of causation cannot be addressed, a question remains about the true nature of the effects. Do such effects indeed originate from the fundamental genotypic difference between the sexes, in which case they are unequivocally sex differences, or are the effects mediated by some common but not necessarily universal phenotypic expression of the sex chromosomes? For example, while physical sex differences seem unambiguously differentiated, many are actually under hormonal control. It is possible, for example, to induce a hormone imbalance in a man such that he would suddenly develop enlarged breasts, a "female" trait.

The inability to make this distinction precludes any judgment about the applicability of gender difference research to gay men and women, who are therefore unable to benefit from such findings. Gay and lesbian people are acutely aware that at least one common gender "effect," sexual orientation, is by no

means predicted by a person's biological sex. Sexual orientation must be one instance of a gender difference that arises phenotypically, correlated with sex but apparently mediated by some other variables. Gay and lesbian people, realizing that they are already sex-atypical in the domain of sexual orientation, may reasonably question whether other commonly accepted gender correlates necessarily apply to them.

Gay and lesbian people may well wonder about the ways in which they align closely with those who share their gender--as in most ways they do--and in what domains they may express other traits more commonly associated with the opposite sex. To use an example from above, how does a gay man interpret Gilligan's (1982) findings? Should he conclude that, as a man, he likely possesses a justice-based orientation to morality? Or might the basis for moral reasoning be an effect of one's primary sexual orientation, not one's gender, in which case our gay friend might assume that his own moral reasoning is based more on compassion? The dilemma is obvious: gay and lesbian people cannot reach any meaningful conclusions about themselves based on research that leaves this basic question unanswered. Even if they were to interpret such findings with a phenomenological lens, this is neither a satisfying nor a sufficient solution. It does not help gay people to understand *other* gay people, including their own partners.

Is it reasonable to suspect that sexual orientation and not gender itself is the true cause of at least some observed gender differences? It is no less reasonable than the automatic presumption that gender differences are necessarily biologically based when other interpretations cannot be ruled out. Many observed behavioral differences may well be a function of differential socialization, association with same-sex role models or peers, or even early differences in temperament. The latter has indeed recently been implicated as a possible determinant of sexual orientation itself (Bem, 1996).

An obvious solution to this dilemma would be the consistent inclusion of samples of gay men and lesbians in any study that investigates gender effects as a primary variable. Researchers should then be able to

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disentangle the effects of gender and sexual orientation. If gender predicts an observed effect even for the gay and lesbian sample, a much stronger argument may be made for a biological interpretation of the findings. On the other hand, an interaction between sex and sexual orientation would undermine an explanation in terms of gender and might arguably render premature any biological interpretation at all. In either case, gay and lesbian people would benefit from knowing where they stand.

Inclusion of samples of gay and lesbian people in any gender-focused research would also help begin to erode the tremendous heterosexist bias that still exists in scientific inquiry. Such a precedent in psychological research might well inspire similar practices in other sciences. While the questionable applicability of findings of psychological gender differences to gay and lesbian people may represent a lost opportunity for both researchers and gay and lesbian people, similar uncertainty about the universal relevance of biomedical research on differential diagnosis or treatment of men and women, for example, might have more pernicious results. At the very least, we have a responsibility to acknowledge gay and lesbian people as a sizable subset of any population under investigation, one interested in our findings and always worthy of our consideration. ▼

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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 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. Indeed, we've gotten more submissions the past two years than ever before. However, the fund is small and our need is great! Please help the fund grow. Each member's tax deductible contribution supports 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 it to:

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Reflections On a Russian Adventure

SARI H. DWORKIN

"You do look Russian, but people will know you are a foreigner because you smile too much. Russians don't smile, perhaps someday we'll learn how." The difficulties Russian people are experiencing as they transition to a market economy are tremendous. None of the people I interacted with ever want to go back to the totalitarianism of Communism. But as a colonel of the Ivanovo Women's Prison (where I was allowed to visit) told me, communism is an ideology of the poor and there are very many poor people in Russia today.

The city of Ivanovo (300 miles northeast of Moscow) where I lived and worked is one of the most depressed areas in Russia. Ivanovo's main industry is textiles and since the break-up of the Soviet Union, cotton is unavailable and therefore all of the mills are closed. Unemployment and alcoholism are rampant. People grow their own vegetables on small plots of land outside of the city and this is what they live on. The lucky ones who have a job (university professors, doctors, etc.) never know whether or not they will be paid. One psychiatrist jokingly said to me, "How can you leave home for three months, who's taking care of your vegetable garden?" A female surgeon who I saw as a private therapy client told me no one knows what to do with the medical system. The government no longer pays for it, private citizens can't afford fees for services, and health insurance doesn't exist. She tells her patients, "This is the operation you need, these are the required medications, when you obtain the medications come see me and we'll schedule surgery." Beggars are everywhere, especially in the large cities, and this was never seen before perestroika.

In spite of all these problems, the people of Russia are warm, hospitable, and extremely generous. One of my suitcases was completely full of gifts given to me by every person I met. They are enamored of Americans and want to hear everything about life in America. Their favorite TV programs are American soap operas. Every time a new American food product comes on the market, Russians want to try it. They are getting used to free access to information but whenever they hear about problems in America they question whether it's

propaganda or reality. My descriptions of our problems in schools and violence in communities were often met with incredulous reactions. It's difficult for Russians to imagine that a society with an abundance of material goods could have severe social problems.

My official duties in Russia were to train students to do therapy. I ended up teaching students, training psychologists and psychiatrists, and seeing both private clients and severely disturbed psychiatric patients. Professionally I wanted to get a feel for the differences in the training of and work of Russian vs. American mental health professionals; and working with Russian vs. American clients. Personally I was interested in what it is like for Russian gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals; the status of feminism and what the pressing issues of women are; and what it is like for Russian Jews.

Teaching and providing therapy through a translator was difficult. My lectures were well received and each lecture drew more people than the one before. Therapy clients and their issues are similar to what we see here in America. Russians are more emotional and passionate and describe their problems in poetic as opposed to practical language. Our training of mental health professionals is much more applied than the training which Russians receive, which is why I ended up working with so many psychiatrists. Mental health professionals rarely have the opportunity to see therapy in action.

The psychological field in Russia has moved in the direction of normalizing gay, lesbian, and bisexual identities and behaviors, although this is not the perception of the small gay and lesbian community. While homosexuality has been decriminalized, the one gay and lesbian organization in Moscow is operating illegally because the authorities won't give them the permission they need to openly function in the city. It is very difficult to be gay or lesbian in Russia. Secretive bisexuality is more prevalent and accepted amongst gay men and lesbians, but not amongst the general population. During the Soviet times not only were homosexuality and bisexuality a criminal offense but they were also

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considered immoral. This belief in the immorality of the lifestyle still exists. Young people live at home, families are very close, and economically it is impossible to move until a young person is married and able to buy a flat. This makes exploring a non-heterosexual lifestyle extremely difficult. Myths abound. A recent popular Moscow newspaper described homosexual men as old men after young boys, and lesbians as having dirty hair and fingernails and as hating men. I was able to do some education around gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues. A two-day seminar conducted by me resulted in a group of psychologists and psychiatrists who are going to reach out to the gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals of Ivanovo. The few Ivanovo gay and lesbian persons with whom I was in touch want to live their lives quietly and deny any need for coming out, community, or activism. It will be interesting to see in what directions Russian gay, lesbian, and bisexual people move in the future.

Considering that homophobia is seen as an outgrowth of sexism I was dismayed by the rigid sex-role stereotypes that prevail in Russian society. These stereotypes are not evident in education or employment (except for the highest levels of government and the military). But, in the home, in terms of fashion, and in the acceptable behaviors of the genders, sexism is alive and well in Russia. Gender differences are seen as biologically determined. In spite of these attitudes, the hostility between males and females often evident here did not seem to prevail in Russia. The pressing issues for Russian women, at least in Ivanovo, are to help unemployed women and to help female victims of

rape and spousal abuse. Incest and child abuse do not appear to be widespread in Russia. Interestingly, early women's crisis organizational statistics (out of Moscow and St. Petersburg) are showing that Russian women are more likely to be raped by a stranger than by someone they know (in contrast to the situation here).

Finally, as a Jew of Russian extraction, I was curious about Jewish life in Russia. Anti-Semitism is alive and well, especially among members of the communist party. Jewish is seen much more as an ethnicity than as a religion ("she's Jewish but married to a Russian"). I met many Christian Jews. They are drawn to the Russian Orthodox Church but still see themselves as Jewish. This conflict about whether Judaism is a religion or an ethnicity is tearing families apart where some members of the family are relearning and practicing the Jewish religion and other members of the family are practicing Christianity. For me it was comforting to know that many behaviors stereotypically ascribed to Jews in America (loud, pushy, everyone talking at once) are really Russian behaviors. In some ways I felt as though I had come home.

To sum up my experiences and feelings about this trip to Russia I will share a popular quote I heard often. Whenever I drank tea the cup was filled past the point where I could lift it without spilling. My Russian host would always say, "A full cup for a full life." This trip has filled my life in ways too numerous to express. ▼

Psychiatric Connection

DOUG HALDEMAN

Psychology and psychiatry have forged an odd partnership. Many psychologists in clinical practice view psychiatry as a natural ally, and that in numerous instances, the two disciplines can work together in a "team" treatment approach that exponentially increases the value of one perspective alone. From an organizational standpoint, however, the two professions seem to be at continual loggerheads with one another. Territorial concerns over credentialing and training, positioning in the

chaotic world of managed care, and most recently, prescription privileges for psychologists, have historically divided the two professions.

As researchers advancing the scientific understanding of sexual orientation, practitioners serving the l/g/b/t patient, and professionals interested in applying science to social policy, our common bonds with psychiatry transcend the historical divisions between our professions. It was

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therefore my pleasure to be invited to San Diego in May to speak at the pre-ApA Convention program of the Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychiatrists. I had the honor of participating in a panel with a number of co-authors from a forthcoming book on same-sex marriage, co-edited by psychiatrist Bob Cabaj and psychologist David Purcell. The panel provided both international and domestic perspectives on the legal and social aspects of same-sex marriage, the existential/spiritual implications of same-sex marriage ceremonies, and a provocative look at the relationship between same-sex marriage and evolving realities of family and gender construction. I was also a co-presenter in an international look at sexual orientation conversion therapy, with Olli Stalstrom, a medical sociologist from Finland with whom I have collaborated (via the Internet) for the past year on reparative therapy issues in Europe.

After having attended ApA last year in New York with Robin Buhrke, I was not surprised to find our psychiatry colleagues operating at an exhilarating level of scholarly discourse, as well as being extraordinarily warm and welcoming hosts. What did surprise me, however, was to learn that the American

Psychoanalytic Association has formed a progressive Committee on Homosexual Issues, and has adopted a very gay-affirmative policy statement for its members.

Of further interest is the fact that they have publicly taken on one of their own, NARTH co-founder and President Charles Socarides, for misrepresenting the Association's position on homosexuality in a number of high-profile situations, including his testimony in Colorado's Amendment 2 trial.

For me, the primary lesson of this meeting is that our professions work toward similar goals, with parallel expertise and energy. At present, both organizations are working on the issues of reparative therapy, same-sex marriage, gender identity disorder, and professional practice guidelines. Whatever we can do to maintain and strengthen these connections, and to broaden them (including social work and counseling, for instance) is clearly in the best interest of all. Just as in individual clinical examples, so too on the organizational level: working together exponentially increases our power, and ultimately our effectiveness. ▼

APA Council Candidate Statement

BRYAN MERSHON

I want to represent California's interests on the APA Council. I have been actively involved with the California Psychological Association (CPA) for nine years. I started by serving on the Boards of two CPA Divisions, Division IV: Public Service and Division VII: Public Interest. My experience included successful and productive terms as Secretary/Treasurer and Chair of Division IV, and Representative from the Division IV Board to the CPA Board. I was also Chair of the HIV Committee and Co-chair of the Lesbian and Gay Concerns Committee of Division VII.

Concurrently, I became active with the Board of the Los Angeles County Psychological Association (LACPA) seven years ago. I have been Treasurer of LACPA for two years and am in my sixth year of diligently representing LACPA on the CPA Board of Directors. I also worked on the LACPA Convention Committee for three years. I was a founding Board

member of the Lesbian and Gay Psychotherapists Association in Los Angeles. I am an APA-certified HOPE (HIV Office on Psychology Education) trainer in the general curriculum and two specialty tracks, working with gay/bisexual men, and working with people with serious and persistent mental illness.

In all of these arenas, I have been working as an openly gay man. I believe it is important to integrate openly lesbian/gay/bisexual representatives throughout APA, state and chapter governance, in addition to l/b/g-specific representatives from Division 44. I would appreciate the vote of California APA members for one of the two California Council of Representative seats open in the 1997 election. My experience at the chapter and state association levels prepares me with the contacts, coalition-building and communication skills needed to represent my constituencies. ▼

New Book

CHRISTOPHER J. ALEXANDER

Christopher J. Alexander, Ph.D. has just written the first ever comprehensive workbook for gay men seeking a resource for understanding their psychological growth and development. Though there have been workbooks to assist men in examining addictive patterns, past abuse, and codependency, none have been written exclusively for gay men. In his new book, *Growth and Intimacy for Gay Men: A Workbook* (The Haworth Press, 1997), Dr. Alexander provides the reader with a thorough review of each subject in straight-forward, easily understood text. Written for gay men, this book can also be used by therapists with their clients. The book also contains fifty activities, including checklists, open-ended questions, and writing exercises the reader can either do on his own, as part of a support or study group, or with the guidance of a psychotherapist, to further his personal insight into his life as a gay man.

In his book, Dr. Alexander includes eight chapters which address key topic areas many gay men feel the need to explore in their lives. Based on thirteen years' experience counseling gay men--individually, with couples, and in groups--Dr. Alexander writes on common themes gay male clients often address in psychotherapy.

Since our family of origin is where we first learn about our identity, develop our self-image, and experience ways in which others perceive us, the book opens with an in-depth exploration of the roles mothers, fathers, and siblings play in the lives of

young boys who grow up gay. Particular emphasis is placed on what it is like for most gay men growing up feeling different from others. At the end of the chapter are exercises guiding the reader in the process of constructing family maps, identifying ways they learned to cope with being gay, exploring their relationship with their father, and others that help make conscious the experience of growing up gay.

The remaining chapters cover topics such as self-esteem, addictions to substances and sex, finding and maintaining relationships, strengthening friendships, assessing the impact of AIDS in one's life, coping with past trauma and abuse, and examining one's feelings and experiences of growing older as a gay man. Finally, a nice addition to the book are the sidebars that include summaries of recent mental health studies on gay men. Examples include: How parents feel about having gay children, how gay men present themselves in personal ads, how gay couples cope when one partner is HIV positive, and eating disorders in gay men.

This book is an important addition to the library of any gay men who seeks to understand his own mental growth and development. Further, psychotherapists who work with gay men will find useful and instructive exercises they can use with gay male clients---individually or in groups---to further a mutual understanding of the experience of growing up gay. ▼

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call For Papers

MEG A. BOND, JEAN HILL, ANNE MULVEY, and MARION TERENCE
AJCP Special Issue Editors

The American Journal of Community Psychology is publishing a special issue on community psychology and feminist theory, research, and methodology. Much of the ideology that provides a foundation for community psychology as a field runs parallel to the principles that guide feminist work.

However, work that bridges community psychology and feminist theory/practice is not as visible as many of us would hope. The special issue of AJCP is an effort both to document existing feminist-based work within the field and to challenge the field to further

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appreciate the opportunities feminist approaches provide for community psychology. The issue will have at least three sections. The first section will focus on theoretical articles addressing the intersection of community psychology and feminist theory. We encourage papers that analyze some of community psychology's 'sacred concepts'--such as sense of community, empowerment, and prevention--from feminist perspectives. We are interested in papers which explore the varied meanings of community and their relevance to work with women.

We particularly encourage papers that address the intersections among gender, race, class, and community. The second section will focus on methodology. Articles will be selected for this section which address feminist values, the values implicit in various research methods, and the possibility of unique feminist community research

methods. The third section will focus on articles dealing with intervention and social action issues. Particularly sought will be articles involving social policy issues. We will emphasize the self-identification of researchers as feminists, rather than attempting to use predetermined criteria.

If you have a project or paper that you think would be appropriate for the special issue but would like some feedback, please feel free to contact any one of the editors. Please send full papers to either Meg A. Bond, Department of Psychology, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA 01852 (508) 934-3971 (bondm@woods.uml.edu) or Jean Hill, Department of Behavioral Sciences, New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701 (505) 454-3562 (jeanhill@campus.nmhu.mci.net) by October 15, 1997.▼

Graduate Training in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Family Therapy

ROY SCRIVNER, Chair
Division 43 Committee on
Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Family Therapy Issues

The Division of Family Psychology (43) Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Family Issues (CLGBFI) is frequently asked about graduate training in this topic. In order to learn more about the availability of training, the CLGBFI plans to conduct a survey of graduate programs and internships. To create a more informed questionnaire the CLGBFI requests that you send information on the following: name and address of graduate programs offering training in lesbian, gay, and bisexual family therapy; whether such training is a part of a formal course in family therapy, or available in practicum training, or available elsewhere; and names and addresses of any internships offering such training. Please send information to:

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A CLGBFI meeting to discuss these concerns is scheduled 1-3, Saturday, August 16, 1997 in the Division 43 Hospitality Suite at the APA Annual Convention. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact Dr. Scrivner at the above address. Also, information about the CLGBFI meeting will be available at the Convention on the Division of Family Psychology (43) Hospitality Suite Schedule. Thanks.

Copies of a free, 32-page Bibliography on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Family Psychology and Therapy are available from Dr. Scrivner upon request.▼

The Division 44 Newsletter

The Division 44 Newsletter is published three times a year by the Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues (SPSLGBI) in Fall, Spring, and Summer.

The publication of any advertisement the Newsletter is not an endorsement of the advertiser of the products or services as advertised. Division 44 reserves the right to reject, omit, or cancel advertising for any reason.

Submissions to the Division 44 Newsletter are welcome. **Submission deadline for the next issue is September 15, 1997.**

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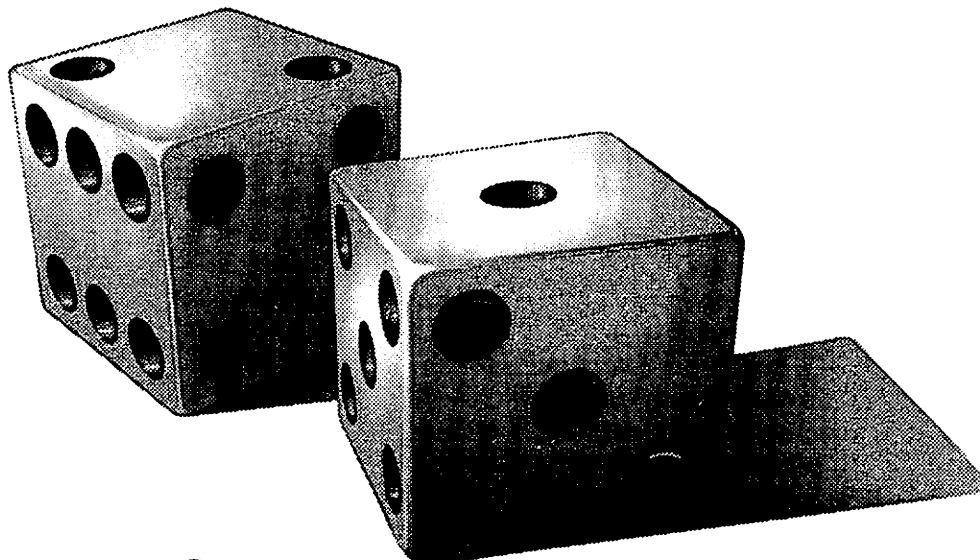
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