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President's Column

CHRISTINE BROWNING

The weather goddess must have known when the Division 44 mid-winter meeting was in January. She spared us from the powerful effects of El Niño that has drenched California almost every weekend before and after the meeting! So a group of happy, dry, and dedicated people worked together for three days with a very full agenda and accomplished a great deal of Division work. There were several significant events that occurred during the meeting I would like to highlight. A detailed description of some of these events is in this Newsletter. The events that I think will have the most far reaching impact were the Executive Committee retreat facilitated by Linda Garnets and our joint meeting with Division 45 (Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues).

This was the first time that Division 44 had a day-long retreat to reflect upon the future directions of the Division and the organizational structure. The growth of the Division and the increasingly diverse interests among members required that we look at how the Division operates and where to make necessary improvements. With very skillful facilitation by Linda Garnets--a founding member of Division 44 and early EC member and former

CLGBC Chair--we were able to identify priorities for the Division within the broad contexts of practice, science, education and training, and public interest. We also began to look at issues that will require a change in our mission statement and bylaws to better reflect how the Division has actually been functioning. These changes will be described to the membership and voted upon later in 1998. A discussion that was started and will continue is related to organizational structure and how the business of the Division is conducted.

One of the most powerful moments during the retreat for me occurred early in the day when Linda asked each of us to describe what the Division means to us. As a group we were graduate students and early, middle, and later career psychologists. We were clinicians, researchers, academics, and administrators from many cities from Atlanta to Seattle. We were Asian-American, American-Indian, European-American, African-American, bisexual women and men, lesbian women, and gay men. The two words that everyone used to describe what the Division means to them were: family and home. We also described other meanings the Division held for us such as: a safe place, a place to integrate our personal and professional identities, a vehicle for intellectual growth, a chance to make changes in the profession and society, an opportunity to develop personal and professional relationships with those who have been our professional heroes, an arena to celebrate diversity in all ways, and a place of power that builds upon the work of our ancestors and looks to the next generation to continue the work.

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I know that there are Division 44 members who have expressed similar feelings about the Division. I also know that there are members who have not felt this type of connection to the Division. For some, the concrete offerings of the Division (Newsletter, Annual, convention programming, listserv, and products of the various committees and task forces) are sufficient to meet their needs. Some members, however, have felt unwelcome, unsure how to become involved, hesitant to introduce themselves, or ignored when they have made efforts to increase their involvement. If you are one of these individuals, I invite you to write, call, fax, or email me or any EC member. It is the members who are the Division and who create a sense of family and home.

The other event that was unprecedented was our joint meeting with the Division 45 leadership. Both Divisions are unique within APA because of the potential intersection of professional and personal identities and the underlying commitment to issues of social justice. We met in a structured discussion to share about our identities and to identify the possibilities for coalition and collaboration. We also enjoyed social time together and began to build personal relationships that will promote continuity for future projects. This meeting also served to further both divisions' commitments to making the organizations more welcoming and relevant for gay, lesbian, and bisexual members from all ethnic groups within Divisions 44 and 45.

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I want to congratulate the membership on allocating enough votes on the APA apportionment ballot for the Division to acquire a *third* seat on the Council of Representatives! Way to go voters! This seat will become effective on 1/1/99. It is very timely to have additional representation on the Council as the work on the Guidelines project moves through the APA review process aiming for a vote in Council in August, 1999. The passage by APA membership of the new method for distributing Council seats also assisted the Division in acquiring this new seat.

At the mid-winter meeting, the 1998 APA convention program was unveiled. We had an overwhelming response to the call for proposals. This year we had over 90 submissions. This is the largest number of programs that Division 44 has ever received. Unfortunately, the San Francisco Convention will provide us with fewer program hours than last year because of the limitations on convention space. The Program Co-Chairs, Craig Waldo and Cynthia Gomez, were successful in finding many creative ways to increase our programming offerings despite the limited hours. The pre-convention Newsletter will include a comprehensive guide to the Division 44 programming (suite and convention), information about the mini-convention on HIV/AIDS, and other programming relevant to lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues. The 1998 program promises to be intellectually stimulating, diverse, and interesting. Here are a few highlights. This year's invited speaker is Torie Osborn, an experienced community leader and author of *Coming home to America: A roadmap to gay and lesbian empowerment*. The invited symposium by Margaret Rosario, Ritch Savin-Williams, and Tony D'Augelli is entitled, "Gay and lesbian youths: A review and proposed research agenda." Be sure to mark your calendars *now* for the fabulous parties and the special fund-raising dinner to be held on Monday, August 17. The restaurant in the Castro will be all ours for a great dinner and

terrific company. Be sure to reserve your place early as we are sure to sell out this year. While you have your calendars out, also mark Thursday, August 13, to attend the 7-hour Continuing Education workshop entitled, "Multiple Identities--Singular Selves: Working Where Ethnicity Meets Gender and Sexuality." See this Newsletter for more details.

There are many exciting programs and services that the Division provides. You will be reading about many of these in this Newsletter. These projects however cannot exist without two very important ingredients: person power and financial power. The Division really needs your help in both of these areas. *We want* your involvement in committees and task forces. If you have a great idea that you would like the Division to consider and would like to provide leadership, let us know. Tell us that you would like to become involved in leadership. Nominate yourself or someone else for a Division 44 Award, Fellow status, or a position on the Executive Committee, and encourage a student to apply for the Malyon-Smith Scholarship. Support the Convention programs and social functions.

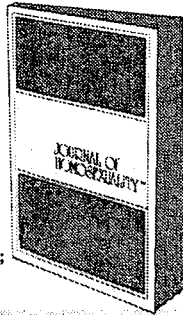
Division 44 also needs to have more members--we do not just *want* to have more members--*we need* new members. The APA has experienced a decline in divisional membership over the past few years. Over 40% of APA members do not belong to divisions. Until recently, Division 44 has been experiencing an annual growth in membership. Now we are experiencing a decline. Encourage a colleague or student to join. Give Division 44 memberships as gifts! Encourage other mental health professionals to join as affiliates. Let's reach our goal of 2000 by 2000! Also, consider making a donation to the Guidelines project, the Malyon-Smith Scholarship Fund, or to the American Psychological Foundation on behalf of the Division. Your financial support will help change the profession to be more inclusive of lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues as well as help the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community and their allies who utilize psychological services. Thanks! ▼

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Editor's Note

BARRY CHUNG

I attended my first mid-winter business meeting of the Division 44 Executive Committee in January, anticipating that it was just that—a business meeting. My experience in the meeting totally changed my perspective. Although the meeting was long, it was indeed a treat and honor to be working with a group of people who are so energetic, intelligent, passionate, and humorous. The meeting turned out to be a productive, inspiring, and refreshing experience. To some of you, these people work behind the scenes to contribute significantly to the profession of psychology and general public. I feel enthusiastic about putting this Newsletter in your hands so that you are informed of all these behind-the-scene efforts.

I want to draw your attention to some special sections of this Newsletter. It is time again to elect our Division officers. The candidates nominated for positions this year have provided their statements in this issue. Please read these statements carefully and vote for your candidates when you receive election ballots from APA. The APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns' annual report contains important summaries of the developments of lgb psychology during the past year. An excellent APA Pre-Convention Program has been planned. Please

use the attached application form to register. There are a few submissions about the lgb developments in China. Being Chinese myself, I am particularly excited to see these developments and I hope you will provide your support in the way you can. Our new (still?) Membership Chair, Doug Deville, is calling for your help in a membership campaign. If only everybody would recruit one new member, we will have no problem reaching our "2000 by 2000" goal. (Is Doug going to give out incentive toasters, by the way?)

Check out the Member News column to find out exciting news of your colleagues. In this issue, I have added one new section to provide contact information about contributors to the Newsletter. This addition is to facilitate communication between authors and readers. Thanks to Armando Estrada who suggested this idea. For space considerations, I am listing only authors of feature articles and book reviews. Please refer to the Division website (see p. 2 of this issue) for the addresses of Division officers.

While you are reading this Newsletter, please be reminded that you can contribute something to the Newsletter as well. The submission deadline for the summer issue is May 15, 1998.▼

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

RUTH FASSINGER

Hello all. Well, in the long and noble tradition of all good organizational treasurers everywhere, let me start out by saying there's good news and there's bad news! The good news is that the Division is fiscally strong (thanks to Steve James) and we have an excellent system of record-keeping and tracking debts, expenses, and the like. Our division accountants in the APA office, Kathy Gebe and Laurita Mimms, are terrific, and have spent endless hours teaching me more than I ever wanted to know about all financial things (my partner is still hoping I'll learn to balance my personal checkbook!). And Chris and Steve and all of the other members of the

Executive Committee have been wonderfully supportive of me as I learn this new job and become integrated into the leadership of the Division. It has been far more *fun* than I ever imagined! The bad news isn't even really bad--it's just mixed. As a division, we have the potential for enormous impact on psychology and society, and we have so many important projects recently completed or currently underway (for example, publishing a directory of LGB researchers, steering a resolution on conversion therapies through APA, developing practice standards, and supporting increased student

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involvement in the Division, to name just a few). But these kinds of projects cost money--in materials, mailings, telephone, travel to working meetings and conferences, and other expenses. Even if we maximize our income through standard activities (such as our recent mutual fund investment), and cut expenses to the bare bones (see this year's budget below), we still need additional funds to support our activities. So it's time for the Division to begin to develop a serious strategy for fund-raising. At the mid-winter EC meeting, we began this critical work, and established a target goal of \$7,000 for the 1998 fiscal year. You will be hearing lots more about our fund-raising efforts--please support us in our attempts to raise money for the Division and increase division membership, because it is only through enhanced funds that we will be able to carry on the vital work that we do in Division 44.

The 1998 budget incorporates some changes in organizational priorities as discussed at the mid-winter EC meeting (e.g., committees that are no longer active, new committees, etc.). The following is a summary of the fiscal state of the Division. (If you would like more detailed information, please feel free to contact me.) I'd also like to hear from you if you have ideas for raising additional funds or other useful financial projects for the Division.

As of December 1, 1997, total divisional assets were \$70,407, with a FY97 income of \$46,165. Dues income alone was approximately \$29,000, which is down about \$5,000 from FY96 (see Membership Chair's report elsewhere in this Newsletter). The operating budget for FY97 was \$55,800 and expenditures totaled about \$58,000--an increase in expenditures of about \$22,000 over FY96. In sum,

we are spending more and earning less. Even the bare bones budget of approximately \$50,000 (below) is still about \$7,000 greater than what we expect our revenues to be (about \$43,000), hence our fund-raising goal of \$7,000.

FY98 Budget

<u>Committee/Task Force</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
Accreditation	-0-
AIDS	-0-
Annual	9,900
Bisexuality	100
Continuing Education	200
Council Reps	1,200
Ethnic Minorities	75
Executive Committee	14,000
Fellows	-0-
Fund-raising	100
Membership	3,000
Newsletter	12,000
Professional Standards	4,000
Program	4,310
Public Policy	-0-
Science	250
Student Reps	200
Youth & Families	15
Total	49,350

As for the Secretary part of my job, I'd like to report that we have amended the bylaws to include bisexuality (as per last year's divisional vote), and are currently working on other changes designed to make the bylaws clearer and more inclusive (eventually to come to the division for another vote).

Well, it's been a busy six months! Please contact me with questions, concerns, or great ideas regarding the Division's finances (301-405-2873 or RF36@umail.umd.edu).▼

Committee and Task Force Reports

Membership Committee

DOUG DEVILLE, Chair

"Home, family, friendships, opportunity, pride, safety, and integration" were some of the words used by the Division 44 Executive Committee members to describe their meanings of the Division at their recent mid-winter meeting. Being the new kid on the

block, and in my "infancy" within this "family," I was not able to relate meaningfully to their experiences. I knew it was true for them and I looked forward to the day when it would be true for me. But, I wasn't there yet. Then it hit me. The goal of the Membership Committee is to assist all members to feel welcomed, to feel a part of the fold,

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and to ideally experience similar meanings of home, family, friendship, etc. By the end of our meeting, I was there.

2000 By 2000

Our goal is to increase our membership to 2000 by the year 2000. To accomplish this goal we are implementing a full-scale Membership Drive. Here are some of the strategies we plan to use and populations we hope to reach out to:

1. Develop Membership Committee of state or regional representation to disseminate information to state psychological associations
2. Design information posters and send with Division 44 brochures to state and national L/G/B conventions and meetings
3. Disseminate information posters and brochures at selected colleges and universities
4. Target for outreach populations that are underrepresented in Division 44 relative to their representation in APA (school psychologists, research psychologists, student affiliates, psychologists in the southern regions/states)
5. Target prospective affiliate members who are not interested in APA membership because they are from another discipline or because of financial hardships

Takes A Village

When I came on board in August as Membership Chair the Committee consisted of $N = 1$, me. Recently, the Committee has grown to include Pat Alford-Keating, Brad Compliment, Judy Holloway, Larry Rosenberg, Jim Fitzgerald (previous Membership Chair), and Roxanne Uradomo. Many thanks to these people for their interest, feedback, dedication, and work. And, we need more people--preferably, one member on the Membership Committee from *every* state or region. Please join us to accomplish the above activities to reach Division 44's goal of "2000 by 2000."

Are you attending any L/G/B conferences or state psychological meetings? Are you a member of any L/G/B or professional listservers? Please let me know of these conferences, meetings, or listservers so that I can post information about Division 44 and increase our membership.

Tell Your Friends

Don't forget to tell your friends and colleagues about our first-year membership for Fellows, Members, Associates, and Affiliates. They can

sample the benefits of our membership while supporting the vital work of the Division for just \$15 for the first year. Also, Division 44 offers a *free* one-year membership to students when they graduate. Please assist us in recruiting new members as we strive for 2000 members by the year 2000.

Update on the Division Annual

Volume 4, *Stigma, Prejudice, and Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men*, should arrive in April. Apologies for not getting it sooner. The mailing labels were sent to the publisher by APA Division Services but the publisher did not receive them. The Annual is a benefit of membership for Fellows, Members, Associates, and Affiliates, and for Student Affiliates who order one. Please let me know if you do not receive your Annual.

Student Directory

The Student Directory should be completed by early Spring. The Directory gives students the opportunity to connect with one another, to share their experiences and research interests, and to assist undergraduate students as they consider various graduate programs. It includes students' addresses and academic interests. Jim Fitzgerald developed the Directory last year and I hope it continues to grow in its popularity and utility. I welcome students' comments for additions and changes. Contact me at dmdeville@msn.com or 617-262-0315 to relay comments or to obtain a copy.

E-mail Contact Within the Division

Anyone who is a member of Division 44 can sign up for our *free* listserver service. What is a listserver, you ask? It is a simple way of sending an e-mail message to over 200 Division 44 members who have subscribed. We encourage everyone to sign up for this service/resource. Here are just a few ways the listserver has benefitted members: announce job openings, share research ideas and references, solicit for research participants, give feedback to the Division, and announce address changes. Interested in signing up? Please refer to instructions provided elsewhere in this Newsletter. Urge other to join.

Feedback

Let me hear from you. Your comments are vital to increasing yours and others' membership satisfaction. What works for you? What doesn't? What could be done differently? Also, as we begin to plan for the APA Convention in San Francisco, how

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could the suite activities better meet your social and professional needs?

Have You Moved?

Please forward me any address changes so that we can keep our database up-to-date and be certain that you receive your Newsletters, the Annual, and all Division 44 correspondence. Thanks for your assistance.

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Task Force on Bisexual Issues in Psychology

PAT ASHBROOK and RON FOX, Co-Chairs

The Task Force has continued to work with the Division Executive Committee by attending the Division mid-winter meeting, developing convention programming on bisexual issues, preparing regular reports for the Executive Committee and the Division Newsletter, and providing resources and reading lists on bisexual issues to the membership. At this year's mid-winter meeting, the Executive Committee approved our request for a change of status from a task force to a standing committee. Pat Ashbrook and Ron Fox will continue as Co-Chairs of the newly created Division 44 Committee on Bisexual Issues in Psychology. We appreciate this decision which acknowledges our ongoing support of diversity within the Division.

For this year's APA Convention in San Francisco, we submitted proposals for a symposium on bisexuality research and a discussion hour on bisexual issues. The symposium is titled "Bisexual Issues in Psychology: Current Research" and includes: Emily Page presenting findings from her research on psychotherapy experiences of bisexual women and bisexual men; Julie Konik and Mary Crawford reporting results of their research on bisexuality and sexual orientation assessment; Ron Fox presenting findings from his research on relationship patterns of bisexual women and bisexual men; and Joanne Marrow reporting on her research on

the sexual and emotional relationships of lesbians and bisexual women. Pat Ashbrook will serve as symposium chair and Sari Dworkin will be the discussant. The Bisexual Issues Discussion Hour will take place in the Division Hospitality Suite.

In the coming year, the Committee on Bisexual Issues will continue to support the ongoing work that the Division is doing in educating and advocating for lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues in APA and within psychology. We will continue to develop programming on bisexual issues, as well as resources on bisexual issues in psychology (like the two updated reading lists that are now available for you on bisexual issues: a short one-page list and a more comprehensive longer list). We also invite you to keep us informed about academic, clinical, research, or community projects in which you may be involved that relate to bisexual issues and the interface of lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues. ▼

Council Representatives' Report

CONNIE CHAN and TERRY GOCK

We have received word that Division 44 has been successful in securing enough apportionment ballot votes to gain another seat in the APA Council! The Wild Card Bylaw amendments were approved by APA membership and as a result, 48 additional seats were allocated to divisions and state associations in APA Council. The ballot results for Division 44 put us just high enough to earn a third Council seat, bringing our representation up to 3 seats in 1999. Thank you for your support of Division 44. We are pleased to have greater representation to move forward our issues in APA Council. ▼

Student Column

JESSICA MORRIS and GREG WELLS, Co-Chairs

Division 44 welcomes student involvement and offers an excellent opportunity for students to become familiar with APA and its divisions. Student input is of great interest to the Executive Committee of the Division and is sought on many issues potentially affecting students. Therefore, it is imperative that you communicate your ideas, wishes, etc., to your Student Co-Chairs so that they may be communicated to the

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Executive Committee. Also, if you have questions about the Division, feel free to contact any EC member by e-mail. They are interested in your comments and open to student input. If you are interested in ways to become further involved with the Division, contact your Student Co-Chairs.

As many of you know, the APA Convention is an exciting time for student members of Division 44. It offers many opportunities to network with some of the prominent leaders in our field. It is also a chance to make contact with the leading researchers in issues of importance to queer people and our allies. Convention 98 in San Francisco will be no exception. We are seeking students who are interested in volunteering to work in the hospitality suite which will be located in the Sheraton Palace. If you are interested in staying in the suite and volunteering a few hours of your time, please contact one of the Student Co-Chairs listed below. More details will also be provided in upcoming issues of the Newsletter.

Convention 98 marks the end of Jessica's term as Student Co-Chair. As such, we are seeking a replacement. In keeping with the goal of gender parity within the Division, we are seeking an interested female to become the new Student Co-Chair whose term would begin with Convention 98. If you or someone you know is interested, please let us know. Stay tuned for future information regarding Convention 98 and opportunities for student involvement in Division 44.

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CLGBC 1997 Annual Report SUSAN D. COCHRAN, Chair

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Payton, Ed.D., 2/96-12/98; Armand R. Cerbone, Ph.D., Chair-Elect, 2/97-12/98; Laura S. Brown, Ph.D., 2/97-12/99; and Michael R. Stevenson, Ph.D., 2/97-12/99. New members joining CLGBC in 1998 will be Allen M. Omoto, Ph.D., and Margaret Schneider, Ph.D.

Outstanding Achievement Award

To Charlotte Patterson in recognition of her research on gay parenting and her efforts to bring the findings from her research into the public policy arena where it will improve the lives and opportunities of lesbian, gay, and bisexual persons.

Selection of New Committee Members

The Committee prepared two slates of nominees with expertise in public policy and children/youth issues to replace members whose terms will expire. Future targets were identified focusing on diversity, clinical practice, and public policy.

Professional Practice Guidelines

The Division 44/CLGBC Joint Task Force on Professional Practice Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients (JTF) finished a draft of a background paper and a set of psychotherapy guidelines which has now been reviewed by CLGBC as well as senior psychologists in the field. The matter was referred to BAPPI for comments at their November meeting. The JTF is reviewing these comments and revising the guidelines. BAPPI has appointed a subcommittee to review the revisions with the goal of reconsidering the matter at the March 1998 meeting.

Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youths in Schools

This has been a very strong component of our agenda, due in part to the fortuitous joint service of Steve James and Mary Henning Stout, both of whom have worked in a variety of contexts seeking to implement education and training regarding the needs of gay youth. In the last year the Committee was active in activities that fostered collaboration between members of APA and NASP, and supported the efforts of the CLGBC officer in conducting a training workshop on these issues at the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association Meeting in Atlanta in July.

Gender Identity Disorder

The Committee is working in coalition with our counterparts at the American Psychiatric Association to develop a strategy for eventual removal or

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extensive rewriting of this diagnostic category which is so broad as to label much of gender atypical behavior and fantasy as pathological.

Same-Sex Marriage

The Committee in conjunction with BAPPI is working to gain approval for a resolution introduced at Council to support the rights of individuals in same-sex relationships. Thus far, the need for amicus briefs at the state level has been filled by volunteer attorneys from the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and individual psychologists and sociologists.

Footnote 4

Footnote 4 of the Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation of Programs In Professional Psychology continues to be a concern for the Committee. We have had extensive discussions with staff and members of the Committee on Accreditation trying to get clarification from them on the precise meaning of Footnote 4. In our last meeting, we discussed strategy for seeking a review of the legal basis for needing Footnote 4. This request has been forwarded to BAPPI which supported the request at its November meeting.

Sexual Orientation Conversion Therapy Resolution

The Committee in coalition with others worked this year to achieve successful passage of the sexual orientation conversion therapy resolution at the Council meeting in August. Following that, the Committee took up the issue of developing methods of educating the broader APA membership of the implications of the resolution. As part of that effort, CLGBC supported the efforts of one of the members to go forward with developing a manuscript discussing the issues for publication in an APA journal.

Megan's Law

This is an emerging area of concern to the Committee which is somewhat hopeful that recent legislative efforts to limit the public reporting of sex offenders to what was originally intended will be successful. The Committee will continue to support efforts to protect the welfare of individuals who may be targets of Megan's Laws for reasons unintended in original legislation.

Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns in Science

The Committee worked with the research office to collect information on the career concerns of new lesbian, gay, or bisexual psychologists. This

information was disseminated at the CLGBC forum at the APA Convention. The Committee also provided feedback to the Placek Fund as part of the Committee's continuing interest in supporting the Placek Fund's efforts to increase the number of gay scholars and the body of gay research. The Committee also provided consultation to the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns officer in his efforts to develop a successful contract proposal for funding to examine issues related to the adequacy of inclusion of sexual orientation in published research.

International Concerns

We continue to have contact with international contacts seeking advice and assistance in removing stigma, most recently with individuals in China, and where possible the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns officer and Committee members have provided information on the activities of APA and relevant APA publications. Following advice from CIRP, we are moving forward cautiously in our efforts to develop contacts with individuals both within APA and in other organizations who are interested in networking on international issues.

APA Publications

The Committee continued its efforts to finalize the selected bibliography and has begun discussions with the Public Communications office in preparation for anticipated revisions of the very successful publication, "Answers to your questions about sexual orientation and homosexuality."

Monitoring of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns in the Public Arena

The Committee continues to be active in providing consultation and feedback to various entities when lesbian, gay, and bisexual-related concerns are an issue. In the past year this has included situations where lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues were raised in the context of schools and universities and in publications by other professional organizations. ▼

Division 44 Election Candidate Statements

For President-Elect

SUSAN KASHUBECK

No candidate statement received.

ESTHER D. ROTHBLUM

Esther D. Rothblum is Professor of Psychology at the University of Vermont and former chair of the APA Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns. Her research and writing have focused on lesbian and gay relationships and mental health issues. Esther's books include *Lesbian Friendships* (New York University Press, 1996), *Preventing Heterosexism and Homophobia* (Sage Publications), *Boston Marriages: Romantic But Asexual Relationships among Contemporary Lesbians* (University of Massachusetts Press, 1993), *Lesbians in Academia* (Routledge, 1997), and *Loving Boldly: Issues Facing Lesbians* (Haworth Press, 1989). Esther has served as Secretary-Treasurer and as Fellows Committee Chair of Division 44, and is currently Editor of the *Journal of Lesbian Studies*. If elected President, she would like to focus the Division's efforts on being "out" there in print, in public, and via policy changes. ▼

For Member-at-Large

ISIAAH CRAWFORD

I am very flattered to be nominated as a candidate for Member-at-Large for Division 44. Please allow me to take a moment to inform you of my academic and clinical background and the goals I would like to achieve in the position. I received my Ph.D. in Clinical/Community Psychology from DePaul University in 1987. I joined the faculty of the Department of Psychology at Loyola University Chicago that same year, was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in 1993, served as the Director of Clinical Training for three years, and became Chairperson of the Department in 1997. My research interests at the present time cover two general areas: (a) HIV/AIDS prevention and clinical service delivery in minority communities and (b) the attitudes of the general public toward marginalized group members. I am a licensed clinical psychologist in the State of Illinois and I maintain an active psychotherapy practice in Chicago.

I have served as the Division 44 Continuing Education Chairperson since 1995 and I welcome

the opportunity to broaden my contribution to the Division. If selected to serve as Member-at-Large, my goals in the position would be to effectively represent and promote the Division's mission within the larger context of APA, to encourage other APA divisions to recognize and address lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) issues within their own interest areas, and to enhance professional education and training about LGB psychology in graduate psychology programs. Thank you for your consideration. ▼

JAMES S. FITZGERALD

As many of you know, I served as Membership Chair of the Division for four years and am very pleased that I have been nominated for a position that would allow me to continue serving on the Executive Committee. I feel that my long-term exposure to the inner workings of the Division as well as my private practice experience place me in a unique position to more fully understand the needs of the membership.

The Division has, and has had, an important role in advancing the rights of, and advocating for, the GLBT community both within and beyond the psychological world. It is my desire to increase the Division's exposure within the gay media so that when important national or state issues are "hot" topics, the gay media "thinks" to seek information from the Division membership. We have a vast repository of research on our issues that is poorly disseminated to the general GLBT community or heterosexual public and it is my belief that Division 44 is in a unique position to, and a duty to, inform the world of significant research results that impact public issues. We have important research and we need to use it appropriately to inform public opinion. As you may know, the successful Hawaii marriage case was, in a large way, focused on gay and lesbian parenting issues, mostly the research of Charlotte Patterson, a Division member.

By way of background, after serving in the United States Air Force, I graduated from a small religiously oriented college (Bryan College) in 1974 and went on to earn an M.Ed and Ed.S. in Counseling and Psychological Services from Georgia State University in 1975 and 1977, respectively. I transferred to the Fielding Institute in California and earned an M.A. (1984) and Ph.D. (1986) in Clinical Psychology. I have a private practice in the Atlanta area as well as a position as

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Division 44 Election Candidate Statements: *Continued*

Adjunct Assistant Professor at Georgia State University (Counseling and Psychological Services). I am a Fellow in the Georgia Psychological Association, was on the Board of Directors for four years, and helped establish a GLBT division two years ago. ▼

FRANK Y. WONG

I seek your support for electing me to become a Member-at-Large of the Division. I will bring to this position my extensive experience (scientific research, policy, and community-based activism) in working with gay, bisexual, lesbian, and transgender (GLBT) individuals. Professionally, I hold a position as Senior Research Scientist at Fenway Community Health Center--a community health center dedicated to the promotion of the health and well-being of GLBT individuals. My research focuses on the impact of culture and sexuality on health-related outcomes. For example, I am directing two longitudinal HIV/AIDS studies--one is a national demonstration intervention study targeting limited English-speaking Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Americans who are living with HIV/AIDS. I am one of 24 members of the National Minority HIV Working Group, Office of the Minority Health, USDHHS. I am also a founding member of the Massachusetts Asian AIDS Prevention Project, Inc., the only agency in New England providing culturally competent HIV-related services to the API communities.

My experience in these three domains are consistent with the mission of the Division--to promote inclusiveness. In the past, I had served as a member of the Steering Committee of the then Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologist. Presently, I serve as Co-Chair of the Science Committee (it was a Task Force for the past 3 years) of the Division. ▼

For APA Council Representatives

SARI H. DWORKIN

I am running for APA Council Representative because I care deeply about the issues of Division 44 and psychologists doing research, education, and practice in the areas of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and

transgendered psychology. In addition, I want to further the recognition of and support for psychological issues in the Public Interest. I have been involved with Division 44 since the early 80's. Beginning with the Steering Committee of the Association for Lesbian and Gay Psychologists, I then was elected Member-At-Large of the Executive Committee of the Division. Once that term ended, I remained actively involved through working on continuing education needs and then as Chair, and subsequently Co-Chair of the Task Force on Bisexual Issues. My years of involvement with Division 44 have given me a good understanding of the needs of the Division. I feel that I can competently represent those needs on the APA Governing Council. ▼

DOUG HALDEMAN

I have had the opportunity to work on a number of projects of importance to l/g/b psychology in my roles as Division 44 President and as Chair of APA's Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns. One of the most significant of these projects was the successful passage of last year's Resolution on Appropriate Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation. Collaborating in the creation of this important policy, and lobbying for its passage with our allies and those less familiar with our issues, was both instructive and invigorating.

The Division now needs both knowledge and vigor for another important project involving creative collaboration and lobbying efforts: adoption of the Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients. I have been an active member of the Division's Joint Task Force on Guidelines since its inception, and understand both the document and the process necessary for its adoption. I would welcome the opportunity to increase the visibility of l/g/b issues in the APA Council by advocating for this and other important policy initiatives. If elected, I will serve with pride and enthusiasm. ▼

Pre-Convention Workshop

MULTIPLE IDENTITIES-SINGULAR SELVES:
Working Where Ethnicity Meets Gender and Sexuality

APA DIVISION 44 PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP
IN COLLABORATION WITH
The Department of Psychology at San Francisco State University

San Francisco, California - August 13, 1998
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Workshop

Description: This workshop will provide didactic and experiential learning experiences that will facilitate the participant's ability to deliver clinical services to people of color who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual (GLB). Designed to be interactive, this workshop will address the unique contributions of ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation to the overall identity development of GLB people of color.

Trainers: Beverly Greene, Ph.D. Kenneth Monteiro, Ph.D. Olivia Espin, Ph.D.
St. John's University San Francisco State University San Diego State University

Bart Aoki, Ph.D. Terry Tafoya, Ph.D.
University of California University of Washington

CE Hours: Seven (7). Application is pending for California CE units for psychologists, social workers, and marriage and family counselors.

Price: \$100 (\$65 for full-time students). Make checks out to Division 44/SPSLGBI.

Cancellation

Policy: A handling fee of \$25 is deducted for cancellation. Refund requests **must** be received by mail by August 1, 1998.

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Reflections of Research Experience

MERRIS HOLLINGSWORTH and MEREDITH TOMLINSON

In the fall of 1995, as first-semester doctoral students in counseling psychology at the University of Maryland, we began talking with our advisor, Ruth Fassinger, about conducting a study of career-related issues among prominent lesbian women. Although Ruth had already shepherded two other research teams through similar studies, we were a bit intimidated about beginning such a big project. We wanted to conduct a qualitative study in which members of our research team would interview well-known lesbian women who worked in a variety of occupations across the United States.

As we subsequently planned the study, Ruth suggested that we apply for the Malyon-Smith Scholarship Award to help fund our study. Even though we were both fairly new to research, we could anticipate that this particular project would be expensive. We were already talking about making multiple flights to the West Coast to reach our participants. In addition, we hoped to present our findings at the 1997 APA Convention, which required additional expenditures for air fare and lodging.

Because we were the fortunate recipients of the 1996 Malyon-Smith Award, we were able to complete our study which included a racially, ethnically, vocationally, and geographically diverse sample of lesbian women. In addition, we both were able to travel to APA in August 1997 and present our findings, which was a wonderful experience. However, these accomplishments do not fully reflect the impact that this research study has had upon us. Because the Malyon-Smith Award provided some financial assistance for us in this process, we want to share some of the more personal effects as well.

Merris: My first reaction to receiving the award was a feeling of affirmation regarding our research. I felt that other people must think it was an important project, or we would not have received the award. This vote of confidence was particularly

important for me as a lesbian woman. It was wonderful to realize that many other people valued my research interests. I carried this confidence with me as I began contacting lesbian women to arrange interviews. This process was intimidating sometimes. It was exciting and a bit frightening to be chatting on the phone or swapping e-mails with some well-known lesbian women. Knowing that I could use my portion of the Malyon-Smith money to cover my expenses to APA enabled me to travel to California to conduct several interviews. The opportunity to meet with these highly acclaimed women in their offices or homes and to spend two hours or more hearing about their experiences opened my eyes to the diversity within the lesbian world. Something about the personal aspects of these encounters--seeing enthusiasm radiate from someone's face as she described a personal triumph or passing a participant tissues as she related a painful event--changed me. I have a deeper and more realistic appreciation of the struggles and joys that our participants have encountered in their professional lives as a result of these face-to-face conversations. I am grateful to Division 44 for making this experience possible.

Merideth: I can only say dido to Merris' reaction. For me, the feeling of validation was especially important after spending three years in a Master's program where I was continually discouraged and discounted for expressing my desire to conduct research with lesbians and bisexual women. I'm thankful I was able to move on to Maryland and work with Ruth who introduced me to Division 44 and the Malyon-Smith Award. The experience of accepting the award at the Division 44 business meeting in Toronto was especially invigorating, providing me an additional boost in the continuation of this project. Thank you Division 44. ▼

China Update

ERYAN LIN

In the Spring of 1997, a few Chinese gay and lesbian students and scholars in North America formulated a plan to establish a group of gay studies. After much deliberation and preparation, The Chinese Society for the Study of Sexual Minorities (CSSSM) was established on September 1, 1997, and held their first annual meeting in Los Angeles.

Members include researchers from various disciplines and activists of various experiences. The purpose of CSSSM's work is to reduce prejudice and discrimination against lesbians, gay men, and other sexual minorities in the Chinese culture, with a focus on the situation in mainland China.

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Although homosexuality is not a criminal act in mainland China, it is still classified as a mental disorder according to The Chinese Classification of Mental Disorders (CCMD-2-R) passed in 1994 by The Chinese Psychiatric Association (CPA). Consequently, gay men and lesbian women are subject to medical treatment or therapy in an attempt to have their homosexuality "cured." Even though removing homosexuality from the list of mental disorders has been discussed and advocated by some mental health professionals in the past decade, it is still faced with strong opposition and resistance not only from the society and the government, but also from the mental health profession. After more than a decade of on and off discussions on the issue, the debate on the depathologization of homosexuality was reopened in China in later 1997. Since then, the CSSSM has been actively participating in this debate. An examination of the causes of prejudice against gay men and lesbians plays an important role in developing the strategies adopted by CSSSM. Two distinguished features of the Chinese society need to be highlighted.

Firstly, lack of free expression and of free association suggests that such means as mass demonstration and registration of gay organizations are not only impermissible, but will only be stopped before mobilizing the community. Even though human rights are no longer a taboo in official media, they are being talked about in a somewhat different context.

Secondly, Christianity is not part of the tradition of the Chinese society. Homosexuality has not been singled out for condemnation by eastern religions such as Taoism or Buddhism. The other important relevant feature of the ideology is atheism--the government has been advocating a policy of "Advocate Science and Eradicate superstition" for decades. This gives a "niche" for the CSSSM's work which focuses on gay studies from such perspectives as psychology, sociology, biology, history, political science, literature, etc.

CSSSM's work in the past six months can be summarized by the following:

- 1) Although there have been several books on homosexuality published (and then banned) in China and the mass media also looks into the subject occasionally, the information regarding gay studies still remains scarce and its dissemination still largely restricted by government policy. Under these circumstances, CSSSM has resorted to the cost-effective internet for information dissemination through the biweekly internet journal Tao Hong Man Tian Xia (<http://www.csssm.org>). The first issue was published on September 5, 1997, and since then 13 issues with over 120 articles have been

published, in addition to 7 supplementary issues. Featured in the magazine are articles written by CSSSM members or free-lance articles commissioned by CSSSM Tao Hong Man Tian Xia's ultimate purpose is to build a Chinese information bank for gay studies. As the only source that provides gay-affirmative information to the mainland Chinese, the journal has been playing a very critical and positive role in boosting the self-confidence of gay men and lesbians in an environment full of prejudice and misunderstanding. Readers in mainland China and Taiwan and other parts of the world have also been making steady contributions to the journal. The journal has also been introducing results of gay-related research done in the West. Each of the 7 supplementary issues has been devoted to special topics.

- 2) Because gay-affirmative counseling is still largely unavailable in China, some CSSSM members with backgrounds in psychology and psychiatry have been accepting referrals from their counterparts in China to provide mail counseling for some gay men and lesbians.
- 3) In order to push for the declassification of homosexuality as a mental disorder, CSSSM also has been planning to translate a series of articles by mental health researchers and professionals for publication in China.
- 4) CSSSM members have attended various conferences to raise the awareness in the international community regarding the situation of the gay and lesbian population in China.

In 1998 the CSSSM intends to broaden its work in China with a continuous focus on the dissemination of gay-affirmative information and to serve as a liaison between mental health professionals inside and outside of China for academic and informational exchanges. We also intend to establish stronger affiliations with other professional organizations for information sharing and possible coalition. Members of CSSSM will sponsor a number of mental health researchers in China for membership in the American Psychological Association.

Recently Tao Hong Man Tian Xia has established a cordial working relationship with the editors of "Friends," the first gay journal in China. The cooperation between the two will provide a new impetus toward reducing discrimination against the lesbian and gay population in China. ▼

Open Debate In China

ZHONG CONG and JIN WU

In China, the first open debate on depathologizing homosexuality took place last fall. Twelve articles were published in *Zhejiang Mental Health Information* (the publication of Zhejiang Province Mental Health Institute) from August through December, 1997. Although more articles opposed depathologizing homosexuality, it was the first time for the voices of Chinese mental health professionals who want to depathologize homosexuality to be heard by the general public. Some of these professionals have been vocal for the past few years, but often they could only speak in professional conferences and their opinions were seldom reported by the media. Homosexuality is still classified as a sexual disorder by the Chinese Classification of Mental Disorder (CCMD). The current edition, CCMD-2-R, is under revision by the Chinese Psychiatric Association (CPA).

A relatively small number of Chinese psychiatrists have called for removing homosexuality from the list of mental disorders in the CCMD. The debate was triggered by a paper on a historical perspective on homosexuality as a diagnostic entity by Dr. Douglas Kimmel, of which copies of the Chinese translation were distributed in a medical professional conference in China last spring. After reading it, a very seasoned Chinese psychiatrist and professor Yicheng Ja denounced Kimmel's assertion that homosexuality is normal and requested the *Zhejiang Mental Health Information* to launch an open debate on this matter.

Ja's article titled, "Should homosexuality be removed from the Chinese diagnostic criteria?" was published in August, 1997, and initiated the debate. He listed three major "harmful effects" of homosexuality: disturbing societal harmony including increasing sexual crime, damaging families, and spreading STD and AIDS. He regarded those Americans who believed "AIDS is God's punishment to gays" as sensible people. He believed that the majority of Chinese people would not agree to depathologize homosexuality, according to the Chinese moral code or psychological principles. He insisted that any population that was less than 5% of the general population could be seen as deviant, that homosexuals composed a very small portion of the population in China, and that it was reasonable and lawful to classify homosexuality as a sexual disorder. He asserted that depathologizing homosexuality in DSM-III and IV, and ICD-10, was due to bias caused by social and political needs, and that China should set up a classification with its own characteristics. He also denounced some of the

other changes in DSM-IV, like hysteria was broken down into a number of diagnostic entries. He also cited two surveys he did to some Chinese psychiatrists and other people to illustrate that the majority of Chinese psychiatrists and general public would agree with him. He even stated that depathologizing homosexuality was not in accord with the principles in modern medicine.

Among other authors rejecting the depathologization of homosexuality, one tried to discourse from statistics, biology, psychology, and sociology to claim that depathologizing homosexuality was not acceptable. The most surprising part of his argument is that he claimed that increasing evidence of the biological basis of sexual orientation "proved" that homosexuality was pathological. Two other authors believed that the low percentage of homosexuals in the general population had determined its being abnormal. Another author insisted that the attraction between male and female was universal and unchangeable beyond the scope of historical change, social progress, and scientific development; therefore, the diagnoses and intervention of homosexuality should not be discarded.

Three authors clearly expressed their support to depathologizing homosexuality. Zhong Cong counter-attacked pathologizing perspective from various angles like statistics, reproduction purpose, sexual behavior pattern, the mental health of lesbians, moral code, and the Chinese characteristics of diagnostic criteria. He concluded that homosexuality was a normal phenomenon occurring relatively rarely, but not a disorder nor moral corruption, and that pathologizing it was not a Chinese characteristic. He commented that continuous pathologization of homosexuality meant going back to where their Western counterparts were decades ago.

Eryan (a pseudonym) refuted the three "damaging effects of homosexuality" listed by Ja in details. He pointed out that it was society's lack of acceptance and understanding of lesbians that caused social problems and some family tragedies, and that consenting adults' sexual relationships differed from sexual exploitation by nature. He also used citations to illustrate that "homosexuality spreads STD and AIDS" was a myth.

Dermatologist Beichuan Zhang, author of *Homosexuality* (1994)--the first and only monograph on this topic published in Mainland China after 1949, pointed out that there were no laws in China

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relevant to homosexuality, therefore homosexuality was not illegal in China anyway. Like Eryan, Zhang also wanted to distinguish consenting adult sexual relationships from sexual exploitation. Using statistical data, he refuted "AIDS is God's punishment to gays." He also commented that the differences of social systems between China and the US should not be the main basis to judge DSM-IV and ICD-10. He claimed that the lesbian population in China was actually huge with at least 30 million people. Zhang mentioned that many academic matters were treated as political ones in China from the 50s to the 80s, which seriously obstructs the progress of academic work. And it seemed that Ja was politicizing homosexuality in his paper. Zhang remarked that some aspects in the

traditional Chinese culture needed to be changed in order for Chinese people to better their future. He stated that history had shown that all moral, legal, and medical "interventions" for homosexuality had failed, and that homosexuality illustrated to us the diversity of natural human lives. He urged people to understand and accept the diverse nature of human life. At the end of his paper, Zhang passionately claimed that the glorious task for the Chinese mental health professionals should be to improve the understanding between different social groups through vigorous research, and then to promote social stability and release the energy and creativity in lesbians to enable them to contribute more to the whole society. (Newspaper clips in Chinese are available from Jin Wu at <chijw@aol.com>.) ▼

Announcements

Call for Award Nominations

It is time for nominations for the Division's annual awards to be presented in San Francisco this August. There are five awards that will be given: Distinguished Professional Contribution, Distinguished Contribution to Education and Training, Distinguished Contribution to Scientific Issues, Distinguished Contribution to Ethnic Minority Issues, and Distinguished Contribution by a Student. Nominees cannot be current members of the Executive Committee. Self-nominations are encouraged. All nominations should be accompanied by a statement of justification. Please send all nomination statements to Steve James, <steve813@delphi.com> or P.O. Box 116, Byfield, MA 01922. ▼

Welcome New Members!

Division 44 would like to welcome the following new fellows, members, and Associates:

Ellen Cole, Alaska
Jane Simoni, New York City
Stephen Mack, Philadelphia
Donald Meen, Canada
Barry Chung, Atlanta
Motomi Sugahara, Japan
Carla Golden, New York

Giovanni Losito, Italy
David Purcell, Atlanta
Margaret Rosario, New York City

Plus 43 new affiliates whose membership remains confidential.

Welcome to you all. And check out the diversity of their geographical locations! ▼

2000 by 2000 Membership Drive

Are you attending any l/g/b conferences or state psychological meetings? Does your state psychological association have an l/g/b task force or committee on l/g/b concerns? Are you a member of any l/g/b professional group or listserver? If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, please let us know of these conferences, meetings, and other l/g/b professional affiliations. Help us reach our membership drive goal of 2000 members by the year 2000. (Doug Deville, Membership Chair, 729 Boylston St. 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02116; 617-262-0315; dmdeville@msn.com). ▼

Divisions 44 and 45 Convention Suite Program

"Divisions 44 and 45: Are they Safe Places for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual People of Color to be All of Who They Are?" is a follow-up to the Convention 1997 discussion about how multiple minority statuses complicate participation in these divisions. This program will take place in the Division 44 Hospitality Suite at the APA Convention this August. It will be co-facilitated by Steven James (Present-Elect of Division 44) and Derald W. Sue (Present-Elect of Division 45). All are invited! Look for details in the Division 44 Suite Program! ▼

Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to prepare for the annual book display in the Division 44 Hospitality Suite at the APA Convention this August. This is a great job for someone who wants to know more about publishers and who is putting out LGB books. Much of the background work has been done and what is left is clearly defined. The job needs to be done during the spring and could include some tasks at convention or not depending on interest. Please contact: Jessica Morris, 6 University Drive #127, Amherst, MA 01002-6000. Email: <access@switchboard.net>. ▼

APA Presidential Candidate Statements

As it was done before, APA presidential candidates will be asked to make a statement to Division 44 members regarding their views on lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues. This year we will post those statements on our website because the naming of the candidates does not occur in time for their inclusion in this newsletter. You can visit the Division 44 website at: <<http://www.apa.org/divisions/div44/>>. ▼

Help Sought for Conference Exhibits

The APA Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns Office plans to exhibit in 1998 at both the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Conference

Conference (San Francisco, July 25-29) and the (Pittsburgh, November 11-15). Division 44 members who will attend these conferences or who live in the area of the conference cities are invited to help staff the exhibit. Staffing the exhibit provides an opportunity to get psychology's information out to help increase the visibility of lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychology within the larger movement, and to obtain feedback on psychology's current and potential contribution. For further information, contact Clinton Anderson, Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns Officer, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242; (202) 336-6037; (202) 336-6040 fax; <cwa.apa@email.apa.org>. ▼

Call for CLGBC Award Nominations

The Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns (CLGBC) of the American Psychological Association annually presents one or two Outstanding Achievement Awards to recognize psychologists for significant contributions to the mission of CLGBC. This mission is to:

- A. study and evaluate on an ongoing basis how the issues and concerns of lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychologists can best be dealt with;
- B. encourage objective and unbiased research in areas relevant to lesbians, gay, and bisexual adults and youths, and the social impact of such research;
- C. examine the consequences of stereotypes about lesbian, gay, and bisexual adults and youths in clinical practice;
- D. develop educational materials for distribution to psychologists and others; and
- E. make recommendations regarding the integration of these issues into the APA's activities to further the cause of the civil and legal rights of lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychologists within the profession (APA Rule 150-4).

Nominees may have made significant contributions to CLGBC's mission either through direct CLGBC service or through independent work. The contributions may be of a scientific, professional, educational, leadership, or political

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nature. All nominations should include: (1) a letter of nomination including a brief description of the specific achievements and contributions of the nominee (500 words maximum), (2) a current curriculum vitae, and (3) the names of three people who have been asked by the nominator to write reference letters. No current members of CLGBC or staff of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns Office at the time of the award are eligible for consideration. The deadline for receipt of nominations is May 1, 1998.

Prior recipients of the CLGBC Outstanding Achievement Award were the following:

- 1986 Evelyn Hooker, PhD, Stephen Morin, PhD, Anne Peplau, PhD, and George Weinberg, PhD
- 1987 Kristin Hancock, PhD, and William Paul, PhD
- 1988 Gerald Davison, PhD, and Alan Malyon, PhD
- 1989 Laura Brown, PhD, and Douglas Kimmel, PhD
- 1990 Martin Rogers, PhD
- 1991 John Gonsiorek, PhD, and Barbara Sang, PhD
- 1992 Gregory Herek, PhD, and Adrienne Smith, PhD
- 1993 No Awards Given
- 1994 Linda D. Garnets, PhD, and Eduardo S. Morales, PhD
- 1995 Anthony R. D'Augelli, PhD, and Patricia Hawkins, PhD
- 1996 Beverly Greene, PhD, and Harold Kooden, PhD
- 1997 Charlotte J. Patterson, PhD

Send nominations and supporting materials to CLGBC Awards, Public Interest Directorate, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002-4242. ▼

Call for Nominations to Serve on CLGBC

The Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns (CLGBC) seeks nominations for two terms beginning in early 1999. Nominees are sought who have a continuing commitment to inclusiveness, including bisexual issues, issues of disability, issues of aging, and issues of ethnic minorities; expertise in psychological practice with

lesbian, gay, and bisexual people, particularly with state psychological association experience; and interest in the interface between psychology and the law, especially in the area of the emerging issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals and communities. The Committee welcomes nominations of ethnic minority psychologists and other psychologists who are members of under-represented groups. The Committee's mission is to study and evaluate on an ongoing basis how the issues and concerns of lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychologists can best be dealt with; encourage objective and unbiased research in areas relevant to lesbian, gay, and bisexual adults and youths, and the social impact of such research; examine the consequences of inaccurate information and stereotypes about lesbian, gay, and bisexual adults and youths in clinical practice; develop educational materials for distribution to psychologists and others; and make recommendations regarding the integration of these issues into the APA's activities to further the cause of civil and legal rights of lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychologists within the profession.

The Committee consists of six members, three women and three men, appointed for staggered terms of three years. It reports to the Council of Representatives through the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest. Committee members are required to attend two Committee meetings a year in Washington, DC, with expenses reimbursed by APA. Service on the Committee also involves a substantial time commitment beyond the meetings themselves.

A statement of the nominee's interest in and qualifications for the Committee and a current curriculum vitae should accompany the nomination. Self-nominations are accepted. Nomination materials are to be sent by August 27, 1998, to CLGBC Nominations, Public Interest Directorate, American Psychological Association, 750 First St., NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242. ▼

Women Volunteers Needed for Resiliency Study

Volunteers are needed for a research study on resiliency in the lives of women. The study requires 30 minutes to complete a questionnaire. Participants should be at least 18 years of age who identify as lesbian or bisexual or are wondering if they might be lesbian or bisexual. To volunteer, please contact Colleen Gregory by e-mail at cgre6452@uriacc.uri.edu, phone (401) 783-2864, or send a postcard to P.O. Box 1612, Kingston, RI 02881. ▼

Hong Kong Conference

Two hundred Chinese "tongzhi" (i.e., lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals) from 17 countries gathered in Hong Kong for the "1998 Chinese Tongzhi Conference" on February 5-8, 1998, to discuss Chinese gay community issues worldwide. A "Tongzhi Cultural Foundation" was set up to channel donations to fund les-bi-gay activities (health and public education) in Chinese communities including Mainland China where homosexuality is still classified as a mental disorder. For information, please contact <worldson@hkstar.com>. ▼

Summer Camp

There is a summer camp that serves the families of lesbian and gay parents in Lancaster County, PA. Mountain Meadow Summer Camp (35 W. Mt. Airy Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19119) also has a commitment to diversity issues including African-American, Latino, and European children. Last year there were 38 campers and 18 staff members who lived together for two weeks. Information or donations may be directed to the above address or by calling 215-848-7566. A teen leadership program is set to begin in 1998 to meet the needs of older campers. ▼

Lesbian Psychologies Award

The Association for Women in Psychology announces its annual Lesbian Psychologies 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 papers, dissertations, or other manuscripts) must be unpublished at the time of submission. Both sole and jointly authored papers are eligible. Manuscripts should not exceed 50 pages.

Submission procedure: 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. Send four copies of manuscript to:

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Award: The award recipient will be invited to the next AWP conference to present the manuscript and will receive up to \$250 to cover travel expenses.

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by May 1, 1998. ▼

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Member News

Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., Co-Chair of the Division 44 Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee, has been selected by the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest to serve a 2-year term (1/1/98 to 12/31/00) on the Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology.

Dr. J. Davis Mannino has recently completed a book entitled, "Sexually Speaking" (published by McGraw-Hill). He also has begun a full-length textbook entitled, "Sexual Themes and Variations: The New Millennium" (also by McGraw-Hill).

He currently has a new book out with Simon and Schuster entitled, "Grieving Days, Healing Days."

Dr. John Hall has recently published an article on creating GLB affirming environments. The citation is: Hall, J. W., & Peevey, J. C. (1997). Career centers and employers: Creating gay, lesbian, and bisexual affirmative environments. *Journal of Career Planning and Employment, Summer*, 34-37.

Malyon-Smith Scholarship Award

SUSAN KASHUBECK

Wow! Due to increased publicity of the Malyon-Smith Scholarship Award, the interest in the Award, as measured by requests for application materials, about tripled this year. In addition, the actual number of submissions doubled. It's very exciting to have more and more people learn about this Award, as it is a great way for graduate students to get both funding and recognition for their research on LGB issues. Of course, the more people learn about it, the more excellent proposals we get, and the more we need funds to be able to reward more students. So please, I urge you to think about making a tax-deductible donation to the Award fund! If only half of the Division 44 members made a \$25 contribution, we'd be able to fund so many more than the current 1-2 students who get money each year. To make a donation to the Award fund, make your checks payable to Division 44: Malyon-Smith Award and send them to Susan Kashubeck, Ph.D., Dept. of Psychology, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-2051. Thanks! ▼

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 Spring, Summer, and Fall.

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

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All social scientists interested in applying psychological knowledge to the study of lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues are warmly welcomed as members, irrespective of personal sexual/affectional orientation. Members of the American Psychological Association may join as members or associate members of the SPSLGBI. Affiliate membership is open to professionals in related fields, or to individual members of the APA who prefer that their affiliation with the SPSLGBI be held in confidence. Undergraduate and graduate students may become student affiliates in the same way. The list of affiliate members is the property of the SPSLGBI and these memberships are confidential. If you have further questions about membership in Division 44, or would like to know how to become active in the SPSLGBI, please feel free to contact our Membership Chair, Douglas Deville, Ph.D. (DMDeville@MSN.com).

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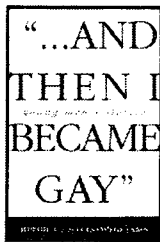
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Ritch C. Savin-Williams

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Claudette Kulkarni

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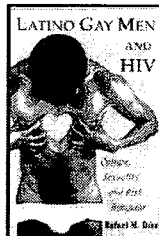
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