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President's Column

STEVEN E. JAMES

One of the very few frustrations I have experienced as Division 44 President is that everyone cannot attend the mid-winter Executive Committee (EC) meetings. Now, I know that some of you probably balance your devastating grief at not attending one more committee with other activities that hold meaning for you. I do not want to suggest either that the mid-winter EC meeting is an unmitigated pep rally; there are disagreements and misunderstandings too. But despite those other things that life offers and perhaps in some way because of the disagreements, which are almost always productively resolved, participating in the midwinter EC meeting has always been rewarding and invigorating for me. It is a chance to meet with some of the most dedicated and creative people I have found in my professional life. Strong friendships and alliances are formed and nurtured. One of my favorite things about these meetings is how much I learn. This most recent meeting provided a number of important lessons that I would like to share with you.

Because our meeting was held in conjunction with the National Multicultural Conference and

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Summit, for which Division 44 was a co-sponsor, I was able to see some of the best that our profession has to offer in terms of current thinking about cultural issues in psychology. It was an exciting event for me as a Native American psychologist. At the start of the Summit, it almost began to feel like Division 44 does to me, a professional home of sorts. There was something very comfortable for me about seeing so many psychologists of color doing such good work in concert with so many allies. I was greatly encouraged--for a while. The lesson for me here is not so much a new illumination, but sadly a reminder of an old truth. We still have a long road ahead of us. The prize of acceptance and tolerance for queer psychology is still out of reach in our profession. I believe that we are closer to that prize than we have ever been before, and I believe that in its own way the Summit will further our causes. But, for me, what began by feeling inviting soon lost much of that feeling.

I was encouraged that Division 44 members of such high caliber (Eduardo Morales and Bev Greene) presented in one of the few workshops offered during the Summit. I was pleased that our student volunteer (Greg Wells) was accepted into the organizing staff so readily. I was proud that a Division 44 President Emerita (Laura Brown)was part of one of the main panel discussions. But sadly, a majority of the Summit participants did not challenge the use of religious beliefs as a justification for anti-queer prejudice. Although Laura did a wonderful job of confronting that justification, I found myself thinking, "They don't get it. These people who sit

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here by virtue of their success in overcoming racism in psychology, who have helped to create this safe place for themselves as professionals of color despite all they and their mentors have suffered, they don't seem to understand that allowing a religious exception to the rule of mutual respect and equal rights is simply wrong." Now obviously that knee-jerk reaction on my part is not universally applicable to the Summit participants. There were lots of strong allies at the Summit and many of them have since expressed their support. But at that moment I realized that Division 44 and queer issues and queer people are still seen as less than by many of those for whom we have repeatedly served as allies for many years, and I, at least, had believed to be our allies too. Let me be clear too that I am glad that the religious defense was raised. In as much as many of our colleagues seem to hold that belief, I think we should be talking about it. I think we need to help them come to a greater understanding of our oppression.

As is my habit, for better and worse, my next thought at that moment was "okay, so what's to be done about this?" As members of the Division EC began to process our reactions, it became clear to me that we need to do more rather than less with the Summit. Since APA and other organizations have made a commitment to continue the Summit annually, it made sense to us that we need to try to increase our involvement from the co-sponsor level to the host level, so that we are part of the

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program planning for future summits. Of course we will keep you informed as the next Summit approaches as to what you can do to help our summit allies to be better allies to Division 44. Another reminder I had at the EC meeting came from your responses to the membership survey that Doug Deville and the Membership Committee conducted recently. I know that Doug will address the particulars of those results and make concrete suggestions that came from our meeting in his report in this Newsletter. I want to acknowledge the desire

to be better connected that was expressed by many of you. I really liked the idea of finding some way of supporting regional Division 44 retreats that could host continuing education workshops, provide an opportunity for networking, and in general bring to more Division members the kinds of enriching experiences that the EC members have enjoyed at the mid-winter meetings. I need your help in creating ways to respond to your desire for more from Division 44.

As always, I encourage each of you to contact me with reactions and any ideas that you have about how I can help you feel more at home in Division 44. ▼

Editor's Note 🖾

BARRY CHUNG

As usual, this Newsletter brings to your attention a number of important events, three of which are highlighted here. The Division 44 Executive Committee participated in the first annual National Multicultural Conference and Summit, January 28-29, 1999, in Newport Beach, California. The experience was both energizing and thought-provoking. In this issue, Jeanette Hsu and Marie L. Miville wrote about their reflections on their experiences at the Summit. Another exciting event is the formation of a new section on lesbian and gay

psychology in the British Psychological Society in December, 1998. Sue Wilkinson provides a historical review of this new section. Finally, it is almost election time for Division 44 officers. This year we are electing a president-elect and a member-at-large. Please read the candidate statements and cast your vote when you receive a ballot from APA. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Newsletter, and will submit articles, news, or announcements to future issues. Of course, suggestions are always welcome. ▼

Committee and Task Force Reports

Membership Committee DOUG DEVILLE, Chair

Since the last Newsletter, the Membership
Committee has continued with its goal of assessing
and increasing members' satisfaction. Frank
Muscarella of the Committee has started a project to
survey new members about their primary interests
and objectives in joining Division 44. His findings
are reported elsewhere in this Newsletter. Ken
Swartz has also begun a project of surveying
members who have discontinued their membership
with the Division. This project hopes to identify
areas of concern within the Division while also
soliciting suggestions for improvement. Many of you
also responded to the 1998 Member Satisfaction

Questionnaire found in the previous Newsletter. A summary of these findings is reported in this Newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire and to assist us in our efforts to improve the Division.

New mission statement. Your votes have been tallied on the proposed revision of the Division 44 mission statement. A total of 145 responses were received, of which 92% voted in favor of the revised statement, 4% opposed the revisions, and 4% returned their ballot without any response. Therefore, the proposed mission statement has been approved.

Increased connections. Many of you in the recent survey indicated a desire for increased contact with other Division 44 members. In an effort to increase

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member contact while providing a resource of members' interest and expertise, a membership directory is being developed for those members who wish to be listed.

The Membership Committee also hopes to develop state or regional meetings for Division 44 members. The Committee plans to work in tandem with the Continuing Education Committee of the Division to provide training on contemporary LGB issues. Division members would then have the opportunity for more direct contact with one another while possibly taking workshops or presenting workshops on LGB issues.

Do you have email capabilities? Get connected with fellow members via the Division 44 listserv. It is a *free* resource for sharing and soliciting information. Many members commented on the recent questionnaire that they found the listserv very useful and enjoyable. To subscribe, see instructions in this Newsletter.

The 1999 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. Contact me to obtain a copy if you did not order one.

Affiliate membership. One frequent comment on the recent survey showed members' concern and unhappiness with the rising cost of APA membership. If you are considering discontinuing your membership with APA, consider maintaining your membership with Division 44 under the Affiliate status. Affiliate members receive the same benefits as Members. This membership category with the Division is confidential and provides mental health professionals in any discipline an opportunity to be a member of Division 44, while not holding a membership with APA. Affiliate dues are also \$30.

Want to get involved? Many members expressed an interest in being more involved in the Division, but did not know how to become involved. There are many task forces and committees within the Division (see inside front cover) and many important projects being accomplished. If interested in becoming involved, please contact me and I will direct you to the activity or group that best fits your interests. No amount of time or involvement is too little.

Moving? Please forward any address changes to me so that we can keep our database up-to-date and be certain that you receive your Newsletters, the Annual, and all Division correspondence. Please send any email and "snail mail" changes to me at <dmdeville@msn.com> or 729 Boylston St., 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02116, or call me at 617-262-0315. ▼

Member At Large JAMES S. FITZGERALD

Here I sit on Valentine's Day, reflecting on the needs of the Division. Hey, wait a minute! I do have a life, but the Newsletter deadline is tomorrow and I want to share some thoughts with you. We have just concluded the mid-winter Executive Committee meeting in Newport Beach, California, and the meeting never fails to stimulate our thinking about the future of the Division.

As a division, we appear to be on a membership plateau that has remained steady over the last six years in spite of efforts to increase our rolls. We have been looking for 2000 members by the year 2000, but are about 500 members short of that goal. Really, we would like 5000 members but if we can just reach 2000 we would be happy for the short term. There are many reasons for increasing our numbers. A larger membership base would give us the financial stability to maintain the current dues structure while providing more services to the members. Ideally, we want to move in the direction of a top quality division journal and would like to consider the possibility of a central office as well. We have ideas about some other projects that would allow for greater member involvement and opportunity. We could increase our Council representation which would increase our voice within APA. Whatever you can do to interest others in the Division would serve to extend the reach of the Division beyond the current members. Please invite your colleagues and friends to join. And remember, they do not need to be members of APA to join Division 44.

As always, we show the signs of financial strain. As one way of raising cash, we will be hosting a fund-raising dinner in Boston as a part of the larger APA Convention this August. Please sign up for the dinner and enjoy the companionship of your fellow

members and professional colleagues as we dine together. I have heard that there might be some entertainment provided by Ruth Fassinger--she could easily match Jay Leno! We had a great time at the fund-raising dinner last August in San Francisco that raised a significant sum of money for the Division-for which we thank Mason Sommers for all of his organizing time and effort. At any time we welcome contributions and would encourage you to further support the Division activities.

There are many accomplishments and future projects of the Division. Over the last several years, the Division has spearheaded successful efforts to have APA go on record as opposed (in principle) to reparative therapy and to support equal benefits for same-sex couples. Currently, guidelines for therapy with lesbian, gay, and bisexual people are winding their way through the APA process. We have published a series of edited volumes on LGB issues and intend to pursue a different book series in the coming years. We encourage and support research on LGB issues while providing financial and recognition awards for individuals engaged in such efforts. It is your support that allows the Division to be so active. Please help us with our fund-raising efforts and with membership recruitment.

Professional Practice Guidelines KRISTEN HANCOCK and ARMAND CERBONE, Co-Chairs

We have been notified that APA's Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest(BAPPI) has approved the Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Clients. This means that the guidelines will begin the APA approval process. This spring, they will be included in the cross-cutting agenda for APA's committees for consideration. Committee on Lesbian. Gay, and Bisexual Concerns (CLGBC) will oversee this review and the Joint Task Force (JTF) will send Doug Haldeman (member of the JTF and Guidelines Revision Team) to the spring meetings to respond to direct questions about the guidelines any committees might have. We will keep Division 44 members informed regarding the progress of this important project.

This is an important stage for us and we would like to take a moment to thank those individuals who

have already given their support. Thanks to the JTF members (Doug Haldeman, Ron Fox, Scott Pytluk, Ariel Shidlo, Connie Chan, Steve James, Terry Gock, and Catherine Acuff) for their dedication and work in the formative stages of the guidelines. Thanks also to the Revision Team for their time, energy, good natures, and concentrated efforts on those long weekends revising the guidelines and to Laura Brown (more recently) for reviewing the guidelines in very short order and for providing us with helpful suggestions.

We have had marvelous reviewers who have given us their time and suggestions. These reviewers include Kate Hays, Harriette Kaley, Bianca Cody-Murphy, and Martha Bernal of BAPPI, along with Beth Doll (President of Division 16), Bart Aoki, Susan Cochran, Tony D'Augelli, Ruth Fassinger, Reggie Nettles, and Ritch Savin-Williams. There is no doubt that there will be more revisions, discussions, and meetings. Nevertheless, we just wanted to take this opportunity to try and express our gratitude and appreciation for their work to date. ▼

Bisexual Issues in Psychology EMILY PAGE and RON FOX, Co-Chairs

Division 44 will be sponsoring a symposium, a conversation hour, and a discussion hour on bisexual issues at this year's APA Convention in Boston. The symposium is titled "Current Research on Bisexuality." Jon Mohr and Aaron Rochlen will present the results of their research on attitudes toward bisexual women and bisexual men. Colleen Gregory will present findings from her research on resiliency among bisexual women and disclosure of their sexual orientation. Tania Israel and Jon Mohr will present results of their research on psychotherapist trainees' attitudes and knowledge regarding bisexuality. Ron Fox will serve as chair and discussant. The conversation hour is titled "Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Therapists Working with Bisexual Clients." Participants include Judith Glassgold, Doug Haldeman, Margaret Charmoli, and Ron Fox. This session will be chaired by Emily Page. A discussion hour on bisexual issues will take place in the Division 44 Hospitality Suite, and once again will offer members the opportunity to gather and talk.

During the past year, the Committee has continued its work in the Division by developing convention programming on bisexual issues, preparing regular reports for the Executive Committee and the Division Newsletter, attending the Convention and Mid-Winter Executive Committee Meeting, and providing resources and reading lists on bisexual issues to the membership.

In the coming year, the Committee 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 on bisexual issues that are now available from the co-chairs: a short one-page list and a more comprehensive longer list.

We are also developing a resource list of members with expertise in bisexual issues to make available to the membership of the Division. We invite you to contact us to let us know about your interest in and expertise in bisexual issues and to keep us informed about academic, clinical, research, or community projects, including publications and presentations, in which you may be involved that relate to bisexual issues and the interface of lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues. \blacksquare

Ethnic Minority Affairs ROXANNE URADOMO, Co-Chair

The Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs met during the Multicultural Summit in Newport Beach on January 28, 1999. Roxanne Uradomo and Brian Ragsdale will serve as the new Co-Chairs of the Committee. The Committee has decided to select several key projects for the next two years (1999-2001). We will compile a major bibliography, resource, and research program listing of ethnic minority gay, lesbian, and bisexual concerns. R. Uradomo will serve as the lead contact person for this project with sub-committee members R. Fox, P. Ashbrook, S. Dworkin, J. Morris, and S. James. We discussed charging a nominal fee for the bibliography and agreed that it would be an excellent outreach tool to LGB people of color.

The Committee has also decided to compile a list of Division 44 members who have expertise in LGB

ethnic minority issues and make it available to membership through the Newsletter and listserv. B. Ragsdale has agreed to take the lead on this project with D. Deville, N. Nabors, and J. Hsu also involved. Along this same vein, N. Nabors and D. Jull-Johnson agreed to explore the possibility of a Committee member doing a presentation on the intersections of race-ethnicity, sexuality, and health at the 2000 APA Convention. We would like to work with the Women's Health Task Force to pursue this prospect.

In order to pursue the Committee goals of furthering LGB ethnic minority issues, the Committee would like to encourage Division 44 members to run for leadership positions in Division 45 to create more visibility for LGB issues in that division. It was suggested that we ask Division 45 to appoint a liaison to work with Division 44. Once we have laid the groundwork with Division 45 we would also like to collaborate with Division 45 in promoting a homophobia workshop to address heterosexism/homophobia/biphobia in that division.

As a committee, we agreed to strongly encourage the Division 44 Executive Committee to be host/sponsor of the next Multicultural Summit so as to ensure that LGB issues are included in the agenda. Finally, we would like to attract racial/ethnic minority members to Division 44 by establishing a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere within the Division. Students of color should be particularly targeted for support and mentoring efforts. We will be hosting a social hour exclusively for racial/ethnic minority members of Division 44 to do some community building at the next APA Convention.

Public Policy DAVINA KOTULSKI and RANDY GEORGEMILLER, Co-Chairs

The Public Policy Committee has been reconstituted. We are inviting Division members who are willing to devote some time and energy to shaping the mission and agenda of the Committee to contact either of the Co-Chairs. Our preliminary goal is to support the Division in its efforts to monitor, review, and impact public policy on the federal, state, and local levels as it relates to the mental health of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. As a first step, we are formulating a Media Contact Questionnaire so

we can identify Division members who have expertise in relevant issues that APA could rely upon in communicating with the media. Our goal is to make the Committee an integral part of the Division. Please feel free to discuss your ideas and interests with either of us (Randy Georgemiller, 847-696-1100, <georgemill@aol.com>; Davina Kotulski, 925-833-7500, <Drkotulski@aol.com>).▼

Women's Health Task Force LINDA S. WILSON, Chair

Linda S. Wilson in Atlanta, GA, has been appointed the Chair of the new Division 44 Women's Health Task Force. She is currently looking for colleagues interested in this area to serve on the task force. Anyone interested in participating please contact her at <toon@mindspring.com> or telephone at 404-873-6001.

CLGBC 1988 Annual Report ARMAND R. CERBONE, Chair

APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns (CLGBC) Members: Armand R. Cerbone, Laura S. Brown, Allen M. Omoto, Carolyn R. Payton, Margaret Schneider, and Michael R. Stevenson.

1998 Outstanding Achievement Award. To Connie S. Chan in recognition of her ground breaking research on lesbian and gay Asians.

Targets for Selection of New Committee Members. The Committee prepared two slates of nominees with expertise in diversity, clinical practice, and public policy, to replace members whose terms will expire. Targets for terms beginning in 2000 were identified: (1) expertise and interest in dealing with issues of ethnicity and human diversity; (2) expertise with APA governance; (3) expertise and interest in international issues and psychological concerns; (4) public policy or legislative experience at the local, state, or national levels.

Division 44/CLGBC Joint Task Force on Professional Practice Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients. The Joint Task Force (JTF) submitted a revised draft of guidelines and background paper which had been approved by Division 44. The Committee approved the revised draft and referred the document to the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI) for review. The JTF received informal feedback from several BAPPI members who recommended reorganization of the guidelines and editorial changes. The JTF submitted a revised draft to BAPPI in December, 1998. BAPPI reviewed the revised draft in a teleconference in January, 1999. BAPPI accepted the document, and will present the guidelines for review at the Spring consolidated meetings in March, 1999. If major revisions are recommended by BAPPI, the JTF will meet in the Spring to incorporate the recommended revisions.

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). The Committee has been engaged in discussions with Dr. Delores Parron, Associate Director for Special Populations at NIMH, on the inclusion of sexual orientation in mental health research and on mental health research on lesbian, gay, and bisexual populations. At the request of Dr. Parron, the Committee has submitted recommendations for a workshop focused on lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues in mental health.

International Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual
Concerns: Proposed Conference in the Year 2000.
The Committee unanimously supported the proposal of Catherine Acuff, PhD, Member, Board of Directors, for an international conference on lesbian, gay, and bisexual concerns. The proposed conference would be sponsored by APA, the European Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists, and other organizations to be determined. The Committee met with Dr. Acuff and with the Committee on International Concerns (CIRP) to recommend sponsors, participants, topics, and other ideas. The Committee recommended the title, "Sexual Orientation, Mental Health, and Human Rights: Toward a Global Analysis."

International Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns. The Committee and CIRP have jointly adopted a statement of purposes, goals, and objectives in the area of international lesbian, gay, and bisexual concerns in psychology. CLGBC has drafted a letter outlining the international purposes, goals, and objectives to be sent to individuals and organizations identified by the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns Office to obtain feedback and recommendations on

the objectives and to seek partners in pursuing these goals.

Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns in Science and Research. The Committee responded to a request from staff for advice regarding a Division 44 Science Committee request for APA support in distributing their directory of people conducting research on lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues. The Committee recommended that APA should collaborate with the Division 44 Committee because of the value and utility of the directory. The Committee will work with the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns Office to maintain the database and eventually make it available on the web.

Gender Identity Disorder(GID). In its continuing collaboration with the American Psychiatric Association on the removal or extensive revision of this diagnostic category from the DSM, the Committee determined that there is little evidence that GID is being used to incarcerate gay, lesbian, bisexual youth. The American Psychiatric Association has decided to delay dealing with the issue until such time as the DSM comes up for major revisions. CLGBC also decided to postpone further action on the GID until the next revision of the DSM is initiated.

Lesbian and Gay Youth in Schools. The Committee determined to update the public interest policy briefing paper on lesbian, gay, and bisexual youths in schools, which was developed in 1995 when there were serious concerns about negative amendments in Congress related to lesbian and gay issues in schools. The Committee plans to seek input on revisions from the divisions and other committees on the briefing paper.

Implementation of Resolution on Legal Benefits for Same-Sex Couples. The Committee was asked to recommend activities for the Resolution on Legal Benefits for Same-Sex Couples, adopted by the Council of Representatives in August, 1998. The Committee recommended that the resolution be sent to state psychological associations, organizations concerned with lesbian and gay civil and legal rights, and other professional organizations.

Transgender Issues. The Committee used its Open Forum Business Meeting at the APA Convention in August, 1998, to discuss transgender issues with meeting attendees. The Committee received support from those in attendance for raising

the subject of transgender for discussion. Attendees emphasized the growing importance of transgender issues as an area of concern in research, clinical practice, and public policy. CLGBC agreed to monitor the development of transgender issues within APA.

Student Column GREG WELLS, Co-Chair

As some of you may know, Julie Konik and I (Greg Wells) are the current student representatives to the Executive Committee of Division 44. Recently, during our mid-winter meeting in January, it came to my attention that some student members of the Division do not feel happy with either how their needs are being addressed (or not addressed) or with the level of student involvement within the Division.

We are hoping that you feel free to share with us some of your thoughts and feelings about the above issues. In addition to complaints, we hope that you also gave some suggestions that we can share with the Executive Committee. Please be aware that we will keep your identity completely confidential.

In addition, the current President-Elect of Division 44, Esther Rothblum, intends to make "Students" the theme of the APA 2000 Convention. In conjunction with this theme, she would very much appreciate hearing from any students who wish to contact her regarding their comments about and experiences within the Division. I believe Dr. Rothblum's decision to make *Students* the theme of the APA 2000 Convention provides evidence of the Division's continued commitment to students and to student involvement within Division 44. So, please contact any of us with your concerns or comments (Greg Wells <gwt@mail.utexas.edu>; Julie Konik <javk@email.msn.com>; Esther Rothblum <esther.rothblum@uvm.edu>).

We would also like to hear your thoughts on what we can do to increase student membership in the Division in addition to student involvement. In particular, we are very interested in increasing the presence of LGBT students of color within the Division. We thank you in advance for your time and we look forward to your responses.

Division 44 Election Candidate Statements

For President-Elect (2 candidates)

Terry S. Gock, Ph.D., M.P.A.

It is an honor to be nominated for the position of President-Elect. If elected, I am committed to serving the Division in this position, as well as in my subsequent role as President and Past-President, with diligence and passion.

Since its inception, our Division has been a constant catalyst and driving force in the evolution of gay, lesbian, and bisexual psychology. As we enter our "mid-adolescence" years as an organizational entity, we are faced with a number of developmental challenges. These challenges include our increasingly diverse membership interests, higher expectation of organizational responsiveness to membership needs, and heightened community demand from us for relevant knowledge to inform such social issues as lesbian health, appropriate clinical approaches, and same-sex marriage. To meet these challenges as researchers, clinicians, educators, and students, I believe we have to continue to stretch our reach both in terms of inclusiveness and collaboration.

Within our Division, we all are dedicated researchers, clinicians, and educators who are interdependent on each other's efforts to advance the psychological study of lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues. We thus need to find innovative ways to facilitate communication and dialogue. To this end, I believe we must refine our organizational infrastructure to be responsive to the professional and supportive needs of our members within the fiscal realities of our Division. Along this line, such networking tools as our web site and listserv need to be further developed in addition to our Newsletter and journal.

Experience has taught us that we cannot accomplish the mission and goals of our Division by ourselves. We therefore must expand our collaborative efforts with our supporters within the APA governance structure, as well as with other APA divisions and state associations, so that our most updated empirical findings and best clinical approaches are embraced, taught, and practiced by our profession. Moreover, we must continue to work with our professional and community allies so that the interface between sexual orientation and other

human dimensions (e.g., race/ethnicity and gender) can be better appreciated and valued.

Division 44 has given me a home to integrate my professional and social interests. I seek the President-Elect position with my pledge to maintain the Division as a supportive and welcoming home for all. If elected, I will bring to this position my past service experience in the Division as its Future Directions Task Force Chair (1985-87), Secretary/Treasurer (1987-1991), Convention Program Co-Chair (1994), and Council Representative (1995-present). In addition, I will bring with me my APA governance experience, including being the current Chair of the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in Public Interest (1997-present), as well as my past involvement with the Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns (1990-1993; Chair, 1993), and the Committee on Psychology and AIDS (1994-1996). ▼

Craig Waldo, Ph.D.

Division 44 is one of the most vibrant and active divisions in APA. If elected, I would work diligently to maintain this level of quality. One of our biggest assets as a division is that we draw strength from both the professional and personal identities of our diverse membership. It is the sense of community engendered by this strength that I would like to continue to foster in the Division if chosen to be President. The field of psychology has made tremendous gains in addressing LGB issues in recent history, but there is more work to be done. Division 44 is uniquely positioned to lead this effort.

One of the main avenues through which we can lead psychology toward meeting the needs of LGB people is to look to our own success of building community within Division 44 as a model for the field as it struggles to provide psychological services and expertise in an ever challenging resource-limited professional environment. As a clinical/community psychologist, I would work to highlight not only psychotherapy as a mode of intervention, but also alternatives such as natural helping systems, community organizing, and mutual help strategies. To meet this goal as well as many others, we must encourage quality research, education, and practice with strong ties to community members and

contributions to policy debates.

I previously worked in Division 44 as a Student Co-Chair for 3 years and recently served as Program Chair for the 1998 APA Convention in San Francisco. I also formerly worked as an intern at the APA Public Interest Directorate with Clinton Anderson and taught an LGB psychology course for undergraduates at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where I earned my doctorate. Currently, I am a full-time research psychologist in the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California, San Francisco. ▼

Member-at-Large (2 candidates)

Angela Ferguson, Ph.D.

I am very pleased to be nominated for the Member-at-Large position on the Executive Committee. I am currently a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Florida's Counseling Center. I provide counseling services to a large student population, and many of the students with whom I work are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered. I have also facilitated the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Support Group during my tenure at the Counseling Center. In terms of research, my attention has focused on how individuals develop and psychologically integrate multiple identities. I have integrated the information from my research into the training and teaching components of my work. I enjoy teaching in the area of multicultural issues. I have facilitated the Multicultural Seminar to predoctoral interns for the past four years and have recently taught the Multicultural Seminar for graduate trainees in the Counseling Psychology Department. In these seminars and classes, I stress the importance of looking at diversity within groups and also looking at individuals who identify and/or embrace multiple identities across diverse groups. As a member of Division 44, I would like to encourage coalition building with other APA divisions as a way of acknowledging and recognizing common interest areas. I am interested in increasing my contributions in Division 44 and feel that my work has been consistent with the mission of the Division--research. training, application, and education. If selected, I would like to continue to expand this mission within the Division, to other APA divisions, and to graduate and professional psychology programs. Thank you for your support.

Marie L. Miville, Ph.D.

I am pleased and honored to be nominated for the Member-at-Large position. I have been a member of Division 44 since my graduate student days in the counseling psychology program at the University of Maryland. It has been intriguing and inspiring to watch and experience Division 44 grow, as the Division dealt with such emotionally charged issues as racism, multiple oppressions, and bisexuality. In short, I have witnessed and participated in helping our Division brave the tough journey of becoming evermore inclusive to people from all walks of life. As we know, with our clients, our students, and ourselves, this is never an easy task. It also has been exciting to journey with Division 44 beyond ourselves to liaison with other APA divisions and still other professional organizations. Only by doing so will we ever experience acceptance, visibility, and accessibility in the larger society.

There is much work to be done. It takes time, energy, skill, mental toughness, a sense of humor, and most importantly, hope for this work to continue. I am committed to bringing the best of such qualities within myself to this position. Currently, I am an Assistant Professor of counseling psychology at Oklahoma State University and a Licensed Psychologist. I have also served as Faculty Advisor to the university's GLBT student group and have helped begin a similar group for faculty and staff. As Chair of my department's Multicultural Committee, I was instrumental in having a Diversity Statement which included sexual orientation accepted within the department and the College of Education (this in a state that last year nearly passed a "no gay teachers" law). The statement is now included in the course catalogue for all to see. Within the Division, I have been active in the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, participated in a panel dealing with multiple oppressions at the 1998 APA Convention, and helped awaken a collaborative relationship with Division 45.

As a multiracial Latina lesbian, I have personally experienced the complex and conflicting realities that such multiple group membership entails. Inclusiveness is not just an abstract ideal or an option, it is both a psychological and social necessity achievable through education, legislation, and many other means. Our vision of inclusiveness is critical. I look forward to representing you in Division 44.

Membership Satisfaction Survey Report

DOUGLAS M. DEVILLE, Membership Chair

Thank you all who completed the Member Satisfaction Questionnaire. The information you provided has been reported to the Executive Committee (EC) and various task forces and committees in an effort to create changes and developments. A total of 180 questionnaires were returned: 45% from direct human service providers, 18% faculty, 13% students, 4% researchers, 4% administrators, 2% other applied, 2% not employed/retired, and 12% collected at APA Convention last August.

The majority of respondents selected the following interests in Division 44. These interests are in their order of importance as ranked by the majority of members.

- Support the mission, cause, or values of the Division.
- Support the Division's lobbying or political action efforts.
- Gives me a sense of "family, friendship, pride, and belonging."
- The Newsletter.
- The annual programming at APA Convention.
 Other interests indicated by the majority of members, separated by groups, include the following:
- Students: Access to the Division's membership for networking.
- Researchers: The Annual.
- Other applied: The Annual.

The majority of respondents selected the following reason for possibly leaving the Division. Notably, many members did not complete the section ascertaining possible reasons for leaving.

 I am associated with too many organizations and need to cut back.

Other frequently endorsed responses, yet not at the majority level were:

- I don't feel connected to other members of the organization.
- The Division is not political enough.
- The Division feels like a clique and I don't feel welcomed.

Respondents selected the following areas of interests as important. The frequency in which respondents selected each interest is given. Education (20%)

Research (17%)

Outreach to Students (15%)

Transgender Issues (15%)

Public Policy (13%)

Youth (10%)

Advocacy (8%)

Ethnic Minority Issues (8%)

Gender Differences (8%)

Bisexuality (5%)

Other: Class, Sexuality, Ageism, AIDS

Many comments were included with the returned questionnaires. All responses, including personal interests, professional interests, and suggestions, were compiled verbatim and given to the EC for consideration and action. The most common responses are listed below.

- The Division is not too expensive. Membership in APA is too expensive!
- I would like to be more active, involved, and connected with the Division, but don't know how.
- I really enjoy and utilize the listserv.
- I can't imagine leaving the Division. Thank you for all your hard work.
- Maybe regional committees would encourage greater participation.
- Increase scholarships and financial support for students' LGB research.
- Leadership needs to diversify to incorporate fresh faces.

At the recent annual mid-winter meeting of the EC, the following actions and developments were discussed as beginning efforts to attend to members' feedback.

- The development of a membership directory for those members interested in being listed, which may possibly include professional interests, expertise, and/or affiliations.
- Develop state or regional Division 44 meetings and increase continuing education programming to increase member contact and training on LGB issues.
- Coordinate the work of Division 44 Public Policy Committee and the APA Public Affairs Office to improve and increase professional responses on LGB issues for the public interest.
- Highlight the Division 44 Affiliate membership, which allows individuals the opportunity to

- continue membership with the Division despite their need to discontinue their membership with APA due to financial reasons.
- Increase fund-raising efforts, including the opportunity to designate contributions to the

Maylon-Smith Scholarship to support more student research.

Please contact any members of the EC, task forces, or committees with additional comments or suggestions. ▼

New Member Survey

FRANK MUSCARELLA

The Membership Committee of Division 44 created a survey for use with new members which was implemented in September, 1998. The survey is sent to all new members with other materials they receive once they have joined Division 44. The purpose of the survey is to determine members' needs and to gather data to assist in the development of strategies for increasing and strengthening membership in the Division. The survey includes items regarding basic demographic information and asks a number of questions including new members' reasons for joining the Division, goals for the Division, and interest in state level meetings.

Eighteen surveys have been received (11 men and 7 women). The most common way in which new members heard of Division 44 was through APA advertising. The second most common way was through word of mouth from friends or colleagues. An interesting gender difference appeared in reason for joining the Division. Most men joined first for professional development and networking and second to be part of the LGB community. Most women joined first to be a part of the LGB community and second for professional development and networking. The vast majority of new members are unsure of how

they would like to be involved in the mission of the Division. However, they see the primary goal of the Division to be the promotion of research and education of the public regarding LGB issues. Almost all new members reported that having friends who were members of the Division was not an important factor contributing to their own membership. Most new members expressed interest in state level meetings of the Division. Recommendations for yearly dues ranged from \$10 to \$75 with an average of \$35.

The results of the survey are limited by the small number of respondents and any selection factors. However, the results do suggest several issues for Division 44 to consider. The Division benefits greatly from advertising done by APA. Most new members are White gay men and lesbian students who are motivated to join for professional development and to make a contribution to the LGB community. Most new members are unsure of the individual contributions they can make to the Division, but they see the most important goal of the Division to be the promotion of research and education regarding LGB issues.

Reflections on the 1999 Multicultural Summit

JEANETTE HSU and MARIE L. MILVILLE

The National Multicultural Conference and Summit, held on January 28 and 29 in Newport Beach, CA, was by all reports a great success. The conference, attended by over 600 participants, included such speakers as Richard Suinn (APA President), Stanley Sue, Beverly Greene, Lillian Comas-Diaz, Thomas Parham, Gail Wyatt, and Joseph Trimble. Division 44 was a Co-Sponsor of the Conference, as well as Divisions 9, 12/VI, 13, 27, 43, and 48. The Conference starts off APA's 1999 focus

on multicultural issues and diversity under President Richard Suinn. The goals of the Conference were to: (1) present the state of the art of ethnic minority psychology, (2) provide a forum for difficult dialogues around race, gender, and sexual orientation, (3) encourage political action and advocacy, and (4) support multicultural organizational change.

The opening keynote speaker, Dr. Stanley Sue, provided an incisive critique of the ethnic bias in the Continued on next page

current practice of psychological science. He commented on the exclusive emphasis by editorial boards and granting agencies on internal validity stemming from false assumptions of universality and generalizability in the typical empirical study. This over-emphasis on internal validity at the expense of external validity contributes to underfunding of ethnic minority research and fewer acceptances for journal publications. Another example of such bias is illustrated by the fact that there has been no study on so-called "empirically validated treatments" with ethnic minority populations. The same can likely be said of the lack of cross-validation on sexual minorities. Dr. Sue called for two resolutions for (1) studies to provide detailed descriptions of the study population and for theories to be considered "local" until they are cross-validated, and (2) an increase in funding for studies on different populations in order to develop such cross-validated theories and further the progress of psychological science.

Additional break-out panels focused on multicultural training, organizational change, and political action. Panelists often referred to the current framework for multicultural training--that effective training must begin with self-awareness, and then move to knowledge and finally to skills-building. Multicultural organizational change appears to be a growing emphasis in many institutions, particularly in corporations that are driven by the bottom line to access new markets both within the U.S. and in the global arena. While the economic emphasis has forced corporations to increase diversity within the workplace and understand diverse cultures, other panelists such as Dr. Michael D'Andrea stressed the importance of maintaining a social justice approach to multicultural change--that it is the right thing to do to acknowledge the humanity of all people, to struggle against ethnocentrism, and to fight for a world where all people have the means to live with dignity.

Panelist Dr. Beverly Greene spoke in the session entitled "Multiple Oppressions: Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation," the only session with a focus on sexual orientation in the conference. She articulated a framework for understanding how most of us live at the intersection of multiple identities and oppressions. She described how different aspects of identity are more salient in different contexts and situations, developmental stages, and when impacted by external events. Examples include how some bicultural ethnic minorities may exhibit more culturally-consistent behaviors in a family context, but behave in more

mainstream ways in a work or classroom context. Lesbian, gay, and bisexual identity self-assertion may be more important in young adults in coming-out stages, but may change in emphasis in later developmental stages. The Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas hearings may have brought out more strongly one's identification with gender or racial identity. Moreover, Dr. Greene emphasized that all of us have points of oppression and of privilege, which we must acknowledge. Dr. Greene concluded that political organizing involves building coalition around common themes and aspects of identity. She suggested that all facets of one's identity will not typically be embraced while working in coalitions, but that the focus on common interests across differences can effect change (e.g., universal safety issues in hate crime legislation).

Another panel focused on the invisible Whiteness of being. Speakers included Drs. Janet Helms and Robert Carter who focused on current methods for measuring and analyzing White racial identity. Another speaker, Dr. Michele Fine, discussed "Eurobonics" as expressed by school-aged children. This term refers to attitudes many Whites unconsciously hold, which serve as barriers to multicultural awareness and understanding. Dr. Fine also pointed out the difficulty of carrying on a dialogue on race in which one party requires the topic be put on the table and directly addressed (African Americans and other people of color) and another party with greater institutional power seeks that topic to be left off the table (Whites).

Dr. Lilian Comas-Diaz spoke passionately and inspiringly about "post colonialization stress disorder," a syndrome not unlike PTSD but whose origins stem from the terrorism of racism. She emphasized that everyone is in recovery from the terrorism of racism and provided guidelines for "therapeutic decolonization" including becoming more aware of the colonized mentality, developing a more integrated identity, and attaining self-mastery. Dr. Comas-Diaz also called for the need to focus on the colonizer, suggesting that racist beliefs are similar to obsessive-compulsive disorder which may be successfully treated with medication (a valid call for prescription privileges if I have ever heard one...).

A moving tribute to senior women of color was held, wherein Drs. Carolyn Attneave (who was posthumously honored and in whose name the awards were granted), Carolyn Payton, Martha Bernal, and

Reiko True were honored. These accomplished women spoke from the heart of the lessons they have learned about racism and sexism in their illustrious careers, and how to "keep on keeping on" in their important work despite the expected obstacles and setbacks they faced as pioneering women of color in psychology.

Dr. Thomas Parham had conference participants dancing and clapping in the aisles on Friday morning. He called on conference participants to move beyond demographic multiculturalism and to continue to confront "the imposer's" institutional support of intolerance. He particularly challenged participants to continue standing up against intolerance, to take risks in trusting others, to have faith in the progress of social justice, and to continue collective action. One important action he described was to continue the effort for the APA Senate to pass the developed Guidelines for Culturally-Competent Practice, Education, and Research, which has thus far stalled in the APA bureaucracy.

Dr. Parham's keynote address was followed by Difficult Dialogues, facilitated by Drs. Madonna Constantine and Nadya Fouad. The Dialogues consisted of various professionals in the field who were called on to honestly dialogue with each other about issues of race, gender, and sexual orientation. Of particular note to Division 44 members was the interaction between Drs. Laura Brown and Michael Brown (no relation) who agreed to disagree about their stance on homosexuality. Their interaction sparked a controversial discussion about religious beliefs and some religious views on homosexuality. Dr. Laura Brown spoke emphatically that "if you cannot be my ally, the very least I expect is that you do not stand in the way of my rights," resonating with Dr. Parham's statement earlier in the morning that "self-affirmation can never be contingent on the denigration of others." Division 44 member and audience participant, Dr. Nina Nabors, made a moving statement regarding the lack of safe space for LGB people of color, and that, while conference participants may appear to be open to "diversity," sadly the conference speakers were "not preaching to the choir" when it came to LGB people of color.

Dr. Gail Wyatt, whose recent book Stolen Women about African American women's sexuality won numerous professional awards, spoke inspiringly about the need for a social justice agenda for multiculturalism. She described the impact of self-hatred on one's development of self, and the need to

move toward self-acceptance. Dr. Wyatt reminded us strongly of our priorities in working toward a better world in that we must teach our children and young people coming up about our history, and to learn to accept themselves.

The Summit was closed by Dr. Joseph Trimble who spoke of the importance of more narrative or qualitative inquiry in psychological research on different populations. He illustrated this point with his own lack of success in trying to research Inuit people using Likert scales and his realization that most people do not think in such categories. Dr. Trimble also quoted Jack Forbes that each person/group has "the right to self-identification and self-definition, so long as one does not adopt an identity which has the effect of denying the same rights to others." The closing ceremony included a Native American ritual which allowed participants to connect with each other and to acknowledge our ancestors (both familial and professional) upon whose work we build.

Powerful words indeed, and ones that members of Division 44 can truly resonate to, particularly those of us who identify as members of multiply oppressed groups. Overall, the Summit was an important step in bringing together in public discourse professionals from divergent professional areas and personal life experiences. It was gratifying to listen to Dr. Greene, a Division 44 leader, speak thoughtfully and knowledgeably to conference participants about LGBT people of color. It is important not to dismiss this 1999 Summit as meaningless or exclusionary, especially because of the private and public conversations that occurred during the Summit on the intensely complex and emotional issues of multiple identities and group memberships. To be sure, the conference showed us that much work must continue to create a more open dialogue across differences (including a more active role for Division 44 in the planning of future multicultural conferences), to strengthen a genuine and visible professional niche for LGBT people of color in APA, and to build coalitions with others around common goals and principles of tolerance, acceptance, and diversity.

Lesbian and Gay Psychology Section Formed in Britian

SUE WILKINSON

On December 18, 1998, a British equivalent to APA Division 44-the Lesbian and Gay Psychology Section-was officially founded within the British Psychological Society (BPS). This historic event is the culmination of nearly a decade of campaigning-creating, for the first time, a formal organizational framework for lesbian and gay psychology in Britain. Three previous proposals had been turned down (in 1991, 1993, and 1994) by the BPS Scientific Affairs Board and/or Council on the grounds that the field was "too narrow" and "too political." Anti-lesbian and anti-gay correspondence was published in the BPS journal, The Psychologist, under the heading, "Are you normal?" Members of the steering group were sent abusive hate mail by BPS members. The membership ballot which finally approved the formation of the new Section was notable for having more "anti" votes than ever before recorded in any parallel BPS ballot--1988 voted in favor, and 1623 voted against the formation of the Section.

The struggle for the Section began in 1990 when four lesbians-two academic psychologists (Celia Kitzinger and myself), a clinical psychologist (Rachel Perkins), and an educational psychologist (Louise Comely)-formed the "Lesbians in Psychology Sisterhood" (LIPS) to act as a steering group. Our first proposal for a "Psychology of Lesbianism" Section was rejected by the Scientific Affairs Board (SAB) and BPS Council in 1991. However, it sent serious ripples through the BPS, which changed its rules to make it harder to form new sections in the future. The founding membership now has to be more than double the previous figure. This first proposal also precipitated a major split within the Psychology of Women Section, of which all four of us were members, two of us on the Committee (c.f. Comely et al., 1992; Sayers, 1992). The Psychology of Women Section (equivalent to APA Division 35) did not originally support the proposal (Ussher, 1991), and it was only with a change of Chair that it subsequently decided to do so (c.f. Beloff, 1993). LIPS tried once again to establish a Psychology of Lesbianism Section in 1993, but we were again turned down by both SAB and Council.

The following year saw a major change of

strategy-an alliance between lesbians and gay men-none of whom had previously been forthcoming. Six of us submitted a revised proposal-now for a "Lesbian and Gay Psychology" Section-which, this time, made it through SAB. We sensed that the tide of Society opinion was turning, but we were faced with major disappointment in October, 1994, when the BPS Council rejected this proposal by just one vote. This apparently caused some internal embarrassment. and the proposers of the new Section were invited to meet with senior officers of the Society, including the then President, to discuss the way forward. The tenor of the advice was "not to make waves," "to be patient," and "to expect success in due course." (Outrageous, maybe, but those of us behind the initiative from the outset were actually not averse to having a "rest" at this point!)

In late 1997, four of us (Adrian Coyle, Martin Milton, Celia Kitzinger, and myself) put a revised version of the "Lesbian and Gay Psychology" Section proposal forward once again, and this time it quickly obtained SAB support. It was evident that there had been a sea change. Although we still faced virulent opposition from a significant minority, there was also a groundswell of support. When the Council eventually approved the proposal on Valentine's Day, 1998, their vote in favor was overwhelming. The next step was a membership ballot (a new requirement which had been introduced since our first proposal). This involved a further tranche of hard work. We carried out a personal mailing of the entire Register of Chartered Psychologists, lobbied our known supporters to vote, and publicized the Section via a lead article in *The Psychologist* (Kitzinger et al., 1998). On December 5, 1998, the ballot result was announced at a Special General Meeting, which the four of us attended. We got our Section!

We are delighted finally to have achieved a BPS Lesbian and Gay Psychology Section as a forum within which to pursue lesbian and gay psychology. The proposal approved by Council explicitly states that the aim of the Section is "to contribute... to removing the stigma of mental illness that has long been associated with gay male and lesbian sexual

identities and to contribute psychological perspectives to social policy initiatives which provide for better quality of life for lesbian and gay people, their families and friends" (Kitzinger et al., 1997). Recent events in Britain, such as the Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops, the parliamentary debates on the gay male Age of Consent, and the "outings" of various members of Parliament, illustrate the extent to which ignorance, prejudice, and bigotry are still rife in this country. The new Section will enable lesbian and gay voices to be heard.

Other aims of the Section include: (a) providing a forum for the systematic study of lesbian and gay psychology which draws together those working in different specialties; (b) developing research and teaching in the area, in both academic and applied contexts; (c) fostering the exchange of ideas, research, and information (via workshops, conferences, newsletter, and, eventually, a journal); and (d) establishing links with others working on lesbian and gay issues, including, of course, APA Division 44 and other lesbian and gay psychology organizations worldwide (such as the one within the Australian Psychological Society).

Although our primary focus is lesbian and gay psychology, we expect to become a forum for related research (and policy initiatives) on a broader range of non-heterosexual identities, including bisexual, transsexual/transgender, and intersexual. Research that uses lesbian and gay theory to problematize heterosexuality (e.g., Wilkinson & Kitzinger, 1993) also falls within our remit. Our name reflects the BPS requirement that we demonstrate an alreadyestablished British research base in the key areas covered by the Section. We hope to see research on bisexual and transgender issues flourishing in Britain in the future. The Section will foster a wide variety and diversity of topics and approaches, and will welcome debate about the implications and utility of different perspectives. We are keen to bridge theory and practice, recognizing the key role of counselors. therapists, and educational and occupational psychologists in promoting better understanding of lesbian and gay issues.

Over the last three decades, psychology has dramatically developed and expanded its capacity to recognize human diversity. Future development of lesbian and gay psychology will expand the scope and enrich the content of the discipline of psychology as a whole, better equipping it to address and improve the millennium.

Copies of the full proposal for the BPS Lesbian and Gay Psychology Section are available from Sue Wilkinson, Department of Social Sciences, Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TU, UK. Members of the Section Committee would welcome trans-Atlantic dialogue. The inaugural officers are: Chair, Celia Kitzinger <C.C.Kitzinger@lboro.ac.uk>; Secretary, Adrian Coyle <A.Coyle@surrey.ac.uk>; Treasurer, Sue Wilkinson <S.Wilkinson@lboro.ac.uk>.

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Obituary

Andrew M. Boxer, 46, Director of the Evelyn Hooker Center for Gay and Lesbian Mental Health and Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Chicago, died of lung cancer at his home in Chicago on January 13, 1999.

A native of Denver, Colorado, Dr. Boxer attended Goddard College and the University of Chicago where he received his doctorate in human development and served as a research assistant for Erika Fromm and Bernice Neugarten. An expert in lesbian and gay mental health and a pioneering researcher in sexual identity and adolescent development, Dr. Boxer made major contributions in charting the life course of lesbians and gay men from adolescence through mid-life. His landmark study--Children of Horizons--conducted with Dr. Gilbert Herdt on a multiracial group of lesbian and gay teens, was the first comprehensive study of normative development in lesbian and gay adolescents. It documented the decreasing age of coming out among lesbian and gay youths at an average age of 16, and initial awareness of same-sex attraction at age 10. As the first in-depth psychological, developmental, and ethnographic study of lesbian and gay adolescents, "Children of Horizons" also documented the emergence of the first openly gay generation of lesbian and gay youths. Contrary to earlier perceptions of adolescent development, the study helped researchers understand that lesbian and gay youths are capable of consolidating an adult gay identity.

Dr. Boxer is co-author of Children of Horizons: How Gay and Lesbian Teens Are Leading a New Way Out of the Closet, as well as numerous articles on adult and child relationships, lesbian and gay mental health, adolescent development and sexuality, gay culture, and the care and support needs of women

with HIV infection. Dr. Boxer served the Chicago community in many diverse ways. As research director for the Women and Children with AIDS Project at Cook County Hospital, he helped develop a model care program for women and children with HIV/AIDS which included helping women with survivor planning and family guardianship for their children. A long-time volunteer with Horizons Community Services, he served as a member of the board of directors and chair of the Program Evaluation Committee, where more recently, he helped develop services for lesbian and gay aging. Horizons acknowledged his many contributions to the lesbian and gay community by awarding him the 1999 Horizons' Human First Award.

In response to a request from the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association to coordinate a support group for physicians with HIV/AIDS, Dr. Boxer convened a group for Chicago physicians and dentists and conducted monthly sessions since 1992, making it the longest running group of its kind in the country. Dr. Boxer was also a trainer and member of the Advisory Board for the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center; a faculty member for the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis; Chair of the Committee on Family Life Grants for United Way of Chicago; a member of the Research Committee, AIDS Advisory Council, Chicago Department of Health; and an advisor to many graduate students.

Survivors include his life partner, Dr. Monte Hetland; his mother, Ruth Boxer of Denver, CO; two sisters, Helene Malek of Denver and Suzanne Sanders of Los Gatos, CA; as well as many devoted relatives and friends. Contributions may be sent in his name to Horizons Community Services, 961 W. Montana Street, Chicago, IL 60614. ▼

1998 Placek Award and Small Grants Recipients

Donald P. Haider-Markel, Ph.D., was selected as the 1998 winner of a grant sponsored by American Psychological Foundation's Wayne F. Placek Fund. Dr. Haider-Markel will receive \$24,000 for his proposal, "Hate Crime Law Enforcement," to study hate crime laws and their implementation and enforcement.

Dr. Haider-Markel received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1997. He is the Director of the Survey Research Center and a post-doctoral associate at the University of Kansas.

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He is currently beginning research on the political control of law enforcement agencies and the implementation and enforcement of hate crime laws.

A recipient of a Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship for 1996-1997 at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Dr. Haider-Markel also received the Ted Robinson Memorial Award to facilitate research in minority politics sponsored by the Southwestern Political Science Association in 1995. He has authored and co-authored several articles on gay and lesbian politics, abortion, hate crimes, and citizen militia groups, some of which have appeared in the Journal of Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly, and Demography. In addition, he co-authored the forthcoming, "Values in Conflict: Local Government Response to Hate Crime," in Culture Wars and Local Politics and he is also the co-author of the forthcoming "Legislative Victory, Electoral Uncertainty: Explaining Outcomes in the Battles Over Lesbian and Gay Rights," for Policy Studies Review.

Upon receiving the grant, Dr. Haider-Markel stated, "I'm very grateful for receiving the Placek Award and look forward to beginning my research project. As a recent Ph.D. studying controversial topics, it has often been difficult to find support for my research. The APF has provided that support through the Placek Award."

Dr. Haider-Markel's proposal involves the measurement of hate crime law implementation and enforcement in various cities from data collected from 1992 to 1997. Data will be collected for hate crimes based on sexual orientation, and for the sake of comparison, hate crimes based on race and ethnicity and religious affiliation. Implementation will be measured through the collection of hate crime statistics by localities, by determining whether a city has training programs on hate crime identification for law enforcement officers, and finding out whether local police departments have procedures in place to

facilitate the prosecution of hate crimes. Enforcement will be measured by obtaining the ratio between arrests and reported hate crimes, by obtaining the ratio between arrests and all hate crime charges that are filed, and obtaining the ratio between convictions and all hate crime charges that are filed.

APF also recommended that Stanley Gaines, Ph.D., and Mary Kite, Ph.D., each receive \$3,000 seed money to encourage work on their proposals so that they may apply for the Placek Award in future years. Dr. Gaines, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Black Studies, Pomona College, won the small grant for his proposal, "Romanticism, Self-Monitoring, and Resource Exchange Among Gay Males and Lesbians." Dr. Kite, a professor and Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Psychological Science, Ball State University, won with her proposal, "Gender Belief Systems and Antigay Prejudice: A Test of Two Hypotheses." APF awards small grants for proposals that show promise and potential.

The Wayne F. Placek Grant is made possible by Wayne F. Placek, who participated in Evelyn Hooker's ground-breaking study in the 1950's which found that homosexuality was not attributable to pathology. More than 30 years after the study, Mr. Placek left Dr. Hooker more than \$550,000 to encourage and support scientific research to increase the general public's understanding of gay men and lesbians in order to alleviate the stress they experience in this and future civilizations. Dr. Hooker donated the money to APF, which appointed an advisory panel of the past four presidents of Division 44 to determine how the fund should be used. A scientific review committee consisting of Gregory Herek (Chair), Suzanna Rose, Peter Nardi, Allen Omoto, and Anne Peplau reviewed the applications and selected Dr. Haider-Markel as the Placek grant recipient.

Book Review

JUDITH M. GLASSGOLD

McGee, Maggie, & Miller, Diana C. (1997). Lesbian lives: Psychoanalytic narratives new and old. Hillsdale, NJ: The Analytic Press.

There was once a time, not so long ago, that all psychoanalytic writing about lesbian, gay, and

bisexual experience was bound to be dismissive, pathologizing, and homophobic. Slowly, lesbian, gay, and bisexual analysts and scholars are putting that period behind us. McGee and Miller's new book continues a recent trend of lesbian analysts writing

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about lesbian lives. Their work is another refreshing departure from the homonegativity and female-negative emphasis of classical psychoanalysis and the silence about homosexuality of the modern analysts. McGee and Miller joined a recent trend made up of about half a dozen works that view lesbian identity as part of normative female sexuality and development.

McGee and Miller's work is somewhat different than other affirmative psychoanalytic works. The authors integrate a broad range of ideas and fields from literary analysis, case examples, biography, social history, and autobiography, to an examination of psychoanalytic training. The literary analysis and the biographical analysis of earlier patients in psychoanalysis (H.D. & Bryher) are unique contributions to the history of psychoanalytic treatment and set this work apart from others.

Several case examples further illustrate that the authors are experienced, intelligent, and empathic therapists. The authors also integrate theory, particularly of transference, with the cases examined to enhance the understanding of the patient, rather than create caricatures. Other chapters contain excellent reviews and criticisms of the psychoanalytic literature on gender and sexuality that are very comprehensive, covering biological research and classical, modern, and feminist psychoanalytic theory. Clearly, the authors are scholarly and knowledgeable. The book is a dense, well-written,

and researched work that stays within the parameters of psychoanalysis while being lesbian-affirmative.

However, the book does not read like one integrated text; rather, a few of the chapters were published earlier and stand on their own. There is no overarching theme or structure to tie the work together, making the work seem scattered. I also felt that the authors attempted to cover too much and thus did not do justice to certain contemporary topics. There was also no conclusion or integrating chapter, so that the reader is left hanging. Finally, the authors include a very long annotated bibliography assembled from on-line resources that, although useful, seem unnecessary and inevitably incomplete. Bisexuality and the experience of different cultural or ethnic groups were omitted. This book is not for a newcomer to psychoanalysis. Rather, this is for the more experienced therapist looking to learn more about psychoanalytic theory and treatment or the advanced student who is already familiar with psychoanalysis.

Overall, this work is another welcomed addition to the psychology of lesbians. Well-written chapters on core issues in psychoanalysis such as developmental theory, gender, transference, and treatment are particular strengths of this work. We are fortunate to be at a time in our own history when we can reap the benefits of colleagues who have been through analytic training, had years of experience as therapists, and have lived as lesbians in the world. ∇

Announcements

Call for Award Nominations

Nominations are requested for the Annual Division 44 Awards. The categories are:

Distinguished Contribution to Education and Training

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Distinguished Contribution to Ethnic Minority Issues

Distinguished Contribution by a Student

In addition, the Division will be granting a new award for the Best Book in Lesbian, Gay, and/or

Bisexual Psychology. Nominees cannot be current members of the Division 44 Executive Committee. Self-nominations are encouraged. All nominations should be accompanied by a statement of justification. Please send nominations by May 15, 1999, to: Esther Rothblum, President-Elect, John Dewey Hall, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405. ▼

Lesbian Manuscript Award

The Association for Women in Psychology announces its Annual Lesbian Psychologies Unpublished Manuscript Award.

Purpose: To encourage theoretical and empirical Continued on next page

scholarship that addresses the psychology of lesbians.

Topics: Unpublished manuscripts focusing on any topic relevant to the psychology of lesbians are invited.

Eligibility: An unpublished manuscript (e.g., conference paper, thesis, dissertation) that has not been submitted for publication. Both sole and jointly authored papers are eligible. Manuscripts must be no more than 50 pages.

Submission: The following materials must accompany submissions: four copies of the manuscript, a cover sheet (including the author's name, address, phone number, and title of the paper), and two self-addressed stamped legal size envelopes. The author's name should not appear anywhere on the paper itself. Please send the above information to:

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Review: A panel of AWP members will conduct a blind review of the manuscripts. Submissions will be evaluated on the basis of sound methodology, clarity of writing, and relevance to the advancement of the psychology of lesbians.

Award: The award will be announced at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention in August, 1999. The award recipient will be invited to present the manuscript at the AWP conference in March, 2000, and will receive up to \$250 in transportation expenses.

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by May 1, 1999. ▼

Psychotherapy with Women Research Award

Division 35 of APA funds this award out of royalties from the book edited by Drs. Annette Brodsky and Rachel Hare-Mustin, Women and Psychotherapy: An Assessment of Research and Practice.

Content: Manuscripts on the broad topic of psychotherapy with women are eligible. Research (quantitative and qualitative), clinical applications, clinical case studies, and theoretical review articles are welcome.

Eligibility: Individual and jointly authored

articles are eligible. Entries should be of approximately journal-article length and written in APA style. Papers that have been submitted for publication or presented at professional meetings are eligible, along with papers that have been accepted for publication. In the case of the latter, the papers may not be published prior to the May 1 submission deadline.

Submission: Send four copies of the paper and a self-addressed stamped postcard by May 1, 1999, to Linda Forrest, 443A Erickson, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824. E-mail address: lforrest@pilot.msu.edu. A cover sheet with the author's name, address, and telephone number should accompany the paper. The author's name should not appear on the paper itself.

Judging: A panel of psychologists with expertise on psychotherapy with women will read all the entries using a standard anonymous review procedure. Judging will be made on the basis of scholarly rigor, clinical impact, theoretical creativity and innovation, methodological skill, clarity and style of presentation, in addition to judged importance to psychotherapy with women.

Award: The winner will be announced at the American Psychological Association Convention in 1999. A \$250 prize will be awarded for the selected paper.

Deadline: May 1, 1999. ▼

Committee on Women in Psychology Network

The Committee on Women in Psychology (CWP) Network works to enhance women and women's issues within APA by: (a) continued and consistent communication with Network members and (b) working with input from members, CWP urges each division as well as state or regional association to appoint a representative to CWP's Network. Representatives from organizations closely allied with APA are also welcome. Responsibilities of Network members include the following: (1) initiate issues and share information with CWP; (2) respond to inquiries from CWP as requested; (3) provide CWP with annual report of relevant division/state/regional association activities; (4) contact president of division/state/regional association annually to determine continued service as Network representative or appointment of another

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APA's efforts to ensure equal opportunity for women psychologists as practitioners, educators, and scientists; (4) monitor the welfare of women as consumers of psychological services; and (5) provide information and opportunities for Network members to become more active in APA governance. If you are interested, please respond to

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Member News

Bernardo C. Garcia recently wrote a book, *The Development of a Latino Gay Identity*, published by Garland Publishers.

J. Davis Mannino's new book, Sexually Speaking (published by McGraw-Hill), has received a great

deal of acknowledgment for its handling of lesbian, gay, and bisexual themes. It is currently being used as a textbook in colleges and universities around the country. Dr. Mannino is also the recipient of his college's Publication of the Year Award for 1999. ▼

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

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

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Welcome!!!

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Welcome to you all.▼

THANKS!

Division 44 would like to thank the following members who have assisted in our membership drive by distributing promotional posters, flyers, and applications at various LGB conferences and meetings. Thank you for your efforts to make Division 44 and its mission more visible.

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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! ▼

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Correction

In the Fall 1998 issue (Vol. 14, No. 3), the name of Ritch Savin-Williams was misspelled as "Richard Savin-Williams" in his article, "Parental reactions to their child's disclosure of a gay/lesbian/bisexual identity" (pp. 16-18). We apologize for this mistake. ▼

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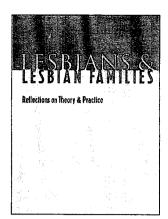
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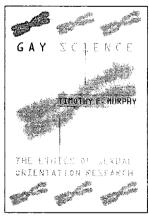
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