



TURNING OUR FIRING SQUADS INWARD

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DIVISION 44 PRESIDENT

A friend of mine has founded many progressive organizations. When he recently returned from consulting to a "mainstream" organization, he admitted that it was a breath of fresh air to see everyone so cordial to one another. He told me that this made him realize how we in progressive groups tend to "turn our firing squads inward."

Division 44, like other progressive divisions, has activist roots. Our founding members protested homophobia within the American Psychiatric Association in order to remove "homosexuality" as a diagnosis within the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual. The Association for Lesbian and Gay Psychologists began as a vehicle to combat the complete invisibility of gay and lesbian issues within psychology. Being out in those early years--at APA or

otherwise--required a major act of courage. There is no question that many of the people whose activism resulted in the formation of Division 44 suffered negative consequences to their own careers and personal lives as a result.

When progressive organizations become "mainstream," the first generation of activists is often banished or shunned in favor of a new generation of people who want to work within the system. Most feminists can remember when battered women's shelters first received federal funding. The new shelter board quickly fired the feminist founders (most of them lesbians) and hired women who were more conciliatory, more identified with mainstream institutions, and more willing to dress "appropriately."

Happily, Division 44 has not lost our founding mothers and fathers to disillusionment. We are a new enough division that most of our past presidents and other executive committee members are still alive. In fact, most are still active in the division, or else keep a friendly eye out for our efforts. For example, until Catherine Acuff's untimely death earlier this year, she worked tirelessly for lgb issues during her time as a member of the APA Board of Directors. She networked on our behalf at the meeting of the Council of Representatives, ensuring that our Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients would pass.

How can we best keep our senior leadership involved in the Division while at the same time encouraging students and junior colleagues to bring in new ideas and plans? How do we maximize trust and minimize conflict? Often, older activists are quick to confront, to point out flaws.

Their vast experience and mistrust of the system has given them the confidence to fight for their convictions. Just as often, younger members feel that their voices are ignored or else that the Division is a clique that they cannot join. How can we be more inviting of new members and new ideas?

Any speculations on the future of styles of relating within progressive organizations have much to gain by citing a feminist science fiction writer. As Ursula LeGuin stated in her book *Dancing at the edge of the world: Thoughts on Words, Women, Places* (1989, p. 48):

"With such fragments I might have shored my ruin, but I didn't know how. Only knowing that we must have a past to make a future with, I took what I could... I learned, like most of us, to use whatever I could..., and so patch together a world as best as I could. But still there is a mystery. This place where I was born and grew up and love beyond all other, my world, my California, still needs to be made. To make a new world you start with an old one, certainly. To find a world, maybe you have to have lost one. Maybe you have to be lost. The dance of renewal, the dance that made the world, was always danced here at the edge of things, on the brink, on the foggy coast."

Reference:
LeGuin, U.K. (1989). *Dancing at the edge of the world: Thoughts on words, women, places*. NY: Grove Press.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

✍ NEW "CURRENT RESEARCH" FEATURE! ✍

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I am pleased to announce a new feature in this and future issues of the Division 44 Newsletter. In an attempt to help us all keep up with each other's ongoing research, and to promote mentoring and collaboration among Div 44 members, I have initiated a "Current Research" section in the Newsletter.

I encourage you to check out your colleagues' research projects below, and to write a very brief announcement of your upcoming, ongoing, or recently completed research projects to be included in the next issue of the Newsletter.

We are all aware of the tremendous lag between the time research data is collected and analyzed and the time it actually appears in print in a professional journal. Two years or more can elapse while manuscripts are written, reviewed, revised, and in press before finally being available to other researchers. This newsletter section will take advantage of the quick turn-around time of a newsletter (just a few months) to enable you to announce your project to your colleagues, so that interested researchers who would like more information on your project or your findings can contact you directly.

These announcements should simply announce the nature of your project, and the method by which interested parties should contact you for more information. The announcements should *not* include a statement of your findings. We do not want to report findings because (a) we don't want results cited from the Newsletter because the results may not have been peer reviewed yet, and (b) we want it to be clear that announcement of a project here does not constitute publication of results (so that later publication in a journal is not seen as duplicate publication).

Please think about whether you have some research results languishing on your desk or in press that might benefit someone working on a similar topic. If so, please write a two-sentence announcement and send it to me at beckyliddle@mindspring.com.

CURRENT RESEARCH

- ✍ I am finishing up the analysis of my qualitative study that explores successful and harmful experiences and describes the identity development of 42 Mormon/LDS individuals who underwent sexual reorientation therapy (conversion/reparative therapy). Clinical, research, and political implications are highlighted. For more information, contact **Lee Beckstead** at LeeBeckst@yahoo.com.
- ✍ My recently completed dissertation research used internet data collection to explore the relationships of heterosexist events, sexist events, self-concealment, and self-monitoring to positive psychological well-being in lesbian and bisexual women as a whole and in lesbian and bisexual women of color. For more information, contact **Mary M. D. Selvidge** at selvidg@uakron.edu or mselfvidg@memphis.edu.
- ✍ We are investigating the implicit attitudes towards gay men and lesbians, using the Implicit Association Test (IAT). Our focus is on the reliability and validity of the IAT. For more information contact **Melanie Steffens** (steffens@uni-trier.de).
- ✍ My research team is currently analyzing semi-structured interviews from a study on Black/African American lesbian and bisexual women, and also transcribing interviews from another study with Black/African American LGBT people. We're using a grounded theory-like methodology, and so are not focusing on predetermined hypotheses. Rather we are developing a theory based on themes that emerge from the data. For more information contact **Lisa Bowleg** at 401-874-4597 or bowlegl@uri.edu.
- ✍ My dissertation examined psychosocial factors and experiential factors relevant to the affective, behavioral, and identity components of sexual orientation; also looked at these factors in relation to self-report of homosexual feelings among heterosexually identified people. If interested in this research contact **Robin Hoburg** at rhoburg@msn.com or check out *Dissertation Abstracts* at your local library.
- ✍ My research interests are political attitudes, religiosity, and how they influence the development of internalized homophobia and heterosexism. Any advice that anybody can give me in these areas would be greatly appreciated. **Krista L. Leubner**, counseling psych doctoral student, Texas Tech University: kleubner@ttacs.ttu.edu.
- ✍ My research team has constructed and validated an instrument measuring workplace climate for LGBT workers. For more information contact **Becky Liddle** at 404-297-5777 or beckyliddle@mindspring.com.

In Memory...

On April 21, 2000 Division 44 lost a dear friend and dedicated activist for LGB Psychology. Catherine Acuff, Ph.D., 51, died from complications following surgery for a brain aneurysm. Catherine's contribution to the field emanated from both her attainment of high office as an open lesbian and her skillful employment of those offices in the service of lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) concerns. Catherine was serving as a member of the APA Board of Directors (1998-2000) and had just been elected to the slate of candidates for APA President-elect. She was instrumental in facilitating the APA's recent adoption of Guidelines for Psychotherapy with LGB clients. During the drafting of the guidelines and throughout the revision process, Catherine provided expert counsel to the Joint Task Force on Guidelines for Psychotherapy with LGB Clients (JTF). As a member of the Board of Directors, she organized a meeting with Board of Directors contingency funds between the Board of Professional Affairs and the JTF in which she participated. Not only did she advance the project through a critical juncture in the review process by APA governance but also facilitated the productive collaboration of public interest and practice constituencies in new ways. It is no exaggeration to say that without her leadership and interventions the project would still be making its arduous way through APA's complex governance process.

Through her extraordinary leadership Catherine made significant contributions to LGB psychology in the areas of practice, teaching, and public interest. Her contributions were notable in both the LGB and non-LGB communities. As Chair of the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists (1989), member of APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Concerns (1990-1993), and founder of the Connecticut Psychological Association Lesbian and Gay Concerns Task Force, she advanced the mental health issues of LGB people in both professional and public awareness. As President of the Connecticut Psychological Association (1987-88), she testified before the state legislature, produced an annotated bibliography on LGB issues for CPA, and provided a symposium at the annual CPA convention. As President of the APA's Division 31 - State Psychological Association (1998), Chair of the Women's Caucus of Council (1997-98), and Chair of the State and Provincial Caucus (1994-95), she fostered political and professional alliances that have benefited LGB initiatives in APA.

In addition to her leadership contributions, Catherine was an educator and practitioner in LGB psychology. She conducted workshops and symposia on gay-affirmative psychotherapy with local, national and international mental health organizations. She also introduced LGB issues to the curriculum of the University of Hartford Graduate Institute of Professional Psychology where she served as Associate Professor (1992-95). Catherine provided gay-affirmative psychotherapy for more than fifteen years and founded a multi-disciplinary consortium of lesbian and gay mental health providers. While often discouraged from coming out in her campaigns, she encouraged and supported the leadership of other LGB psychologists, and mentored students and seasoned professionals alike. It is hard to imagine an APA constituency that is unfamiliar with her accomplishments, determination, political skills, abundant heart, and courage.

Division 44 was represented by several members who attended Catherine's memorial service in Connecticut on May 5. People who had known and loved Catherine from various parts of her life shared their memories of her. It was clear that Catherine was loved and respected by her friends, colleagues, former students, interns, and clients. Stories were told of her commitment to organized psychology on the local, state, national, and international levels. She was described as a passionate woman who lived her life fully, a strong-willed woman with a great sense of humor. Catherine had many friends and colleagues and two beloved cats. She will be always remembered, and greatly missed.

Div 44 and other APA groups will host a memorial service for Catherine during the APA convention. Please see the Division 44 program schedule for details. Memorial contributions can be sent to the American Psychological Foundation, 750 First St. NE, Washington DC 20002. Make the checks out to the American Psychological Foundation and indicate that the donation is to be in Catherine's memory.

Submitted by: Chris Browning, Robin Buhrke, Armand Cerbone, Connie Chan, Leah Fygetakis, Kris Hancock, and Bianca Cody Murphy.

BOOK REVIEW***Golden Men: the Power of Gay Midlife*****by Harold Kooden with Charles Flowers**

NY: Harper-Collins (Avon), 2000

Review by Douglas C. Kimmel

Harold Kooden was one of the members of the APA Task Force on the Status of Lesbian and Gay Male Psychologists established by the APA Board of Directors in 1975, which eventually led to the current APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns. With the assistance of Charles Flowers, a writer half his age, Kooden, now in his 60s, has created a book of insights, wisdom, and self-examination exercises that will be useful for gay men of all ages and their therapists. The title, *Golden Men*, refers to the important role models middle-aged gay men can be: "older, sexually active, positively visible in all areas, productive, adventurous, energetic, and committed to every generation--including their own--in our community" (p. 327).

Perhaps the most important theme of Kooden and Flowers' book is the emphasis on coming out as a gay man, which they believe is a primary factor in healthy gay male development. They also take an active stance against ageism. Kooden is not a "Perky Paul" about aging, but notes: "the presence of negatives--a changing body, less energy, whatever troubles you--does not minimize or eliminate the positives. Both can exist simultaneously when you age successfully" (p. 324). In contrast, "One of my goals in this book has been to make gay men more conscious of how much damage they do to themselves when they give into the ageism" (p. 326).

There are a number of strong points in the book. First, Kooden models a type of therapy that uses judicial self-revelation so the reader comes to know a great deal about Harold's life--coming out to his family after being arrested for cruising in a park at the age of 14 up to the death of his long-term lover from AIDS and finding a new lover at the same period he and Flowers began working on this book; he even describes the effect of writing the book on his own life. Second, real case examples are included in many chapters to illustrate the points and to give a vivid sense of how the concepts can be used in therapy. Third, he presents a variety of useful ideas that can be used by oneself or in treatment. For example, he describes four different types of age: heart, body, clock, and gay -- the first deals with experiential level of maturity; the latter reflects how long one has been out as a gay man. I also found helpful the concept of "hologram" which is the projection of what one wishes to be and reflects the gay man's experience of being excluded from important groups. In addition, his description of how one can write the story of one's own life as chapters in a book was very useful, especially the point that the midlife chapter can be the full flower of self-invention for many gay men.

The book begins with a good brief introduction, has three separate chapters on body, sexuality and physical well-being issues; three chapters on issues of work and play, family and friends, and developing self-esteem; and three chapters under the heading "soul" that focus on values, life-planning, and spirituality. The intent of the book is to be a self-guided experience beginning with an initial evaluation of one's attitudes about aging, through dozens of exercises and skillful interventions, culminating in an activist-oriented outcome of affirmation. The excellent concluding chapter repeats the first two self-examination exercises to allow one to assess the extent of change. For one who is not undertaking the full experience, this chapter might well be read before beginning the first chapter. The "afterword" describes the impact of the writing on the two co-authors and provides a unique perspective to end the book.

Some of the early chapters seem too wordy and the sub-headings intermix with the numbered exercises to make reading a bit awkward until one catches on to the structure. The authors have a tendency to bury the most interesting insights in the middle of a paragraph, so one must read with a pen in hand to mark these for future reference. There is no index, so finding those insights again is tedious; it might be useful to have a few index cards at hand to mark the page numbers if this is to be a reference for a therapist using the book with clients.

As a middle-aged white gay man, this book seemed to be written for me and actually did validate many of the conclusions I had reached on my own. Perhaps this is not surprising since Harold and I were students in the same graduate program in the 1960s. Although the perspective does not fit most heterosexual men, with some interesting adjustments it would probably apply equally well to gay men with children, or to gay men of color. As with any insightful book, however, it is also wise to add a few grains of salt here and there. Overall, it is a valuable book to recommend to clients, or to read on one's own journey through midlife.

This ground-breaking guide to gay male midlife may stimulate a new look at lesbian midlife issues, and should be useful in building bridges between the young, middle-aged, and older generations of gay men.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

As reported in the last issue of our Newsletter (see Volume 16, Number 1), APA adopted the "Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Clients" at its February 2000 Council of Representatives meeting. In collaboration with CLGBC, Division 44 played a pivotal role in the development and adoption of these Guidelines. The Guidelines are available on-line at <http://www.apa.org/pi/lgb/> (click on the Guidelines headline). Besides the Guidelines, Council took action on a number of other agenda items.

Council voted to approve the establishment of a "companion organization" that would be exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. The primary purpose of creating such an organization is to help APA engage in functions and activities (e.g., political advocacy) which it is currently prevented from doing because of its tax exempt status as a 501(c)(3) organization. This companion organization will have shared leadership with APA (e.g., the Board of Directors of APA will also serve as the Board of Directors of this companion organization). As indicated in a public statement released after the adoption of this plan: "Services for members will be enhanced and not reduced in any way. There will be virtually no financial impact on members." The Practice Directorate will be "moved" over to this new organization, but "the other Central Office Directorates will in no way suffer decreased effectiveness or loss of ability to further their missions and goals."

In the public interest domain, Council considered several issues surrounding racial/ethnic diversity in addition to adopting the "Guidelines." For example, funding was continued to implement parts of the plan proposed in the "Commission on Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention, and Training in Psychology [CEMRRAT] Report." A small allocation was also made to fund a meeting to explore ways in which the coverage of racial diversity issues could be enhanced in textbooks.

Council received information on the racial/ethnic representation in each of the Divisions in 1999. Division 44 ranks ninth among the 50 groups with 6.9% of its members identifying themselves as being from racial/ethnic minority backgrounds. In terms of Divisional leadership, Division 44 does even better. Except for Division 45 (Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues), Division 44 has the most diverse racial/ethnic representation among its elected and appointed leadership.

Council discussed a report submitted by the Blue Ribbon Panel of the Policy and Planning Board. This Report expresses concern about the proliferation of governance groups and warns about the resulting negative impact on the fiscal health and staffing of the organization. The Panel recommends that all continuing Committees which are currently reporting to standing Boards be "deactivated." It also suggests that Council be given the role of allocating an annual budget (smaller than the current budget) to each standing Board to fund its own projects and goals. Each Board would then have the option of "reactivating" of some of its standing Committees and creating new ones according to its priorities. Because of the concerns raised by Council members on this controversial plan (especially surrounding the "deactivation" of standing Committees), no action was taken on these recommendations.

At this time, Division 44 is officially represented on APA Council by Connie Chan, Sari Dworkin, and Terry Gock. Both Connie Chan and Terry Gock will rotate off Council at the end of this year after completing their second three-year terms. In 2001, Division 44 will unfortunately only have two seats on Council because one seat was lost as a result of the outcome of last year's apportionment ballot. To regain our third seat in 2002 and keep our voices on Council, we urge you to give as many of your ten votes as you can to Division 44 when you receive the apportionment ballot from APA this fall.

- Terry S. Gock

POST-GRADUATE LGBT TRAINING PROGRAM FORMING

Three Chicago non-profit agencies are offering a new collaborative post-graduate training program to train mental health professionals in the theory and practice of counseling with LGBT clients and their families. The collaborating agencies are Howard Brown Health Center, The Chicago Center for Family Health (an independent affiliate of the Center for Family Health of the University of Chicago), and Horizons Community Services. The 2000/2001 program schedule is now available with 1- and 2-day workshops being offered from October through May. For more information or to be added to the program's mailing list, please contact The Chicago Center for Family Health at 312-321-6040 or e-mail Theo Pintzuk, LCSW at theop@howardbrown.org.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the cards, plants, flowers, food and prayers and thoughts that you sent to me when my mother passed away. While no one can take away my pain over losing someone I loved so much, your support during this difficult time has been and continues to be deeply felt and appreciated.

Thank you once again.
Sari H. Dworkin, Ph.D.

MALYON-SMITH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED!

We badly need contributions for the Malyon-Smith Scholarship Award fund. This fund is used to support outstanding research projects proposed by graduate students in psychology, and each year we are unable to give awards to many deserving students. If you are like a lot of people, you probably have good intentions to contribute to this fund but forget to do so when you are done reading the Newsletter. How about getting your checkbook out right now and sending a tax-deductible contribution (made out to Malyon-Smith Scholarship Award) to:

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Any and all amounts are welcome and will help enable us to support research conducted by psychology graduate students on LGB issues. There are very few sources of funding for LGB research. Let's build this fund up! If you have questions, contact Susan Kashubeck at 806-742-170 or Susan.Kashubeck@ttu.edu.

Friday, August 4, 2000

8:00 - 8:50 a.m.

Renaissance Mayflower
Hotel, Pennsylvania Room**Symposium:** Beyond Uni-dimensionality: Multiple Minority Stress Among Black African American Lesbians

Chair: Lisa Bowleg, Ph.D.

A Conceptual Model of Multiple Minority Stress Among Black Lesbians, Kelly Brooks, B.A.Coping with Multiple Minority Stress: Social Support and Black Lesbians, Jennifer Huang, B.A.

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.

Renaissance Mayflower
Hotel, Pennsylvania Room**Paper Session:** Psychosocial Behavior of Gay Men and the Politics of Homosexuality

Chair: Tomas Soto, Ph.D.

Drug Use and Sexual Behavior Among Men Frequenting Gay Venues, Perry N. Halkitis, Ph.D.; Jeffrey Parsons, Ph.D.; David Bimbi, M.A.; & Thomas Borkowski, B.A.Enforcers and Activists: The Politics of Hate Crime Policy Implementation

Donald B. Haider-Markel, Ph.D.

Group Stereotypes and Political Evaluation, Ewa A. Golebioska, Ph.D.

11:00 - 12:50 p.m.

Renaissance Mayflower
Hotel, Georgia Room**Symposium:** Funding Research on Sexual Orientation: Who, What, & How

Chair: Allen Omoto, Ph.D.

Research Funding at the National Institute of Mental Health, Howard Kurtzman, Ph.D.Research Funding at the National Institute on Drug Abuse, Timothy P. Condon, Ph.D.Research Funding Targeting Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues, Gregory Herek, Ph.D.New Research Funding Targeting Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Families, Rich C. Savin-Williams, Ph.D.

1:00 - 2:50 p.m.

Capital Hilton Hotel
California Room**Symposium:** HIV Risk Among Latino and Asian Gay Men: Recent Findings

Chair: Maria Cecilia Zea, Ph.D.

Social Structural Factors in HIV Risk: Race and Class, George Ayala, Psy.D.Relocation Trajectories, Sexual Identities, and Risk Among Mexican Gay Men, Hector Carrillo, Ph.D.Anticipated Consequences as Barriers or Facilitators of Disclosure, Maria Cecilia Zea, Ph.D.Positive Effects of Community Involvement on Sexual Risk Behavior, Jesus Ramirez-Valles, D.Ph.HIV Risk and Resistance to Racism and Homophobia Among Asian Gay Men, Hirokazu Yoshikawa, Ph.D.

Discussant: John Echeverry, Ph.D.

3:00 - 3:50 p.m.

Capital Hilton Hotel
New York Room**Symposium:** Lesbian Mothers and their Families: New Directions in Research

Chair: Esther Rothblum, Ph.D.

Who are Lesbian Mothers? Findings from a Large National Sample, Kimberly Balsam, M.S.Contact with Grandparents Among Children of Lesbian and Heterosexual Parents, Megan Fulcher, B.S.The National Longitudinal Lesbian Family Study, Nanette Gartrell, M.D.

Discussant: Charlotte J. Patterson, Ph.D.

5:00 - 5:50 p.m.

Capital Hilton Hotel
Senate Room**Division 44 Social Hour** -- Capital Hilton Hotel -- Senate Room

Saturday, August 5, 2000

8:00 - 8:50 a.m.
Renaissance Mayflower
Hotel, Massachusetts Room

Symposium: Defining Counselor Competence with Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Clients
Chair: Tania Israel, Ph.D.

Theoretically Speaking: Competent Counseling with Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Clients,
Ruth E. Fassinger, Ph.D.

Empirically Defining Counselor Competence with LGB Clients, Tania Israel, Ph.D., Kristi Ketz, M.S.,
Pamela Detre, M.Ed., Mary C. Burke, M.S.Ed., & Julie Shulman, B.A.

Evaluation and Reconstruction of a Course in Counseling Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Clients: Knowledge,
Attitudes and Skills, Mary M.D. Selvidge, M.S. and Connie R. Mathews, Ph.D.

Discussant: Kathleen J. Bieschke, Ph.D.

9:00 - 10:50 a.m.
Renaissance Mayflower
Hotel, Massachusetts Room

Symposium: Developing Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Clients
Chair: Kristin A. Hancock, Ph.D.

Articulating Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Affirmative Practice: A Retrospective, Kristin A. Hancock, Ph.D.

Using Guidelines in the Education and Training of Psychologists, Christine Browning, Ph.D.

Inspirational and Aspirational: The Language and Construction of Practice Guidelines,
Lisa Grossman, J.D., Ph.D.

Across the Great Divide: Collaboration in Practice and Policy, Douglas Haldeman, Ph.D.

The Guidelines in Practice: Who Will be Affected and How, Armand Cerbone, Ph.D.

Discussants: Ronald Rozensky, Ph.D. & Catherine Acuff, Ph.D.

11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
Renaissance Mayflower
Hotel, Massachusetts Room

Paper Session: Identity Development and Minority Stress Among African Americans
Chair: Jeanine Cogan, Ph.D.

Homophobia/Heterosexism Among African Americans: The Connection to Internalized Racism,
Beverly Greene, Ph.D.

An Examination of the Relationship Between Multiple Identity Development and Psychosocial Functioning
in a Sample of Urban African American Gay and Bisexual Men, Isaiah Crawford, Ph.D., Kevin Allison,
Ph.D., Brian Zamboni, M.A., & Tomas Soto, Ph.D.

12:00 - 1:50 p.m.
Renaissance Mayflower
Hotel, Massachusetts Room

Symposium: Psychology and Sexual Orientation: Public Policy Issues
Chairs: Janis S. Bohan, Ph.D. and Glenda M. Russell, Ph.D.

Stress and Resilience Factors Associated with Anti-gay Politics, Glenda Russell, Ph.D.

Sexual Coercion in Childhood and Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Affirming Public Policy,
Michael R. Stevenson, Ph.D.

Monitoring, Responding to, and Influencing Federal Policy, Jeanine C. Cogan, Ph.D.

Life Scripts for Gay Youth: Public Policy Implications, Janis S. Bohan, Ph.D.

2:00 - 2:50
Capital Hilton Hotel
Senate Room

Invited Address: Division 44 Invited Address
Chair: Esther Rothblum, Ph.D.

Mommy, Do You Think I'm Gay?: When Children Ask Questions, Eric Marcus

Sunday, August 6, 2000

8:00 - 9:50 a.m.

Renaissance Mayflower
Hotel, Rhode Island Room**Symposium:** Recent Research on Sexual Orientation and Substance Use
Chair: Allen Omoto, Ph.D.The Sexual Practices of Combined Methamphetamine and Nitrate Users, Perry N. Halkitis, Ph.D.Lesbian and Bisexual Identity Among African American Female Drug Users, Claire Sterk, Ph.D., & Kirk Elifson, Ph.D.Ethnographic Perspectives on Drug Use Among Gay and Bisexual Men, E. Michael Gorman, Ph.D.Lesbians and Alcohol: What Does the Research Tell Us?, Mickey Eliason, Ph.D., Tonda Hughes, Ph.D.

Discussant: Jack Stein, MSW

10:00 - 11:50 a.m.

Capital Hilton Hotel
California Room**Symposium:** Contemporary Topics in Lesbian Health
Chair: Doreen Salina, Ph.D.Lesbian Health Advocacy and Research: An Overview of the Past 25 Years, Caitlan Ryan, MSW, ACSWFactors Associated with the Mental and Physical Health of Lesbians,
Doreen Salina, Ph.D., & Linda Lesondak, M.A.Sexual Orientation Identification and Self-Reported History of Mental Health Concerns,
Nina Markovic, Ph.D. and Deborah Aaron, Ph.D.Mental Health Services Utilization Patterns Among Lesbian & Heterosexual Women,
Lisa Razzano, Ph.D., Tonda L. Hughes, Ph.D., and Marie Hamilton, LCSWDistress and Gay-Related Stress Among Lesbian Youths,
Margaret Rosario, Ph.D. Joyce Hunter, Ph.D. and Marya Gwadz, Ph.D.

12:00 - 12:50 p.m.

Capital Hilton Hotel
California Room**Symposium:** Disrupting the Cultural Narrative: Daring to Discuss Lesbian Beauty
Chair: Jeanine Cogan, Ph.D.Beauty Norms as Functional: Why do Lesbians Wear Comfortable Shoes?, Jeanine Cogan, Ph.D.The Inter-relationship between Heterosexism and Lesbian Body Image, Gayle Pitman, Ph.D.Beauty, Boon, or Beast? Dilemmas of Lesbian Body Consciousness, Nita Mary McKinley, Ph.D.The Relationship between Gender Identity and the Social Construction of Beauty, Bonnie Strickland, Ph.D.

Discussant: Jennifer Taub, Ph.D.

1:00 - 1:50 p.m.

Renaissance Mayflower
Hotel, Massachusetts Room**Paper Session:** Psychosocial Concerns and Issues of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth
Chair: Doreen Salina, Ph.D.Antecedents and Consequences of Victimization on Non-Identified Gay Male Youth,
Daniel J. Carragher, Ph.D., & Joseph R. Scardapane, Ph.D., & Liora P. Schmelkin, Ph.D.Contributing Risk Factors for Suicidality among Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Youth, Nancy J. Gup, Psy.D.School Factors Associated with Risks Faced by Sexual Minority Adolescents, Carol Goodenow, Ph.D.

Sunday, August 6, 2000 (continued)

2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
Washington Convention
Center, Hall A

Poster Session

Chair: Isiaah Crawford, Ph.D.

Androgyny and Well-Being in Adults from Non-Traditional and Traditional Families of Origin

Ronit Zweig, Ph.D.

Heterosexist Bias in the Clinical Evaluation of Suicidal Adolescents

Marla Mandel, B.A., Michelle Williams, Ph.D.

Addressing Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues in School

Marcie L. Hebert, B.A., Lisa Condon, M.A., Alex Groody, M.A., Kathi A. Borden, Ph.D.

An Opening Door: The Issue of Homosexuality in Public Education

Paul J. Hammond & Matthew J. Zagumy, Ph.D.

Predicting Gay and Lesbian Supportive Attitudes Among Women

Lorraine Gutierrez, Ph.D., & Carl Pfeffer, B.A.

An IRT Analysis of Violence in Male Same-Sex Relationships

Katherine Regan, B.A., Kim Bartholomew, Ph.D., Monica Landolt, Ph.D., and Doug Oram, M.A.

Anxiety in Initiating Close Social Relationships Among Gay Men

Douglas Oram, M.A., Kim Bartholomew, Ph.D., and Monica A. Landolt, Ph.D.

Suicide Risk Among Gay Male Youth

Stephen C. Halpert, M.A.

A Survey of APA Accredited Doctoral Training in GLB Issues

Joan T. Cooper, B.S., Sherry A. Palarma, M.S., and Timothy R. Moragne, Psy.D.

The Alternative Behavior Scale: Assessing Non-Identified Gay Youth Behaviors

Daniel J. Carragher, Ph.D., Joseph R. Scardapane, Ph.D., & Liora P. Schmelkin, Ph.D.

Psychosocial Correlates of Internalized Homophobia in Lesbians

Dawn Szymanski, M.S., Y. Barry Chung, Ph.D., and Kimberly Balsam, M.S.

Differences Between Lesbians and Heterosexual Women in Body-related Attitudes

Tamara L. Share, M.A., & Laurie B. Mintz, Ph.D.

Narcissistic Vulnerability, Gay Identity, and Psychological Adjustment in Gay Men

Wayne A. Mayfield, Ph.D.

Effects of Heterosexist Language on Perceptions of Counselors

Jeanne M. Dorland, M.A., & Ann R. Fischer, Ph.D.

Modeling High-Risk Sexual Behavior in HIV-Negative Gay Men

Mark R. Jurek, Ph.D., & Anita L. Greene

Predictors of Sports Motivation among Gay/Bisexual Men

Isiaah Crawford, Ph.D., Brian Zamboni, M.A., Adam Carrico, B.A., & Phillip Hammack, B.A.

Psychological Well-Being among Middle Aged and Older Single Gay Men

Andrew J. Hostetler, M.A.

Coming Out Stories and Personality Development

Laura A. King, Ph.D., Camille R. Patterson, M.A., Summer Smith, B.A., and Kelly Ruff, B.A.

Putting the "T" in GLBT: Transgender Issues in Counseling Training

Lynne Carroll, Ph.D., & Paula J. Gilroy, Ed.D.

3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
Capital Hilton Hotel
Pan American Room

Presidential Address: Division 44 Presidential Address

Chair: Terry Gock, Ph.D.

From Madness to Method: From Our History to Our Research

Esther Rothblum, Ph.D.

Business Meeting: Division 44 Open Business Meeting

4:00 - 4:50 p.m.
Capital Hilton Hotel
Pan American Room

Interested in GLBT issues in families?

Join us for the first meeting of the
GLBT Issues Committee.

Sunday, August 6 from 4-5 p.m.

Division 43 Hospitality Suite
Renaissance Hotel

For more information contact:

Margaret Crosbie-Burnett
305-284-2808 or mcrosbur@miami.edu

Monday, August 7, 2000

8:00 - 9:50 a.m.
Capital Hilton Hotel
New York Room

Symposium: Bisexual Issues in Psychology: Research Agenda for the 21st Century
Chair: Sari H. Dworkin, Ph.D.

Bisexual Identities and Relationships: Current Research and Future Directions, Ronald C. Fox, Ph.D.

Attitudes Toward Bisexual Women and Men: Current Research, Future Directions, Tania Israel, Ph.D.

Research on Bisexuality and HIV/AIDS: Current Trends, Future Directions, Michael DiMarco, Psy.D.

Issues of Diversity in Psychological Research on Bisexuality, Sari H. Dworkin, Ph.D.

Research on Mental Health Services for Bisexual Women and Men, Emily Page, M.A.

Discussant: Ellen L. Halpern, Ph.D.

10:00 - 11:50 a.m.
Capital Hilton Hotel
Pan American Room

Symposium: Identity, Community, and Well-Being Among Lesbians, Gay Men, and Bisexuals
Chair: Gregory Herek, Ph.D.

Stress of Self-Concealment Among Lesbians and Bisexual Women, Joanne DiPlacido, Ph.D.

Being Openly Lesbian/Gay at Work: Antecedents and Consequences,
Theo G. M. Sandfort, Ph.D., & H. Bos, Ph.D.

Lesbians' Participation in Social Activities and Mental Health Services, Jessica F. Morris, Ph.D.

Psychological Well-Being and Commitment to Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Identities,
Gregory M. Herek, Ph.D., Jeanine C. Cogan, & Roy Gillis, Ph.D.

Discussant: Linda Garnets, Ph.D.

12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
Renaissance Mayflower
Hotel, Georgia Room

Symposium: Researching the Victimization of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youths
Renaissance Mayflower Hotel – Georgia Room
Chair: Anthony R. D'Augelli, Ph.D.

Conceptual Approaches to Studying Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youths
Anthony R. D'Augelli, Ph.D.

Implementation Challenges of Research on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youths
Arnold S. Grossman, Ph.D., & Allan P. Vives, M.S.

Methodological Issues in Research on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youths
Scott L. Hershberger, Ph.D.

Discussant: Margaret Rosario, Ph.D.

1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
Renaissance Mayflower
Hotel, Massachusetts Room

Round Table Conversation Hours: Homophobia in the Workplace: Impact, Obstacles, and Interventions
Chair: Gregory M. Tucker, Ph.D.

Impact of Homophobia and Heterosexism on GLB College Students, Nada Al-Timimi, M.A.

Homophobia in Schools: Educators Peer Out of the Closet, Gregory M. Tucker, Ph.D.

Gay Men in Professional Sports: Obstacles in Coming Out, Carolyn R. Darrup, B.A.

Homophobia in the Corporate World: The Glass Ceiling, David M. Lieberman, B.S.

Homophobia and Heterosexism in the Helping Professions, David B. Jacobs, B.A.

Minorities within Minorities: Gay and Lesbian Service Providers of Color, Syreeta D. Washington, B.A.

Homophobia and Police: Implications for Police Officers and the Public, Shane A. Gelbaugh, B.A.

Being a Sexual Minority and Working for a Religious Organization, Frank Christian von Zuben, M.S.Ed.

DIVISION 44 SUITE SCHEDULE

<p>Friday 8:00-9:30 a.m. Outgoing Division 44 Executive Committee Meeting 10:00-10:50 a.m. Division 44 Women's Health Task Force meeting – Linda Williams 1:00-1:50 p.m. Presentation and discussion: <i>Disrupting Normalcy: Anti-heteronormative efforts in therapy, research and classrooms.</i> Margo Rivera, Catherine Taylor, Janice Ristock, & Laura Brown. 3:00-3:50 p.m. Science Committee Mtg – Allen Omoto 4:00-4:50 p.m. Mandatory meeting for student volunteers 5:00-8:00 p.m. Student party 8:00-11:00 p.m. Mixed men's and women's kick off party</p> <p>Saturday 10:00-10:50 a.m. Bisexual discussion hour 12:00-1:50 p.m. Mentoring 2:00-3:00 p.m. No suite programming – Invited Division 44 address: <i>Mommy, Do You Think I'm Gay?: When Children Ask Questions.</i> Eric Marcus 3:00-3:50 p.m. Conversation hour with Eric Marcus 8:00-11:00 p.m. Women's party</p>	<p>Sunday 11:00-11:50 a.m. Presentation and discussion : <i>Three Year Experience of Internet Counseling for Korean Lesbians, Gay Men, and Bisexuals –</i> Huso Yi 1:00-1:50 p.m. Presentation and discussion: <i>How visible are queer issues in applied psychology application packets?</i> Joseph Turner & Marcus Biddle 2:00-2:50 p.m. Student discussion hour 3:00-3:50 p.m. No suite programming – Presidential address <i>From Madness to Method: From Our History to Our Research.</i> Esther Rothblum, Ph.D. 4:00-4:50 p.m. Division 44 Business meeting 5:00-5:50 p.m. Memorial for Catherine Acuff, Ph.D. 8:00-11:00 p.m. Men's party</p> <p>Monday 8:00-9:30 a.m. Incoming Division 44 Executive Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. Suite closed and check out</p>
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Annual Fundraising Dinner to be Held Monday, August 7

We return this year to the tradition of holding our annual fundraising dinner on Monday evening. Although some people leave the meeting before then, the Saturday dinner produced too many conflicts with other APA events, so the Executive Committee decided to return it to the Monday night time.

This year's dinner will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, August 7 at the West End Cafe, located in the Foggy Bottom section of Washington, DC--near George Washington University and Kennedy Center. There is a Metro subway stop within walking distance of the restaurant. The West End Cafe has long been a favorite of the GLB community and supportive of local fundraising events. The annual benefit for Food and Friends, the local organization that delivers meals to people with HIV/AIDS, began as a small sampling of local restaurant fare at West End over ten years ago. It has now grown to a ballroom-based event, attracting more than a hundred restaurants and more than 1,000 participants.

The staff at the restaurant has come up with a wonderful menu. The meal will include salad, an entree, dessert, coffee or tea, and a glass of wine. There will also be a cash bar. The entree choices are as follows:

- ★ Grilled Marinated Chicken Breast with Wild Mushroom and Peppercorn Dijon Sauce and Saffron Rice
- ★ Grilled Beef Tenderloin with Basil Whipped Potatoes, Baby Vegetables, and Port Wine Sauce
- ★ Grilled Virginia Trout with Saffron Whipped Potatoes and Lemon Herb Vinaigrette
- ★ Mushroom Ricotta Manicotti with Marinara Sauce and Wilted Greens

Regular - \$70.00

Sponsor - \$120.00

Student - \$45.00

Sponsors will be acknowledged at the dinner and in the Division 44 Newsletter following the meeting. There are only a limited number of student tickets available. **Place your order soon, as the dinner typically sells out before the APA meeting!**

Please indicate your choice of entree and send this with a check for the appropriate amount (payable to SPSLGBI) to:

Robb Mapou, Ph.D., 2552 Sutcliff Terrace, Brookeville, MD 20833-3251

Questions can be directed to Robb via e-mail (robbsm@his.com), which is preferred, or phone (301 570-4847; please, no calls after 9:30 PM EDT). We look forward to seeing everyone there.

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PSYCHOTHERAPY WITH BISEXUAL CLIENTS
APA DIVISION 44 PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP IN WASHINGTON, DC
Thursday, August 3, 2000 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Workshop Description

This full day workshop brings together clinicians with experience and expertise in bisexual issues and psychotherapy. Through a combination of presentations, discussion, and experiential exercises, the workshop faculty will provide participants with a deeper understanding of how to apply current research, theory, and clinical knowledge about bisexuality to affirmative psychotherapy with bisexual clients, their partners and their families.

Faculty

Patricia Alford-Keating, Ph.D., University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
 Michael DiMarco, Psy.D., Center for AIDS Intervention Research, Milwaukee, WI
 Ron Fox, Ph.D., Independent Practice, San Francisco, CA
 Angela Gillem, Ph.D., Beaver College, Glenside, PA
 Emily Page, Psy.D. (Cand.), Antioch New England Graduate School, Keene, NH

#CE Hours: 7

Workshop Registration Fee: \$100 (\$50 for full-time students). Make checks out to Division 44/SPSLGBI.

Cancellation Policy: A handling fee of \$25 will be deducted for cancellation. Refund requests must be received by mail by July 24, 2000. No refunds will be issued after that date.

Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Send registration and payment to:
 David Jull-Johnson, Ph.D.
 582 Market Street, Suite 308
 San Francisco, CA 94104-5304

For more information call: 415-296-8756 or email: Jull-Johnson@excite.com
 Confirmation via e-mail will be sent upon enrollment.

GET A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE TO JOIN DIVISION 44!

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/affective orientation. Members or associate members of the American Psychological Association may join as members or associate members of the SPSLGBI, respectively. 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, Deborah Brown at dlbrown@csupomona.edu or (909) 869-3220.

Name _____ Professional Position _____ Date _____

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Highest degree _____ Major field of study _____ Degree date _____ Institution _____

Gender _____ Ethnicity _____ Other APA Division Memberships _____

Please send this form and dues for current year to:
Division 44 Administrative Office
American Psychological Association
 750 First Street NE
 Washington, DC 20002

Make checks payable to SPSLGBI/APA

APA Membership Number (if applicable) _____

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Applying for Division 44 Membership as:

- Member (\$30) Associate (\$30)
 Affiliate (\$30) Student Affiliate (\$10)

2001 ROY SCRIVNER SMALL GRANT AWARD - APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The American Psychological Foundation (APF) requests proposals for Roy Scrivner Small Grants. The Small Grant is an award mechanism that was introduced in 1999, with approval from the Board of Trustees of the American Psychological Foundation. The Small Grants provide up to \$4000 for empirical research consistent with the Roy Scrivner Fund's goal of encouraging research on lesbian and gay family psychology and lesbian and gay family therapy. Funding up to \$1000 is available for graduate student research in this area, with strong preference given to applications from students at the dissertation stage of the graduate career.

In Scrivner's (1996) words: "Lesbian and gay family psychology is defined as the study of lesbian and gay individuals, couples, their children, their families of origin and extended biologically-related family members, and their extended nonbiologically-related family members of choice. It may include current or former spouses in heterosexual marriages and any children from these marriages. The recently established area of bisexual family psychology is the study of bisexual individuals and their partners, their children, and their family of origin members and extended biological family members" (p. 142).

Proposals are invited for empirical research from all fields of the behavioral and social sciences. Proposals are especially encouraged for empirical studies that address the following:

- challenges faced by gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals in forming, defining and maintaining families
- sources of support and resilience for lesbian, gay, or bisexual members of families
- the diversity among families led by lesbian, gay, or bisexual people including cultural and racial diversity, socioeconomic diversity, and diversity in family structure
- clinical issues, interventions, and outcomes in gay and lesbian family therapy.

ELIGIBILITY: For the post-doctoral research award (up to \$4000), all applicants (including co-investigators) must have a doctoral-level degree (e.g., Ph.D., Psy.D., MD). For the pre-doctoral research award, all applicants must be graduate students and include a letter of support from their supervising professor. All research involving human subjects must have been approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) from the Principal Investigator's institution when the application is submitted.

AWARDS: Up to \$4000 (for post-doctoral) and up to \$1000 (pre-doctoral) can be requested for expenses legitimately associated with conducting an empirical research project. It is expected that applicants will propose a study that can be completed within one year. Funds will not normally be provided for travel to professional meetings, manuscript preparation, or stipends or salary for the PI or co-investigators. The Award does not pay any institutional indirect costs.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: All proposals must be neatly typed (letter or laser-print quality), with one-inch margins, single-spaced, with at least a 12-point type face or font. Applications exceeding the specified page limits will not be reviewed. Do not submit appendices to the application. There are no preprinted application forms. The completed application must include the following:

1. A cover sheet with: (a) the proposal title, (b) name and highest academic degree of the principal investigator (PI), (c) PI's institutional affiliation and rank/title, (d) PI's mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address, (e) name, highest academic degree, affiliation, and rank/title of co-investigators, if any, and (f) an abstract of up to 200 words summarizing the proposed research. Applications from two or more investigators must designate one individual as the PI.
2. A description of the project's: (a) goals and research question, (b) theoretical rationale, (c) research methodology and analytical procedures, (d) procedures for protecting participants, and (e) relevance to the goals of the Scrivner fund, as stated above. (3 pages maximum)
3. A list of references cited. (1 page maximum)
4. A brief vita for the PI and any co-investigators, including educational background and relevant publications. (2 pages maximum per investigator) A faculty sponsor's recommendation must be provided if the investigator is a graduate student.
5. Documentation of the project's approval by the IRB or Human Subjects Committee at the PI's institution, if data will be collected from human participants.
6. A budget (1-2 pages) listing all planned expenditures and a brief explanation of each budget item. Include any funds anticipated from other granting sources. Clearly state the total amount requested. Indicate whether funds will be issued to the PI or the PI's institution if the project is selected for funding. If funds are issued to the PI's institution, official documentation that the institution has agreed to waive indirect costs must be submitted with the application. If funds are issued directly to the PI, any resulting tax liabilities will be the PI's responsibility.

REVIEW PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS OF AWARD: Applications will be evaluated for their conceptual and methodological quality, scientific and social significance, and relevance to the goals of the Scrivner Fund. For the post-doctoral grants, consideration will be given to the likelihood that the grant will develop the applicant's ongoing research program on lesbian and gay family psychology and lesbian and gay family therapy. Because of the rapid response time, no feedback can be provided to individual applicants about their proposals. Applicants will simply be informed whether or not their proposal was selected for a Small Grant. All application materials will be treated as confidential, and will be destroyed after the review process is completed. Application materials cannot be returned. Small Grant recipients must agree to submit a written final report of their activities within 1 year of receiving funding, and to acknowledge the Scrivner Fund in any publications resulting from the Small Grant.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE: Submit an original and 6 copies of the application to **Scrivner Small Grants Program, American Psychological Foundation, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242. (202) 336-5814.** E-mail inquiries to: foundation@apa.org. Completed applications must be received by **November 1, 2000**. Applicants who wish to have written confirmation that their application was received are advised to send it via certified mail (return receipt requested), express mail, or other express delivery courier that will provide confirmation of delivery. Award recipients will be notified on or after February 1, 2001. Funding will begin shortly thereafter.

Reference: Scrivner, R. (1996). Ethical and legal issues in lesbian, gay, and bisexual family therapy. In D. T. Marsh & R. D. Magee (Eds.), *Ethical and legal issues in professional practice with families* (pp. 140-160). New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

▼ CLGBC REPORT

As you may know, CLGBC (Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Concerns) is a governance committee of APA, housed in the Public Interest Directorate. The Committee's mission is to:

1. study and evaluate on an ongoing basis how the issues and concerns of lesbian, gay male, and bisexual psychologists can best be dealt with;
2. encourage objective and unbiased research in areas relevant to lesbian, gay male, and bisexual adults and youth, and the social impact of such research;
3. examine the consequences of inaccurate information and stereotypes about lesbian, gay male, and bisexual adults and youth in clinical practice;
4. develop educational materials for distribution to psychologists and others; and
5. make recommendations regarding the integration of these issues into APA's activities to further the cause of civil rights of lesbian, gay male, and bisexual psychologists within the profession.

Some of our recent and current projects include close collaboration with Division 44 on the passage of the Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients; the development (with Charlotte Patterson) of a booklet on Gay and Lesbian Parenting (currently in revision); working on creating an international conference entitled Sexual Orientation, Human Rights, and Mental Health: Toward a Global Psychology (Catherine Acuff's idea) for 2001; writing a document entitled Implementation of Resolution on Appropriate Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation (Laura Brown); and establishing communication with state associations. As for the latter project, we would like to establish a listserv with the glb factions within each state to enhance communications. At this time, we are attempting to identify any committee, Division, or individual within each state association and to encourage the formation of a glb representative should none

exist. Of course, you could assist this project by ensuring that your state association has some form of glb focus group and that CLGBC is aware of the group.

During the Spring Consolidated meetings in Washington, DC, the committee met with Timothy Condon and Jack Stein of the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) as well as Howard Kurtzman of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). They stated that they encouraged research proposals on glb issues and would be willing to help anyone interested in submitting a grant proposal with a glb component. These individuals were instrumental in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) co-sponsoring, along with APA, a workshop (September of 1999), entitled: New Approaches to Research on Sexual Orientation, Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Anyone interested in serving on CLGBC, a three year term, should watch for the call for nominations in the APA Monitor and submit the required information at the appropriate time. The committee encourages self-nominations. Also, the committee gives an annual Outstanding Achievement Award and actively solicits nominations. As a committee, we cannot nominate anyone for the award and are dependent upon recommendations made by others. Again, a notice will appear in the Monitor as well as the Division 44 newsletter. If you know of someone you believe merits such recognition, please nominate them to the committee.

Please feel free to contact any member of the committee should you have a question or want to share your ideas with us. The current members of the committee are Margaret Schneider, chair (mschneider@oise.utoronto.ca); Judith Glassgold, chair-elect (jmglass@aol.com); Martha Bernal (atmeb@imapl.asu.edu); Allen Omoto (omoto@ukans.edu); Alan Storm (stormal@aol.com); and Jim Fitzgerald (jeepbuddy97@yahoo.com).

- Jim Fitzgerald

Division 44 welcomes the following new Fellows, Members, and Associates!

Curt Bonafiglia, New York; Christine Suter, Seattle; Jamie Cooper, Virginia; Luca Pietrantonio, Italy; Alida Sherman, New York; Cheryl Van Denburg, Montana; John Falbo, Pennsylvania; Ann Barrows, Pittsburgh; Gladys Croom, Illinois; Gerald Davison, Los Angeles; Valerian Derlega, Virginia; John Jeter, Michigan; Robin Muir, West Virginia; Dominicus So, Washington DC; Richard Goldberg, Baltimore; Lynne Harkless, Miami; Gregory Sarlo, Chicago; James Herndon, Phoenix; James Cruce, Washington; Debra Edelman, Massachusetts; Amanda Graham, Rhode Island; Michael Koski, New York; Carol Shuttleworth, New York; Susan Hawkins, Philadelphia; Gregory Tucker, Pennsylvania; Caitlin Ryan, Washington DC; Clinton Anderson, Washington DC; Brian Victor, Washington DC; Gloria Gottsegen, Florida; Suzanne Shealy, Florida; Douglas Greiner, Missouri; William Tedford, Dallas; David Eidenberg, California; Robert Gurney, San Francisco; Donna Smith, Washington; Kathleen Morrow, Rhode Island; William Hanjorgiris, New York City; Erica Weiler, Pennsylvania; Tara Macatee, Pennsylvania; Benita Chernyk, Ohio; David Deboer, Chicago; Warren Rosen, Chicago; Rachel St. Clair, Colorado; Molly Gierasch, Colorado; Bryna Barsky, California; Susie Kisber, California; Stephen McCutcheon, Washington

Plus 95 new Affiliates whose memberships remain confidential.

Welcome to you all!

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

BISEXUAL ISSUES IN PSYCHOLOGY

Division 44 will be sponsoring three events focusing on bisexuality at this year's APA Convention in Washington: a Symposium, a Discussion Hour, and a pre-convention Continuing Education Workshop.

The Symposium, "Bisexual Issues in Psychology: Research Agenda for the 21st Century," will take place on Monday, August 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel. The Symposium Chair is Sari Dworkin, and presenters include Ron Fox, on bisexual identities and relationships; Tanya Israel, on attitudes toward bisexual women and bisexual men; Michael DiMarco, on bisexuality and HIV/AIDS; Sari Dworkin, on issues of diversity in psychological research on bisexuality; and Emily Page, on psychotherapy and mental health services for bisexual women and bisexual men. The Discussant is Ellen Halpern.

A Bisexual Issues Discussion Hour will take place Saturday, August 5 from 9 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Division 44 Hospitality Suite at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, and will offer members the opportunity to gather and talk.

Division 44's Pre-Convention Continuing Education Workshop this year is titled "Psychotherapy with Bisexual Clients" and will take place at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel on Thursday, August 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Committee has worked with the Continuing Education Committee Chair, David Jull-Johnson, and the Workshop faculty will include Ron Fox, Emily Page, Michael DiMarco, Angela Gillem, and Pat Alford-Keating. Through a combination of presentations, faculty and audience discussion, and experiential exercises, this full day workshop will provide essential information, resources, and skills necessary to provide affirmative psychotherapy to bisexual clients, their partners, and their families.

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 Meetings, 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 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 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.

- Emily Page, Psy.D. (Cand.), 781-641-3980; em@health-now.net
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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This is the last Membership Committee update I will be writing as I will be finishing my tenure and stepping down from my position as Co-chair in August. I am reminded of the first article that I submitted three years ago, following my first meeting with the Executive Committee. I remember writing about the notion of "family," a word and sentiment that many EC members expressed about their involvement in Division 44. I recall first meeting EC members. I walked into the hotel lobby where everyone was collecting. I felt nervous and intimidated, as I was the "new kid on the block." I sheepishly followed Steve James, then President-Elect, who had drawn me into the Division and had traveled with me from Boston. I had asked Steve scads of questions in an effort to try to learn about the Division: the organization, the history, the people, and of course, the dynamics. I had hoped I would quickly become knowledgeable, less green, and more relaxed. You see, I was stepping into the Membership Chair position, and I had never even been a member of the Division!

I recall the moment when I was first put at ease. I was being introduced to Chris Browning, then President and a person I had only spoken to once on the phone. She introduced herself with a warm and friendly smile. I went to shake her hand, stiff and formal, and Chris said something like, "We're all family around here," motioning whether she could give me a hug. This was also my experience during the next three days of the business meetings. Chris' welcome and introduction exuded that sense of family. It was like I was saying hello to an old friend.

As I write this, my last article, I am warmly reminded of that first day, and saddened that I will miss that experience of family. I will miss the friendly, compassionate, and committed people who are dedicatedly involved in the Division. Deborah Brown, Co-chair of the Membership Committee, and a godsend, will be continuing with membership activities. I leave the MC grateful for the support and assistance she has provided. I am also grateful for the assistance provided by past and present MC members: Michael Ranney, Frank Muscarella, Larry Rosenberg, Ken Swartz, Pat Alford-Keating, and Julie Konik. Deborah is looking for a Co-chair, preferably male for gender balance. If you are interested, please contact her (909-869-3220 or dlbrown@csupomona.edu).

Here is an update of the various Membership Committee activities since the last newsletter. By the time you read this newsletter, the 2000 Membership Directory will have been produced and ideally been distributed to those members who ordered a hardbound copy. The directory will be posted on the Division 44 website (<http://www.apa.org/divisions/div44/>). This is the first time the Division has produced a directory. Please submit any comments to the Membership Committee about changes you would like to see for the 2001 Directory.

Also, you should have received your 1999 Annual by this time. (Yes, I said 1999!) This is the last Annual to be produced in the series of five. The Executive Committee is looking into future publications as a membership benefit. "AIDS and Stigma" (1999, Vol. 42, #7 of the American Behavioral Scientist) has been selected for this year's publication. A copy of this issue will be distributed soon.

For those of you who are reading about the Membership Committee for the first time, here is a list of ongoing activities:

- Marketing for increased membership
- Producing Student Affiliate Directory
- Maintaining Division 44 listserv
- Updating Division 44 database
- Assessing New Members' interest in Div. 44 & its activities.

I wish all Division members health and happiness, and I look forward to seeing you at future conventions. Finally, I encourage you to get directly involved in the Division. For me it has been a wonderful and worthwhile experience and a "family" I will miss.

- Doug Deville

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Stay in the Suite!

Looking for an inexpensive place to stay during convention? Do you want to attend Division 44 programming without running across town from your hotel? Would you like to meet other students and members of division 44? Consider staying in the division 44 suite during convention! For \$40/night, students can stay in one of the hotel rooms attached to the suite. This rate is based upon four students in a room. (Fewer students can stay in a room if you are willing to make up the price difference.) In exchange for staying in the suite, we are asking students to volunteer four hours in the suite. Volunteering usually takes the form of setting up the suite, greeting suite visitors, and staffing suite parties. To reserve your space, first email Julie at jkonik@umich.edu to confirm space availability. Then, mail your check (\$40/night for each night you want to stay in the suite; 3 night minimum) to Julie.

Student-focused Convention Events

There are several programs for students during this year's convention. We'll open the convention with a student party from 5-8 Friday night in the Division suite. Free food and drinks will be provided. In light of your requests for more mentoring activities, we'll be sponsoring a mentoring workshop on Saturday from noon until 1:50. The workshop will consist of keynote speakers and roundtable discussions on topics including being out in academia, publishing, internship, getting your first academic job, being a member of multiple marginalized communities, and being LGBT and working with LGBT clients in a clinical setting. Please email us if you have any ideas about additional topics or would like to co-host a roundtable discussion group. Finally, we'll have a closing student discussion hour on Sunday from 2:00 to 2:50 in the suite.

As always, please feel free to email us with any comments, questions, or suggestions that you have for the Division. Hope to see you in DC!

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TRANSGENDER TASK FORCE REPORT

The Transgender Task Force was formed at the 1999 APA Convention in Boston, in response to Division 44 President Steven James' invitation to begin a dialogue about the needs of transgender and transsexual psychologists and others. We hope to have official recognition as a task force very soon. This year we are working on goals and objectives, as well as developing a mission statement for the task force.

Co-chairs

Michael Hendricks, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist, a clinical adjunct to two doctoral clinical psychology programs, and a partner at the Washington Psychological Center, in Washington, D.C. His 10+ years of research and clinical experience working with GLB clients and persons with HIV/AIDS persons led to his more recent interest and work with transgendered individuals.

Nikayo T. Embaye is a counseling psychology doctoral candidate who was encouraged to join Division 44 by the growing safety for diverse individuals within the division. As one who has suffered the negative consequences of being an openly transgendered person of color, Nik looks forward to taking part in the creation of safe space in which to discuss these issues.

Taskforce members

Ingrid R. Ehrbar is a doctoral student in clinical psychology at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology/Chicago Campus. At her first APA convention, Ingrid asked about the Division 44 position on GID and quickly found herself a member of the transgender taskforce which was in the process of forming.

James Cantor, Ph.D. is a postdoctoral fellow in sexology research at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry/Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. He has conducted individual psychotherapy and support groups for gender dysphoric men and women, assessing readiness for hormonal and surgical transition. He has appeared on national television in Canada, advocating for the continuation of public health care funding of sex reassignment surgery, and on youth-oriented programs, educating adolescents on gender identity issues.

Other members: Arlene Istar Lev, CSW-R, CASAC; Alicia Luckstead, Ph.D.; Peg Thompson; Jackie Weinstock, Ph.D.; and Nina Williams, Psy.D.

Transgender Listserv: In order to provide a space for clinical discussion of transgender and intersex issues both within Division 44 and with members of other divisions, other helping professionals, and members of the transgender and intersex communities (groups who were consistently identified in Division 44 discussions of transgender issues as important participants in the discussion), Ingrid created an email list on behalf of the transgender taskforce. Discussions on the list so far have included mentally ill trans clients, hormone therapy, GID in adults and children, and other topics. For more information, email transtaskforce-owner@egroups.com or go to <http://www.egroups.com/group/transtaskforce>. To join the list, either go to the website or send email to transtaskforce-subscribe@egroups.com.

A Brief Overview of Transgender Issues: Transgender is an umbrella term that has come to represent transsexuals, transvestites, drag queens, crossdressers and other individuals who do not follow society's unwritten gender rules. This community is currently the subject of much media attention, which tends to stigmatize people and sensationalize the issues. This focus obscures much of the oppression experienced by transgendered individuals. Transgendered people have taken an active part in creating their history and sharing their stories. Such histories are excellent introductions to this community. Recent years have seen the publication of books that specifically address the counseling needs of transgendered people. Two such are True Selves by Brown and Rounsley, and Randi Ettner's Gender Loving Care.

FROM A MINORITY TO A MAJORITY PERSPECTIVE: BRINGING EMA INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM OR WHAT IS IN A NAME?

by Marie L. Miville and Brian Ragsdale, Co-Chairs

The Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee of Division 44 is considering a name change. As the Committee's Co-Chairs, we would like to propose that the Committee be renamed the Multicultural Affairs Committee. There are several reasons why such a name change is needed at this time. For one, the use of the term "minority" to refer to people of color in today's language seems archaic and pejorative (akin to the use of the term "homosexual" in reference to LGBT people). To be sure, the original intent of EMA's name was to ensure that people of color and our specific issues would be included in Division 44's overall mission. But the time has come to rethink how such inclusion occurs. The emphasis of most LGBT people of color is on the multiple oppressions, the multiple identities, that profoundly affect the fabric of our lives. Such a multiplicity within one's psyche can engender a sense of separation from others, even isolation in more destructive scenarios. We believe that the emphasis of a committee charged with focusing on these issues needs to have a more inclusive flavor that is reflected by having an inclusive title.

A second reason for the name change is for the Committee to serve as a gathering place for other disempowered people, as based, for example, on socioeconomic status, abilities, and religiosity/spirituality. We propose that the key unifying feature of the Committee is to serve members who have experienced disenfranchisement from resources, revenues, and political power in the larger society on the simple, though irrational, basis of demographic group membership. There is certainly risk in widening the focus of the Committee to confront oppression and celebrate diversity on a variety of levels, the most apparent of which is watering down the focus of the Committee. This may lead to a situation where the original members the Committee was to serve, LGBT people of color, are no longer served well. Again, however, we would like to emphasize that from our experience, professionally and personally, it makes more sense to have a Committee that recognizes, affirms, celebrates, and on occasion, commiserates, the complexities of our collective experiences and multiple ways in which we identify. The purpose of such a committee is to educate and promote understanding of these complex experiences, not to separate and isolate one group experience from another. We hope that by renaming the Committee and reorienting our focus that we might increase committee membership and involvement, and support an ongoing discussion among the general membership of Division 44 (as well as APA as a whole) about the complexities of multiple identities that affect each of us. Complexities may affect us by adding across a number of privileged group memberships, or by simply acknowledging how experiencing both oppression and privilege add and detract from our lives. It is for these poignant and, we believe, compelling reasons, that we would like to see the Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee re-formed and renamed the Multicultural Affairs Committee. We hope that you will agree.

FORMING A NETWORK OF FAMILY MEMBERS OF GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL INDIVIDUALS

Organizing Committee:

Laura S. Brown

Donald K. Freedheim

Marvin R. Goldfried

Rich C. Savin-Williams

Wendy K. Silverman

If you are a psychologist who has a family member who is gay, lesbian, or bisexual (glb), or know of anyone who does, you might be interested in a network that is being formed within psychology.

APA is noted for having been a very strong advocate for glb concerns, and many of its members have been personally supportive of their glb children, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. This will be the first time, however, that a network of such family members within psychology is being formed.

In addition to providing open support for their own family members, the network would be very important in supporting the clinical and research work on glb issues within psychology. Moreover, by having family members come out in this fashion, they may provide others with indirect exposure to glb issues and serve as role models to others with glb family members. This is extremely important, in that exposure or contact has been found to be an important factor associated with positive attitudes toward glb individuals. Finally, this network within psychology could prove to be useful to glb advocacy groups in need of experts as a source of information, and to testify in court or before legislative bodies.

In our casual conversations with colleagues, we have been struck with how many have glb family members. To a person, every one we have spoken with has agreed to be part of this network. If you would like to add your name, or would like to pass this information on to a colleague, please e-mail, fax, write or call:

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REFLECTIONS ON GENDER IDENTITY DISORDER IN CHILDREN

by Ingrid Ehrbar

Our Division is having more and more conversations about transgender issues, and I hope that this paper will further this discussion. Information on a Division 44 discussion list on transgender issues appears at the end of this article.

I have chosen to write about the diagnosis of Gender Identity Disorder in Children (GIDC) as one of the transgender issues which falls most "cleanly" into the area of concern of Division 44. The reason GIDC falls into the area of concern of Division 44 is that many of the children diagnosed with this disorder grow up to be bisexual or homosexual. Also, in retrospective studies, many homosexual adults recall being gender non-conforming as children (Baker, 1998; Lippa & Arad, 1997; Pollack, 1999; Tasker & Golombok, 1997). Thus, while not all gender nonconforming children grow up to be homosexual or bisexual, and not all homosexual or bisexual adults were gender non-conforming children, there is a definite link between being a gender non-conforming child and a homosexual or bisexual adult.

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV) produced by the American Psychiatric Association bases the diagnosis of Gender Identity Disorder (GID) on four criteria: (A) "a strong and persistent cross-gender identification," (B) "persistent discomfort with his or her sex or sense of inappropriateness in the gender role of that sex," (C) "the disturbance is not concurrent with a physical intersex condition", and (D) "the disturbance causes clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning" (APA 1994, pp. 537-538). While the DSM does say that "simple nonconformity to stereotypical sex role behavior" should not be diagnosed as Gender Identity Disorder "unless the full syndrome is present, including marked distress or impairment" (APA 1994, p. 536), it is possible for simple gender nonconformity to meet the criteria set forth in the DSM. Consider the two following hypothetical examples:

Tim is a 6 year old boy who dislikes rough-and-tumble play (meets criterion B in boys). Instead he prefers to play games like house, dress-up, jacks, or jumprope (one of four criteria for criterion A), and most of his playmates are girls (two of four criteria for criterion A). When he plays house he prefers to be the mommy (three of four criteria for criterion A) although sometimes he also plays the daddy or one of the children. Tim prefers girls' dress-up clothes to boys' (four of four criteria for criterion A) because they are "softer and prettier." Tim's older brother teases him for being a sissy and often reduces Tim to the point of tears. His parents are concerned that Tim will grow up to be homosexual and attempt to get him to take part in activities such as football and boxing which he doesn't like (criterion D). Tim does not have an intersexual condition (criterion C).

Cindy is a 10 year-old girl who prefers to wear jeans, t-shirts, and tennis shoes. (One of the criteria for criterion A) She objects when her parents try to get her to wear dresses because "they itch" and she cannot play as she likes because her clothes would "get dirty or tear." (Meets criterion B in girls). Cindy likes to play cops and robbers, touch football, cowboys and indians, basketball, and Tarzan (two of the criteria for criterion A). Most

of her playmates are boys (three of the criteria for criterion A). When they play Tarzan she often plays the role of Tarzan (four of the criteria for criterion A). Her parents are concerned that Cindy is getting to be too old to be a tomboy and are worried that if she does not behave in a more lady like fashion, she will never get a boyfriend. They are pressuring her to wear girls' clothing more often, to which Cindy vigorously objects resulting in frequent arguments (criterion D). Cindy does not have an intersexual condition (criterion C).

As we can see in these two examples, simple gender conformity can easily meet the criteria for GIDC, especially if social pressures to be more gender conforming are taken into account. Zevy (1999) argues that the diagnosis of GID is dangerous because "it labels as pathological what might be 'normal' behavior for lesbian tomboys who are in the process of forming an identity which will fit their future self-identification and object choice" (p. 189). Corbett (1999) makes a similar argument that certain forms of homosexual boyhood can be easily mistaken for GID. The inclusion of an aversion towards rough-and-tumble play in boys as a possible criterion for GID is especially disturbing when we remember that this aversion seems to have a biological basis and seems to be in some way linked to the development of a homosexual sexual orientation as an adult (Baker, 1998; Lippa & Arad, 1997; Pollack, 1999; Tasker & Golombok, 1997).

Since homosexuality is no longer considered a disorder, the motivation to treat gender nonconforming children in order to prevent homosexuality is ethically questionable. Given that both the ethics and clinical validity of treating children with GID in order to prevent them from becoming homosexual has been called into question, the alternate justification of preventing adult transsexualism has been called into play. Once again, "there is no direct evidence that gender identity is any more amenable to manipulation or alteration than sexual orientation" (Minter, 1999, p.14). In fact, from a developmental perspective, it might be expected that gender would be less amenable to treatment than sexual orientation since gender development takes place earlier than the development of sexual orientation (Golombok & Fivush, 1994). Thus, in GIDC "homosexuality-as-pathology is simply reconfigured as a childhood disorder" (Rottnek, 1999, p.1).

Another argument is that children diagnosed with GIDC should be taught how to behave in a manner that is less likely to result in social problems. Indeed there is nothing objectionable in helping children to negotiate societal gender norms in the ways they find most comfortable. In fact, Pollack (1999) has suggested that all boys be taught how to do this. Thus children diagnosed with GIDC are no different from other children in this regard, and it seems unnecessary to pathologize them. If unconventional gender is seen in children who have other problems, then it seems preferable to focus on those other problems rather than on their gender expression. Thus the diagnostic category of Gender Identity Disorder in Children seems unnecessary.

The American Public Health Association (APHA) has recognized that "Gender Identity Disorder within the DSM-IV is misused by some health care professionals to treat "pre-

homosexual" and "pre-transsexual" children and adolescents so as to promote their development into nontranssexual, heterosexual adults" (APHA, 1999, p. 35). We should also recognize that the diagnosis of Gender Identity Disorder in Children is open to misuse and should examine whether it is a useful category at all.

Note: Recently, I started an email list on behalf of the transgender taskforce to provide a space for discussion of professional issues related to transgender issues. The email list is not limited to Division 44 members. For more information, send email to transtaskforce-owner@egroups.com or go to <http://www.egroups.com/group/transtaskforce>. To join send email to transtaskforce-subscribe@egroups.com or go to the website. Kathy Wilson (kathykw@juno.com) also asked to be identified as a contact for any Division 44 members who are interested in advocating reform of the gender diagnoses.

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NEWS ON SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION; CONTACTS AT NIH

Submitted by Allen M. Omoto

This past fall, an unprecedented event took place at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The APA joined forces with institutes and offices at NIH (specifically the National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH], the National Institute on Drug Abuse [NIDA], the Office of Behavioral & Social Sciences Research, and the Office of Research on Women's Health) to sponsor a workshop on "New Approaches to Research on Sexual Orientation, Mental Health and Substance Abuse." The thirteen speakers at the two-day workshop included researchers whose major focus is lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) populations as well as other researchers with data and ideas that contribute to understanding LGB populations. The primary goals of the workshop were to review the current state of scientific knowledge concerning the relation of sexual orientation with mental health and substance abuse, to identify issues for future research, and to discuss methodological challenges that arise in behavioral research on sexual orientation. The workshop was structured so that there was ample time for audience discussion and questions following each of the formal research talks. Through these discussions and other informal events, the workshop organizers also hoped to facilitate connections and networking among participants and between participants and staff at NIH who attended.

Why was this workshop so important? First, it permitted a wide range of researchers to showcase their research for each other and for NIH staff. In short, it made clear that rigorous scientific research on sexual orientation can be and is currently being done and also helped to identify new areas of opportunity for future research. Owing to its wide-ranging and prestigious sponsorship, moreover, the workshop should help to raise the profile of and support for behavioral science research on sexual orientation, including research that focuses on the unique psychological concerns of LGB people. Finally, the workshop provided an opportunity for several separate organizations to work together on issues of sexual orientation. The idea for an event like this workshop actually began several years ago in informal discussions between members of the APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns and individual staff members at NIH. The culmination of these discussions in a formally co-sponsored workshop may lay the foundation for future collaborative efforts that will benefit LGB people and researchers interested in LGB issues.

At this point, the impact of this workshop on future scholarship on LGB issues and collaborative efforts between the APA and federal agencies is just beginning to be felt. It is clear, however, that the impact will be positive. Bringing attention to research on sexual orientation and issues confronted by LGB people, as well as encouraging others to take up these concerns in their work, can only expand and benefit the existing knowledge base while also helping to legitimize research in these areas. An edited volume featuring some of the research presented at the workshop is currently in the planning stages; this volume will increase the accessibility of some of the important scientific contributions from the workshop. In addition, individuals at several federal agencies, including Howard Kurtzman at the NIMH (email: kurtzman@nih.gov, tel: 301-443-9400) and Timothy Condon at NIDA (email: condon@ngmsmtp.nida.nih.gov, tel: 301-443-6063) have agreed to serve as initial contacts for investigators interested in pursuing federal research support for their work on LGB issues and populations. Finally, a symposium at the upcoming APA meetings will highlight funding opportunities and procedures for research on LGB issues. Check your convention program for the symposium "Funding Research on Sexual Orientation: Who, What, and How" and come learn about different funding sources, priorities, and mechanisms for LGB research.