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WHAT A MONTH

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The month of January was both a busy and an exciting one for Division 44. We were one of the co-sponsors (together with Divisions 17, 35, and 45) of the Multicultural Summit II in Santa Barbara. It was a hugely successful two-day meeting with more than 800 participants.

In contrast to the first Summit two years ago, psychological issues of interest to us took more of a center stage at this Summit. For example, a plenary keynote address on lesbian and gay psychology was included, and it was eloquently delivered by Linda Garnets. In addition, sexual orientation and gender issues were integrated into the discussion by a

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number of the presenters and the dialogue between the Summit participants. Besides its content, what was most valuable to me about the Summit was the opportunity to see and connect with many of you.

Despite increased inclusiveness, it is clear from this Summit that more LGBT topics can and must be explored at deeper levels in future Summit meetings. For example, more efforts can be made to examine the integration of the different dimensions of cultural diversity (such as LGBT people of color). In addition, we have honored some senior female and male psychologists of color respectively at the last two Summits. I believe that it is time and it would be wonderful to honor some of the pioneers of gay, lesbian and bisexual psychology at the next Summit.

Thanks should go to Steve James who served on the Steering Committee of the Summit on behalf of Division 44 for the past two years. If my memory serves me right, appreciation must also be expressed to Ruth Fassinger who initiated our discussion over two years ago on how to make future Summits more responsive to the inclusion of lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychological issues.

Immediately after the Summit, the Executive Committee of our Division met in Pasadena. In addition to working on many business items, from our Division budget and membership recruitment to our upcoming book series and collaboration with other Divisions on social justice issues, three areas that have impact on the future of our Division were also taken up at this meeting. First, we streamlined and clarified the charge of some of the committees and task forces with their input. Second, we agreed to have an informational session on transgender issues (thanks to our Transgender Task Force) at our midwinter meeting next year. Third, we began to look at some long-term strategies to help nurture those who are interested in being more involved in our Division. To this end, we reiterated our continued commitment to further promote gender parity and racial/ethnic diversity within our leadership. We will also hold an open divisional leadership development session in our hospitality suite at the upcoming APA Convention in San Francisco. We invite and want you to join us there. Details will be forthcoming in the Convention issue of our Newsletter.

Last but not least, we received formal notification from APA in January that we have recaptured our third Council seat for Year 2002. Deep appreciation is due to all of you who gave Division 44 vour apportionment ballot votes last November. Together, we will make sure that issues of concern to our Division will continue to have the attention of APA. Let us celebrate this additional seat not only as a "win" for us, but for the future of lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues in organized psychology.

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THE DIVISION 44 NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is published three times a year (Spring, Summer, and Fall) by the Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues (SPSLGBI). It is distributed to the complete membership of Division 44, including more than 1,300 members, associates, 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. Submissions ar welcome and are particularly appreciated via email. See contact information and deadlines below.

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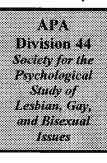
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CURRENT RESEARCH

Announce your research here! This column helps us keep in touch with each other's recent research before it comes out in journals and can foster collaboration. If you see research of interest to you, contact the author directly. If you have recent or ongoing research to announce, contact the editor for deadlines and guidelines.

- Currently, I am doing a qualitative study on how Internet use might influence or shape one's understanding of one's sexual identity. This research looks specifically at bisexual self-identity, although it is conceivable that it will branch in other directions in the future. Contact: **Blaise Parker**, blaze@arches.uga.edu
- Perry Halkitis, Professor of Applied Psychology at New York University, is studying the effects of club drugs and risky sexual behavior in gay and bisexual men in New York City using a structural equation model. The model includes antecedent contextual and individual variables, such as venue type, internalized homophobia, self-esteem, & c. If you would like more information please contact **Perry Halkitis**, Ph.D., at the Center for HIV/AIDS Educational Studies and Training: 212-206-7919 x227 or perry.halkitis@nyu.edu.
- Ongoing research and advocacy regarding LGBT people who have serious mental illnesses and their experiences in the public mental health system. Summary report available: full report still embargoed by the government agency who contracted for it. Also: designing and implementing a workshop on the needs of LGBT people for psychosocial rehabilitation program front line staff, and providing technical assistance to a self-help group of LGBT mental health consumers. For more info or to exchange ideas, contact Alicia Lucksted at aluckste@psych.umaryland.edu or 410-328-5389.

MEMBER NEWS

John D. Robinson, EdD, MPH, ABPP, Professor of Psychiatry and Surgery at Howard University College of Medicine, was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters – *Honoris causa*, by the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology (MSPP) in Boston on June 10, 2000. This honorary degree was awarded to Dr. Robinson for over 20 years of distinguished service in promoting ethnic minority issues, including sexual orientation, in psychology. MSPP established a scholarship fund named for him in 1982 with the stipulation that the scholarship can be awarded to any student at MSPP who is interested in research and/or clinical practice in the area of ethnic minority issues. John served on the Board of Trustees of MSPP from 1978-1982 while he was on the faculty of the Harvard University School of Medicine.

Also this year, John was the recipient of the first American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) Distinguished Service and Contributions to the American Board of Professional Psychology award. It was given to him because of his service to ABPP in recruiting ethnic minority, gay/lesbian, and military candidates and successfully mentoring them through the examination process. He is president-elect of the American Board of Clinical Psychology (ABClinP) or the ABPP. In 1998, he received the APA Raymond Fowler Award given by the American Psychological Association for Graduate Students (APAGS) for outstanding work as a mentor.

John is a Fellow of Division 44, and was a member of the APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns.

NEXT DIVISION 44 DIRECTORY TO BE MORE COMPREHENSIVE

This summer the membership committee will be preparing to publish the second annual Division 44 directory. The directory will be published each year and will also be posted on the website. All non-confidential members (members and associates) will be **automatically** listed unless they specifically request **not** to be included in the directory. A form for this purpose will be included in our next newsletter, or you can also contact Deborah Liddi Brown, at <u>liddibrown@earthlink.net</u>. Confidential members (affiliates and students) will **not** be included unless they **request** to be included in the directory. Students make this request when they renew. Affiliates will get a special mailing asking if they want to be included, or they can complete the form that will appear in the next newsletter. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Deborah Liddi Brown, Ph.D., Membership Committee Co-Chair.

MEL WHITE TO BE THE INVITED SPEAKER AT APA THIS AUGUST



Reverend Mel White, Ph.D., author of Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America, will be this year's invited speaker for Division 44. This address, named after his book, promises to be one of the most interesting presentations on LGBT issues. Raised as an evangelical Christian and taught (like so many of us) that homosexuality was a sin, he waged an on-going battle with his own sexual orientation for decades in all ways available to him: prayer, psychotherapy, exorcism, electric shock, marriage and family. This fight and the halting, poignant steps he took to understand and accept his homosexuality, reconcile it with his faith, and express his sexuality respectfully and responsibly are described in Stranger at the Gate which was published in 1994.

Reverend White studied communications and film at the University of Southern California, received his doctorate, and served as a professor at Fuller Theological Seminary for over a decade. During this time, he also worked as an evangelical pastor. He produced, wrote, and directed 53 documentary films and television specials. He also ghost wrote several books for fellow evangelicals, including Billy Graham. Pat Robertson, Jim Bakker, and Jerry Falwell. In all those works, however, he never wrote against homosexuality. White began to come out privately and gradually during the same period that the religious right stepped up its anti-gay rhetoric.

He came out publicly in 1993 and has since devoted himself full-time to minister to lesbians, gay men, bisexual men and women, and transgendered people. He has dedicated himself to work on their behalf in the media, in the political process, and with fellow religious leaders. His work has resulted in his being arrested on the White House steps during a hunger strike protesting the "Defense of Marriage Act." He was also arrested for protesting Pat Robertson's virulent antigay rhetoric. After a week-long hunger strike in jail, White was visited by Robertson, who promised to avoid inaccuracies and inflammatory language. In 1997, Reverend White was awarded the ACLU's National Civil Liberties Award for his efforts to apply the "soul force" principles of Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. to the struggle for justice for sexual minorities.

APA 2001 CONVENTION UPDATE Jorge Partida, PsyD; Co-Chair Kristin Hancock, PhD; Co-Chair

Greetings from your program co-chairs. The creation of the Division's San Francisco 2001 program is well underway. This year, the Division has been fortunate to receive many quality entries and we thank everyone who has submitted their work for consideration. A great heartfelt thanks also goes out to all our program reviewers. Many of this year's offerings and presentations are reflective of the great value our division places on diversity. Areas of interest to be covered include:

-LGB parenting and families -specific interests for lesbians and gay men -HIV/AIDS papers -issues impacting LGB youth -current research on bisexuality -treatment and research on transgender concerns.

Our invited speaker this year is Rev. Mel White, author of *Stranger at the Gate*. This book describes Rev. White's insights and struggles in coming to terms with his sexual identity after a personal and political conservative, religious background. Of course we also have our distinguished president Terry Gock, with his address entitled, "The Future of LGB Issues in Organized Psychology -- A Call to Maladjustment." It is clear from our presentations that San Francisco, at least in relation to our division, will live up to its reputation for embracing diversity. Our program offers something for everyone.

Please look for the Hospitality Suite Program in the pre-convention newsletter. In that issue, we will provide you with a complete listing of the Division's convention and suite programs along with any other convention program offerings that would be of special interest to our members.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DIVISION 44 2001 AWARDS

Nominations are now invited for the Annual Division 44 Awards to be presented at the Year 2001 APA Convention in San Francisco. The award categories are as follows:

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

In addition, our Division will be granting an award for the "Best Book in Lesbian, Gay, and/or Bisexual Psychology." To qualify for the award in this category, the nominated book must have 2000 as its publication year.

Nominees cannot be current members of the Division 44 Executive Committee. Self-nominations are encouraged. A statement that outlines the contributions of the nominee to justify the nomination must accompany all nominations.

Please send nominations by May 15, 2001 to: APA Division 44 Awards Committee, c/o Sari H. Dworkin, Ph.D., Chair, Nominations Committee, 1234 Fremont Ave., Clovis, CA 93612-0472.

2001 DIVISION 44 ELECTIONS AND CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

This year members of the Division will be voting to fill the following Executive Committee positions: president-elect, member-atlarge, and two APA Council representatives. The following statements were submitted by the candidates to inform your voting. Please save these statements until your ballots arrive from APA. Ballots will be mailed in mid-April.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

James S. Fitzgerald

I would like to be President to improve the quality and breadth of the Division's contribution to our profession in several ways. As a long-time member of Division 44, I know the value of the family we enjoy. As a member of the Executive Committee, I have a current understanding of the needs and strengths of this Division. But to continue to do good work, the Division must increase its efficiency. At this stage in the Division's development, we need to examine our organizational structure. We need to find more cost-effective ways of meeting the professional challenges facing us and our responsibilities to members. I remain committed to appropriately addressing issues of our transgendered members. I want to increase the Malyon-Smith Fund in order to advance graduate student research. I would like to support programming to explore the role that spirituality plays in the mental health of L/G/B/T people. Finally, I would like to follow on the Division's success in passing the new treatment guidelines with programming that will help clinicians and educators put them into meaningful use. I have served Division 44 as Membership Chair and am now Member At Large. For the last three years I have served on APA's Committee on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns. I was instrumental in forming the Division of Sexual Orientation Issues within the Georgia Psychological Association and currently chair that Division. I served on the Board of Directors for the National Mental Health Association of Georgia. I am in private practice in Atlanta.

Randy Georgemiller

Division 44 is poised to take the lead on several LGBT mental health issues. Tapping the potential of the membership is the challenge for the President-Elect. From continued efforts to coordinate our agenda with state and provincial psychological associations to setting the standard for bias-free psychological services, the Division plays a vital role within APA.

I, as a relative newcomer to the Division, first sat on the Public Policy Task Force and am currently the Co-Chair of the Public Policy Committee. My experience in various leadership roles, such as the President of a large state psychological association and partner in a multispecialty group psychology practice, has prepared me for the potential challenge of implementing Division 44's mission.

APA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - FEMALE

Jeanine C. Cogan

Much of my scholarly work has focused on lesbian, gay and bisexual issues, with an emphasis on hate crimes, body image and public policy. In 1996, I was awarded the James Marshall Public Policy Fellowship from the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, where I focused on advocating for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, hate crimes, and other important gay policy issues. In 1998 I was awarded the Baily Science Congressional Fellowship from the American Psychological Association. In 2000 I was voted to fellow status in division 9. This year I was invited by the office of the Prime Minister in Sweden to speak on hate crimes and homophobia for their international conference on Combating Intolerance, which took place in January. Division 44 has become my professional home and thus I am committed to advocating for our mission and goals. I served as the APA program chair for division 44 in the past and see the role of Council representative as furthering my commitment to the division. It would be both a pleasure and an honor to serve Division 44 as APA Council Rep.

Kristin Hancock

For over 15 years, Division 44 has made major contributions to APA and the field of psychology, changing the practice and policies of organized psychology, and furthering the development of research and education in LGBT issues. I believe in the Division's power to change psychology and the minds of psychologists and would be honored to represent Division 44 as one of its APA Council Representatives. My experience includes Co-chairing the Joint Task Force on Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients, being a past-President of Division 44, chairing two APA committees (the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns and Committee on Women in Psychology), and current service on the Committee on Professional Practice and Standards. My goals would include

Policy & Public Interest

• strengthen coalitions with other public interest divisions to support diversity in APA policies and procedures

- work to keep APA involved in international LGBT issues *Practice*
- advocate for the use and distribution of current psychological knowledge about LGBT issues to practitioners
- work for representation of LGBT issues with state associations and on state licensing exams

Education and Research

- promote graduate and undergraduate education and training in LGBT issues
- monitor accreditation policies and procedures regarding the representation of
- LGBT concerns in APA-approved programs and on site-visitor teams
- LGBT visibility on APA journal editorial boards
- advocate for LGBT and AIDS-related research

I would truly appreciate your vote and would serve this Division to the best of my ability.

APA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - MALE

Armand R. Cerbone

Though a small Division, our voice in APA has been surprisingly strong and effective. We have managed this because of committed, experienced leaders who work very hard, leaders who understand that not just our mental health and livelihoods depend on what APA can do for us but sometimes our very lives. I have witnessed this in serving the Division in many roles over the past 16 years, from committee assignments to president and most recently as co-chair of the task force that wrote the new APA Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients. I have learned how important the Division's Council Representatives are in keeping APA informed and out front on our issues. Because of their work and others in the Division, APA, as the official voice of psychology in the U.S., has done more for lgb's mental health than any other national organization. I have seen how our representatives educate and mobilize APA on our behalf and, as importantly, how their work in Council makes the Division part of the APA family. As a past chair of the Committee on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns and as a present member of the Committee on Professional Practice Standards, I have learned how important it is that representatives know how APA's governance works and who moves APA to action. I believe my long and varied history in the Division and in APA governance has readied me for the responsibilities of this work. I hope you will support my candidacy.

Jorge Partida

I am honored to be a part of Division 44 and am looking forward tocontributing, either now or in the future, in whatever way I may. I see the division as being a unique vehicle where my pride as a gay professional and more specifically as a gay man of color can be venues of pride rather than the shame I have been taught. I am currently co-chair of the convention program and co-chair of the ethnic-minority affairs committee. Professionally, I have been the director of a midsize, inner city behavioral health department, I have been a faculty member at one professional school and am currently the director of a doctorate program at another institution. I look forward to my future work with the Division, particularly around incorporation of dual minority concerns.

MEMBER AT LARGE

Marie L. Miville

I am pleased to be nominated for the Member-at-Large position. I have been a member of Division 44 since my graduate student days. It has been intriguing and inspiring to help Division 44 grow during this time and become more inclusive. Today I am an Associate Professor and Director of Training in Counseling Psychology at Oklahoma State University (OSU) and a Licensed Psychologist. I currently serve as the Co-Chair for Division 44's Committee on Racial/Ethnic Affairs. The committee has been active by establishing a student travel award, presenting panel symposia and discussion roundtables at APA conventions, writing relevant newsletter articles, and participating in the Multicultural Summit II. Other administrative positions I have held include Member-at-Large for the OSU College of Education Faculty Governance Committee, Interim Department Head, Faculty Advisor for the campus LGBT student group, and President and Treasurer of OSU's Hispanic Faculty and Staff Association. I believe that our division clearly shows how inclusiveness is not just an abstract ideal or an option; it is a psychological and social necessity achievable through education, legislation, and many other means. I would be honored to represent you in Division 44.

Jessica F. Morris

I am delighted to be a candidate for member-at-large and for the opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee. Since first joining APA over a decade ago, I have been an active member of Division 44. I have volunteered for many jobs but this is my first time being nominated for an elected office. I have been involved with the suite during convention since Division 44 took over full responsibility for it. For those who attend convention, the suite is an integral part of the experience. I have enjoyed the work that I did to help with the suite. In my role as student representative, I coordinated many aspects of the suite over the years. I was chair of all the suite programming for the last convention in San Francisco. I served as Program Chair for Division 44's programming at the Boston convention. When I was Student Representative, I attended Executive Committee meetings and gave voice to those issues important to students. This past year, I have served as Co-chair of Division 35's Lesbian Issues Committee. While in graduate school, I received Division 44's Distinguished Student Contribution Award and my research has received awards from Division 35 section on Black Women, Division 12, and AWP. My research and publications focus on the psychology of lesbians. Currently, I am Director of a non-profit Hispanic mental health clinic. In addition, I am on faculty at two colleges and have a private practice specializing in forensic assessment. I would be honored to serve Division 44 as member-at-large.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS -- SPECIAL ISSUE OF JOURNAL OF LESBIAN STUDIES

You are invited to submit an abstract and outline for a manuscript for Approaches to Addressing College Students' Heterosexism and Homophobia (working title), a Special Issue of the Journal of Lesbian Studies.

I will consider manuscripts on addressing heterosexism and homophobia among students in any discipline. I am particularly interested in articles related to educating students who are entering into professions that entail direct service provision to the LGBT population (e.g., nursing, counseling, psychology, social work, medicine). I am interested in conceptual and empirical (research-based) manuscripts.

If you are interested in submitting a manuscript, send a one-page outline and a 100-125 word abstract by April 30, 2001. Do not send a completed manuscript at this time. Your outline/abstract will be reviewed and you will be notified as to whether you will be invited to write a full manuscript. For more details contact the Guest Editor: Elizabeth P. Cramer, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1001 W. Franklin St., PO Box 842027, Richmond, VA 23284-2027. Email: ecramer@itan.vcu.edu

PSYCHOLOGISTS AFFIRMING THEIR GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL FAMILY MEMBERS

Organizing Committee

Laura S. Brown, Donald K. Freedheim, Marvin R. Goldfried, Ritch C. Savin-Williams, Wendy K. Silverman

This is to announce the beginnings of a newly formed network of psychologists who are coming out in open support of their gay, lesbian and bisexual family members. As psychologists, we feel it is time to have our voices heard, especially in light of the hateful and damaging misinformation being put out by such people as "Dr. Laura" and those professionals advocating so-called conversion/reparative therapy. The goals of the network are as follows:

• To openly support our GLB children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, mothers, and fathers.

• To impress upon less accepting family members the importance of supporting their GLB relatives.

• To advocate gay-affirmative research and clinical work on GLB issues.

• To encourage mainstream psychology to recognize and incorporate clinical and research work on GLB issues.

• To assist GLB advocacy groups by providing research information and by testifying before legislative bodies.

At this stage, the network is new, but growing steadily. If you would like to add your name to the list, or would like to pass this information on to a colleague or family member, please e-mail, write or call:

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Call for Papers – Women and Therapy

Seeking empirical, theoretical, or applied papers that contribute to the understanding of therapeutic issues for biracial women.

Please submit completed paper in duplicate by May 15, 2001. Manuscripts should be 10-20 pages in length, submitted in duplicate in APA format, and accompanied by a letter indicating that the paper has not been published elsewhere and is not under review at another publication.

A broad range of topics is acceptable so long as implications for psychotherapy with biracial women are addressed. Contact:

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

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Plus 103 new Students and Affiliates whose memberships remain confidential.

Welcome to you all!

Before you make your Convention plane reservations, check this out: Global GLBT Summit - Oakland 2001

The International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), a federation of over 500 organizations, associates, and individual members representing over 80 countries, is launching the first ever global glbt summit. Expanding on ILGA's usual world conference of member organizations and interested persons, at this summit we will seek the additional participation of current global glbt organizations and attempt to interest new groups in global glbt issues. Under the ILGA banner, organizations and individuals will have a chance to network and strategize on cooperative global projects and activities for our community. Stressing the importance of supporting the queer movement in developing countries, this ILGA world summit will provide an opportunity for skills-building, fund raising and the all-important networking.

The summit is being hosted by East Bay Pride to coincide with their annual Gay Pride Week, the last week of August. The evenings will be filled with exciting and colorful ethnic and cultural events culminating in a Mardi Gras on Sunday, Sept. 2. As the ILGA North American Regional Representative, I am responsible for the organizing and the content of the summit program. In addition to the many workshops on interorganizational strategizing, cultural diversities and information sharing, I am also making sure we cover specific women's and men's issues, ageism/aging, transgender issues, and AIDS, as well as many other issues.

Since the APA conference is going to be held in San Francisco just prior to this summit, you might consider coming to this summit as well. I promise that you will have an experience unlike any you've had before at any convention you have ever attended. And yes, many of the attendees are mental health workers and some of them are even psychologists! As this is the first ILGA meeting on the West Coast and only the second in the USA, this would be a chance to meet not only your fellow countrypeople but also members of our community from around the world.

The ILGA website is under construction but the email address is ILGAOakland2001@aol.com. You can also get more information about ILGA at www.ILGA.org or from me at halkoodcn@worldnct.att.net.

- Harold Kooden

COMMITTEE ON LESBIAN, GAY, & BISEXUAL CONCERNS TARGETED NOMINATIONS STATEMENT FOR TERMS BEGINNING IN 2002

The American Psychological Association's Committee on Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Concerns (CLGBC) seeks nominations for two positions beginning January 1, 2002. Nominees are sought who have

- Strong background in research;
- Expertise and interest in youth and family and/or workplace issues;
- Expertise and interest in international issues and psychological concerns;
- Expertise and interest in human diversity including issues relating to bisexual or transgendered identity, the concerns of ethnic minorities, or persons with disabilities.

The Committee welcomes nominations of ethnic minority psychologists and other psychologists who are members of underrepresented groups. The Committee's mission is to

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

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

A statement of the nominee's interest in and qualifications for the Committee and a current curriculum vitae should accompany the nomination. Self nominations are accepted. Nomination materials are to be sent by August 1, 2001, to CLGBC Nominations, Public Interest Directorate, American Psychological Association, 750 First St., NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL SUMMIT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The 2001 Summit was wonderfully attended in Santa Barbara this January. While we coordinators thought a total registration target of 800 was ambitious, we "maxed-out" the capacity of the hotel long before registration was originally set to close. We were able to make extra accommodations for many, but not all those who wanted to attend were able to do so. We ended up with about 850 participants and could have had about 1000 if the venue had been larger.

As a result of this success and feedback we have received about the extra time and cost of getting from LA to Santa Barbara, we have decided to move the 2003 Summit to a location that is an airline hub. We also agreed to find a larger venue so that we can accommodate more participants next time. Our search for the 2003 site currently includes San Diego and Albuquerque, and may expand as costs and ease of access issues are considered. We will make every effort to keep costs down, so that we will not have to increase the registration fee.

A more important measure of the Summit's maturing was the increased presence of LGBT issues. This is particularly important as this was the first Summit since Division 44 became a full co-host. Division 44 concerns were well represented by keynote speaker Linda Garnets and other Division 44 presenters (including Terry Gock, Beverly Greene, Cynthia Gomez, Reggie Nettles, and Nikayo Embaye). Issues central to Division 44's mission were fundamental in five of the 30 student poster presentations, with several more addressing relevant concerns. Please join with me in thanking all of the Division 44 members who helped by presenting, reviewing student poster proposals, volunteering on site, and otherwise helping to make this year's Summit run so well.

We have been collecting feedback about the Summit and have already identified a couple of areas for improvement. We will be revisiting the format for the Difficult Dialogues, to make them more interactive and more than a one-time event. We will be calling for proposals for the break-out panels. Those proposals may be for symposia, workshops, or roundtable discussions. We will be increasing the opportunities for student presentations. We will create an exhibit hall for publishers and other organizations. (It is hoped that exhibitors' fees will help to offset the loss of some of the larger sponsors, who are due to sunset their financial support of the Summit.) If you have any feedback that you have not already shared, or other ideas for improvements, please feel free to contact me directly.

I hope that each of you who attended enjoyed your Summit 2001 experience and will attend the next one. For those of you who were unable to participate this year, I hope you will consider coming to the 2003 Summit. Please watch for the calls for program proposals and the request for volunteers (proposal reviewers, on site volunteers, etc), and be sure to register early! - Steve James, 978-463-9022

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

It's never too early to start thinking about Convention! This year's Convention will be held in the LGB-friendly city of San Francisco, and we would like to urge students to consider attending. As in previous years, students who volunteer a few hours of time to help run the Division Suite can receive reduced rates on hotel rooms. This is a great opportunity to meet people, stay in a centrally located hotel, and get involved with the Division. More details will be announced in the next newsletter and on the Division listserv. Students who are interested can email Silvio at Silvster72@aol.com.

We are in the process of planning another mentoring workshop to be held in the suite at the Convention. Last year's mentoring workshop was well-attended, and we are looking forward to building on last year's success to create a forum that is useful for students. If you have any feedback on last year's workshop, or ideas for what you'd like to see this year, please contact Kimberly at kbalsam(à)zoo.uvm.edu.

As student co-chairs, we are particularly interested in recruiting new students to our division. We invite you to spread the word about Division 44 student membership to any friends or colleagues that are interested in lgb issues. We have recently created a student recruitment poster that we would like to see posted in as many departments as possible. If you would like a poster to distribute on your campus, contact Kimberly at kbalsam@zoo.uvm.edu.

- Kimberly Balsam and Silvio Menzanno

COMMITTEE ON BISEXUAL ISSUES IN PSYCHOLOGY

The Committee submitted a proposal for this year's APA Convention in San Francisco for a Division 44 sponsored Symposium titled "Current Research on Bisexual Issues in Psychology." This Symposium will be Chaired by Tanya Israel and will include **Katari Brown**, presenting "Coping with Prejudice among Lesbian and Bisexual Women:" **Barbara Nicely**, presenting "Safer Sex Practices of Behaviorally Bisexual Women: Gender, Power, Barriers;" and **Michael Ross and Lori Leonard**, presenting "The Context of Bisexuality in an African American Community."

We have also submitted a proposal for a Bisexual Issues Discussion Hour, to be hosted by Committee Co-Chairs Emily Page and Ron Fox, which will take place at Convention in the Division 44 Hospitality Suite and once again will offer members the opportunity to gather and talk.

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

We also have available two updated reading lists on bisexual issues, and are 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. - Ron Fox, 415-751-6714 ronfox@firstworld.net

- Emily Page, 781-641-3980 em@health-now.net

SOCIAL JUSTICE COALITION (A.K.A. COMMITTEE OF EIGHT)

What began more than two years ago as the Committee of Eight is evolving into a broader network of APA Divisions committed to issues and actions of Social Justice. The first meeting of the Committee of Eight was held at the first National Multicultural Summit in 1999, after the Presidents of Divisions 9 (Social Issues), 17 (Counseling), 27 (Community), 35 (Women), 43 (Families), 44, 45 (Ethnic Minorities), and 48 (Peace) had exchanged email exploring the possibility of working together to advance shared interests in APA. Since then there have been more meetings. a symposium at the D.C. convention, and interest expressed from additional Divisions about joining. The Coalition is still creating its structure and working to define its mission, but that's not keeping us from starting to do some far-reaching work within APA.

The Social Justice Coalition met at the 2001 Multicultural Summit at 6:30 a.m. (we are committed!). Sari represented Division 44. In one hour we were able to complete the agenda and have people take responsibility for proposed actions. The Social Justice Coalition is planning the following:

• Working with the Public Interest and BIAPPI to get more prominence within APA around social justice issues and to develop a social justice psychological agenda to introduce into the 107th Congress (Ken Maton of Div. 27 will take responsibility for this).

• Coordinating divisional nominations for APA Boards and Committees so that nominees dedicated to social justice issues will have more of a chance of obtaining positions (Martha Banks will take responsibility).

• Hooking up with the Public Interest Directorate at APA and placing a 1-2 page information sheet about the Social Justice Committee on the Public Interest Directorate's table (Judith Van Horn will take responsibility).

• Submitting a grant proposal to CODAPAR for a preconvention agenda and project planning.

• Developing a Social Justice Issues Symposium, with all of the 8 divisions participating, for the 2002 APA convention (Sari Dworkin will take responsibility).

• Following up on resolutions passed by APA Council (Judith Van Horn and Ken Maton will take responsibility).

It's obvious that this is a committee dedicated to making sure social justice issues inform what psychologists do. We will continue to represent Division 44 on this important committee. Any members of the division also interested in specifically focusing their work on social justice, psychology, and lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues are welcome to join us. Just let us know who you are, what your interests are, and to what other Divisions you belong.

- Sari H. Dworkin, Ph.D., Steven E. James, Ph.D.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee has just completed the 1999 member benefit mailing: <u>Education, Research and Practice in</u> <u>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Psychology: A</u> <u>Resource Manual</u> edited by Beverly Greene and Gladys L. Croom. On behalf of the membership committee, we sincerely apologize for the delay – we had multiple challenges in working with SAGE Publishing and they took an inordinate amount of time and energy to resolve. If you were a member in 1999 and have not received your copy, please contact Deborah Liddi Brown, Ph.D. at liddibrown@earthlink.net> to obtain your copy.

The 2000 member benefit: American Behavioral Scientist: AIDS and Stigma in the United States edited by Gregory M. Herek was mailed out to all members and to students who paid the additional \$10.00 fee. If you were a member in 2000 and have not received your copy, please contact Deborah Liddi Brown, Ph.D. at didibrown@earthlink.net> to obtain your copy.

The annual benefit for Division 44 members has changed. We are now offering a substantial time-limited discount on an APA book series with the theme of *Contemporary Perspectives on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Psychology.* The series will include edited and authored books and will span clinical, research, educational and policy perspectives. It is anticipated that one book will be published in 2001 or early 2002 and then two volumes the subsequent year and, after that, several new titles every year.

Kimberly Balsam, the student co-chair of Division 44, is spearheading an e-poster project to recruit new student members to Division 44. If you are interested in obtaining a poster or in finding out more about this project, please contact Kimberly at <kbalsam@zoo.uvm.edu>.

If you are going to be attending a conference or professional meeting, please contact Deborah Liddi Brown in advance so that you can bring Division 44 brochures and information packets to the event. Spread the word –encourage new members to join.

The Division 44 membership directory is a work in progress and our first issue was most certainly a "learn-bydoing" affair. The first directory included only those members who requested that their names and contact information be listed. The Haworth Press has agreed to print the directory free of charge and subsequent issues will include all Division 44 members whose membership is not confidential (i.e., it will include all members and associates). Student members and affiliate members will need to request to be in the next directory as their memberships are confidential. A notice will go out in the newsletter and via e-mail to announce the next directory publication. We are still working out the kinks with this process so please pardon our learning curve.

If you would like to join the listserve please send a request to Deborah Liddi Brown.

If you are a member of another listserve, please contact Deborah Liddi Brown to get a copy of an introduction and recruitment letter for Division 44.

- Deborah Liddi Brown, liddibrown@earthlink.net - Christopher Martell, CRMARTELLPHD@compuserve.com

TRANSGENDER TASK FORCE

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We are pleased to have supported presentations at the National Multicultural Summit and the Association for Women in Psychology Conference and a symposium that will appear in the APA annual convention in August. At each presentation we are distributing a selected resource/bibliography list, which includes a glossary of transgender terms. Below are sample entries from the glossary:

Affectional Orientation – The sex/gender with whom one is most comfortable in emotional relationships.

Gender Bending/Blending – purposeful ambiguous gender expression.

Gender Constancy - the belief that gender is a permanent characteristic.

Gender Dysphoria – discomfort with or dissociation from one's physical sexual characteristics. Many describe a split between body and mind.

Gender Harassment - occurs when people are subjected to hostile or offensive behavior because of gender.

Gender Orientation – an individual's expression of individually felt or understood gender.

Passing - being taken for the enacted gender, usually opposite of one's assigned gender.

Read - also "clock," a situation in which an individual's hidden transgender status is discovered.

Sexual Reassignment Surgery (SRS) – surgery designed to approximate secondary sex characteristics of the opposite sex.

Somatic Dysphoria - discomfort with one's physical characteristics.

Transition – within the context of transsexualism, the process of changing one's physical, psychological, legal and expressive characteristics to that of the opposite sex.

The task force continues to operate a list serve from which the bibliography and glossary can be downloaded. You must be a member of the list to download from the archives. Send email to transtaskforce-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to join. We are also publishing a to do list of activities related to our mission; if you are interested in helping please follow the instructions included in the to do list or contact Nick Embaye at nickembaye@earthlink.net.

TREASURER

I am pleased to report that the Division is in good financial health. Although less than that for FY99, our total income for FY00 was \$48,971. This figure includes 2001 membership dues for new and renewing members who have already sent payment to APA. If you have not yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible. The FY00 total also includes receipts from royalties and advertising, as well as the \$3644.50 raised in donations at the 2000 convention fund raising dinner. (Kudos to everyone who contributed and special thanks to those who worked so hard to organize the event). Although the mutual fund that holds the bulk of the Malyon-Smith Scholarship fund experienced some losses, its value as of 12/31/2000 was \$27,661.72. It is important to note, however, that new donations to the fund totaled only \$586.62 last year.

To date, FY00 expenses totaled \$32,230.95. However, additional expected expenditures for FY00 obligations are expected to exceed \$11,000. These expenses include \$10,000 for the 1999 membership benefit (the Green & Croome volume recently mailed to members) and as yet unresolved 2000 convention expenses. In addition, \$1274.30 remains in a CODAPAR interdivisional grant that is being supervised by the Division.

During the 2001 mid-winter Executive Committee (EC) meeting, the EC approved a 2001 budget of \$44,025. This figure is considerably smaller than in years past but is consistent with realistic projections in income. I am convinced that the EC is working very hard to get the most out of our fiscal resources. However, if you wish to contribute to the financial well-being of the Division through a cash donation, by designating royalties to the Division, or through some other means, please let me know.

- Michael R. Stevenson, Ph.D. Division 44 Treasurer

Malyon-Smith Scholarship Award Contributions Needed!

We have had unprecedented interest in the award this year, receiving more than twice as many proposals from graduate students compared to last year. This level of interest is wonderful, as it demonstrates how many graduate students there are who are doing important research on LGBT issues. So help us help them, by sending in a tax-deductible donation made out to the Malyon-Smith Scholarship Award. Send your contributions to:

Susan Kashubeck-West, Ph.D. Department of Psychology Texas Tech University Lubbock, TX 79409-2051

Any and all amounts are welcome and will make a difference in our ability to support this important research by the future professionals of our field. If you have any questions, please do not hesistate to contact Susan Kashubeck-West at 806-742-1708 or Susan.Kashubeck@ttu.edu

PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP

APA'S GUIDELINES FOR PSYCHOTHERAPY WITH LGB CLIENTS:

SCIENCE, ETHICAL PRACTICE, AND PUBLIC INTEREST

sponsored by APA Division 44 and Alliant University/California School of Professional Psychology

This workshop introduces APA's new Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients. The need for guidelines in this area, the process through which they were developed and approved, and their legal and ethical ramifications will be addressed. No prior education regarding lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues is necessary. However, portions of this training will include information necessary to teach others about the guidelines (e.g., in graduate programs, in-service traings, etc.). Attendees will be given opportunities to apply the guidelines to specific clinical situations.

Learning objectives: (1) To introduce the structure and content of APA's new Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients; (2) To explain the nature of guidelines (e.g., guidelines vs. standards, types of guidelines) and their ramifications; (3) To demonstrate the ethical application of these guidelines to clinical practice and training; (4) To provide attendees with sufficient knowledge and background to instruct others about the ethical use of the guidelines.

This workshop will take place the day before the start of the 2001 American Psychological Association Convention, August 24-28, in San Francisco. Attendance at the convention is not required to attend this workshop.

Trainers: Kristin A. Hancock, Ph.D. (John F. Kennedy University, Orinda, CA) and Armand R. Cerbone, Ph.D. (Independent practice, Chicago, IL). Drs. Hancock and Cerbone were co-chairs of the Division 44/APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns Joint Task Force on Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients.

Location: Renaissance Parc 55 Hotel, 415-392-8000

Date: Thursday, August 23 **CE hours:** 4

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Price:** \$75.00 (\$30.00 full time students).

Cancellation policy: A handling fee of \$25.00 is deducted for cancellation. Refund requests must be received by August 17. No refunds will be issued after that date.

To register, please send your name, address, and email or phone number, and check paid to the order of Division 44 to David Jull-Johnson, Ph.D. 909 Hyde St. Ste. 425 San Francisco, CA 94109-4846.

Confirmation via email will be sent upon enrollment. Participants with accessibility needs can call or email Dr. Jull-Johnson at jull-johnson@excite.com or 415-921-4252 to make arrangements for services.

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/affectional 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.

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