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Reflections

by James S. Fitzgerald, Ph.D., Division 44 President

In just a very short time we will meet again at convention after another year. I am continually surprised at how quickly time flies and am reminded of what I tell my clients: Life is short, make the best of it and don't squander opportunities. It is my hope that I have not squandered my opportunity as president of this Division but, instead, have brought the issues of religion and spirituality, as they impact sexual minorities, into the forefront of our concerns. Hopefully, the spotlight on spiritual

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concerns in this last year will encourage researchers to address this aspect of LGBT life more directly in their studies. In particular, it is my wish that Division researchers will focus attention on the conversion "therapy" issue and help us understand how LGBT people reconcile their faith in a basically hostile religious environment.

The last two issues of the newsletter spotlighted the intersecting themes of religion, conversion therapy, child molestation, the issue of choice, and homosexuality. The two issues were well received by the membership and the topics are ones that need a lot of attention from our community. The upcoming convention in Toronto includes programming that will continue to address different areas of religion and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered community.

Our Education and Training Committee chair, David Jull-Johnson, has organized an excellent workshop entitled, "Succor and Abuse: The Roles of Religion in Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Lives." The panel of speakers will include survivors of conversion "therapy," representing a group of survivors whose voice has been silent for too long. We need to be aware of, and find ways to address the needs of, the many members of our community who have undergone conversion "therapy" at the hands of misguided therapists. Their stories need to be heard and we need to find ways to help them heal from the experience. In so many ways they

remind me of the soldiers who served in Vietnam – doing what they thought was right, only to be ignored by the citizenry upon their return. I hope that many of you will attend the workshop and think about ways that you, personally, could extend a hand to the survivors of conversion "therapy." In Atlanta, for example, a group of therapists, with the cooperation of the local gay media, offered ten pro bono sessions to survivors of conversion "therapy."

In addition, we have the invited address by Dr. Daniel Helminiak on Homosexuality in World Religions and a Psychological Response (Thursday, 8/7/03, 3 to 4 pm, Meeting Room 810, Metro Toronto Convention Centre). Daniel is a very thoughtful scholar who has used his studies and books as a medium for working through his issues around religion and sexual orientation. So, his address comes from personal experience as well as from scholarly study. My address, "Engaging With Abraham, Jesus, Mohammed, and Buddha: Igniting Conversation Between Religions and the LGBT Community" (Friday, 8/8/03, 4 to 5 pm, British Columbia Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel) is, also, based on personal experience and my struggle to deal with the brainwashing of a fundamentalist background. Fundamentalism varies little between different religions. It is strict, rules-oriented, conformist-oriented, and robs one of the joys of life. But then, I'll tell you about this at convention. See you in Toronto!

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MEMBER NEWS

Ruperto (Toti) Perez, Kurt DeBord, and Kathleen Bieschke, co-editors of the *Handbook of Counseling and Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients*, published by APA, have signed a contract to produce a second edition of our book. As part of our contract with APA, we have included Division 44 as a recipient to share in a portion of our royalties from the sale of the second edition of the book. We would like to make this contribution to help assist in all the good works and efforts of the Division.

Michael Stevenson and Jeanine Cogan have a new book out: *Everyday Activism A Handbook for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual People and their Allies*. Most of the contributors are also Division 44 members and include **Jessica Morris, Stacey Hart, Clinton Anderson, Robin Buhrke, Beverly King, and Karen Anderson**. Publisher: Routledge www.routledge-ny.com; Pub Date: 05/2003; ISBN: 0415944813.

BOOK REVIEW

**Psychological Perspectives on Lesbian,
Gay, and Bisexual Experiences, 2nd edition**
(Columbia University Press)

Edited by Linda Garnets and Douglas Kimmel

Review by **Kris Hancock**

It's back—and it's better than ever. The much awaited 2nd edition of Garnets and Kimmel's *Psychological Perspectives on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Experiences* has been released by Columbia University Press. Those who purchased the original edition will notice immediately that it is much larger (almost 200 pages larger) and that the editors have exercised the same thoughtfulness and scholarship in the selection of materials that was so evident in the first volume.

The scope of this work is remarkable. Chapters on sexual prejudice, the health issues of LGBT people, ethical issues related to conversion therapy, relationship issues for bisexuals, the work-related concerns of LGBT people, biology and sexual orientation, developmental issues for LGBT adolescents and adults in mid-life and old age, diversity among LGBT people, and public policy provide a wide yet thoughtful look at current theory, research, practice, and policy concerns. These and other contributions from a number of the most prominent psychologists in the field (including Drs. Garnets and Kimmel) provide readers with a well-informed, up-to-date resource for both upper-level undergraduate and graduate classrooms and for LGBT studies courses and psychology courses alike. "Contemporary issue" discussions introduce each section and focus upon "hot topics" such as the issue of choice in sexual orientation, the differences between older and younger LGBT generations regarding sexual identity and coming out, legal recognition of same-sex relationships and families, and the psychological effects of state and national legislation upon LGBT people—to name a few.

This book reflects both the current status and future of theory, practice, research, and public policy in LGBT psychology. For instance, the chapter by Diamond and Savin-Williams entitled "Explaining Diversity in the Development of Same-Sex Sexuality among Young Women" explores the complex findings of studies regarding the development of sexual attraction and behavior in women, but also urges researchers to reconsider sexual identity categories and to move beyond them with future research that accounts for the development of sexual desires and behaviors in a more comprehensive and complex manner. For those readers whose interests tend towards public policy, California State Senator Shiela Kuehl (Los Angeles) offers some very valuable information on the role of research in the development of public policy. She also talks about the ways researchers can access the attention of legislators. Greg Herek's work "Why Tell If You're Not Asked" is an incisive, well-documented review of the difficulties with the U.S. military's policy regarding LGBT people, the double-standard it imposes, and the ways in which it codifies the status quo.

Psychological Perspectives on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Experiences contains a number of chapters that reflect a more diverse picture of LGBT life. Racism in the LGB communities is addressed by Garnets and Kimmel as a "contemporary issue." Greene's chapter "Beyond Heterosexism and Across the Cultural Divide" has been included as has a chapter by Tafoya entitled "Native Gay and Lesbian Issues." There is also Hom's "Stories from the Homefront: Perspectives of Asian-American Parents with Lesbian Daughters and Gay Sons."

Many of the chapters in the book are well-suited to courses for graduate training programs. For example, Rust's chapter on "Monogamy and Polyamory: Relationship Issues for Bisexuals" dispels a number of myths about bisexual people in relationship and offers detailed information regarding the prevalence of monogamy among bisexuals, relational paradigms, and the issues that surface in open relationships.

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COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

APA-Toronto is just around the corner, and we want to urge student members to come help out Division 44 by volunteering in the Hospitality Suite. Student members who volunteer in the suite can choose to stay with fellow student members in a block of rooms for a reduced rate. This is a great opportunity to meet LGBT people, stay in a centrally located hotel, and get involved with the Division. Space is limited, so if you are interested email Cisco at cisco-sanchez@uiowa.edu. Even if you are not staying with us, make sure to stop by the suite to get up-to-date information about LGBT-related issues in psychology and to meet people in the field.

Within the hundreds of programs this year at convention, there are many that are specifically aimed at students. For instance, on Thursday, August 7th from 6:00-6:50PM there will be a "Student Research In Progress Discussion Session" in the Hospitality Suite. APAGS Committee on LGBT Concerns (CLGBTC) will be compiling a list of LGBT programs to make maneuvering APA easier for you. If you are presenting on an LGBT related topic, please email Cisco to make sure you are listed in the APAGS guide. For further details about the APAGS-CLGBTC or the APAGS Guide to LGBT Convention Activities, contact Espen Correll, APAGS-CLGBTC Chair at EspenCorrell@aol.com.

Please make plans to attend the Annual Student Party on Thursday, August 7th from 7:00-8:00PM. The event is held the first evening of convention and is co-sponsored by the APAGS-CLGBTC. Make certain to place this on your calendar – you can enjoy free food and beverages while you greet and meet with other LGBT students and our allies. The "official" Division 44 Kick-Off Party will follow the Student Party at 8:00PM.

While we want to remind you of our National Mentoring Project for LGBT students, we are also particularly interested in recruiting new students to our Division. Please help to spread the word about Division 44 membership to any friends and colleagues that are interested in LGB (and T) issues. See you in Toronto!

-Cisco Sánchez and Shauna Summers

Interested in getting more involved in leadership roles in LGBT psychology through Division 44, APA & its Divisions and Committees, & state or local psychological organizations? Already involved and want to work more closely with allies?

Come to the Division 44 Suite Friday 10-11 am for a meeting hosted by Division 44 & the APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Concerns to find out how to have a greater impact in psychology with regard to LGBT concerns.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The membership committee has accepted an offer from APA Division Services to provide free mailing labels to send brochures for the Division to APA members who are not currently members of Division 44. The brochures will be sent to a sample of APA members who do not currently have a division affiliation. Division services will track the response from this mailing to determine whether to provide this service to divisions in the future.

It is time to change leadership on the membership committee. Deborah Brown is coming to the end of her term, and will be stepping down at Convention in August. We have usually had a male and a female co-chair, and staggered terms so there is always one veteran. With Deborah finishing her term, **we will need a female co-chair.** If you are interested please contact either Deborah or Christopher or any member of the Division 44 Executive Committee to let them know of your interest.

I want to thank Deborah for such a wonderful job as co-chair of this committee. She has maintained the listserv, and has really led the way for the membership committee. I could not have done this job without her, and I will greatly miss working with her next year. If you run into Deborah at Convention, stop and say "thank you" for a job very well done.

-Christopher R. Martell, Membership Co-chair

DIVISION 39 (PSYCHOANALYSIS) LIAISON

Division 44 & 39 have been working together to strengthen LGBT-affirmative psychoanalytic psychology. Two programs have been scheduled for the August Convention for Thursday, August 8:

In the Division 44 suite from 11am-12:50pm, is a 2-hour participatory discussion for LGBT psychologists interested/involved in psychoanalysis entitled, "LGBT Psychologists interested in psychoanalysis: Dual identities/double agents."

Also on Thursday, 1:00-2:50 pm, is a Convention symposium "Skeletons in our closet: LGBT and psychoanalytic explorations" (Convention Centre 201 E/F), which will be chaired by Division Presidents Jaine Darwin, Psy.D. (39) and Judith Glassgold, Psy.D. (44). Division 44/39 members will present the following papers: Mark J. Blechner, PhD, of the William Alanson White Institute in New York, will speak on "What psychoanalysis can learn from gay and lesbian practitioners." Shara Sand, PsyD, of Yeshiva University, will give a talk titled "Daily outings: hide and seek with a twist," and Dennis Debiak, PsyD, of Widener University, and Scott D. Pytluk, PhD, of the Illinois School of Professional Psychology, will address: "State of the art: introducing students to LGBT-affirmative psychoanalysis." Please attend these historic meetings.

--Judith Glassgold

COMMITTEE ON BISEXUAL ISSUES

Division 44 will be sponsoring a Symposium and a Discussion Hour on bisexual issues at this year's APA Convention in Toronto:

1. The Symposium is titled "Current Research on Bisexual Issues: Findings on Identity and Training." The Symposium Chair is Emily Page, and presenters include: Craig Rooney, Ph.D. presenting on his research titled "Comparing Bisexual with Lesbian/Gay Youth: Educational, interpersonal, and career trajectories"; Kimberly Balsam, presenting on her research titled "Identity, Community, and Outness: Comparing Bisexual and Lesbian/Gay Adults"; and Tammy Hietpas, presenting on her research titled "Bisexuality in Professional Psychology Training: Important Addition to Multicultural Education."

2. A Bisexual Issues Discussion Hour will take place Saturday, August 9 in the Division 44 Hospitality Suite and once again will offer members the opportunity to gather and talk.

In the coming year, the Committee will continue to support the ongoing work that the Division is doing in educating and advocating for LGBT issues in APA and within psychology. We will continue to develop programming on bisexual issues, as well as resources on bisexual issues in psychology, like the two updated reading lists that are now available for you on bisexual issues: a short one page list and a more comprehensive longer list.

We are continuing to develop 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 LGBT issues.

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Student Conversation Hour At APA Convention

On Thursday, August 7, from 6-7 PM, there will be a conversation hour in the Suite focusing on Student Research in Progress. This will be an opportunity to present on work in progress and seek feedback, suggestions and support.

Thereafter, there will be a 'students only' pizza party in the suite from 7-8. The Division Kickoff party will follow at 8 PM.

BOOK REVIEW

Anything But Straight: Unmasking the Scandals and Lies Behind the Ex-Gay Myth (Harrington Park Press)

by Wayne R. Besen

Review by Carolyn Brodnicki

Author and activist Wayne Besen has uncovered the scandals and tragedies of the ex-gay movement. In this historically accurate account, Besen leads the reader through the religious and political anarchy of the ex-gay movement. *Anything But Straight* has something to offer everyone including activists, parents of lesbian and gay children, and therapists. This insightful book entertains the reader by citing remarkable anecdotes of the motivations and mechanisms of the ex-gay movement.

Anything but Straight is divided into four sections: the Ex-Gay Ministries, Reparative Therapy, The Politics of Conversion, and Recommendations for Action. The author effectively delineates the key players of each category and the motivations of each movement. Introducing the reader to the ex-gay movement, Besen gives an exclusive account of the night John Paulk, "an ex-gay" and prominent leader in the ex-gay ministry, was found in a gay bar in Washington, D.C. From this point on, the author leads the reader through multiple anecdotes and political history of the birth and continuation of the ex-gay movement.

The section on the ex-gay ministries is a bit confusing at first, as the reader tries to learn all the "characters" of the ex-gay ministry. The reparative therapy section is important for therapists to peruse. It defines reparative therapy as applied to those patients who wish to change their sexual orientation. However, some therapists may be disappointed that Besen does not highlight many of the techniques used in the controversial Reparative Therapy. Besen also covers the importance of the political agenda of all these groups and the importance of gay and lesbian groups to also become vocal in speaking out against the ex-gay movement. Besen leaves the reader with ideas for the future of the ex-gay movement and what gay and lesbian organizations can do to help eliminate these groups from existence.

Besen divulges the secrets of the ex-gay ministries and accounts many people who are now former "ex-gays." Through these testimonies and undercover work, Besen discovers the truth behind the idea that one can change one's sexual orientation. Besen accurately accounts for the societal pressures that have led to the creation of these ex-gay groups and how these same pressures may in the future be used to destroy the groups.

It is clear from the beginning that Besen has spent many years researching and dialoguing with ex-gay groups. His wealth of experience lends credibility to such an explosive topic for many Americans. Besen's anecdotes are honest and his facts are historically correct as well as current.

BOOK REVIEW***The Man Who Would Be Queen***

by J. Michael Bailey

The National Academies Press, 2003

Review by James M. Cantor

J. Michael Bailey's *The Man Who Would Be Queen* represents the first scientifically grounded book about male femininities written for a general audience. In three sections—devoted respectively to gender atypical boys, adult gay men and those MtF transsexuals who are attracted to men, and then fetishistic cross-dressers and those MtF transsexuals who are not attracted to men (autogynephilic transsexuals)—Bailey sympathetically portrays these peoples' experiences and explores the roots of their development.

Readers seeing these topics for the first time will come to understand these mixes of traditionally masculine and feminine characteristics, free from the sensationalism they receive in the popular media. Readers more familiar with these areas will come to appreciate that none of these human conditions—hetero-/homosexuality, cross-dressing, gender non-conformity, and transsexuality—can be fully understood on its own. Human sexual behavior must be understood in its entirety, if it is to be understood at all.

In introducing us to vivid and engaging people, Bailey takes us on a tour that would leave few readers unchanged. Just as interesting, however, were the hints about how Bailey's own ideas became changed by his experiences in working with these issues. He notes he "became less skeptical, if not yet convinced" of the idea that the correct intervention for gender atypical children is to change society (rather than the children), a philosophy he learned from thinkers including "Clinton Anderson, scientist Simon LeVay, and journalist Phyllis Burke" (p. 26). Likewise, he notes having become more open-minded about the veracity of transsexuals' memories of desiring to change sexes even in childhood, after discussing it with Ken Zucker (the head of the Child and Adolescent Gender Identity Clinic at C.A.M.H. in Toronto). Watching the evolution of a scientist's thinking is particularly welcome in a field where so many other authors on these topics polarize and entrench.

Bailey's engaging style and clear fondness for the people he describes invite all readers to appreciate these peoples' experiences better, on both scientific and human levels. Although respectful, Bailey describes his subject matter warts and all. He unapologetically includes potentially controversial topics including the strong preference in the gay male community for masculine sexual partners and against effeminate men, the well-established finding that highly gender atypical boys nearly always become gay men in adulthood (and the shame many adult gay men experience in recalling their own childhood femininity), the frequency of sex trade work among androphilic transsexuals, the difficulties many MtF transsexuals experience in passing as women, and the challenges to the politically correct idea of MtF transsexuals literally being "women trapped in men's bodies." Yet, Bailey notes specifically that there is nothing objectively shameful in, for example, childhood femininity or sex trade work. It is the combination of Bailey's willingness to challenge ideas based only on prejudice as well as ideas based only on political correctness that establishes the book as an even-handed introduction, rather than as a mouthpiece for either the socially conservative right or academic left.

Writing as an openly heterosexual and non-transsexual man, Bailey's respect for the people he describes serves as a role model for others who still struggle to accept and appreciate homosexuality and transsexuality in society. In the following passage, Bailey writes about Cher, an MtF transsexual:

Cher has been having a rough time lately. She has fallen out with Amy, a homosexual transsexual who used to be her closest friend. Cher thinks that once Amy got her surgery, she no longer needed her, and she feels used. When she goes out with Juanita, who has become her best friend, men are constantly approaching Juanita (who is 15 years younger and very sexy), but they approach Cher cautiously, if at all....She is also broke, and is being sued by her relatives for her father's inheritance. Despite her troubles, she continues to visit her circle of (primarily transsexual) friends, helping them plan their transition, listening to their boyfriend problems....She is a good friend to them, although her advice is not always appreciated or heeded. I think about what an unusual life she has led, and what an unusual person she is. How difficult it must have been for her to figure out her sexuality and what she wanted to do with it. I think about all the barriers she broke, and all the meanness that she must still contend with. Despite this, she is still out there giving her friends advice and comfort, and trying to find love. And I think that in her own way, Cher is a star."

I think she is too, and I am grateful to Bailey for having introduced her.

POSTSCRIPT: As I write this postscript, it has been four weeks since *The Man Who Would Be Queen* has been released. Of all the ideas Bailey presents, only the meaning of autogynephilia appears to have drawn any controversy. Although his book is unapologetic in its accuracy, Bailey notes quite distinctly which ideas are well-established scientifically and which are hunches and suspicions to help readers tie the data together. It is unfortunate that a vocal few (vocal over the Internet, anyway) do not actually address Bailey's points, referring only to rumors about the content of the book and to assumptions regarding Bailey's motives. I can recommend only that readers refer to the content of the book itself (available to read on-line, free of charge at <http://books.nap.edu/books/0309084180/html/>), explore Bailey's own webpage (<http://www.psych.nwu.edu/psych/people/faculty/bailey/controversy.htm#campaign>), and decide for themselves.

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TORONTO

Thursday 8/7/03	Convention Programming Metro Toronto Convention Center	Hospitality Suite Fairmount Royal York Hotel
8-8:50 am		Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
9-9:50 am	Film Screening & Discussion: "Trembling Before G-d" (Constitution 107, North Bldg-Lower Level) (Glassgold)	Convention Volunteers Meeting (Cisco Sanchez)
10-10:50 am		
11-11:50 am	Paper Session: HIV Intervention, Prevention and Sexual Identity (Meeting Room 716A) (Georgemiller)	Conversation: LGBT Psychologists Interested in Psychoanalytic Psychology (Div. 39/44) (Glassgold)
12-12:50 pm	Poster Session: Multiple Dimensions of GLBT Psychology (Exhibit Hall)	
1-2:50 pm	Symposium: LGBT Identity, Religion, Spirituality, and Culture – Analytic Viewpoints (Meeting Room 801A) (Cerbone) ----- Division 39 Symposium: Skeletons in Our Closet: LGBT & Psychoanalytic Explorations (Meeting Room 201E/F)	Science Committee Meeting (Cantor)
3-3:50 pm	Invited Address: Daniel Helminiak, Ph.D. – "Homosexuality in World Religions and a Psychological Response" (Meeting Room 810) ----- Division 17: Working with Transgendered Clients: Assessment, Treatment, Identity Politics, and Science (Meeting Room 206D) (Cantor & Embaye)	
4-4:50 pm		
5-5:50 pm	Joint Social Hour – Divisions 17, 35, 44, 45, 51 (See Convention Program for location)	
6-6:50 pm		Student "Research in Progress" Discussion Session (Kominars)
7-8 pm		"Students Only" Pizza Party
8-12 pm		Div. 44 Kickoff Party

Friday 8/8/03	Convention Programming Metro Toronto Convention Center	Hospitality Suite Fairmount Royal York Hotel
8-9:50 am	Workshop: Couple Therapy with Gay Men – Forging Healing Connections (Meeting Room 714A) (Greenan and Tunnell)	
10-10:50 am		Getting more active in LGB psychology: APA, Division, & State Leadership" (Div. 44 & CLGBC) (Glassgold)
11-12:50 pm		Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee (Noriega)
1-1:50 pm		Trans Taskforce
2-3:50 pm	Paper Session: GLBT Psychology – HIV, Religion and More (Meeting Room 709)	Children Youth and Families Taskforce (Downs)
4-4:50 pm	Presidential Address: James Fitzgerald, Ph.D. – "Engaging with Abraham, Jesus, Mohammad, and Buddha: Igniting Conversation with Religions and the LGBT Community" (Fairmont Royal York Hotel – British Colombia Room)	
5-5:50 pm	Division Business Meeting (Fairmont Royal York Hotel – British Colombia Room)	
6-6:50 pm	Social Hour (Fairmont Royal York Hotel – Territories Room)	
8:00		Suite Party

APA DIVISION 44 2003 CONVENTION PROGRAM
TORONTO

Saturday 8/9/03	Convention Programming Metro Toronto Convention Center	Hospitality Suite Fairmount Royal York Hotel
8-8:50 am	Conversation Hour: Mentoring Workshop for LGBT Students (Meeting Room 803B) (Fitzgerald)	Committee on Bisexual Issues (Fox)
9-9:50 am		Teaching GLB Classes on-line (Bohan)
10-10:50 am	Awards Ceremony – Division 44 and CLGBC (Meeting Rooms 202C and D)	
11-12:50 pm		Public Policy Luncheon (Georgemiller)
1-1:50 pm		Scrivner Lecture (Savin-Williams)
2-2:50 pm		Aging Task Force (Carlson)
3-3:50 pm		Global Concerns Taskforce (Claudio Galvez-Kovacic)
4-4:50 pm		
6:30-10 pm	Fundraising Dinner – Slack Alice Restaurant – see announcement, page 10 (Mapou)	

Sunday 8/10/03	Convention Programming Metro Toronto Convention Center	Hospitality Suite Fairmount Royal York Hotel
8-9 am		Executive Committee Meeting
9-10 am	Symposium: Gender Identity, Atypicality, and Victimization among Sexual Minorities (Meeting Room 703) (D’Augelli)	
10-10:50 am		Suite closes
11-1 pm	Symposium: Current Research on Bisexual Issues – Findings on Identity and Training (Meeting Room 715B) (Page)	
1-2:50 pm	Symposium: Divine Discourses—Shaping GLB Spiritual Issues and Lives (Meeting Room 715B) (Horne)	

The Society of Counseling Psychology’s (Division 17’s) Section on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Awareness (SLGBA) has been busily preparing for the Toronto Convention. We look forward to this annual gathering and we hope to make this our most successful convention ever! Please consider joining us at some or all of these events:

Section Presentation and Discussion Hour: SLGBA has been making a concerted effort in our convention activities to explore and more fully understand the experiences of transgendered persons. Our Section Presentation is entitled: Working with Transgendered Clients: Assessment, Treatment, Identity Politics and Science. James Cantor and Nick Embaye will be offering their perspectives. Our incoming Chair, David Whitcomb, will serve as discussant. This presentation will be held on Thursday from 3:00 to 3:50 PM at the Toronto Convention Centre in Meeting Room 206D. We hope to offer CE’s for this event. In addition, we will once again be hosting a discussion hour entitled: “Putting the T in LGB” to be held in the Division 17 Hospitality Suite on Thursday, August 21 from 11:00 to 11:50.

Section Networking Dinner: This is one of our focal events of the Convention. We plan to gather for our dinner on Friday, August 22nd at 7 PM. As of this writing, we are identifying the venue for this event. Please check our Section web site for further details as the convention draws closer (<http://www.div17.org/lgba>).

Section Business Meeting: Our Sectional Business meeting will be held on Thursday, August 21st from 4:15 to 5:15 in the Division 17 Hospitality Suite. We will be electing a new secretary and a member at large for the Executive Committee. We hope to see many of you there.

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SUCCOR AND ABUSE: THE ROLES OF RELIGION IN LESBIAN, GAY, AND BISEXUAL LIVES
 2003 APA Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario -- Wednesday, August 6, 2003, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

From clergy abuse to church-sanctioned marriages, protests at funerals of sexual minority people to statements of support for LGBT clergy, religion has played a major part in the lives of many LGBT persons. This workshop gives participants the opportunity to hear about the affirmative role religion and LGBT people play in the other's existence, the ways religion has been used as justification for homophobic actions on the part of both clergy and mental health practitioners, and the strengths psychologists bring to individuals who have been damaged by religiously-motivated abuse. Presentations from clergy, psychologists, and other social scientists will provide a broad spectrum of knowledge about this important field. Included during the day is a panel of reparative therapy survivors discussing the ways mental health professionals can cause damage and facilitate healing. A workshop registration form is below and is available on the Division 44 website <http://www.apa.org/divisions/div44/> as well. Please join your colleagues for this important workshop.

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Annual Fundraising Dinner to be held at Slack Alice on Saturday 9 August

Thanks to the assistance of James Cantor, this year's dinner will be held at Slack Alice. Located on Church Street in the heart of Toronto's gay (GLBT) village, Slack Alice has been lauded in the top newspapers and magazines of Canada for both its food and its atmosphere. The restaurant offers a diverse, contemporary menu that should appeal to all. Want to learn more? Check out their cool website (www.slackalice.ca) or talk to James, since it's one of his favorite places to hang out! People should start arriving around 6:30 PM. We will again have our own room, which will be available until 10 p.m. This year's menu choices are as follows:

Hors D'oeuvres: Chicken Satay (Marinated in Coconut Milk, Soya Sauce and Sesame Oil), Oven Baked Vegetarian Asian Spring Rolls, Smoked Salmon Canapes, Warm Flatbread Bruschetta Wedges

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Dessert (Choice of one): Turtle Cheesecake - Medley of Caramel, Chocolate and Pecan *or* Chocolate Decadence Cake with Fresh Raspberry Coulis

Includes tea or coffee. There will be a cash bar, for purchase of alcohol and other beverages.

The cost for this year is the same as last year:

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Trembling Before G-D

Director: Sandi Simcha Dubowski

Thursday 9-11 a.m., Metro Toronto Convention Centre
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This groundbreaking film presents the personal stories of a broad range of Orthodox and Hasidic Jews who are gay or lesbian. It presents the emotional turmoil and religious and psychological dilemmas of individuals who struggle with reconciling their commitment to Judaism with their sexual orientation. A range of individuals - some hidden, some out - describe how they confront and perhaps resolve Orthodox Judaism's prohibitions against homosexual behavior in their lives. The film presents a broad range of issues, including tensions between religious faith and sexuality, family ties, social acceptance, and individual and social change.

ATTENDING THE CONVENTION?

When you register for any APA Convention, please list **Division 44** as your **primary Division**. Each Division is allotted a number of program hours that is dependent on the number of Division members attending the previous year's convention. So, if you attend the Toronto convention and list Division 44 as primary, we may be allotted more hours for the 2004 convention.

APA Presidential Candidate Statements

There are five nominees for 2005 APA president. The candidates were recently invited to submit a short statement for publication in this newsletter. Three did so, and their statements appear below. Candidates are listed here in the order in which they are listed on APA's website, which is in order of the number of nominations they received.

Ronald F. Levant, Ed.D.

I would like to request support from members of APA Division 44 for my candidacy for APA President.

I am a member of Division 44 and of AFFIRM. As my daughter is a lesbian, I have learned a great deal about the effects of discrimination and prejudice on sexual minorities, especially those who are parents. I have sought out and included chapters on gay issues in my books on the new psychology of men. As dean at NSU, I have been successful in securing a major gift to establish the A. Gordon Rose Scholarship – Another View, to support graduate students who wish to concentrate on promoting the self-acceptance and community acceptance of gay and lesbian individuals.

I have had the good fortune to serve in many roles in psychology and many roles in APA. Through this experience, I have developed a broad perspective on the discipline and profession of psychology. I know that psychology's strength derives from its rich scientific and professional traditions, that the students in APAGS are our future, that our future will be affected in unexpected ways by technological change as the 21st century evolves, and that APA, despite all of our differences, is one family.

I have a vision for psychology's future in which the growing integration of the science and practice of psychology will expand opportunities for knowledge generation and service delivery aimed at addressing society's most pressing problems, and thus make psychology a household word. You may learn more about my candidacy at www.DrRonaldLevant.com

Larry E. Beutler, Ph.D.

My philosophy as a candidate and as the President of APA is embodied in the campaign theme, "Embracing our differences through discourse and knowledge." I plan two initiatives to facilitate the process of increasing the representation and roles of under represented groups. First, I favor infusing all of the legislative process with viewpoints from under represented groups, and will initiate a modified mentors program to enhance this process. I propose that GLB and other under represented members of APA be formally assigned to serve as liaisons to individual Council members. The Council members will be expected to serve as mentors to facilitate the growth of under represented groups on Council, but they will also be encouraged to seek suggestions and input into pending Council action. Liaisons will be encouraged to correspond with their Council Mentor regarding all issues, not just those that bear directly on minority affairs. This focus on developing personal relationships may overcome the frequent inertia against seeking advice from a group.

Second, I am in favor of taking the important step of inserting the principles of cultural competence that have been adopted by Council into our training programs, our research agendas, our curricula, and our practices. This set of guidelines, however, should be extended to research and teaching, not just clinical practice. And, it should include attention to the culture of all under represented groups.

Stephen A. Ragusea, Psy.D., ABPP

For most of human history, people didn't think about personal and interpersonal issues in psychological terms as we do today. Psychological problems, as well as the family and social dysfunction that inevitably accompany them, went essentially unaltered throughout the millennia of human civilization. That was reality. But, today, psychologists are changing that reality. Through psychological intervention, we are using our power to effect change in the lives of the people we heal today as well as the lives of their children's children. I contend that psychologists -- clinicians and the researchers who guide clinical judgment -- are changing the course of human history. This perception is both grandiose and accurate. Psychologists must learn to utilize psychology's power more effectively and more wisely.

We must build upon the strengths of our existing science while expanding into a rapidly arriving future full of social and technological change. Telehealth, psychopharmacology, and online therapy are just the start. Beyond these beginnings are challenges like the psychological impact of genetic engineering and the decision making process involved in genome manipulation. Psychologists must be ready to meet these challenges. We must broaden our vision and expand the scope of our practice past the narrow view of the consulting room. The front page of any newspaper provides a quick glimpse of the ways in which society needs doctors of behavior, psychologists. It is our destiny to respond to these pressing human needs.

I want to help psychology move into that future and seek your #1 vote.

Contributions Sought for Division 44

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

The next few years mark important anniversaries for our psychological community. 2003 is the 30th anniversary of the removal of homosexuality from DSM-II. This major step helped end the stigma and institutionalized prejudice surrounding homosexuality and was accomplished by the actions of individuals such as you. Research performed by psychologists created irrefutable proof that homosexuality was not a mental illness. Those psychologists changed the lives of thousands of people around the world for generations to come.

Later that year (1973), the first organization of psychologists dedicated to affirmative psychology, the Association of Gay Psychologists, met at Convention, and started to advocate for progress within psychology. Their actions remind us that our presence within psychology is essential in combating ignorance and prejudice.

2004 and 2005 are the 20th and 30th anniversaries of powerful actions by the American Psychological Association (APA), the resolution that established Division 44 (August 1984), and the resolution opposing discrimination against homosexuals (January 1975). These influential events were accomplished by the courage, determination, and commitment of individuals, many of whom we are proud to count as members of our Division. These actions created an enduring legacy for the affirmative study of lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychology.

Charities constantly send brochures asking to be remembered in wills and estate planning. This idea caught my attention when I decided to make up a "Trust" to protect my assets.

Giving to charities and non-profit organizations has always been important to me. The first organization I thought of for charitable giving was Division 44. Division 44 may be the most important division in APA. The work of the division impacts LGB people all over the world. The members of the division are family. Few of us are rich, but every gift makes a difference. I am thrilled to be able to remember Division 44 in my will and to help ensure the future work of the division. I hope you will do the same.

Sari H. Dworkin, Ph.D.,
President Emerita, Division 44

Giving royalties to the Division 44 Malyon-Smith Fund is an easy way to provide continuing support for this important program. The publisher sends a check directly and I don't have to deal with it at all for taxes. We all remember how hard it is to get the funds needed for dissertation research -- especially on LGBT issues -- so this fund is a good investment in the future. It is also a fitting tribute to two of the most important pioneers whose contributions continue long after cancer took them from us far too soon.

Doug Kimmel, President Emeritus, Division 44

However, we must ensure that the legacy continues and flourishes. The 21st century poses many challenges for lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals and their families. There is still much to learn within psychology, and we still confront ignorance and prejudice in society. We must remain committed and make sure that psychology is always making advances in science, education, training, and practice in lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychology. We ask that you help us to create a place within psychology that has the resources to take on the next generation of challenges. Please contribute to this important work.

Division 44 has always been and will continue to be a home for lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychologists and their allies. We support research, training, education, advocacy, and affirmative practice. The APA has been a key institution in the advancement of psychology. The organization's focus on excellence in education, practice, and training, its efforts to ensure scientific accuracy, and its stand on professional ethics have led to great progress in our area and many others. Our

presence in APA, the world's largest organization dedicated to psychology, gives us the strength to meet new challenges.

By its visibility, advocacy, and professional programs, the Division will make sure that we will never be forced back into the closet. We hope that you will consider making a financial commitment and join us in building on the progress already achieved and working toward a world without prejudice and stigma.

You may make a donation by sending a tax-deductible gift to Division 44. Please make your check payable to SPSLGBI and mail it in care of Michael R. Stevenson, Div44 Treasurer, PSYSC, Ball State University, Muncie IN 47306. If you wish to contribute in one of the other ways described in the accompanying article, please contact Michael via email at mstevens@bsu.edu.

Very truly yours,

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As you plan your charitable giving for the year, as well as for the future, please consider a gift to Division 44. Housed within the APA, The Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues (SPSLGBI, Division 44) is in a unique position to influence and support LGBT-relevant science, policy, education, and practice. Although membership dues provide support, these revenues are insufficient to fund many of the Division's most important initiatives. As a result, your gift will contribute to an enduring legacy as it helps SPSLGBI ensure that LGBT-relevant issues remain in the consciousness of psychologists around the globe.

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We thank you for your favorable consideration and look forward to adding you to the growing list of contributors!

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Your contributions helped make the ongoing work of the Division possible!

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Garnets and Kimmel have also taken the care to include information that provides a rich historical context for the other material in the book. Rothblum's chapter, "Somewhere in Des Moines or San Antonio: Historical Perspectives on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Mental Health," reviews the changes in the attitudes of the mental health professions towards homosexuality. Of particular historical interest and importance is the special look at the life and work of Evelyn Hooker. This chapter is a much warranted acknowledgement to a psychologist whose work challenged the prevailing and pathologizing view of homosexuality in the 1950s and opened the door for new research, new questions, and new conceptualizations about sexual orientation. In providing this look at the woman who "rocked psychology's world" with her work, the authors bring perspective to the current and cutting edge materials in this text.

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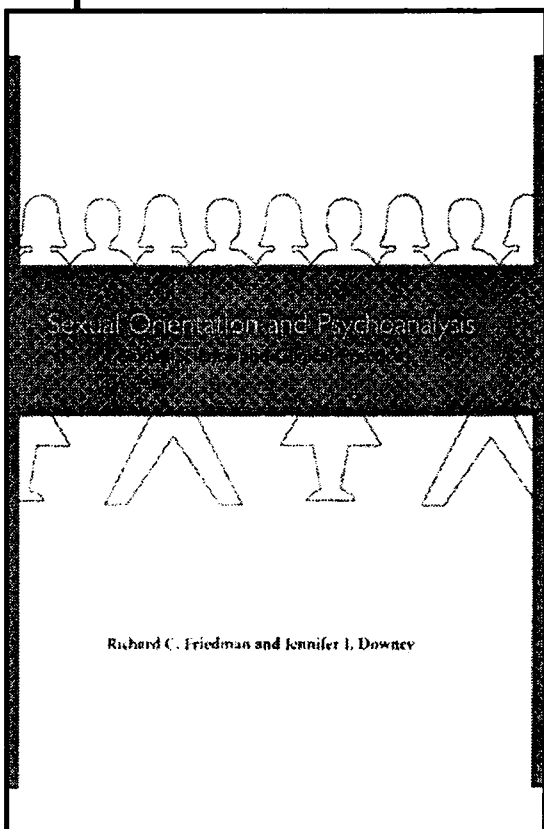
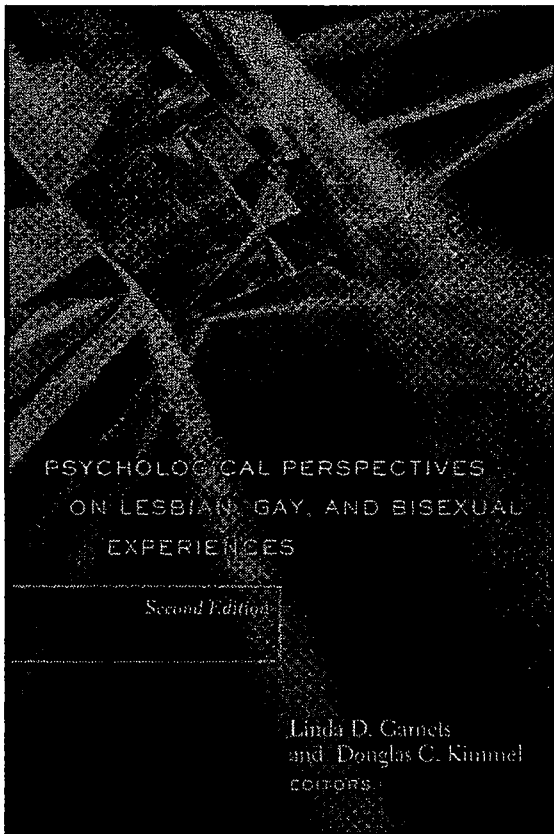
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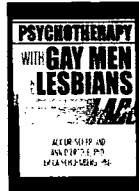
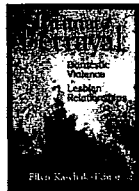
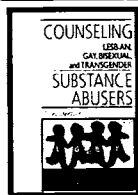
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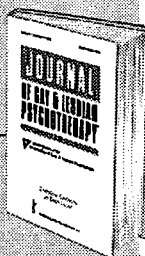
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