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*In this second edition of the Campus Bulletin, you will find updates on APAGS activities, resources, and information on how to **get involved**. Contact information has been provided for your APAGS representatives and we encourage you to email them directly with questions related to their specific role in APAGS. We hope that you find the Bulletin valuable and ask that you contact us by email at apags@apa.org with comments, suggestions, or questions about APAGS.*

Communication

The APAGS *Division Student Representative Network* will launch at the Division Leadership Conference this January. APAGS developed the DSRN to help APA's 53 Divisions provide more membership benefits for graduate students and boost student membership in divisions and APAGS. The network is intended to reach out to divisions and assist them with enhancing professional development opportunities for students—such as mentoring programs and convention programming. Students that belong to the DSRN will be subscribed to a closed APAGS listserv where they can exchange ideas and information with other student representatives.

The January 2004 issue of gradPSYCH, APAGS' new student magazine, is out! If you are an APA graduate student affiliate, be sure to keep an eye on the mail for your copy. Interested in receiving publications like gradPSYCH and the Monitor on Psychology? Join APA/APAGS at: <http://www.apa.org/apags/join.html>.



Get Involved:

- o Are you a student leader in an APA division? Check the APAGS website (www.apa.org/apags) in February to learn how to get connected to the DSRN.
- o A gradPSYCH listserv (GRADPSYCHTALK@lists.apa.org) has recently been created to facilitate discussions related to articles. To subscribe, please visit: <http://www.apa.org/apags/members/listserv.html>

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Science and Research



APAGS is currently working with the APA Science Student Counsel (SSC) to promote the needs of research oriented graduate students. During the last few months, we have focused on improving communication and resource sharing. We look forward to participating in the SSC spring meeting in April. Closer collaboration between SSC and APAGS will allow us to better serve our shared constituency. APAGS is also in early discussions with the American Psychological Society (APS) Student Caucus to determine how we might best work together to meet the needs of our shared constituency.

Get Involved:

- o Help us build our network of campus representatives and extend our reach to recruit possible CRs from other psychology programs across your campus. Reach out to programs whose members might not traditionally be a part of APA as part of the upcoming APAGS membership drive.
- o Be on the lookout for scholarship announcements from APAGS. We have developed a wonderful scholarship program to reward students for their contributions to psychology. Pass this information along so your peers can benefit!

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Education

APAGS continues to monitor the status of practicum, internship, and postdoctoral issues, including work hours and compensation. APAGS continues to educate graduate students about the internship application process and promotes legislative advocacy on issues related to education such as Graduate Psychology Education and the Higher Education Act.

Get Involved:

- o Tell us about your experiences with the internship application process including the clearinghouse.
- o Give us feedback on the quality of your practicum and internship training.
- o Let us know about any other critical issues affecting graduate education and training.
- o Look out for education related action alerts from your campus representative!

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Practice

APAGS will send up to 16 delegates to the APA Practice Directorate's State Leadership Conference in March 2004. This conference is a wonderful opportunity for students, as it trains state leaders in legislative advocacy skills while briefing them on the year's legislative agenda for practitioner psychologists.

Get Involved:

- o Join an APAGS listserv! <http://www.apa.org/apags/members/listserv.html>

Recent postings on the CLINAPAGS listserv include:

New internship/post doc opportunities
Paper on surviving graduate school
Advice on assistantship applications
.... And much more!

Recent postings on the MENTORS listserv include:

How to deal with advisor abandonment
Help with writing your vita
EPPP prep material
... and much more!

- o Distance Program Learners: Submit your observations and experiences for inclusion in the Distance Learner Survival Guide
- o Externs/interns/post docs: Share your positive and negative experiences in your training placements.

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Diversity

The First Diversity Dissertation Scholarship was awarded in 2003 and APAGS is currently seeking ways to provide additional funding for this award for 2004 and subsequent years. APAGS is also working to be more directly involved in the programmatic development of the 2005 National Multicultural Summit (NMCS), since attending the previous two summits.

APAGS works closely with the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI), Board of Professional Affairs (BPA), and Committee on Women in Psychology (CWP) to address diversity issues. APAGS continues working with other committees within APA that deal with diversity issues.

Get Involved:

- o We welcome stories concerning diversity issues on your campus.
- o If you are interested in helping to promote diversity in the field of psychology and in graduate school, please contact us.

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Convention

It's not too early to start planning! The annual APA Convention will take place July 28-August 1 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The APAGS Convention Committee met in December to review student proposals, select programs, create convention promotional materials, and plan student social events and networking opportunities at convention. Special programs this year will include topics on internship, dissertations, comps, and mentorship.

There will also be a free workshop for undergrads undecided about what doctoral degree to pursue. Also, don't miss the opportunity to meet eminent psychologists at our free 'Food for Thought' breakfasts.

APAGS will again host the 'not to be missed' pre-convention APAGS Internship Workshop (\$25 members/\$30 non-members—Visit www.apa.org/apags to pre-register). The workshop is designed to help students successfully navigate the internship application process. All attendees receive a copy of **Internships in Psychology: The APAGS Workbook for Writing Successful Applications and Finding the Right Match**.

Get Involved:

- o Interested in volunteering at the APA convention? The APAGS Convention Ambassador program will return in 2004. Volunteer your time and receive free convention registration. Keep an eye on the APAGS website for additional information regarding the ambassador program.
- o Contact us if you are interested in being on the convention committee in the future. There are 3 positions opening for the 2004-2006 term. Check the website (www.apa.org/apags) for information on how to apply.

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Ethnic Minority Issues



CEMA has focused efforts on further developing many initiatives, such as the APAGS-CEMA Grant Program, Regional Diversity Coordinator Program, and the Kenneth and Mamie Clark Award. CEMA has also worked toward increasing the support and involvement of ethnic minority psychology professionals in the professional development of ethnic minority graduate students. Currently, CEMA is working with APAGS and the APA Research Offices to disseminate a survey to assess the experiences of ethnic minority graduate students and to evaluate their satisfaction with the level of training in multicultural psychology.

Get Involved:

- o Become a Regional Diversity Coordinator for APAGS-CEMA.
- o APAGS-CEMA is currently accepting proposals for its Grant Program. These grants provide seed monies to help support the development and implementation of relevant projects or training events for students.

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Legislative Advocacy and APAGS Representation

APAGS-ACT provides continued guidance to help you lobby your legislators for improvements that benefit psychologists, psychology graduate students, and consumers of psychological services. Recent issues have included: Mental health parity; NIH grants; Managed care reform; Children's access to mental health services; and Welfare reform. The ACT network (consisting of about 200 Campus Representatives, 50 State Advocacy Coordinators, and 6 Regional Advocacy Coordinators) disseminates information about emerging changes in the field and how the proposed changes might impact students.



APAGS representatives are constantly working with your state psychological association to increase opportunities for student involvement at the state level.

Get Involved:

- o Keep your eyes open for new "action alerts" forwarded to you by your APAGS Campus Representative. Contact your legislators according to the easy-to-follow instructions...you CAN make a difference.
- o Become an APAGS Campus Representative or State Advocacy Coordinator.

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LGBT Issues

CLGBTC has established a National Mentoring Program for LGBT Graduate Students where individuals are paired with psychologists who assist them through a myriad of graduate phases from application to dissertation. CLGBTC has created a Needs Assessment for ongoing feedback and focus of priorities and is working with other groups within APAGS to provide training programs with access to APA Guidelines related to diversity.

Look for the premier of the LGBT Guide to Graduate School at the 2004 APA Convention.

Get Involved:

- o Contribute to convention programming by helping to form collaborations with various divisions, caucuses, and other professional groups to expand our visibility at convention.

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APAGS Executive Committee



The Executive Committee of APAGS serves as a steering committee for the full APAGS Committee. Members of the Executive Committee include the elected chair, past-chair and chair-elect of APAGS, along with the Associate Executive Director as an ex-officio member.

Currently, the past-chair of APAGS, Chris Loftis will be the Acting Chair of APAGS from January 2004-August 2004, due to David Ballard, former APAGS Chair, accepting a staff position at APA. Congratulations to David on his new position and thanks to Chris for filling in.

Strategic Planning



On November 14-16, 2003, the APAGS Committee met for a strategic planning meeting. The Committee reviewed statements relating to APAGS' mission, vision, and values; reviewed existing strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities; identified key factors and issues, and proposed strategies and goals to help meet APAGS' mission; identified stakeholders and partners needed to implement the strategies and reach the goals; and outlined budget considerations. The purpose of the plan is to drive APAGS activities and provide a baseline for measuring success. The drafted plan is currently being revised and edited and will be revisited at the March 2004 APAGS Committee Meeting.

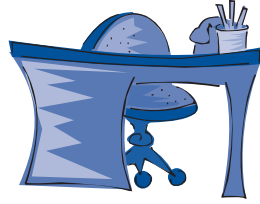
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APAGS Central Office is currently focusing on the twin goals of:

- 1) Making benefits/services known
- 2) Providing direct member contact

To that end, the APAGS office would like to take our popular Internship Workshop on the road. The workshop is designed to help students successfully navigate the internship application process. To discuss the possibility of APAGS presenting this workshop on your campus, please contact the office.

APAGS will also conduct four focus groups in 2004 regarding gradPSYCH and APAGS. Please contact us for a possible focus group on your campus.

February Student-Get-A-Student Contest approaches

APAGS and the APA Membership Office are offering **prizes** to graduate student affiliates of APA who recruit new student members in February. The first 400 students who submit three new student applications will receive a free copy of the APA Publication Manual. The student who recruits the most new members in February wins a \$250 American Express Travel Gift Check. A second-place winner will receive a personal digital assistant; the third-place winner will receive \$100; and three fourth-place winners will get free registration for APA's 2004 Annual Convention in Honolulu, July 28-Aug. 1. For more information and APAGS membership applications, visit www.apa.org/apags.

Submit a paper for the graduate student ethics prize

The APA Ethics Committee and the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS) are pleased to announce the third annual prize for a graduate student paper on psychology and ethics. The honoree will receive \$1,000, a round trip ticket to APA's 2004 Annual Convention in Hawaii, and two nights of hotel accommodation. The deadline for submissions is March 5. For more information, visit: www.apa.org/apags/members/ethicsprize.html

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APAGS Elections are Coming!

Interested in a position on the APAGS Committee? Run for an elected position or submit an application to chair a subcommittee! **February 13, 2004** is the deadline to submit application materials for this life-changing leadership opportunity. In order to run for an APAGS position you must be an APA graduate student affiliate (which automatically makes you an APAGS member), and be at least two years away from receiving your degree when you begin your term in August. For full position descriptions and information on how to apply, visit: www.apa.org/apags/getinv/posdesc.html.



The following **elected** positions are open:

Chair-Elect

The Chair serves as a spokesperson for APAGS, an ex-officio member of all APAGS subcommittees, and a liaison to other APA governance groups. The chair-elect serves as a member of the APA Council of Representatives and a non-voting member of the APA Board of Directors. He/she works closely with the AED and Central Office.

Member-at-Large, General Focus

Serves in various official liaison roles that focus on broad/general psychology issues, with an emphasis on membership development. Develops initiatives, projects, and outreach programs that target emerging student needs.

Member-at-Large Research/Academic Focus

Serves as a liaison to the Science Student Council and the Board of Scientific Affairs. Promotes activities, projects, and programs that foster support by research oriented graduate students. Oversees the APAGS scholarship nomination, selection, and award process.

Member-at-Large, Diversity Focus

Guides working groups, ad hoc committees, and serves in various liaison roles that focus on diversity issues. Develops initiatives, programs, and resources that support diverse students.

APAGS is also seeking applications for the following **subcommittee Chair** positions:

APAGS-Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, (CEMA), Chair

Promotes and oversees the grant allocation program for regional multicultural events. Develops programs and initiatives to promote ethnic minority student interests. Works with APA Boards and Committees that address ethnic minority issues.



APAGS-Convention Committee, Chair

Develops program themes, topics, and materials for special events. Reviews proposals and makes program selections and modifications/recommendations. Assists with the creation of materials and evaluation processes.

APAGS-Committee for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns, Chair

Identifies and advocates for the needs of LGBT students. Develops APAGS resources, programs, and initiatives to promote the interests of LGBT students.