

American Psychological Association of Graduate Students

CAMPUS BULLETIN

Fall 2003

The new quarterly *APAGS Campus Bulletin* is designed to enhance reciprocal *communication* between APAGS and graduate students, so that APAGS can address issues of concern and keep you informed about *current initiatives*. In this bulletin, you will find highlights of the breadth of APAGS activities, including science, practice, education, diversity, and legislative issues. The bulletin also includes information about opportunities to *get involved* and contact information for your APAGS representatives. We hope that you find these updates valuable and ask that you contact us by email at apags@apa.org with comments and suggestions.

Communication

The **APAGS Member at Large - Communication Focus** coordinates a variety of communication efforts that help get information to you via multiple pathways, including web, listserv, print, and verbal communication.

What's Hot:

- This new *APAGS Campus Bulletin* was launched to help make sure you know what's going on.
- The APAGS Division Student Representative Network (DSRN) is currently in development. The DSRN will facilitate communication between student leaders from the various APA divisions to help them meet student needs.
- Check out the new APAGS magazine, *gradPSYCH*. The APAGS Committee participates in regular conference calls with *gradPSYCH* staff to provide ideas and feedback about articles of value to graduate students.

Get Involved:

- Are you a student leader in an APA division? Get connected to the DSRN.
- Join one of our many listservs and participate in online discussion with your peers about topics of interest to you. Available lists and subscription instructions are available at www.apa.org/apags/members/listserv.html.



For More Information:

Ira Saiger, APAGS Member at Large -
 Communication Focus
 Email: isaiger@juno.com

Diversity

An integral part of the APAGS mission is to advocate for the needs of diverse students. The **APAGS Member at Large - Diversity Focus** works to address various issues including ethnic heritage, women's issues, ageism, sexual orientation, and disabilities.

What's Hot:

- APAGS has approved the implementation of the Diversity Dissertation Scholarship.
- APAGS is working 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.

Get Involved:

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

For More Information:

Susan D'Esposito, APAGS Member at Large - Diversity Focus
 Email: susanelained@hotmail.com

General Issues

The **APAGS Member at Large - General Focus** develops initiatives, projects, and outreach programs that target emerging student needs.

What's Hot:

- The APAGS Member at Large - General Focus is helping to organize the DSRN (see *Communication* section).
- APAGS is working with the Board of Professional Affairs Committee on Colleague Assistance to develop self-care materials for students.

Get Involved:

- Contact us about other psychology graduate student needs and issues.

For More Information:

Angela Green, APAGS Member at Large - General Focus
 Email: angggreen@earthlink.net



Education

The **APAGS Member at Large - Education Focus** represents students in the areas of education and training, monitors the climate of training environments, and advocates for advances in the quality of education and training.

What's Hot:

- APAGS is currently gathering information about practicum, internship, and postdoctoral issues, including work hours and compensation.
- APAGS continues to educate graduate students about the internship application process.

Get Involved:

- Tell us about your experiences with the internship application process including the clearing-house.
- Give us feedback on the quality of practicum and internship training.
- Let us know about any other critical issues affecting graduate education and training.

For More Information:

Michael Madson, APAGS Member at Large - Education Focus
 Email: michael.madson@marquette.edu



Practice

The **APAGS Member at Large - Practice Focus** is charged with addressing practice-related issues. Areas of concern include prescriptive authority, professional training, empirically supported treatments, and licensing.

What's Hot:

- o Practice-oriented APAGS members now have access to the APA Practice Organization's Practitioners Portal online at www.apapractice.org - sign up now!

Get Involved:

- o Let us know about your practice-oriented concerns.
- o Join the CLINAPAGS and MENTORS listservs and engage in active discussion.

For More Information:

Stephen Hampe, APAGS Member at Large - Practice Focus
 Email: psyphd2b@aol.com



Science and Research

APAGS continues to work to support the needs of “bench science” students, graduate students engaged in research, and those preparing for academic jobs. The **APAGS Member at Large – Research/Academic Focus** works to create collaborations both inside and outside of the association that will provide benefits to graduate students who are preparing for academic or research careers.

What's Hot:

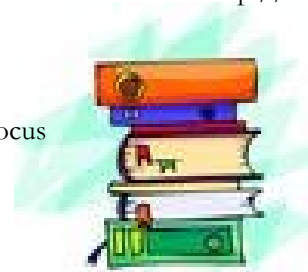
- o APAGS is beginning to foster a closer relationship with the APA Science Student Council. Increased collaboration will allow us to better serve our shared constituency.
- o We are currently working with the APA Membership Office to attract more “bench science” students to the association.
- o Program development for the APA convention in Hawaii is currently under way. Watch for potential sessions on finding academic jobs and important ethical issues facing graduate students.

Get Involved:

- o Increase the representation of research and academic focus students by becoming an APAGS Campus Representative (see *Legislative Advocacy*, below). APAGS will be better able to meet your needs if your program is represented.
- o Watch for scholarship announcements from APAGS and pass this information along to your peers. 2004 APAGS award and scholarship information is now available online at <http://www.apa.org/apags/members/schawrdsintro.html>.

For More Information:

Patrick Bennett, APAGS Member at Large – Research/Academic Focus
 Email: patrickb@unr.nevada.edu





Convention

Get ready for the 2004 APA Convention July 28-August 1 in beautiful **Honolulu, Hawaii!** The **APAGS Convention Committee** works with APAGS Central Office staff to review

student proposals and select programs, create convention promotional materials, and plan student social events and networking opportunities at convention. Start making your plans to attend now!



What's Hot:

○ The deadline for proposals for the 2004 convention is November 14, 2003. For information on how to submit a convention proposal, go to

<http://www.apa.org/apags/convention/cfp04.html>.

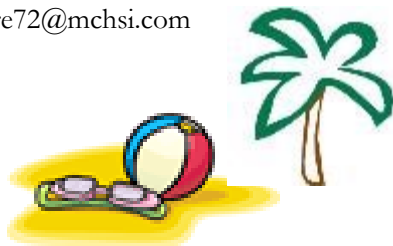
- Keep your eyes peeled for convention information in upcoming issues of *gradPYSCH*.

Get Involved:

- Contact us if you are interested in being on the convention committee in the future.

For More Information:

Andre Vlok, APAGS
Convention Committee Chair
Email: andre72@mchsi.com



Ethnic Minority Issues

The **APAGS Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (APAGS-CEMA)** works to represent and advocate for ethnic minority graduate students within the discipline of psychology.

What's Hot:

- We are currently collecting information about ethnic minority organizations that are established and run by graduate students. Similarly, we are supporting the development of new campus mentoring groups for ethnic minority students.
- APAGS-CEMA is establishing relationships with ethnic minority professionals who are interested in supporting multicultural training.
- A convention guide for ethnic minority graduate students is currently in development.
- We will soon be distributing a survey to assess the level of multicultural training being offered to graduate students and to identify issues that continue to impact ethnic minority students throughout their graduate school experience.

Get Involved:

- Become a Regional Diversity Coordinator for APAGS-CEMA.
- 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.



For More Information:

Anthony M. Castro, Chair, APAGS-CEMA
Email: anthcast@nova.edu

Legislative Advocacy

The **APAGS Advocacy Coordinating Team (APAGS-ACT)** addresses legislative issues that impact psychology graduate students, our profession, and the clients we serve. APAGS-ACT also coordinates the network of Campus Representatives (CRs) that serves as the pipeline for information to and from APAGS and the students on your campus.



Chris Loftis, APAGS Past Chair

What's Hot:

- New APAGS Bulletin Boards were sent to CRs for easy display of APAGS information and materials on your campus.
- 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.
- APAGS representatives are working with your state psychological association to increase opportunities for student involvement at the state level.

Get Involved:

- 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.
- Become an APAGS Campus Representative or State Advocacy Coordinator.

For More Information:

Ron Rabinowitz, Chair, APAGS-ACT
 Email: rubes121@comcast.net

LGBT Issues

The **APAGS Committee for lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns (APAGS-CLGBTC)** addresses issues and concerns important to LGBT graduate students and makes recommendations regarding the integration of these issues into APAGS activities.

What's Hot:

- We have established a National Mentoring Program for LGBT Graduate Students where individuals are paired with licensed professionals who assist them through a myriad of graduate phases from application to dissertation.
- The CLGBTC has created a Needs Assessment for ongoing feedback and focus of priorities.
- CLGBTC is working together with APAGS-CEMA, the Member at Large - Diversity Focus, and the Executive Committee to provide training programs with access to APA Guidelines related to diversity, including the *APA Guidelines for Working with Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Clients* (2000).

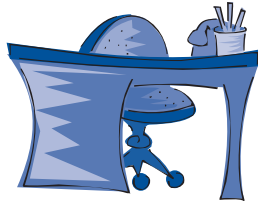
Get Involved:

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

For More Information:

Espen Correll, Chair, APAGS-CLGBTC
 Email: EspenCorrell@aol.com

Central Office Update



Located in Washington, DC, the APAGS Central Office is the communications hub for all APA student affiliates. The APAGS Central Office staff is a consistent voice within APA and the psychological community for advocating and representing the needs and interests of graduate students. Please take the time to check out our website www.apa.org/apags to learn more about the resources and opportunities APAGS has to offer!

What's Hot:

Prizes awarded for student affiliate recruitment--A time limited membership drive will be conducted during the month of February. Students are asked to get the word out about APA/APAGS and encourage their peers to become APAGS members (graduate student affiliates of APA). The first 400 sponsoring students to submit 3 new student applications will receive a free APA Publication Manual. Additional prizes will be awarded to those who recruit the most new graduate student affiliates. The grand prize will be a \$500 airline certificate that can be used toward transportation costs to the 2004 APA convention in Hawaii. This membership drive only runs from February 1-29, so start spreading the word today! For membership drive information and applications, contact Betsy Horrocks at (202) 216-7619; e-mail: ehorrocks@apa.org.

Submit a paper for the 2004 Graduate Student Ethics Prize--The APA Ethics Committee and APAGS have announced the 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

APAGS award honors a student-focused state association--APAGS, the Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice and Div. 31 (State Psychological Association Affairs-SPPA) are accepting applications for the second annual APAGS Award for an Outstanding State or Provincial Psychological Association of the Year. The \$1,500 prize recognizes a state or provincial psychological association for excellence in promoting graduate student development and joint APAGS/SPPA membership. The application deadline is Jan. 31. For information on applying, visit www.apa.org/apags/members/schawrds.html.

Get Involved:

- o Interested in a position on the APAGS Committee? The application deadline for elected and appointed Committee positions is February 13. For more information and full position descriptions, please visit: <http://www.apa.org/apags/getinv/posdesc.html>

Don't forget to visit

www.apa.org/apags between March 22 and April 16, 2004 to vote for your new APAGS leaders!

- o Join one of our many listservs targeted to specific student interests. These provide a unique forum to initiate discussion with peers sharing similar interests and experiences. Love to write? Share your opinions and thoughts by submitting an article for the APAGS website. Interested in advocacy? Become a Campus Representative and ensure your program has a voice within APAGS.

For more information:

Website: www.apa.org/apags
Email: apags@apa.org
(202) 336-6014



1988-2003