

**Public Interest Directorate
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Public Interest Directorate Mission

Fulfill APA's commitment to apply the science and practice of psychology to the fundamental problems of human welfare and the promotion of equitable and just treatment of all segments of society through education, training, and public policy.

Public Interest Executive Office

<http://www.apa.org/pi/>

Office on Work, Stress, and Health

<http://www.apa.org/pi/work/>

Work, Stress, and Health Conference Series:

- Since 1989, APA's work, stress, and health initiative, in collaboration with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and more recently with the Society for Occupational Health Psychology (SOHP), has convened eight conferences on work, stress, and health.
- The most recent was held November 5-8, 2009, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and attracted nearly 800 participants from 43 countries.
- Planning is underway for the ninth conference, *Work, Stress, and Health 2011: Work and Well-Being in an Economic Context*, to be held May 19-22, 2011, in Orlando, Florida. The conference call for proposals is now being developed.

Contributing to APA Efforts Regarding Health Care Reform

PI Executive Office staff is continuing to work with the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI) regarding planning activities to fulfill BAPPI's mission in the context of health care reform -- a top policy priority for the Association -- particularly focusing on APA's eight key health care reform priorities (www.apa.org/monitor/2009/02/ceo.html).

2010 APA Public Interest Awards

The *APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest Senior Career Award* recognizes an individual who earned his or her doctorate degree more than 15 years post doctorate. Norman Abeles, PhD was the recipient of this award.

The *APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest Early Career Award* recognizes an individual who earned his or her doctorate degree 15 or fewer years prior post doctorate. Perry N. Halkitis, PhD was the recipient of this award.

The *APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Research in Public Policy* recognizes a psychologist who has made a distinguished empirical and/or theoretical contribution to research in public policy, either through a single extraordinary achievement or a lifetime of work dedicated to informing public policy through psychological understanding. G. Daniel Lassiter, PhD was the recipient of this award

Outreach, Education, and Resources

Expanding communications efforts across Public Interest has been a major priority over the past 3 years. Communication has always been an important part of what Public Interest does, and all Public Interest offices have extensive communication strategies, tools, and products in place. Current goals include assisting individual offices to promote their work and expand their communication efforts, as well as by developing and implementing a directorate-wide communication vision. For the past year, in light of staffing and funding limitations, staff have focused on keeping PI website current, moving *In the Public Interest* – PI’s e-newsletter – to a bimonthly schedule and implementing a new format, redesigning “marketing” and communication pieces, and improving the content of reports to the Board and other groups.

Green Door Transitional Employee

For more than 10 years, the Public Interest Directorate has provided a transitional employment position for clients of Green Door -- a local community program that prepares women and men with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and other mental illnesses to work and live independently in the Washington, DC area. From February to August 2010, Public Interest provided employment to two Green Door Transitional Interns.

Governance Support: Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest

As the Fall 2009 consolidated meetings were canceled, the PI Executive Office provided staff support to the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI) for the conduct of work via email and conference call, and is preparing for the upcoming March 19-21, 2010 consolidated meetings.

Public Interest Government Relations Office (PI-GRO)

<http://www.apa.org/about/gr/pi/index.aspx>

APA’s Public Interest Government Relations staff promotes psychology in the public interest in Congress and with the Administration, including:

- Preparation of legislative background materials, statutory provisions, and formal comments on proposed legislation and regulations;
- Mobilizing the APA membership for grassroots advocacy efforts; and
- Identifying psychologists to testify at congressional hearings and briefings and to represent the association on federal agency advisory councils and at executive branch meetings.

PI-GRO staff also administers the APA Congressional Fellowship Program, which places psychologists on the staff of a member of Congress or congressional committee for one year. The office also offers a year-long public policy internship program for psychology graduate students.

Aging. As a member of the Eldercare Workforce Alliance (EWA), PI-GRO helped to coordinate EWA's Health Reform Advocacy Day on September 15. Among the participants were a number of APA members who met with congressional leaders to discuss health reform priorities, including the expansion of vital federal health professions education and training programs to include psychologists and initiatives to promote effective integrated, interdisciplinary models of health care. These efforts resulted in successfully securing key geriatric health professions education and training provisions in the health reform bill passed by the Senate in December. Following a year-long advocacy campaign, PI-GRO (in conjunction with other professional associations) successfully worked with Representatives Rosa DeLauro and Patrick Kennedy, to designate \$900,000 in the report language that accompanied the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act to fund an Institute of Medicine study focused on the geriatric mental health workforce.

Children, Youth, and Families. PI-GRO attended several individual and group meetings with key staff at the Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools (OSDFS) to discuss an initiative to create federal school climate standards and measures. PI-GRO continues to highlight the important contributions of psychology to the work in this field and areas that include bullying prevention, school mental health, threat assessment, and social and emotional learning. PI and Education GROs also continue to work collaboratively on initiatives related to the reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*, including sending a letter of support for the *Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning Act*. PI-GRO staff provided critical input during the development of the *Healthy Transitions Act*, which would provide critical support to young adults with SMI by assisting them in securing mental health services, housing and employment. PI-GRO is working to secure a House sponsor of the APA-developed, *Supporting Child Maltreatment Prevention Efforts in Community Health Centers Act*.

Ethnic Minority Affairs. PI-GRO convened and led a national working group to highlight the importance of addressing health disparities in health reform efforts. The working group also worked to help create a workforce pipeline that increases the number of health professionals from health disparities populations and other professionals working in underserved areas. PI-GRO also urged increased emphasis on cultural and linguistic competence in health curricula. The special edition of the *Communiqué* journal

produced jointly by OEMA and PI-GRO continues to play a significant role in the recognition of APA's expertise and emphasis on this critical issue. PI-GRO staff continued to urge congressional support and raise awareness about the APA-developed *Resolution on Fostering Resilience in African American Youth* introduced by Rep. Hasting, which reflects the work of APA's Task Force on Resilience and Strength in Black Children and Adolescents. The bill promotes a number of steps related to research on resilience, well-being, and health in African American children and adolescents.

HIV/AIDS. PI-GRO actively worked to ensure support for syringe exchange programs. Currently, public health agencies are restricted from using federal funds for needle exchange programs, which are proven to be cost-effective and life-saving, do not promote drug use, and provide a conduit to appropriate health care for hard to reach populations. To ensure that the ban was not reinstated in the appropriations bill, PI-GRO urged members of Congress to block such an amendment. PI-GRO also sent an official letter to key congressional members about this issue. In addition to working with White House officials, PI-GRO established relationships with HIV/AIDS groups to influence the National AIDS Strategy. PI-GRO worked to ensure that mental and behavioral health issues are appropriately addressed in developing prevention interventions in this critical effort. PI-GRO also worked to ensure passage of the *Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act*, a bill reauthorizing this critical law, which is the largest program dedicated to providing treatment and care to people living with HIV/AIDS.

Individuals with Disabilities. PI-GRO was invited to participate in a meeting with the Associate Attorney General for Civil Rights to discuss the role of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division in focusing attention on priorities to the disability community. PI-GRO worked with Division 33 (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) in developing positions on advocacy activities that aim to replace references to "mentally defective" and "mental retardation" in federal law with language that is less stigmatizing and reflects the current state of knowledge in the fields of mental health and disability. PI-GRO joined a group of organizations in asking the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for full funding for the *Lifespan Respite Care Act* in the FY 2011 budget. This law, a longstanding priority for PI-GRO, is the only federal program to address respite accessibility and affordability issues for families regardless of age or disability. PI-GRO joined the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities in establishing a core set of principles related to transition issues faced by youth with disabilities.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Persons. PI-GRO hosted an advocacy training followed by Capitol Hill visits for members of Division 44 (Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues). Training participants visited their members of Congress to urge their support for three critical bills: 1) the *Employment Non-Discrimination Act*, which would extend federal employment discrimination protections to include actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity; 2) the *Ending LGBT Health Disparities Act*, which would ensure cultural competency training for health care providers of the LGBT community, invest in research and data collection regarding the health and health disparities of LGBT individuals, and establish the Office of LGBT Health within the Department of Health and Human

Services to address the health of the LGBT population; and 3) the *Military Readiness Enhancement Act*, which would repeal the military ban of LGB service members and require the reinstatement of individuals dismissed under the policy.

Socioeconomic Status. APA's Presidential Task Force on Psychology's Contribution to End Homelessness went to Capitol Hill to advocate for increased funding for homelessness programs, supportive housing services, and research at the National Institutes of Health. The Task Force and PI-GRO also hosted key stakeholders meeting to discuss how it can work with federal agencies, advocacy organizations and local housing and service providers on homelessness policy and programs. PI-GRO conducted an advocacy webinar for participants of the SES Network who then met with their members of Congress to urge their support for the *Measuring American Poverty Act*, which would consider a number of important factors in the poverty threshold, including family size, composition, geographic region, and housing status; study and develop measures of decent living standards and medical care risk; and ensure more accurate measures of poverty at the state and local level. PI-GRO also sent a letter of support to Rep. McDermott and Sen. Dodd for their leadership in sponsoring the legislation.

Women and Their Families. PI-GRO worked closely with key Senate staff and advocates to include the *MOTHERS Act*, legislation to address postpartum depression, in the House and Senate health care reform bills. PI-GRO worked to include several key provisions impacting women in the *Ending Health Disparities for LGBT Americans Act*, including support for prevention of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections by countering the perpetuation of narrow gender roles, such as the sexualization of girls, female adolescents, and women. PI-GRO convened a coalition of advocates to advance policy regarding the awareness and prevention of the sexualization of girls. PI-GRO and the Committee on Women in Psychology submitted testimony to the National Institutes of Health, Office on Research on Women's Health, urging expanded research on health disparities in women, health promotion, violence against women and women's mental health care. APA worked with Sen. Menendez on a bill to create a demonstration project to manage and coordinate women's health care and provide postpartum health services.

Cross-cutting Initiatives

Criminal Justice. In September, PI-GRO spearheaded an effort to emphasize the importance of the *Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act* (JJDP) on the occasion of the law's 35th anniversary. The office developed fact sheets and a press release highlighting critical issues for APA in the reauthorization of this important law, including developmentally appropriate interventions and the availability of mental health services. PI-GRO also submitted testimony on these issues for a September hearing held by the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law. In January, the full Senate Judiciary Committee approved reauthorization of JJDP (S. 678), including language advanced by PI-GRO to focus the law more on mental health and to authorize a study on the prevalence of disability among the juvenile justice population. In addition, PI-GRO submitted comments to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention urging them to take certain steps related to evidence-based practice, mental health, school-base prevention, trauma issues, youth with disabilities, and LGBT youth.

Eating Disorders/Obesity Prevention. PI-GRO staff continues to share scientific knowledge and clinical expertise with policymakers to address the spectrum of physical and mental health concerns associated with obesity and eating disorders. In particular, PI-GRO is focusing legislative efforts on the joint prevention of youth obesity and disordered eating with an emphasis on six key areas: poor nutrition and physical inactivity; body dissatisfaction; teasing and weight stigmatization; targeted marketing to children; home environment; and cultural and socioeconomic factors. Related to home environment, PI-GRO staff worked closely with past Committee on Children, Youth, and Families Chair, Barbara Fiese, PhD, to develop recommendations for legislation to reauthorize child nutrition and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) programs. These recommendations focus on the inclusion of initiatives to promote shared family mealtime among WIC enrollees.

Emergency/Disaster Preparedness and Response. PI-GRO continues to share psychological research and clinical knowledge with federal policymakers regarding the mental health consequences of disasters, with particular attention to public interest subgroups, including children, youth, and families; older adults; individuals with disabilities; ethnic minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons; women; individuals living in poverty; and those who have experienced trauma and abuse. These efforts include reviewing legislative proposals and drafting legislative language; meeting with congressional offices, federal agencies, and stakeholder organizations; and recommending APA experts for hearings, briefings, and federal advisory groups and committees.

Hate Crime. On October 28, President Obama signed the *Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crime Prevention Act* into law as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Defense Authorization Conference Report. PI-GRO worked diligently in support of this legislation for more than a decade, alongside a broad coalition of civil rights, religious, educational, professional, law enforcement, and civic organizations. The new law will strengthen the nation's response to bias-motivated crimes by expanding current law to recognize crimes motivated by actual or perceived religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; enabling the federal government to address those cases that other jurisdictions are either unable or unwilling to investigate and prosecute, while retaining primary responsibility for hate crime prosecution at the state and local level; and expanding the scope of data collection and reporting requirements regarding hate crime. PI-GRO, along with the national hate crime coalition, is now working with federal agencies to ensure appropriate implementation of the law.

Health Reform. PI-GRO has worked tirelessly to successfully secure essential provisions related to APA's health reform priorities in congressional health reform legislation. Specifically many of these provisions are included in either the House passed bill (H.R. 3962), the Senate passed bill (H.R. 3590), or both. PI-GRO staff continues to work to ensure that these provisions are retained as the House and Senate negotiate the final health reform bill. Among the included provisions spearheaded by PI-GRO are:

- Programs to promote integrated interdisciplinary health care, including behavioral and mental health professionals (in collaboration with Practice and Education);
- The expansion of prevention and wellness initiatives focused on a variety of areas, including postpartum conditions, elder abuse (Senate only), and depression (Senate only);
- The expansion of Geriatric Academic Career Awards to include faculty in psychology (Senate only), the authorization of a new Geriatric Career Incentive Awards program, to include students of psychology (Senate only), the expansion of Geriatric Education Centers to include schools with programs in psychology (Senate only; in collaboration with Education);
- A loan repayment program for health professionals (including psychologists) who agree to work in pediatric care (Senate only);
- Programs to address health disparities. These programs resulted from the working group convened and lead by PI-GRO staff, which included more than 200 national organizations and coalitions to create a cohesive, coordinated mechanism advocating for health reform to address health disparities issues impacting a diverse group of vulnerable populations. Participants represented racial and ethnic minorities; faith; HIV/AIDS; disability; rural; LGBT; health professionals; consumers; insurance; and business communities;
- The reauthorization of the *Indian Health Care Improvement Act*, including the American Indians into Psychology Program (House only); and
- Services and supports for adults with functional limitations and family caregivers.

PI-GRO also spearheaded a standing room only congressional briefing on September 22, entitled “Cost Savings of Reducing Health Disparities in Health Reform,” on behalf of the National Working Group on Health Disparities and Health Reform. In his remarks, lead presenter and APA CEO Dr. Norman Anderson highlighted the importance of defining the nature of health and health care disparities to include all vulnerable populations. Also represented on the panel were the White House, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, The Carter Center, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the New America Foundation, and Adventist HealthCare, as well as the Joint Center for Economic and Political Studies and the Urban Institute, both of which unveiled new landmark reports on health disparities at the briefing. Topics discussed included how disparities originate, their direct and indirect costs to society, HCR proposals and how they would or would not address disparities, and means of ending disparities.

Immigration (including Refugees and Asylum-Seekers). PI-GRO staff continues to be engaged in immigration policy issues that directly impact a number of PI-GRO populations (e.g., ethnic minorities, individuals with disabilities; LGBT populations; people with HIV/AIDS; and children). PI-GRO staff has been meeting with key Senate committee staff in support of the *Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act*, which would provide certain immigrant students who graduate from U.S. high schools the opportunity to earn conditional permanent residency. In addition, PI-GRO was successful in ensuring passage of the *SSI Extension for Elderly and Disabled*

Refugees Act, which would provide extended eligibility for Supplemental Security Income benefits to refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants who are aging or living with disabilities. Furthermore, PI-GRO secured the participation of APA member Manuel Casas, PhD, at a November congressional briefing on the “Impact of Immigration Policy on Children.”

Military Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. PI-GRO advocates on behalf of the mental and behavioral health of service members, veterans, and their families. On September 25, APA participated in several events hosted by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. and the Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Braintrust. Specifically, PI-GRO secured the participation of APA member, Kristin Lester, PhD, from the National Center for PTSD, Women’s Health Sciences Division, VA Boston Health Care System to speak about the needs of women veterans and veterans of color at two important panel presentations throughout the day. Representatives Charles Rangel, Corrine Brown, and Sanford Bishop, Jr. convened the first event, which included Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki and other distinguished military and health care leaders. PI-GRO also secured the attendance of Dr. Lester in a second event, a veterans’ stakeholder roundtable discussion, where she was joined by notable military/veterans health care experts and professionals.

Poverty. APA recently submitted comments to Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack on President Obama’s initiative to end childhood hunger by 2015. Currently, more than 12 million children do not have access to sufficient healthy food to thrive, and in 2006, children living in poverty were six times as likely to live in homes with low food security. To decrease childhood hunger and improve the health and development of children, APA recommends, among many other initiatives, passage of the *Measuring American Poverty Act* (legislation to review the calculation of federal poverty levels); increasing benefit levels for current programs, including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; and increasing access to current food programs, including the Child and Adult Food Care Program, which is due for reauthorization this year.

Suicide Prevention. PI-GRO staff secured the participation of APA member Dolores Subia BigFoot, PhD, Director of the Indian Country Child Trauma Center and Project Making Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, at a congressional hearing held on September 10 before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs regarding the *7th Generation Promise: Indian Youth Suicide Prevention Act of 2009*. Dr. Subia BigFoot’s statement highlighted critical needs, including:

- Committing federal resources to address the devastating problem of suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native youth;
- Increasing trauma services in rural and urban areas;
- Building the pipeline of culturally and linguistically competent psychologists in Indian Country; and
- Developing and supporting innovative resources to improve access to health care, including telehealth.

Work, Stress, and Health. PI-GRO was asked by the U.S. Senate Workplace Flexibility (WF) Study Group to prepare a policy statement outlining psychology's role in the critical issue. After reaching out to various APA expert members on this field, PI-GRO submitted APA's policy statement to the Senate Study Group. PI-GRO continues to be engaged with the working group on WF. As a result, APA was invited to present at a congressional briefing to speak about APA's priorities on this topic. PI Executive Director Gwendolyn Keita, PhD, represented APA at the event and spoke about psychologists' research showing that both employers and employees benefit from workplace flexibility, such as parental leave and other family-friendly policies. She also underlined research showing that when employees receive the flexibility they need, there is less absenteeism, employees are more satisfied with their jobs, are more motivated to embrace healthy behaviors, sleep better and are more likely to be involved in employer promoted health education programs. Dr. Keita also highlighted the importance that employers who offer flexibility also create a culture that supports those choices.

APA Congressional Fellowship Program. The APA Congressional Fellowship Program, now in its 36th year, sponsors psychologists to serve as fellows in congressional offices or committees for one year as part of the larger American Association for the Advancement of Science policy fellowship program. Judith Glassgold, PsyD is currently serving as the 2009-2010 Congressional Fellow in the office of Representative Xavier Becerra (D-CA). In addition, the interdirectorship Fellowship Selection Committee is now in the process of reviewing applications for the 2010-2011 program.

Office on Aging

<http://www.apa.org/pi/aging>

The Office on Aging is the focal point for APA activities pertaining to aging. It works to promote aging issues within APA, among its members, other professionals, policy makers, and the public. The office strives to integrate psychological science and practice into a broad array of efforts to enhance the health and well-being of older adults. All resources mentioned are available on the office web page.

APA/ABA Assessment of Capacity in Older Adults Project

This productive collaboration between APA and the ABA Commission on Law and Aging has resulted in a series of handbooks: *Assessment of Older Adults with Diminished Capacity* for psychologists (2008), judges (2006), and lawyers (2005). These works have been disseminated internationally, and there is mounting evidence that they are being well accepted and adopted by members of the respective professions. The model forms and other handbook content have been applied in Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, and Australia. The working group recently consulted with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) in the development of an e-learning course, *Senior Investor Issues: Diminished Capacity* for their 650,000 registered securities representatives. A significant portion of the course derives from the ABA/APA lawyer's handbook. Over 15,000 handbooks have been distributed including over 4,700 of the psychologist handbook via APA dissemination vehicles and in

collaboration with the National Academy of Neuropsychology and the Department of Veterans Affairs. A continuing education workshop on this topic will be offered at the APA 2010 Convention. The members of the working group are Barry Edelstein, PhD; Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP; Daniel Marson, JD, PhD; Jennifer Moye, PhD; David Powers, PhD; Charles Sabatino, JD (Director, ABA Commission on Law and Aging); Aida Saldivar, PhD; Erica Wood, JD (Associate Director, ABA Commission on Law and Aging); and Stacey Wood, PhD.

APA 2010 Presidential Task Force on Caregivers

The Office on Aging is providing staff support to the APA 2010 Presidential Task Force on Caregivers, convened by APA President Carol Goodheart, EdD. The task force is charged with the development of a user-friendly, online “Family Caregiver Briefcase for Psychologists (APA CARES)” designed to assist psychologists in assessing and addressing the needs of a broad group of family caregivers. It will gather, review, and organize available information and resources in a way that is most useful for psychologists as they work with family caregivers. APA divisions, boards, and committees and ethnic minority psychological associations have been invited to appoint liaisons to the six-person task force. Task force members are Andrea Patenaude, PhD, (Chair); Martha Crowther, PhD, MPH; Timothy Elliot, PhD, ABPP; William Haley, PhD; Barry Jacobs, PsyD; and Sara Honn Qualls, PhD.

The Task Force to Update the Guidelines for the Evaluation of Dementia and Age-Related Cognitive Decline

These Guidelines were developed by a Dr. Norman Abeles’ Presidential Task Force in 1998. The task force is updating the guidelines to incorporate recent advances in psychological science and practice to the evaluation of dementia and age-related cognitive decline. Task force members are Glenn Smith, PhD (Chair); Cameron Camp, PhD; Susan Cooley, PhD; Hector Gonzalez, PhD; Paula Hartman-Stein, PhD; Asenath LaRue, PhD; Jennifer Manly, PhD; Nancy Pachana, PhD; and Antonette Zeiss, PhD.

Integrated Health Care for an Aging Population (IHAP) Initiative

The office works to promote implementation of this model of care and disseminates educational materials including *Blueprint for Change: Integrated Health Care for an Aging Population* (2008) and “how-to” fact sheets for policymakers and health professionals to make clear psychologists’ involvement and contributions to this expanding model of health care; and to psychology faculty and training directors to assist in preparing psychologists to serve as effective members of interdisciplinary health care teams. These materials are also being utilized in conjunction with APA health reform efforts.

Eldercare Workforce Alliance

APA is a member of the Eldercare Workforce Alliance (EWA), a national alliance of 29 professional and direct care workforce and consumer organizations convened to resolve the geriatric health workforce shortage and promote the adoption of interdisciplinary models of care. Psychology has been successfully incorporated into the initiatives of this Alliance by APA Representatives Deborah DiGilio, MPH, Office on Aging Director (who serves on the EWA Coordinating Council); Diane Elmore, PhD, MPH, Senior Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer, Public Interest Governance Relations Office (who serves as chair of the EWA Public Policy Committee); Catherine Grus, PhD, Associate Executive Director of Education and Training, Education Directorate; and Nina Levitt, EdD, Associate Executive Director, Education Government Relations Office. (www.eldercareworkforce.org)

National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging

APA is the organizational home and one of the 50 members of NCMHA, which provides opportunities for professional, consumer, and government organizations to work together towards improving the availability and quality of mental health services for older Americans. The Office on Aging provides staff support to the Coalition, and Office Director, Deborah DiGilio, MPH was its chair from 2006-2009. Current APA representatives are DiGilio and Diane Elmore, PhD, MPH. The focus of NCMHA efforts in 2009 has been the education of its members on Health Care Reform efforts related to its priorities in Medicare, the geriatric mental and behavioral health workforce, integrated health care, and long-term care. (<http://www.nchma.org>)

Outreach, Education, and Resources

- Office Director, Deborah DiGilio, MPH presented *Connections for Family Caregivers* at a brown bag lunch for APA employees in January. It focused on family caregivers – who they are and the contributions they make, the mental and physical health consequences of care giving, the variety of resources available to ensure the well-being of both caregivers and care recipients, and Dr. Goodheart's Presidential Initiative on Family Caregivers.
- The *Aging Issues Newsletter* is distributed electronically three times yearly to subscribers. The newsletter reports current APA activity related to aging and provides information on national aging initiatives, publications, conference summaries, as well as general information on health, psychology, and aging.
- *APA Convention Sessions on Aging Issues* was prepared and distributed to promote opportunities for all psychologists to keep abreast of developments in aging research and geropsychology practice.

Governance Support: Committee on Aging (CONA)

- An all-day pre-convention workshop *What Psychologists Should Know about Working with Older Adults* was offered for the second time at the 2009 APA Convention and has been accepted as an offering again for 2010. Its goal is to increase the

competencies of licensed psychologists interested in work with older adults. The workshop was positively evaluated by its 79 attendees.

- An online version of this CE workshop has been developed by the Office of Continuing Education and CONA and offered as part of the APA Online Academy. (<http://webclients.captus.com/apa/catalog.htm>)
- The report, *Multicultural Competency in Geropsychology* was received by Council in August. CONA is currently planning efforts to build upon the report and address its recommendations.
- As part of its continuing *Priming the Geropsychology Pipeline Project*, CONA develops and distributes resources on geropsychology topics and career opportunities at all levels of psychology training.
- In order to infuse aging throughout APA, CONA submits nominations of psychologists with aging expertise for other APA boards and committees and initiatives and regularly comments on proposed APA business items to assure that APA policies are informed by geropsychology principles and that the impact of proposed policies upon older adults is considered.

Office on Children, Youth, and Families

<http://www.apa.org/pi/families/index.aspx>

The Children, Youth, and Families Office coordinates APA's public interest, health, human welfare, and social responsibility activities in the areas of children, youth, and families.

Contribution to the Haiti Relief Efforts

The Children, Youth, and Families Office (CYFO) is pleased to participate in APA's Haiti relief efforts. CYFO distributed hard copies and the web address for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Trauma in Children and Adolescents materials to mental health professionals for their use in working with families affected by the Haiti earthquake. The office provided materials to academics for use in the classroom and the web address to federal agencies. Materials are included in the APA's Disaster Response Network packets.

The 2008 Presidential Task Force on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Trauma in Children and Adolescents developed the products. Then APA President Alan E. Kazdin, PhD, established the task force with one goal being the development of products useful to multiple constituencies (i.e., parents/caregivers, health-care providers, policymakers, and government agencies) who are in a position to help children and their families.

This web address provides access to all materials:

<http://www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/task-force/child-trauma.aspx>

A product and each product's individual web address follows:

Children and Trauma: Update for Mental Health Professionals

<http://www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/children-trauma-update.aspx>

This 16-page booklet provides a brief overview for mental health professionals on:

- What we know about PTSD and trauma in children and adolescents
- How to help children, adolescents, and their families cope and recover from trauma
- What we still need to learn about the complexities of PTSD and trauma
- Additional resources for professionals

Children and Trauma: Tips for Mental Health Professionals

<http://www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/children-trauma-tips.aspx>

This tip sheet serves as a practical guide for professionals on:

- Basic information every mental health professional should know about PTSD and trauma in children and adolescents
- How to identify PTSD and/or trauma and provide care to children, adolescents, and their families
- Pitfalls to avoid when encountering trauma and PTSD in children and adolescents

Policy Briefing Sheet: Trauma and PTSD in Children and Adolescents

<http://www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/fact-sheet.pdf>

This policy-briefing sheet serves as a functional guide for policymakers on the following:

- Impact of exposure to trauma on children and adolescents
- Best approach to policymaking that will improve outcomes for youth exposed to trauma
- Recommendations in the areas of research, practice, education, and training.

Children and Trauma (PowerPoint presentation)

<http://www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/children-trauma.pdf>

This presentation provides an overview of PTSD and trauma in children and adolescents along with tips for mental health professionals. Its intended use is as an educational tool for mental health professionals either on an individual or group basis. APA must be credited when this content is used.

Head Start's 10th National Research Conference: Research on Young Children and Families: Launching the Next Decade for Policy and Practice

APA accepted the invitation to cosponsor of Head Start's 10th National Research Conference, to be held June 21-23, 2010 at the Marriott-Wardman Park Hotel in Washington DC. Head Start's Research Conference seeks to identify and disseminate new research in early childhood and family issues, while encouraging dialogue among

researchers, practitioners, and policy makers. Applied research ranging from major national program evaluations to small studies about child and family development will be presented. (Retrieved from the internet on January 22, 2010
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/hsrc/>)

Children's Mental Health Summit Report Completed and Disseminated

Healthy Development: A Summit on Children's Mental Health, held April 1, 2009 in Denver, CO, was planned with the express aim of "undertaking the essential dialogue and problem-solving to form a coherent 'evidence-based' strategy for a strong action agenda to improve public awareness of the role and importance of mental health in healthy development." The meeting included approximately 40 diverse stakeholders in child and family mental health; these included experts in communication science and strategic framing, developmental scientists, child mental health experts of various disciplines, and knowledge purveyors.

The Summit Report titled *Report of Healthy Development: A Summit on Young Children's Mental Health Partnering with Communication Scientists, Collaborating across Disciplines and Leveraging Impact to Promote Children's Mental Health* was released in January 2010 and is available at this web address
www.apa.org/pi/families/summit-report.pdf

Children, Youth, and Families Office Liaison Relationships with Council and Divisions

The Children, Youth, and Families Office (CYFO) continues its collaboration on an information dissemination project with the Child, Adolescent, and Family Caucus; Women's Caucus; and Caucus of State, Provincial, and Territorial Representatives of the Council of Representatives.

The project involves the repackaging and disseminating of APA children, youth, and family information and materials to caucus members and to the wider public. This information dissemination strategy aligns with APA's overall mission and vision in that it provides psychologists with the resources to advance, communicate, and apply psychological knowledge that will improve people's lives and benefit society as a whole.

CYFO produces web articles targeted at several audiences (e.g., psychologists/mental health professionals, children and adolescents, parents/caregivers, educators, policy makers, and child advocates) to inform these various audiences about topics that are relevant to children, youth, and families.

Articles since August 2009 include:

- *Effects of Poverty, Hunger, and Homelessness on Children and Youth*
- *Promoting Healthy Behaviors in Youth*
- *Why Parents and Caregivers Matter*

- *What the Economic Downturn Means for Children, Youth and Families*
- *Why Children's Mental Health is Important*
- *The Changing Role of the Modern Father*

The office liaisons with the Council Child, Adolescent, and Family Caucus and the following APA divisions: Developmental Psychology (7); School Psychology (16); Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice (37); Section on Child Maltreatment (37, Section 1); Clinical Neuropsychology (40); Society of Family Psychology (43); Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology (53); and Society of Pediatric Psychology (54).

Children's Mental Health Awareness Day (May 6, 2010)

CYFO and the Public Interest Government Relations Office are working collaboratively with SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services to implement and promote Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, focused on advancing the "...positive development of infants, toddlers, children and youth..." across a broad range of providers, caregivers, and policymakers.

Task Force on the Psychosocial Effects of War on Children and Families Who Are Refugees from Armed Conflict Residing in the United States

The Board of Directors established the Task Force on the Psychosocial Effects of War on Children and Families Who Are Refugees from Armed Conflict Residing in the United States in February 2008. The task force was charged with:

- Reviewing the research on the psychosocial effects of war on children and families;
- Identifying areas of needed culturally and developmentally appropriate research; and
- Developing recommendations for culturally and developmentally appropriate practice and programs.

The purpose of the Task Force is to assist psychologists in the United States to meet the challenges of working with children and families who are refugees from armed conflicts residing in the United States. The Task Force's draft report will be included in the March 2010 cross-cutting agenda for comment by APA boards and committees.

Governance Support: Committee on Children, Youth, and Families

The office also provided staff support to the Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, which works to assure "...that children, youth, and families receive the full attention of the Association in order that all human resources are actualized...including issues related to gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and disability."

Members for 2010 are Anita J. Thomas, PhD, Chair; Norweeta Millburn, PhD; J. Manuel Casas, PhD; Monica Mitchell, PhD, Preston Britner, PhD; and Yo Jackson, PhD. In

addition to her work on CYF, Dr. Millburn chaired Dr. Bray's 2009 Presidential Task Force on Psychology's Contributions to Ending Homelessness.

CYF did not begin any new initiatives due to the lack of fall 2009 meetings and the requested pause in initiating new activities. However, the committee accomplished the following:

- provided comments to the Public Interest Government Relations Office on health care reform and other issues of concern,
- developed and electronically distributed the CYF NEWS
 - Fall 2009 - Immigrant children, youth, and families
<http://www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/newsletter/2009/11/fall.pdf>
 - Summer 2009 - The Role of Spirituality and Religion as a Source of Resilience and Strength in African American Children, Youth, and Families
<http://www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/newsletter/2009/08/summer.pdf>
- cosponsored with Divisions 37 and 43 a networking social hour: Networking Together to Advance Children's Mental Health at the 2009 APA Convention
- cosponsored a discussion symposium: Facilitating Literacy and Learning in Young Children at the 2009 APA Convention
- developed with Division 54, the Committee on Socioeconomic Status and the Committee on Women in Psychology a 2010 convention symposium titled *Engaging Schools and Communities: Advancing Behavioral, Physical, and Public Health*. The Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest and Division 54 each gave one hour of convention time for this symposium.
- provided comments on documents to the Board of Professional Affairs; APA Presidential Task Force on Psychology's Contribution to End Homelessness; and the Task Force on the Psychosocial Effects of War on Children and Families Who are Refugees from Armed Conflict Residing in the United States.

Disability Issues in Psychology Office

<http://www.apa.org/pi/disability/index.aspx>

The Disability Issues Office works toward the elimination of bias against and the promotion of equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in psychology education and training, research, and professional practice. The office serves as an information and referral resource on disability issues; develops and disseminates reports and other written materials on professional and consumer issues; and promotes the development and application of psychological knowledge to address public policy issues concerning people with disabilities.

Task Force on Guidelines for Assessment and Treatment of Persons with Disabilities

This task force was established at the recommendation of the Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology, and funded by the Council of Representatives in 2006 and 2007.

The task force has developed a set of guidelines to provide psychologists with general principles and approaches to (1) working with people with disabilities, including accessibility, communication, and relationship skills; (2) assessment of persons with disabilities, including selection of appropriate measures and adaptation of measures; and (3) treatment and provision of clinical services, including frameworks for disability sensitive and disability affirmative therapy.

The task force received and reviewed all feedback to the draft guidelines document gathered through the open-comment period which ran until July 31, 2009. In response to this feedback, the document is currently being revised. The task force anticipates submission of the document to the March cross-cutting agenda for review by APA governance groups before submission to the Board and Council.

On-line Toolkit/CE Modules

This on-line resource will provide tools training directors and faculty can use to increase their knowledge of disability issues. These tools will include articles on various aspects of the ADA and other relevant legislation (FERPA); vignettes and case examples; results of a recent survey on student barriers; compilation of relevant APA articles and in-house resources; exemplary practices; and adaptive technologies. Staff is working in conjunction with the Continuing Education Office to develop training modules based upon the content.

Resource Guide for Students with Disabilities, Volume 2

This guide will consist of a compendium of articles developed by both members of CDIP and Disability Issues Office staff to provide information and guidance to psychology students with disabilities. Topics include information and guidance on a variety of topics including internships and practicums, conflict resolution skills, disclosure issues, and mentoring.

Federal Advocacy Activities

- As a long-standing member of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), the office utilizes psychologists' research and expertise to promulgate and support specific disability policies and legislation to ensure self-determination, integration, and inclusion of children and adults with physical and mental disabilities. The Office Director presently serves on the coalition's Rights, Health, and International Task Forces, and monitors disability policy and legislation that may have implications for APA policy initiatives.
- The office worked in collaboration with the Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology (CDIP) and the Public Interest Government Relations Office to identify and implement advocacy goals related to disability issues.

Outreach, Education, and Resources

- The office developed and produced a theme-based, newsletter to raise visibility of disability issues, to increase the understanding of applying psychology to disability, and to provide a forum by which psychologists can share their findings and research. The third issue was developed and released during this reporting period.
- The office Director serves on the Editorial Advisory Board for the Mental and Physical Disability Law Reporter of the American Bar Association, and attends regularly scheduled board meetings in that capacity.
- During this reporting period, the office Director met with the leadership of the American Public Health Association's Committee on Disability Issues to identify several collaborative activities to be implemented in early 2010.

Convention Activities

The office coordinated and provided continuous staff support to the Disability Resource Room during the 2009 APA annual convention, serving up to 100 members. The following services were offered:

- Loaner wheelchairs and canes
- Sign language interpreters
- Volunteers
- Program on diskette
- Computer equipped with vocalization software
- Van service, equipped with a wheelchair lift
- Disability-related information and other written materials

Governance Support

The office provides support to the Committee on Disability issues in Psychology and to other groups such as the Task Force on Guidelines for Assessment and Treatment of Persons with Disabilities.

Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs

<http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/>

The Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs (OEMA) was established in 1979 "to expand the roles of culturally diverse peoples in the profession of psychology."

Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention, and Training Initiatives

- 2009 and 2010 funding for the **CEMRRAT Implementation Grants Fund program** was eliminated as part of APA-wide budget reductions. OEMA continued to solicit progress and final reports on previously funded projects, and submitted a grant status report to C/R.

www.apa.org/pi/oema/programs/CEMRRAT_reports_summaries_1999_present.pdf

- Federal funding of the NIGMS funded project on *Expanding Minority Biomedical Research Talent in Psychology (the "APA/NIGMS Project")* terminated on July 31, 2009. Consequently, efforts focused on the development of a final report on the project. The project provided intensive behavioral and biomedical research mentorships and supportive academic services for more than 600 ethnic minority students over a 13-year period. <http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/programs/nigms.html>
- In collaboration with Psi Beta and the Education Directorate, planning efforts are under way for the Summer 2010 Summer Institute for the **Diversity Project 2000 and Beyond (DP2KB)** — a mentoring and professional development program for students of color at community colleges interested in pursuing careers in psychology. <http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/programs/dp2kb.html>
- Engaged in **early career APA membership retention efforts** with 2,500 ethnic minority advanced graduate students through email blasts and a quarterly e-newsletter.

Communications

- OEMA issued its first all-electronic **OEMA Communiqué Newsjournal** in August 2009. This issue featured a special section on “*Ethnic Minority Leadership*” and made use of cutting-edge technology. (http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/july_2008_communique.pdf).
- Conceptualized, solicited articles, and initiated production of the forthcoming March 2010 issue of the *Communiqué*, which will include a special section on *Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention, and Training* and other noteworthy information.
- Continued to maintain and update the **OEMA database** of information on over 3100 psychologists of color.
- Continued to fine tune and update the **OEMA Web pages** (<http://www.apa.org/pi/oema>).
- Coordinated with the official magazine of the APA, *The Monitor on Psychology*, in developing articles on topics related to ethnic minority concerns

National Ethnic Minority Psychological Associations and the Council of National Psychological Associations for the Advancement of Ethnic Minority Interests (CPAAEMI)

OEMA staffs the Council of National Psychological Associations for the Advancement of Ethnic Minority Interests (CNPAEEMI), which consists of the presidents (or their designees) of APA, Division 45, and the four national ethnic minority psychological associations. Plans are under way for a June 2010 meeting in Ann Arbor, MI, in

conjunction with the Division 45 Research Conference.
<http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/programs/empa.html>.

Psychology in Ethnic Minority Serving Institutions (PEMSI)

This initiative seeks to strengthen both relationships between APA and this sector of postsecondary institutions, as well as teaching and research in psychology at these institutions. Related OEMA efforts included:

- Continued to administer the “**Promoting psychological research and training on health disparities issues at minority serving institution grants (ProDIGs).**” ProDIGs is a small grants program that includes a professional development institute opportunity. ProDIGs is targeted to early career faculty at minority-serving institutions. Specific efforts included (a) disseminating RFA's for 2010 grants and (b) engaging in grantsmanship as a means for program enrichment.

http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/programs/prodigs_home.html

- Continued to disseminate an **e-newsletter targeted to psychology departments at minority serving institutions**; revised, updated and expanded the e-newsletter's distribution list.

Psychology and Racism Initiative

- Continued to **disseminate resource materials on racism and prejudice.**
- Continued to administer the **APA National Conversation on Psychology and Racism**, which to date has involved more than 90 events across the nation.
http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/programs/pandr_convers.html
- OEMA Senior Director participated in a 1-hour Atlanta, GA radio interview station on the topic of *Psychology & Racism*.
- Per C/R mandate, continued to provide staff assistance to CEMA/CIRP Subcommittee charged with follow-up to the **APA Report on the United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (WCAR)**; as requested provided related consultation and information for APA involvement in the AAAS Science and Human Rights initiative.
http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/programs/pandr_wcar.html .
- Continued to finalize the forthcoming *Annotated Bibliography on Psychology and Racism: 1997 – 2007*, which was developed in commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the 1997 Miniconvention on Psychology and Racism.

Special Projects

- Continued to conduct the quarterly **OEMA Film Series** for APA staff, which is

professionally moderated by a film professor from Howard University and attended by an average of more than 30 persons. The film series seeks to promote diversity and cultural competence among staff by focusing on issues of culture, concerns, and experiences of ethnic minority groups. Films shown during the period were: *Flag Wars* (8/22) and *Our Spirits Don't Speak English: Indian Boarding Schools* (11/12/09).
<http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/film-series.html>

- As requested, provided consultation to divisions and others related to the APA **bylaws amendment** creating C/R seats for each of the national ethnic minority psychological associations.
- **Provided names and vitae for both potential nominees** to several National Institutes of Health Advisory Councils, as well as possible candidates for presenters at several Congressional briefings.
- **Provided assistance upon request** to the Ethnic Minority C/R caucus, the SLC Diversity Delegates, and Divisions 45 and 48 Executive Committees; helped facilitate governance review of Division 45's Council NBIs.
- Continued to administer the **OEMA Intern Program**, allowing students to provide unpaid intern services in exchange for college course credit. Recent interns were undergraduate and graduate students from Howard University, George Washington University, and the University of Maryland, College Park. OEMA had 4 unpaid interns during the reporting period.
- Secured Executive Management Group approval to submit a grant proposal related to *Public Policy in Communities of Color*.
- Continued planning and grantsmanship for a proposed conference targeted to psychology departments at minority-serving institutions, and for other OEMA projects.

Governance Support

OEMA provided continuing staff support to:

- **Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (CEMA)**, including (a) providing staffing assistance in support of program proposal development and securing of hours for its 2010 convention programs; (b) announcement of 2010 call for nominations for both CEMA and its dissertation award; (c) coordinating CEMA's review and comment on various proposals, and (d) initiating preparations for its Spring 2010 meeting.
<http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/projects.html#cema>
- For the **Commission on Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention and Training in Psychology Task Force (CEMRRAT2)**, (a) coordinated the development of its 2010 convention program; and (b) produced and uploaded the new CEMRRAT DVD (a definitive resource for ethnic minority recruitment, retention, and training issues)

onto the OEMA website. <http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/programs/cemrrat2.html>

Conventions and Conferences Attended

- August 2009: OEMA Senior Director and Assistant Director attended 2009 APA Convention.
- January 22-24: OEMA Senior Director attended Division 45's Mid-Winter Executive Committee Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.
- January 30: OEMA Senior Director presented at Division Leadership Conference.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns Office

<http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/index.aspx>

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns Office (LGBTCO) works to advance psychology as a means of improving the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people, as a means of increasing understanding of gender identity and sexual orientation as aspects of human diversity, and as a means of reducing stigma, prejudice, discrimination, and violence toward LGBT people. The office provides support and guidance to all aspects of APA governance on issues related to its mission and products and services to the APA membership and others seeking psychological resources to promote beneficial change in society for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

The LGBTCO staff includes Clinton W. Anderson, PhD, Director, and Amani Chatman, Administrative Coordinator. The office includes the Healthy, Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students Project, a \$1.6 million cooperative agreement with the CDC Division of Adolescent School Health. The project staff includes James F. Bogden, MPH, Director, and Jo-Anne Fournier, Administrative Coordinator. The office currently has two interns: Tyler Webb, BA, and Stephanie Liotta, JD. Ron Schlittler has been providing temporary assistance on grantsmanship since October 2009.

Healthy Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students Project

APA's Healthy LGB Students Project is funded by the Division of Adolescent and School Health of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to prevent HIV infection among youth, particularly young African-American and Latino men who are attracted to men.

In spring 2009 the project conducted a series of six workshops in partnership with the New Hampshire Department of Education to train school counselors, nurses, social workers, and psychologists to improve school climates and provide effective HIV prevention services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and questioning students. Two other such workshops were also conducted in Massachusetts, as well as at the annual conference of the National Association of School Nurses and for CDC staff members. The project is negotiating to provide workshops in the coming months with education departments in

South Carolina, New Jersey, Washington State, Rhode Island, San Diego, Philadelphia, and the District of Columbia.

Project staff negotiated written agreements to collaborate on HIV prevention activities with the National Youth Advocacy Coalition, and the National Network for Youth, Advocates for Youth. Project staff also prepared an extensive PowerPoint presentation titled “Myths, Realities, and Healthy Futures: Young Black Men and HIV” and field tested it at an annual sexuality education conference sponsored by six Midwestern state departments of education. Project staff members are working strategically to connect with and raise the awareness of key audiences about the very rapid rise in HIV infection among young Black men who are attracted to men.

<http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/programs/hlgbsp/contact.aspx>

Network for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns and Transgender Issues in Psychology

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns Office provided staff support to the International Network for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns and Transgender Issues in Psychology. <http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/resources/international.aspx>

The Board of Directors authorized APA participation and leadership in the Network in June 2004, as a follow up to the international conference sponsored by APA and several other national psychological associations in 2001. The Network has had two major foci: increasing programming in international psychological congresses—the European (Oslo 2009), Interamerican (Guatemala City 2009), International Congress of Applied Psychology (Melbourne 2010), and the International Congress of Psychology (Capetown 2012); and policy advocacy. Current policy initiatives are focused on the International Union of Psychology Science antidiscrimination policy and the homosexuality-related diagnoses in the World Health Organization’s ICD. With temporary assistance, the office has been engaged in efforts to identify external sources of support that will continue through March 2010.

International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) Workgroup

The LGBTCO worked with Division 44 to establish a working group to develop recommendations to the World Health Organization on three homosexuality-related diagnoses. The group is working toward completing its recommendations.

Michigan Project for Informed Public Policy

The LGBTCO provides consultation to a project of the Michigan Psychological Foundation that is funded by a grant from the Arcus Foundation. The Michigan Project for Informed Public Policy (MPIPP) organizes social scientists, mental health experts, and medical professionals in Michigan to convey accurate information about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues to the public, the media, legislators, courts, and other

policy makers. This project is one way in which the LGBTCO is working to implement the APA Resolution on Opposing Discriminatory Legislation and Initiatives in Michigan Aimed at Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Persons (2007).

<http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/programs/michigan-inform.aspx>

AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition

The LGBTCO, on behalf of the Public Interest Directorate, along with Sangeeta Panicker, on behalf of the Science Directorate, represents APA in the American Association for the Advancement of Science Science and Human Rights Coalition, which is a network of scientific organizations that recognizes a role for science and scientists in efforts to realize human rights. Composed of scientific associations, professional societies, and science academies, as well as individual scientists, the Coalition aims to facilitate communication and partnerships on human rights within and across scientific communities, and between these and human rights communities.

Projects Related to Recruitment, Retention, and Training of LGBT Psychologists and the Inclusion of LGBT-related Content in Psychology Education and Training

The LGBTCO has been working to develop an article on the sexual orientation results of APA's Doctoral Employment Survey, which has included sexual orientation questions since 1996-2007. The LGBTCO also published the results of the latest Graduate Faculty in Psychology Interested in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues Survey on the office web site.

<http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/resources/survey/2009-instrument.pdf>

CDC Community Guide Mental Health Coordination Team

The LGBTCO participated in the Mental Health Coordination Team of the CDC Community Guide, working on developing a plan for a series of systematic review on mental health topics and on a review on the topic of collaborative care for depression.

Governance Support: Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns and Other Groups

The office has also provided support for the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns. The LGBTCO also maintained liaison relationships with APA divisions and affiliated state, provincial, and territorial psychological associations that have an interest in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues.

Minority Fellowship Program

<http://www.apa.org/pi/mfp>

The MFP was established at APA in 1975 and is one of the oldest, most prestigious graduate fellowship programs of its kind in the United States. MFP works to increase the knowledge of issues related to ethnic minority mental health and neuroscience and to

improve the quality of mental health treatment delivered to ethnic minority populations. MFP does this by providing financial support and professional guidance to individuals pursuing doctoral degrees and postdoctoral training in psychology and neuroscience.

The office provides fellowship stipends directly from federal training grants from NIMH and SAMHSA, with additional support provided by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). MFP administers three distinct training programs:

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (MHSAS; predoctoral and postdoctoral stipend, training, and professional development support)
- Diversity Program in Neuroscience (DPN; predoctoral and postdoctoral stipend, training, and professional development support)
- Psychology Summer Institute (PSI; mentoring and career development for advanced predoctoral students through early career psychologists)

Professional Development and Networking

July 19-25, MFP hosted its seventh annual Psychology Summer Institute in Washington, DC. Twenty-three predoctoral, postdoctoral, and early career participants received professional mentoring on their projects, career development training, and assistance with technical skills such as grant writing, and publishing. The participants also had the opportunity to network with established ethnic minority psychologists, as well as program officials from federal agencies and foundations.

In August 2009, the Minority Fellowship Program held professional development and networking events at the annual APA convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and in October 2009, the Diversity Program in Neuroscience (DPN) held professional development and networking events at the annual Society for Neuroscience (SfN) meeting in Chicago, IL. In addition, the MFP opened its online application system to over 300 applicants.

Preparing for MFP's Future

In response to a charge from the Board of Directors, MFP is exploring alternative models in which stipend-support is not the major source of funds and to expand its reach to greater numbers of individuals. In December, the MFP began preparing two applications for funding:

- The first application, due January 15, 2010, proposes a project to **design and implement a training program to advance mental health recovery principles in psychology**. In responding to this "Recovery to Practice" initiative, which is a SAMHSA-funded subcontract through Development Services Group, Inc., MFP collaborated with individuals from the Practice and Education Directorates as well as the chair of the Task Force on Serious Mental Illness and Severe Emotional Disturbance.

- The second application, due January 29, 2010, proposes a project entitled **“Seeding National Mentoring Networks to Enhance Diversity of the Mental Health Research Workforce,”** a U24 cooperative agreement sponsored by NIMH. The purpose of this network is to facilitate the successful management of transitioning postdoctoral trainees and junior academics to the next career stage, the advancement of protégés toward research independence, the enhancement of protégés’ leadership and mentoring skills, and the development of scientific advances in the understanding and treatment of mental illness.

Selection of New and Continuing Fellows

In January of 2010, the MFP received over 200 applications for its Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (MHSAS) fellowship programs (predoctoral and postdoctoral). These applications are being prepared for review by the MHSAS Training Advisory Committee in February. In addition, nearly 60 currently funded Fellows have submitted annual progress reports for review.

2009 Annual APA Convention

MFP sponsored several events at the annual APA Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada:

- Annual Professional Development Workshop for new Fellows
- Annual “New Directions Symposium,” where Fellows who have recently graduated present their dissertation research. The topic for this year’s “MFP Special Interest Symposium” was “Violence and Ethnic Minority Youth: Multidisciplinary Approaches.”
- Annual Achievement Awards, Poster Session, and Social Hour. The new Fellows were introduced to the MFP family, and awards were presented to Wei-Chin Hwang, Lynda Brown Wright, and Hortensia Amaro.
- Breakfast to provide Fellows and alumni an opportunity to continue networking and discuss MFP’s future in a more intimate setting.
- Breakfast meeting for advisors of MFP Fellows to discuss program activities, their roles as advisors, and the funding climate.

MFP Newsletters

In conjunction with the events at the Convention, MFP produced *Variability*, its newsletter for psychology. This newsletter is distributed to the MFP community, applicants, federal agencies, and others who are interested in ethnic minority training issues.

In conjunction with the events at the Society for Neuroscience meeting, the DPN produced *Synapse*, its newsletter for neuroscience. This newsletter is distributed to the DPN community, applicants, federal agencies, and others who are interested in promoting ethnic minority training in neuroscience.

MFP Program Promotion

In October, the MFP reviewed its promotional materials, website, and applications and made changes consistent with program and funding priorities. These materials were distributed to members of the psychology and neuroscience communities. This entails mailing brochures, posters and applications, sending electronic messages to listservs, and setting up links to the MFP websites from other websites. From the combined mailing lists and listservs, materials went to an estimated over 5,000 professionals and students.

The Diversity Program in Neuroscience participated in activities at the annual Society for Neuroscience (SfN) conference in Chicago, IL, October 17-21. On Saturday, October 17, the DPN held its annual Professional Development Workshop for all DPN Fellows attending the annual SfN meeting. The workshop was led by members of the DPN Training Advisory Committee. On Saturday evening, the DPN, along with other programs funded by NIMH, convened its annual scientific poster session/awards ceremony. The DPN also hosted its annual SPINES/DPN reunion and an annual breakfast for the university advisors of DPN Fellows.

Office on Socioeconomic Status

www.apa.org/pi/ses/

The Office on Socioeconomic Status (OSES) directs, oversees, facilitates, and promotes psychology's contribution to the understanding of SES in the lives and well-being of the poor. The Office develops and facilitates relationships and activities to advance psychology as a major force in research, policy, and advocacy related to SES through various activities and programs. OSES manages and supports the activities of the Committee on Socioeconomic Status (CSES).

Presidential Task Force on Psychology's Contribution to End Homelessness

Staffed by OSES, the 2009 Presidential Task Force on Psychology's Contribution to End Homelessness is charged with addressing psychological factors that contribute to adults and children becoming homeless and the psychological factors and interventions that help them overcome these problems and resume productive lives. The goals and objectives of the task force are to identify psychological factors that influence adults and children becoming homeless, interventions that prevent adults and children from becoming homeless, interventions that help homeless adults and children become productive citizens and healthy individuals, resources needed to effectively address these factors and interventions, and key partnerships to implement these interventions.

Task Force members appointed by Past-President James Bray, PhD, include Norweeta Milburn, PhD (Chair); Beryl Ann Cowan, JD, PhD; Seymour Gross, PhD; Allison Ponce, PhD; Joseph Schumacher, PhD; and Paul Toro, PhD. Task force members held their fall meeting October 9-11, 2009 in Washington, DC. During its meeting the Task Force hosted a National Organization and Governmental Stakeholders Meeting. In January

2010 the report of the task force was submitted to the APA Council of Representatives for review and approval at its February meeting. Additional activities and deliverables of the Task Force include:

- Bibliography of literature reviewing the association of psychosocial factors and homelessness and evidence-based solutions/interventions.
- Administration and reporting of results of survey of APA psychologists' current and future professional role in ending homelessness.
- List of efficacious programs and interventions for remediating homelessness and/or preventing homelessness.
- Update APA Resolution on Homelessness (1990).
- List of resources and partners (e.g., policy, other academic disciplines, advocacy and nongovernmental organizations) available to APA to advance the mission.
- Congressional Hill visits and Congressional briefing
- Submission and subsequent awarding of 2010 APA Convention Pre-Conference Continuing Education Workshop on Homelessness
- Submissions to journal publications (i.e., *American Psychologist*, *Monitor*) of final report findings and progress toward recommendations for dissemination and sustainability purposes.

CDC-funded Socioeconomic Status Related Cancer Disparities Program (SESRCDD)

In September 2009 OSES entered into its second year of a 5-year cooperative agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, to implement the Socioeconomic Status Related Cancer Disparities Program (SESRCDD). This program aims to establish and maintain a network of behavioral and social scientist volunteers (BSSV) to strengthen the capacity of community cancer serving organizations across the United States to initiate or improve cancer prevention and control activities that meet the needs of socioeconomically disadvantaged communities and populations. SESRCDD has been working steadily to implement the goals and objectives of the grant during this reporting period, to include:

- Submitted first annual progress report to CDC in November 2009.
- Submitted and subsequently awarded 1 hour of symposium time to present on SESRCDD related topics during the 118th Annual APA Convention being held August 12-15, 2010 in San Diego, CA.
- Participated in the American Cancer Society's 2009 Health Disparities Conference: Health Equity: Through the Cancer Lens held July 28-29, 2009 in Las Vegas, NV
- Participated as a member of the DC Cancer Consortium, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the reduction of cancer in the District of Columbia through prevention, improved treatment, and research since May 2009.
- Contacted a total of 45 cancer serving organizations via telephone. Of the 45 contacted, 24 participated in the assessment, which included 2 CDC cancer stakeholders, 4 health departments, and 18 community cancer serving organizations from across the country.

- Conducted a targeted recruitment/marketing of the BSSV program component on a national scale through multiple channels including the SES network listserv and through a process in which APA members and other social and behavioral scientists with appropriate background and interests were identified and individually contacted. Identified and recruited 30+ BSSVs for the 2010 BSSV Training in New Orleans
- Completed development of the Professional Development Training Resource (PDTR) workshop curriculum and piloted it during August and September 2009 in Washington, DC; New York, NY; Berlin, MD; Philadelphia, PA; and Scottsdale, AZ.
- Created the National Translation and Dissemination Network (NTDN) in partnership with the KU Work Group which includes (1) a customized support page known as the WorkStation, a password-protected site that provides a communication platform for SESRCD staff, workshop participants from cancer serving organizations, BSSVs, and the SSC; and (2) a customized Online Documentation and Support System (ODSS) to support SESRCD evaluation efforts.

2009 OSES Convention Programming

- Symposium; *Healthcare Career Opportunities: Treating Rural and Other Underserved Populations*; Co-Sponsored by Division 37, Division 38, CECP, CRH, and CSES

Participants: John O'Brien, PhD (chair); Parinda Khatri, PhD; Eve-Lynn Nelson, PhD; Tina Hoffman, MA; Wendy Williams, PhD; and Matthew Diemer, PhD (discussant)

- Symposium; *Innovations in Reducing Incarceration and Recidivism: Working with Diverse*; Co-Sponsored by BAPPI, CYF, CEMA, CSES, and CWP; Participants: Thema Bryant-Davis, PhD (chair); James Bonta, PhD; Stephanie Covington, PhD; Patricia Ironshell Hill, PhD; Jae M. Sevelius, PhD; and Joel Dvoskin, PhD (discussant)

- Symposium: Presidential Program; *Psychology's Contribution to End Homelessness*

Sponsor: APA Board of Directors; Participants: James H. Bray, PhD (chair); Beryl A. Cowan, PhD; Seymour Z. Gross, PhD; Joseph E. Schumacher, PhD; Paul A. Toro, PhD

- *Psychology-Community Engagement: Partnering for Social Change*- designed to highlight the theory and practice of partnerships between psychologists and diverse and economically challenged communities. Spearheaded by Division 9, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, and cosponsored by 10 APA Divisions (8, 9, 17, 27, 32, 34, 35, 39, 44, 45, and 48), the Public Interest Directorate, and the Office on Socioeconomic Status.

- Part 1: Site visit, Wednesday, August 5, 12:20 – 5:00 p.m. Through a planned, pre-conference visit to two culturally diverse and economically challenged Toronto neighborhoods, this visit showcased a number of local partnering initiatives, with an emphasis on community perspectives on partnership
- Part 2: APA sessions on partnering with communities, Thursday, August 6– Sunday, August 9. The site visit on Wednesday, August 5, served as a basis for a set of 20 division-sponsored APA conference sessions in which community members, practitioners, and scholars presented approaches to fostering psychology-community partnerships.

2010 OSES Convention Programming (Planned)

- Pre-Convention Workshop; *Measuring Socioeconomic Status and Social Class in Psychological Research*; Sponsor: CSES; Participants: Greg Duncan, PhD; Joan Ostrove, PhD
- Pre-Convention Workshop; *Contingency Management for Homeless Persons with Dual Diagnosis*; Sponsor: 2009 Presidential Task Force on Psychology's Contribution to End Homelessness; Participants: (chair) Joseph E Schumacher, PhD; Seymour Z Gross, PhD; Charlene E Le Fauve, PhD
- Symposium; *Engaging Schools and Communities: Advancing Behavioral, Physical, and Public Health*; Co-sponsors: BAPPI, CYF, CSES, CWP; Participants: Monica Mitchell, PhD (chair); Stephanie M. Jones, PhD; Neha Navsaria, PhD; Dawn Witherspoon, PhD; Abigail Gewirtz, PhD; Celia Lescano, PhD; Jane M. Simoni, PhD; Yvonne Roberts, MA; John W. Hagen, PhD (discussant); and Anita J. Thomas, PhD (discussant).
- Symposium; *APA's Socioeconomic Status Related Cancer Disparities Program (SESRCD)*; Sponsor: CSES; Participants: Katherine N. Duhamel, PhD; Beth E. Meyerowitz, PhD; Anne Moyer, PhD
- Symposium; *Health Disparities Among Women: Social Science and Social Justice Perspectives*; Co-sponsors: CWP, CSES; Participants: Jane M. Simoni, PhD (chair and presenter); Gayle Y. Iwamasa, PhD; Thema Bryant-Davis, PhD; Keren Lehavot; Karina L. Walters, MSW; Nancy M. Sidun, PhD; Kathy A. McCloskey, PhD; and Heather Bullock, PhD (discussant).

OSES Communication Activities

- SES Network- The SES Network provides a platform to share information and ideas, raise questions, and identify critical problems and issues related to socioeconomic status. It consists of over 200 representatives of various divisions, state associations, committee members, APA staff, and other groups. SES Network meets annually at APA Convention.
- SES Indicator- OSES continues to publish and disseminate its quarterly e-newsletter, *SES Indicator*. The most recent issue is available on-line at <http://www.apa.org/pi/ses/resources/indicator/index.aspx>.
- Spotlight on Measuring SES: Scientists Speak out on Assessment -- A communications project to highlight diverse approaches in assessing SES, providing one-page snapshots of how SES is measured with different populations, in different settings, and with varying degrees of complexity. It was paused in 2009, but will resume in 2010.
- SES Interdisciplinary Working Group -- Coalition of representatives of ~30 organizations from various disciplines that are engaged in efforts to address the spectrum of social issues that contributes to socioeconomic disparities and inequities. It was paused in 2009, but will resume in 2010.
- SES Intersecting Fact Sheets - Define the relationships of SES and intersecting areas of interest for behavioral and social scientists. It was paused in 2009, but will resume in 2010.

Violence Prevention Office

[www.apa.org/pi/preventviolence/
actagainstviolence.apa.org/](http://www.apa.org/pi/preventviolence/actagainstviolence.apa.org/)

The Violence Prevention Office is the focal point for APA activities related to violence and injury prevention. The office provides training and technical assistance, and disseminates information on topics associated with child maltreatment, media violence, youth violence, and intimate partner violence. It is the coordination point for the APA ACT/Parents Raising Safe Kids program, the initiative designed to disseminate research-based psychological knowledge and skills to educate families and communities to create violence-free environments for children and youth.

Motivational Interviewing Approach for Parenting Training

The office director is working with a psychologist to adapt motivational interviewing approach to parenting training groups and violence prevention. A manual is being developed to be used by the program facilitators conducting the ACT program groups nationwide.

ACT in Community Health Centers

A research project funded by the MetLife Foundation to take the ACT parenting program to community health centers under a partnerships with the University of Toledo is underway. Two sites for the project were identified: Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Health in Washington, DC and the St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo, OH. Questionnaires were developed, parents were recruited at both sites, and the program received approval for the university's IRB. The program intervention groups will start in both sites in February.

Child Maltreatment Prevention in Community Health Centers

As an outcome of the report of the Working Group on Child Maltreatment Prevention in Community Health Centers (www.apa.org/pi/preventviolence/working-group.html) released in February, the Violence Prevention Office worked with the PI-GRO to develop a bill that was introduced in the Senate by Senator Inouye. Current efforts are being undertaken to identify support for the bill in the House.

Outreach, Education, and Resources

The office maintains and updates two Web sites with information, knowledge and skills on child development, parenting practices, early violence prevention, media violence, youth violence and intimate partner violence to the general public, parents and caregivers, and professionals.

Women's Programs Office

<http://www.apa.org/pi/women/index.aspx>

The Women's Programs Office (WPO) works to improve the health, education, well-being, and status of women psychologists and consumers of psychological services. WPO activities span the science, practice, education, and policy arenas.

Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology (LIWP)

The second annual CWP Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology (LIWP) convened on August 4, 2009 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. As with the inaugural LIWP, the second LIWP focused on the leadership training needs of a select group of midcareer women psychologists who are APA members in good standing, at least 10 years post-PhD, PsyD, or EdD, and, hold the rank of Associate Professor or above in academic and academic medical settings. Thirteen women were selected to participate in the Year Two program, including one psychologist from Toronto, Canada. The participants also participated in follow-on activities including accessing the NING Networking site and participating in two well-received webinars, "Strategic Planning: Setting the Stage" and "Working with You is Killing Me." Class II has been invited to attend a full-day follow-on workshop in Washington, DC in March 2010 to continue their work on the path to future leadership positions.

WPO has begun recruiting for Class III, whose Institute will be held August 10, 2010 in San Diego, CA. Application materials can be accessed from the WPO Web pages by visiting: <http://www.apa.org/pi/women/programs/leadership/call.aspx>

Governance Survey

WPO staff, CWP, and the Center for Workforce Studies (CWS) staff continue to discuss issues regarding the governance survey, including options for data collection and the future of the survey.

Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls

The Report of the APA Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls was released February 2007. Working with a consultant, WPO developed a draft curriculum for teachers to address issues discussed in the report. The draft is currently under review by psychologists who work with middle school girls. WPO continues to work to secure external funding to further promote the report. The report is available at <http://www.apa.org/pi/women/programs/girls/report.aspx>.

Task Force on Mental Health and Abortion

The *Report of the Task Force on Mental Health and Abortion* was received by the Council of Representatives in August 2008. WPO staff worked with printing services and an offsite designer to develop a print version of the executive summary; a dissemination plan has been developed for early 2010. Hard copies of the executive summary are available from WPO; a limited number of full-text copies will be distributed

to key interests. The full text of the report is located at <http://www.apa.org/pi/women/programs/abortion/mental-health.pdf>. Additionally, the task force published an article in the December 2009 *American Psychologist* entitled “Abortion and Mental Health: Evaluating the Evidence,” which is based upon but also updates the findings of the 2008 report.

Post Partum Depression Consumer Brochure

WPO has disseminated more than 4,000 PPD consumer brochures, having received requests from a variety of providers and organizations ranging from social work graduate students and clinical psychologists who own private practices to small direct service support centers and emergency triage centers across the United States. This brochure is available at <http://www.apa.org/pi/women/resources/reports/postpartum-depression-brochure-2007.pdf>.

The WPO received a grant from the American Psychological Foundation to develop translations of the brochure in Spanish and French, and Chinese. CWP chair-elect Dr. Lydia Buki secured reviewers for the Spanish translation of the brochure. In addition, WPO reached out to the minority psychological associations for assistance trans-creating the Chinese, French and Spanish language brochures into culturally and linguistically appropriate materials.

Women’s Psych-E

WPO staff continues to write and disseminate *Women’s Psych-E*, a free monthly electronic newsletter that focuses on psychological aspects of women’s health and well-being, research initiatives and opportunities for psychologists, announcements about meetings and conferences, WPO and the Committee on Women in Psychology (CWP) news, and general information about women and psychology. Recent issues are available at <http://www.apa.org/pi/women/resources/newsletter/index.aspx>.

Women in the APA

WPO staff began preparing the new edition of *Women in the American Psychological Association*, which provides data on the numbers of women participating as members and serving in leadership roles in psychology in divisions; in state associations; on the boards and committees that make up APA’s governance structure; in the publications process as editors, associate editors and reviewers; and in APA’s central office.

2009 APA Convention Events

WPO provided staff support for the following APA Convention events in Toronto, Ontario, Canada:

Increasing the Participation of Women as Journal Editors:

CWP continues to work on increasing the number of women serving as journal editors. The percentage of women has increased over time, and CWP noted that real progress has been made. CWP members also continue to encourage colleagues to consider applying for journal editor positions, which includes informing them about the substantial support APA provides to journal editors. The committee is pleased that this mentoring and support has encouraged a number of individuals to apply. CWP worked with WPO staff to coordinate the roundtable discussion, entitled “How We Did It: Discussions with Women APA Journal Editors,” at the 2009 APA convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

2nd Annual APA Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology (LIWP):

Participants: LIWP Participants, LIWP Planning Committee, Women’s Programs Office.

Sponsor: Committee on Women in Psychology and Women’s Programs Office

Leadership Training Needs in Mid-Career and Senior Women Psychologists:

Presenters: Shari E. Miles-Cohen, PhD and Helen L. Coons, PhD, ABPP. Sponsor:

Division 35

Committee on Women in Psychology Network Meeting:

Participants: Committee on Women in Psychology, CWP Network Members, and

Women’s Programs Office. Sponsor: Committee on Women in Psychology and

Women’s Programs Office

How We Did It --- Discussions with Women APA Journal Editors:

Chair: Karen Wyche, PhD; Presenters: Nadine Kaslow, PhD, ABPP, Annette La Greca,

PhD, and Susan McDaniel, PhD, ABPP. Sponsors: Committee on Women in

Psychology, Publications and Communications Board, Women’s Programs Office, and

Office of Publications and Databases

Research and Training Funding --- Discussions with Representatives from Federal Agencies:

Chair: Lula Beatty, PhD, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). Participants:

Charlene E. Le Fauve, PhD and Jorielle Brown, PhD (Substance Abuse and Mental

Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); Jovier D. Evans, PhD National Institute of

Mental (NIMH). Sponsor: Committee on Women in Psychology, Women’s Programs

Office

Division 35 Social Hour/Awards Presentation: 2009 CWP Leadership Awards Presentation:

Presented by Lydia P. Buki, PhD, Chair, Committee on Women in Psychology. Sponsor:

Division 35, CWP

2010 Convention Planning

CWP is collaborating with the Committee on Socioeconomic Status (CSES) on a BAPPI

convention symposium entitled, *Health Disparities Among Women: Social Science*

Perspectives, which will examine health disparities among women from a social science

perspective; provide research data on current disparities among sexual minority women, as well as African American women; focusing on physical health, substance use, interpersonal violence, and human trafficking. CWP will also co-sponsor a 2-hour workshop, "Leadership Strategies for Mid-Career Women in Independent Clinical and Consulting Practices."

Governance Support

WPO provided staff support for the Committee on Women in Psychology (CWP), which met March 20-22, 2009. In lieu the Fall Consolidated Meetings, CWP held a series of conference calls, which WPO arranged and staffed. In addition, the WPO continues to provide staff support for the follow-up activities related to the Task Force on Mental Health and Abortion, the Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls, and the CWP Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology (LIWP).