

PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCACY

SPSSI Takes The Hill

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On June 21, the Society of the Psychological Study of Social Issues (Division 9) partnered with APA's Public Policy Office (PPO) for the "SPSSI on the Hill" lobby day. Approximately, sixty SPSSI members participated in this event as part of their 5th Biennial Convention entitled, "From Desegregation to Diversity." Participants were briefed by PPO staff and SPSSI leadership on two important issues before Congress, the importance of the scientific peer review process and health disparities legislation. SPSSI members then met with their members of Congress and congressional staff to share psychological research pertinent to these issues. By all accounts, it was both an enlightening experience for the policymakers and an empowering experience for SPSSI members.