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NEWS

2006 APA Convention: CWP and WPO Programming

This year's APA annual convention will be held August 10-13, 2006 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Committee on Women in Psychology and Women's Programs Office are co-sponsoring sessions highlighting issues of relevance to women in psychology.

Please mark your calendars, and pass on to interested colleagues:

Symposium: Negotiating Skills for Women--- Private Practice, Medical Settings, Academe, Thursday, August 10, 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm, Morial Convention Center, Meeting Room 353
Chair: Sharon Brehm, PhD; Participants: Jessica Henderson Daniel, PhD; Dorothy Cantor, PhD
Co-sponsor: Division 35

Symposium: From Muppet Thongs to Barbie Lingerie – The Sexualization of Girls, Friday, August 11, 9:00 am – 9:50 am, Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, Second Level, Marlborough Suite A; *Chair: Sharon Lamb, EdD; Participants: Eileen Zurbriggen, PhD; Tomi-Ann Roberts, PhD; L. Monique Ward, PhD; Rebecca Collins, PhD* *Co-sponsor: Division 35*

Research and Training Funding: Discussions with Representatives from Federal Agencies, Friday, August 11, 11:00 am - 12:50 pm, New Orleans Marriott Hotel/Mardi Gras Ballroom D [not listed in the program] *Chair: Lula Beatty, PhD*

CWP Chair, Dr. Louise B. Silverstein, will present the ***2006 Committee on Women in Psychology Leadership Awards*** at the Division 35 Social Hour Saturday, August 12, 8:00 pm – 8:50 pm, Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, Third Level, Napoleon Ballroom

Symposium: Violence Against Women Act – Opportunities for Women, Families and Psychologists, Sunday, August 13, 1:00 pm – 1:50 pm, Morial Convention Center, Second Level, Meeting Room 265; *Chair: Gwendolyn Puryear Keita, PhD; Participants: Diane Elmore, PhD; Leslie Cameron*

CWP will also convene the ***annual meeting of the Committee on Women in Psychology Network***, for reports and discussion among Network representatives.

OTHER NEWS:

Impact of Maternal Mental Health Apparent by Age 3

A study published in the May issue of the Archives of General Psychiatry examines the impact of mother's mental health problems on children as young as 3 years old. Researchers from the Mathematica Policy Research Inc. and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine questioned mothers about three areas: mental health (major depressive episode and generalized anxiety disorder), substance abuse (smoking, binge drinking, and illicit drug use), and domestic violence (emotional and physical), and a follow-up questionnaire was completed for children at age 3. Fifty percent of the mothers reported at least one condition. The risk of child behavioral problems increased with the number of areas in which the mother reported difficulties. When mothers reported one condition, their children measured 12% for aggression and 14% for anxiety and depression; when mothers reported all three conditions, their children measured 19% for aggression and 27% for anxiety and depression.

Whitaker, R.C., Orzol, S.M., & Kahn, R.S. (2006). Maternal mental health, substance abuse, and domestic violence in the year after delivery and subsequent behavioral problems in children at age 3 years. Archives of General Psychiatry, 63(5), 551-560.

Workplace Flexibility 2010

On May 1, 2006, the Georgetown University Law Center and the Workforce and Family Program of the New America Foundation sponsored a briefing entitled, "Meeting the Needs of Today's Families: The Role of Workplace Flexibility." Speakers discussed a range of issues impacted by the workplace such as marital well-being, child-rearing and care giving responsibilities. Participants also discussed the benefits of workplace flexibility and outlined the goals of the Workplace Flexibility 2010, an initiative of the Georgetown University Law Center and the New America Foundation. For more information please visit the Workplace Flexibility 2010 website at <http://www.workplaceflexibility2010.org>.

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN IN PSYCHOLOGY (CWP): Call for Nominations

The Committee on Women in Psychology (CWP) is seeking nominations for two new members to begin terms in January 2007. The committee functions as a catalyst by interacting with and making recommendations to the various parts of the APA governing structure, the APA membership, and the Society for the Psychology of Women, as well as other relevant groups. The committee also collects and disseminates information concerning the status of women and develops the means by which the participation of women in roles and functions of the profession could be increased. For more a copy of the call for nominations, please contact Gabe Twose, APA Women's Programs Office, 750 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, 20002-4242 or via e-mail at gtwose@apa.org or www.apa.org/pi/wpo.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS

National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence: Call for Abstracts (July 28)

The 4th Biennial National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence aims to advance the health care system's response to domestic violence. The conference attracts the nation's leading medical, public health and family violence experts from across the U.S. with increased international participation. Workshops and plenary sessions highlight the latest research and most innovative clinical responses to domestic violence, with a focus on the work being done by physicians, physician assistants, dentists, nurses, nurse midwives, mental and behavioral health providers, social workers, domestic violence experts, and others. For more information, please visit www.endabuse.org

Sex and Gender Factors Affecting Women's Health RFP

The Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) seeks to offer the Specialized Centers of Interdisciplinary Research (SCOR) on Sex and Gender Factors Affecting Women's Health for the second time. These centers will provide opportunities for interdisciplinary approaches to advancing studies on how sex and gender factors affect women's health. Each SCOR should develop a research agenda bridging basic and clinical research on sex/gender factors underlying a health issue that affects women. More information about the RFA can be found at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-06-003.html>

CEMRRAT Grants 2006

The APA's Public Interest Directorate has been allocated \$100,000 in 2006 to continue implementation of the CEMRRAT Plan as recommended by the APA Commission on Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention and Training in Psychology (CEMRRAT). These small-grants "seed funds" energize, empower, and support interested individuals, organizations, and educational institutions committed to enhancing ethnic minority recruitment, retention, and training in psychology. See

http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/programs/ceMRRAT2_grant_fund_announcement.pdf for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The National Organization of Men Against Sexism (NOMAS) 31st Annual Men and Masculinity Conference, "Creating Connections for Gender Justice," at Ramapo College of New Jersey in Mahwah, NJ. August 3 - 6, 2006. <http://www.nomas.org/conferencemm31.html>

2006 American Psychological Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, August 10 – 13, 2006. <http://www.apa.org/convention06/>

2006 National Rural Women's Health Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 16-18, 2006. <http://www.hmc.psu.edu/ce/rwh2006>

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