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**Minority Fellowship Program Information**

The principal aim of the MFP is to provide financial support, professional development activities, and guidance to promising doctoral students and postdoctoral trainees, with the goal of moving them toward high achievement in areas related to ethnic minority behavioral health research or services. Our mission and aim are consistent with Healthy People 2010, the Report of the Surgeon General on Mental Health, the President’s New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, and other federal initiatives to reduce health disparities.

- **The MFP Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (MHSAS) Fellowship**, which is funded by a grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), was created to support the training of practitioners in behavioral health services and prevention. This fellowship program is designed for students in clinical, counseling, and school psychology and for other psychology doctoral students whose training prepares them to provide therapy, testing, assessments, etc. **Application deadline is January 15**.

- **The MHSAS Postdoctoral Fellowship**, which is funded by SAMHSA, was created to support the specialized training of early career doctoral recipients who have primary interests in developing a services or policy career related to the behavioral health or psychological well-being of ethnic minorities. **Application deadline is January 15**.

- **The Psychology Summer Institute (PSI)**, which is funded by SAMHSA and APA, provides week-long intensive training to advanced doctoral students and early career doctoral recipients. PSI provides educational, professional development, and mentoring experiences to advanced doctoral students of psychology and psychologists who are in the early stage of their careers. Participants are guided toward developing a grant proposal, postdoctoral fellowship, dissertation, treatment program, publication, or program evaluation project. All projects must focus on issues affecting ethnic minority communities. **Application deadline is May 1**.

- **Recovery to Practice (RTP)**, which is funded by SAMHSA, is a 5-year initiative to promote mental health recovery principles and practices for psychologists. The RTP initiative has two primary purposes: to develop an online resource on recovery principles and practices for mental health professionals across the major mental health disciplines and to develop recovery-focused trainings for mental health professionals. Through SAMHSA’s contractor Development Services Group, APA is assessing the degree to which mental health recovery has been integrated in the field of psychology and developing a curriculum for training psychologists.

For more information and to apply online, visit our website: [www.apa.org/pi/mfp](http://www.apa.org/pi/mfp)
WASHINGTON, DC—Today, the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships announced the appointment of the 2011–2012 Class of White House Fellows. The fellows come from diverse backgrounds, varied professions, and all have shown a strong commitment to public service and leadership.

The White House Fellows Program was created in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson to give promising American leaders “first-hand, high-level experience with the workings of the Federal government, and to increase their sense of participation in national affairs.” This unique opportunity to work within our nation’s government is designed to encourage active citizenship and a lifelong commitment to service. The fellows also take part in an education program designed to broaden their knowledge of leadership, policy formulation, and current affairs. Community service is another essential element of the program, and fellows participate in service projects throughout the year in the Washington, DC, area.

Selection as a White House fellow is highly competitive and based on a record of professional achievement, evidence of leadership potential, and a proven commitment to public service. Each fellow must possess the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute meaningfully at senior levels in the federal government. Throughout its history, the program has fostered leaders in many fields, including government, business, media, medicine, education, diplomacy, and the military. Additional information about the White House Fellows Program is available at www.whitehouse.gov/fellows. The 2011–2012 Class of Fellows and their biographies are included below:

Wizdom Powell, Norfolk, VA

Wizdom Powell most recently served as an Assistant Professor of Health Behavior and Health Education (HBHE) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) Gillings School of Global Public Health and [was] a UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center faculty member. Her community-based domestic research examines the impact of neighborhood, healthcare, and socioeconomic resources on racial health disparities, with an emphasis on vulnerable Black males. She has published over 15 scientific articles and book chapters. In 2009, she gave invited expert testimony to the president’s cancer panel about racial/ethnic minority healthcare experiences. Prior to her positions at UNC, she was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar at the University of California, San Francisco and Berkeley. She is an American Psychological Association (APA) Minority and Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellow who received a PhD and MS in Clinical Psychology and [an] MPH in HBHE from the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor. In recognition of outstanding dissertation research, Wizdom received APA’s Division 51 Loren Frankel Award. Wizdom obtained her BA, summa cum laude, in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, where she received the Thurgood Marshall, Malcolm–King Leadership, and Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program Alumnae of the Year awards. Placement: U.S. Department of Defense

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OHA ANNOUNCES CEO APPOINTMENT

HONOLULU—The Board of Trustees for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs [OHA] today named Research Director Dr. Kamana’opono Crabbe as the organization’s new Chief Executive Officer.

Crabbe, 48, takes over as successor to Clyde W. Nāmu'o, who retired Dec. 30, 2011, after 10 years in the top job at OHA. Crabbe steps in at a time when OHA is strengthening its focus on a number of initiatives aimed at improving conditions for Native Hawaiians.

“We are extremely pleased with this appointment,” said OHA Chairperson Colette Machado. “It’s a well-considered decision that enables a smooth leadership transition at OHA. Kamana’o has an outstanding reputation for organization and managing by consensus.”

Crabbe joined OHA’s executive team in November 2009 as research director. He came to OHA from the Wai’anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, where he served as a licensed psychologist and Director of Training.

He has long served the Native Hawaiian community and the residents of Hawai’i in the area of clinical psychol-
ADDRESSING INEQUITIES AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

By Michele Vella

In January 2012, the student group that my husband and I created to extend mentorship and training in global citizenship to ethnic/racial minority high school students was filmed as part of the PBS documentary adaptation of the internationally best-selling book *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by New York Times journalists and Pulitzer Prize winners Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. During the filming, WuDunn hosted a roundtable discussion with our students, most of whom are immigrants or first-generation high school students. Five of our students are young women from Pakistan who were promised in marriage before convincing their parents to let them stay after school to attend our meetings. Now, three are first-year college students who come back to mentor the younger group members still in high school.

Our group received United Nations (UN) ASPIRE status in May 2012 for social justice efforts that range from collecting medical supplies for mission trips to Haiti to partnering with the Japan Club of the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business to sell t-shirts for earthquake relief efforts in Japan.

I have used my own network from academia as well as relationships fostered through an ongoing internship with the UN Department of Public Information (UN Academic Impact) to host guest lecturers that have included Fulbright fellows from the Republic of the Congo; Kappa Alpha Psi and other traditionally African American and Latino fraternity members; a friend from Afghanistan; and members of Amnesty International, the Red Cross, and the League of Kenyan Women Voters, among others. The group presented at the 56th Commission on the Status of Women concerning the role of youth in empowering rural women internationally and presented in May at a conference on youth employment/intergenerational equity at UN headquarters, with recommendations made for the upcoming Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro. Our goal for these students is to demystify the journey to attaining higher education, and in doing so, set them up for success and possibility and celebrate their diversity.

In February 2012, I presented with Lt. LaMar Henderson (member of the U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps and representative of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration [SAMHSA]) at the National Leadership Forum of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. Our presentation showed how a behavioral health model I wrote in partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine and the network of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) could be adapted for community stakeholders to highlight collective strengths and diminish behavioral health inequity for ethnic/racial minority populations. I proposed this as a Division 45 symposium event for the APA 2012 convention in Orlando, FL, and it was accepted. I will be presenting this symposium with Meldon Hollis from the White House Initiative on HBCUs and with Roslyn Holliday Moore, a mentor and friend from the SAMHSA Office of Behavioral Health Equity. In addition to the symposium, a poster on using feminist principles for HIV/Hepatitis C group therapy for Latinas/Hispanics in Spanish was accepted for presentation at the upcoming APA convention.

For more information, please visit the UN website’s feature on Vella’s ASPIRE group: http://outreach.un.org/unai/2012/02/29/aspire-student-group-discusses-women’s-status/.
NEW PROVOST SEES UW’S GLASS AS HALF FULL
By Katherine Long
January 1, 2012

Ana Mari Cauce says there’s a joke among academicians about what a university provost does: She’s the one who follows behind the college president and says, “What he really means is, ‘No.’”

Cauce, now the dean of the University of Washington College of Arts and Sciences, will become provost for the university on Monday. As second in command, she’ll run the school from day to day, making academic and budget decisions. But even though she’ll be saying “no” a lot, the Cuban-born academic thinks the university’s glass is half full—despite a 50 percent cutback in state funding and the threat of an additional 17 percent cut next year.

Trained as a clinical psychologist, Cauce, 55, sees the UW as if it were a patient going through a crisis. “When you’re in periods of flux and turmoil and crisis, there’s real possibility for change,” she said. “Budget cuts do bring out the creativity in people, and we are doing amazing, creative work here that will position us well for the future.”

For example, the down economy is a big plus when the UW is looking for new professors. And despite budget cuts, the university has been able to hire new professors because its overall enrollment on all three campuses has grown by about 5,000 students in the past 5 years, she said.

UW job postings draw hundreds of applicants, Cauce said. Another thing working in the UW’s favor: Seattle housing is more affordable now—a problem that once kept many good academics from considering moving here, she said.

“If things go reasonably well for us during this budget period, 10 years from now—or probably 50 years from now—someone will look back and say, ‘My God, look at how Seattle, how Washington state, how wonderfully we were positioned,’” she said.

Cauce is expected to be approved by the UW’s Board of Regents this month, but it’s just a formality. She starts the new job, with its $405,000-a-year salary.

“She is very clearheaded and open and sincere,” said Susan Astley, president of the UW Faculty Senate, adding that the faculty was pleased by her nomination. “It just seemed unanimous—the faculty were quite thrilled.”

UW President Michael Young has called Cauce “very smart and extremely knowledgeable about the university and much of its workings.” As dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, she ran the UW’s largest and oldest college, with 25,000 students.

Young said Cauce has done “a very good job of managing budgets and deploying money in a way that realizes a larger vision.”

Cauce expects to work closely with Young on the day-to-day running of the university. Like most university presidents, Young spends much of his time fundraising, promoting the university, and lobbying the legislature. Because he’s only been UW president since July, Young said he expects Cauce’s institutional knowledge to be especially valuable.

Some of the university’s biggest challenges include a squeeze in several academic departments, including computer science, which has had to turn away four of every five students who applied this year because there wasn’t enough room. The university is capping enrollments in a number of other majors, including economics, biology, chemistry, and international studies, Cauce said.

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A few critics have suggested that the UW eliminate some majors—especially those in liberal arts—and put that money instead into high-demand fields such as engineering and computer science.

But Cauce, who has been dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for 3 years, said tuition alone pays the full cost of educating many liberal-arts majors. Some of those programs even make a profit, helping to subsidize more expensive programs. “We could take the price of tuition to $18,000 a year and it still wouldn’t raise an engineer,” she said. Resident tuition and fees now total $10,575 annually.

She said it’s also important to know that liberal-arts programs do lead to jobs—her niece, who majored in English at the UW, is now a successful screenwriter, and her nephew, who majored in geography, works as a city planner.

Cauce was born in Cuba and grew up in Miami. Her family fled the country during the Cuban revolution, when Cauce was 3 years old. Both parents took jobs in shoe factories, hoping Castro would be deposed and they could return to Cuba.

Cauce said she grew up in a family that was “pretty close to dirt poor,” which has made her cautious about spending money, but that her parents—her father was the Cuban minister of education under Fulgencio Batista—prized a good education above all else.

For recreation, Cauce likes to take long, meditative walks, and she considers herself an amateur birder. Last year, on a vacation she helped count little penguins in Australia, hard work that included pulling the baby penguins out of their burrows so they could be weighed and tagged.

Angry birds? Done that, for real. Cauce pulled up her sleeve to show a scar on her bicep. That, she said proudly, is a penguin bite.

said Brown Wright, who is currently directing dissertations for five doctoral students. “I feel that I have a responsibility and an obligation [to be a mentor], but I like it,” Brown Wright explained. “To help younger people to enhance their potential in life is so fulfilling to me.”

It’s difficult to understand how Brown Wright manages to balance such a full schedule, but it seems to come naturally for the Louisiana native. In addition to her role at UK, she serves in several other leadership positions, including as an executive board member of the Fayette County Democratic Party, a lay minister and pastor at New Light Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and a commissioner of Lexington Race Relations. Additionally, she has served as a member of the board of directors for the Kentucky Lottery Corp. for a maximum eight-year term, with a specific goal of assuring as much money as possible was allocated for education.

“No day is ever the same,” said Brown Wright of her activity-filled schedule. “I love what I’m doing and I think that’s important, but it’s a very busy time—there are a lot of meetings, talking, and questions about different issues related to [UK’s] faculty and their development every day. I also have workshops that I facilitate. So it’s a lot of different ball-juggling, but I truly find my work very fulfilling.”

Brown Wright’s diligent work ethic and desire to give back to others haven’t gone unnoticed. She [has] received numerous honors over the years, including an induction into Grambling State’s Hall of Fame Gallery of Distinction and a mentoring award from the American Psychological Association.

Considering the way Brown Wright has lived her life, it comes as no surprise that one of her biggest influences is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The writings, nonviolent actions, and ideals of the late reverend have inspired Brown Wright to continually seek to effect change within her community.

“Social justice and social change activism are very important to me and have been a running thread throughout all I’ve done in my life,” said Brown Wright. “It’s not what I do; it’s part of who I am.”

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**IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY**

The following articles detail projects undertaken by MFP Fellows Tami Jollie-Trottier, PhD, Yasser Payne, PhD, and Hillary Russell, PhD, to reduce disparities affecting underserved communities.

**TEAM FROM TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS JOINS NATIONAL EFFORT TO REVERSE THE OBESITY EPIDEMIC**

By Lisa Rinkus

**TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS, NORTH DAKOTA,**

**MARCH 07, 2012**—With obesity levels in the United States at all-time highs, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians healthcare leaders are working together to make local improvements through “Collaborate for Healthy Weight,” a national effort to reverse the epidemic through innovative local partnerships between primary care providers, public health professionals, and leaders of community-based organizations. Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians is one of 50 locations across the country participating in this groundbreaking program that will bring solutions to the local community and share strategies on a broader scale. The effort is being led by the National Initiative for Children’s Healthcare Quality (NICHQ), in partnership with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
The U.S. has the highest rate of obesity among all developed nations. At current rates, three in four Americans will become overweight or obese by 2020. In our community, obesity and diabetes are prevalent. Nearly half (45.5%) of children in Turtle Mountain Reservation ages 6–11 are either overweight or obese (Belcourt Indian Health Service, 2009–2011).

“Obesity constitutes a grave threat to the health and well-being of our nation, with a particularly strong impact on diverse and disadvantaged communities,” said Charles Homer, MD, MPH, president and CEO of NICHQ, a Boston-based nonprofit dedicated to improving the care systems responsible for the health of all children. “We are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with 50 pioneering communities across the country to find breakthrough solutions to this serious public health problem.”

“We are delighted that NICHQ has selected our team from Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians to participate in this initiative based on our solid commitment to achieving healthy weight and health equity in our community,” said team leader Tami Jollie-Trottier, PhD, a clinical psychologist at Indian Health Services. “We look forward to sharing what we learn in this project with communities in other areas of the country.”

“Sandra Poitra, RD, IHS dietitian, spearheaded this effort and recruited the current team members. It was through Sandra’s determination and dedication that we were able to submit such a strong proposal,” said Dr. Jollie-Trottier.

Along with Indian Health Services providers Tami Jollie-Trottier, PhD, Sandeep Patel, MD, Frederick Ness, MD, Michelle Loing, RN, and Sandra Poitra, RD, the cross-sectoral team includes representatives from: Tribal Health Education (Stephanie Jay, BS), DFC Consultants (Toni Parisien, MSA), Pathways to Prosperity (Alexis Marcellais, BA), Turtle Mountain Community College (Denise Marcellais, MSA), and Turtle Mountain Community Schools (Shane Martin, BA).

The Running Braves program is directed by Denise Marcellais, MSA, and Toni Parisien, MSA. This program serves TMCES students in first through fifth grade and promotes weight loss and fitness through daily running/walking and healthy eating. “We are fortunate to have the Running Braves program and others such as NYSP (National Youth Sports Program), since they provide evidence of our communities’ efforts to decrease childhood obesity,” said Dr. Jollie-Trottier. “All of our team members are dedicated to community wellness, and with the help of NICHQ, we will be able to assess the effectiveness of this program and develop new approaches to weight loss that will be specific to our community needs.”

The 50 teams from across the country participating in the Collaborate for Healthy Weight initiative will learn from national experts, exchange ideas, and create plans for becoming best-practice models for other communities to follow. The project will run through February 2013. To see a complete list of participating locations, go to: www.collaborateforhealthyweight.org/About/Collaborative/Meet-the-HWC-Teams.aspx.

“We are so proud of these communities that are laying the groundwork for tackling this complex and serious issue,” Dr. Homer added. “As their work gets underway, these efforts will make a huge difference in the lives of children and their families across the nation.”

“Collaborate for Healthy Weight” is a two-phased project supported through the Prevention and Public Health Fund under the Affordable Care Act and made possible by a cooperative agreement from HRSA. NICHQ is leading a coalition of partner organizations that is managing all program logistics and overseeing the work of participating teams.

For more information about this initiative, visit www.collaborateforhealthyweight.org or www.NICHQ.org.

RESILIENCY IN THE STREETS OF BLACK AMERICA

By Yasser Arafat Payne, PhD
Department of Black American Studies, University of Delaware

I have organized with music producer/video director Scott “Kasper” Gaddy and Ronald Shuler a video street ethnography called *The Streets of Harlem* . . . *How Black Men in the Streets*
Adapt to Structural Violence. This film project explores the lived experiences of street-life-orientated Black men, across generations, in Harlem, NYC. Topics include experiences with violence, fatherhood, education, employment, housing, prison reentry, and police. Three specific generations of street-life-orientated Black men were interviewed (ages 16–24, 25–44, and 45 and above) in the context of individual, dual, and group interviews. Extensive field observations were made as well. To watch a trailer of the video ethnography, please visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDXDyVhJAWs.

I am also leading a large-scale quantitative and qualitative ethnographic community needs assessment of the Eastside and Southbridge sections of Wilmington, Delaware. This community-based study, the “Safe Communities” Training and Employment Project, involved training 15 community residents between the ages of 21 and 48 as participatory action researchers (PAR); they trained for one year (November 2009–October 2010). All PAR members were formerly involved with the streets and/or criminal justice system. More specifically, PAR members participated in a 2-month intensive workshop on quantitative and qualitative research methods as well as training in social activism. Throughout the project, PAR members were required to receive case management and employment training assistance. This project was generously funded with a $200,000 grant issued by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and a supplemental grant of $35,000 from the United Way of Delaware.

The PAR project was also charged with the task of empirically documenting the impact of community violence in the Eastside and Southbridge sections of Wilmington. This study examines more closely the predictors of community violence in terms of physical assaults, shootings, homicides, substance abuse, school violence, spousal abuse, and structural violence (i.e., economic system, criminal justice system, etc.). Data were collected across an age range of 18–35, between Black men and women, through the following methods: 500 community survey packets, 36 individual interviews, 4 group interviews, and extensive field observations. Also, it should be underscored that a number of action events were organized in relation to this project in Wilmington.

ADDRESSING UNDERUTILIZATION OF SERVICES THROUGH A FAITH-BASED LENS

By Hillary Russell, PhD

My fellowship goals included establishing community relationships and increasing mental health awareness in the African American community. I was honored when asked to develop a presentation addressing mental health education, mental illness, and faith. I presented “Where Is My Joy? Achieving Sound Health God’s Way.” This was a three-part seminar on mental health, recovery, and prevention in minority communities. It attempted to address the underutilization of mental health services for African Americans, particularly when seeking assistance is viewed as a competition to one’s faith.

Using a biopsychosocial–spiritual framework, I discussed common mental health issues, treatment options, and self-efficacy. I hoped to dispel some of the myths of therapy by providing a walk-through of the first few sessions. Each attendee received a community resource packet. The packet included a list of community resources and an activity list of free/low-cost “mood boosters.” Finally, I provided each with a notebook and a brief journaling activity on testimonies. This offered a personalized example of journaling, a technique often used in therapy.

I felt greatly honored to have been asked to present to a faith-based audience beginning January 1, 2012. What a way to bring in the New Year—surrounded by church family and offering the skills and knowledge with which God has blessed me. Since the initial presentation, I have made some modifications and hope to have an opportunity to present to other audiences again soon.

To learn more about the Safe Communities Training and Employment Project, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=czSMF4e4Vnw or www.delawareonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll?section?Category=MYNEIGHBORHOOD.
FELLOWS SHOWCASED BY ALMA MATERS

In the following articles, the burgeoning careers of MFP Fellows Miraj Desai, MA, and Jessica Turral are highlighted by their undergraduate institutions.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY’S
MIRAJ DESAI ’04

A PhD candidate in Clinical Psychology at Fordham University, a bilingual therapist for torture survivors at New York University, and a researcher of cross-cultural impacts of autism in India.

For those who knew Miraj Desai as a student at Miami University, it will come as no surprise that he continues to pursue amazing learning opportunities in his post-Miami pursuits. A class of 2004 University Honors Program graduate and Harrison Scholar with a psychology major and economics minor, Miraj continues to provide a wonderful example of how honors students balance challenging academic work with plenty of extracurricular involvement before turning these activities into lifelong pursuits.

Among his extracurricular pursuits while attending Ohio’s “Public Ivy,” Miraj was a member of the Indian Students Association, Residence Life-Community Outreach, the Scholar Leader Program, and the Urban Leadership Internship Program. He was also a dedicated member of the Lyceum, a university program focused on bringing cultural and intellectual programming to Miami.

Traveling at one point across the Atlantic, Miraj participated in the Selwyn Cambridge program, connecting him with interdisciplinary scholarly research abroad. He fully explored what the experience had to offer, including discussing his independent research with Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen. He also met plenty of interesting folks, joined the Selwyn basketball team, interacted with visiting Miami fellow William McGrew and other supervisors, and completely immersed himself in a foreign learning environment. This program especially allowed Miraj to visualize how he could influence real-life situations that were important to him through social policy, scholarship, and practical action.

Returning to the States, Miraj connected with Miami psychology professor Roger Knudson, who was instrumental in piquing Miraj’s interest in qualitative methods and the relationships between social structures and psychological processes. Instilling what Miraj calls the “scholarly bug” in him, Dr. Knudson helped Miraj blend his academic interests with on-the-ground, practical, clinical components where he could see his efforts take shape.

Since he graduated, Miraj has applied to a graduate program that integrates all his interests into one program as a PhD candidate in Clinical Psychology at Fordham University in New York. He has already completed his Masters with the help of mentor Dr. Frederick Wertz and has been a recipient of the American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship and the Phi Kappa Phi graduate fellowship. For the past 2 years, when he was not teaching courses, Miraj worked with a nongovernmental organization called Sangath to study autism in India. This offered Miraj the chance to research how parents indigenously understand and experience caring for a child with autism.

And Miraj’s future remains bright: he will soon complete a clinical/community internship at Yale, working in outpatient services at the Connecticut Mental Health Center. He plans to use this opportunity to explore person-centered, community-based approaches to mental health.

Reflecting on his experiences, Miraj notes the impact of Miami University and the Honors Program on his recent activities: “[For] a lot of the things I’ve been able to do in New York and grad school, Miami fostered the ‘habit’ of...
finding the things [I am] interested in and pursuing how to make them happen.”

He considers Miami’s learning opportunities—exceptional access to professors and plenty of constructive learning where one can learn his or her own abilities and limits and creatively adapt them to various contexts—a critical component to his current success.


JOHNS HOPKINS’ JESSICA TURRAL

Ten days after her Johns Hopkins graduation, Jessica Turrall, A&S ’09, began a summer internship at the Baltimore City Mayor’s Office. . . . Just a few weeks into her freshman year, she’d known she wanted to devote her life’s work to making her hometown a better place. But graduation had come quickly and she hoped the summer would give her the chance to figure out what was next.

She was assigned to the criminal justice division to research the experiences of Baltimore youth under age 18 who are charged as adults and consequently detained in adult detention centers and uncover why so many continue a downward spiral after the initial incident. Anecdotes and statistics showed that after being released, an uncanny number would soon face far graver situations—more serious crimes, even being murdered or being charged with such a crime. “I found out no one was working with them,” says Jessica.

And in that summer work, she also found the calling she’d been listening for. “Studying this issue during my internship was an answer to my prayers,” Jessica told me. “I really wanted to know what was going to make me want to wake up and go to work. I knew I was supposed to help young people, and I knew it would begin in Baltimore.”

In September 2009, she took what she learned and started a nonprofit that provides mentoring and counseling services to juveniles who are awaiting trial in the Baltimore City Detention Center, aiming to steer the youth toward a better path. In less than two years, Hand in Hand Baltimore has served more than 40 youth and given Jessica a chance to make the impact in her city that she first spoke . . . about [in] her freshman year.

Jessica came to Johns Hopkins as one of our first Baltimore Scholars, just 18 and possessing a precocious understanding of the new initiative that provided her and 21 other Baltimore City public school graduates a 4-year, full-tuition scholarship and a network of support. She had been a standout at Baltimore City College High School and had been planning to leave the area for college when a school counselor told her about the Baltimore Scholars program. Designed to enable some of the city’s finest students to pursue higher education in their hometown, the program also helped deepen the university’s relationship with its city and, in its first 4 years, brought to Johns Hopkins scores of undergraduates. For Jessica, Johns Hopkins wasn’t on her radar before she learned about the program . . . because it was “too expensive.”

The Baltimore Scholars program meant she could spend the next 4 years close to home and her tight-knit family, but it meant something more to her, too. . . . As she [said] in August 2005, for an article about the program in Johns Hopkins Magazine: “This program gives Baltimore City students the chance to prove we’re not statistics. We will be successful—because someone believed in us.”

Jessica spent the next 4 years making good on that promise, studying psychology and . . . getting involved in almost everything—even designing and running a new program to introduce Homewood undergrads to Charm City’s charm. Days before her graduation, . . . for another Johns Hopkins Magazine piece, [she said] that the Baltimore Scholars program had indeed given her exactly what the program was set up to accomplish. “Hopkins has helped me to realize the value of Baltimore. I saw that I love my city, that I am proud of my city, and that I could dedicate my life to making it amazing.”

Now with 2 years of the “real world” under her belt, she is doing exactly that. We caught up [with her] over the phone this May, when Jessica was in New York for a week of course work on nonprofit management. Always working, she admitted that as we talked, she was filling out forms for a grant for Hand in Hand.

Jessica Turrall, continued on page 12
Hand in Hand helps youth in the Baltimore City Detention Center who are facing adult charges before trial or are serving a sentence of 6 months or less—who number as many as 115 at any given time—reenter society by providing mental health resources, mentoring, and case management services. Jessica’s research found that 70 percent are released without any resources from the Department of Juvenile Services or Department of Corrections, leaving them to deal with their challenges alone, which often leads to far graver problems.

“They’re in a weird position because they’re under 18, they don’t qualify for adult services, and a lot of places don’t want to work with children because of insurance costs and other risks,” Jessica said. “And since they are leaving the adult criminal justice system, ‘juvie’ won’t work with them.”

A corps of 40 volunteers—students studying social work, psychology, or counseling at local schools, including Johns Hopkins University and local state universities including Towson, Morgan, Bowie, and Coppin—work 5 days a week with youth assigned, teaching skills such as decision making and public speaking and also serving as mentors and counselors. The program also includes academic enrichment activities, such as book clubs, essay writing, and exploration of current events. And the support continues after a youth returns home, with Hand in Hand providing individual discharge and family plans and long-term mentoring.

Still as energetic and effusive as when she first set foot on the Homewood campus, Jessica works tirelessly on Hand in Hand, clocking in as much as 80 hours a week. Her dedication was rewarded in November when she became the Clinton Bamberger Open Society Institute Baltimore Community Fellow, which comes with a stipend of $48,750 to work full-time for 18 months.

Up next is expanding Hand in Hand to other cities and capitalizing on what she’s already done in Baltimore. “I don’t know if it’s that we’re so successful or more that its necessary,” Jessica says. “I’m very motivated on how we can look at crime as not a public safety issue but as a mental health issue.”

With her future more in focus, Jessica plans to apply to graduate school to pursue a doctorate in psychology so she can continue to build the program. Even as it goes national, Jessica says her heart will always be in Baltimore and rooted in the Baltimore Scholars program mission.

“If I hadn’t gone to Hopkins I wouldn’t be here,” she says. “And I learned that I need to be here.”

The Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) is very fortunate to have the support of APA’s Public Interest Government Relations Office (PI-GRO). Coordinated by Stefanie Reeves, PI-GRO’s senior legislative and federal affairs officer, MFP is receiving greater exposure with members of Congress and their staff. Following are several of the activities in which PI-GRO has been engaged.

• In November and December 2011, members of APA’s Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (CEMA) visited members of Congress in their congressional districts. CEMA members focused on continued funding for the MFP and its relationship to diversifying the workforce and impacting ethnic minority communities. As CEMA members, MFP Fellows Iva GreyWolf and Helen Neville were in a position to share the impact of MFP on their professional and personal lives.

• On May 15, 2012, Sherry Davis Molock, PhD, MDiv, participated in a congressional briefing on the MFP titled “Addressing the Behavioral Health Needs of Minority Populations.” Hosted by the Congressional Social Work Caucus, the briefing highlighted the MFP and featured a representative from SAMHSA and alumni from the disciplines of psychology, social work, and psychiatry. Dr. Molock’s presentation focused on her experience as an MFP fellow, including the value of mentoring and networking within the program. She also highlighted the financial benefits of the program, which allowed her and other MFP participants to work in underserved areas.

• On May 22, 2012, members of the American Psychological Association of Graduate Student’s Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (APAGS-CEMA) advocated for MFP on Capitol Hill. Members met with Congressional staff and highlighted the importance of continuing current funding levels for the SAMHSA-funded program. Steven Kniffley, a current MHSAS fellow, is a member of the APAGS-CEMA subcommittee and was able to provide first-hand experience of the importance of receiving MFP support.

We thank Ms. Reeves for her strong commitment to MFP, and we look forward to involving more MFP fellows in advocacy. For more information on how you can become involved, please contact our office at mfp@apa.org or 202.336.6127.
Andrew T. Austin-Dailey, MDiv, MS, is the director of the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) at the American Psychological Association. Before joining the MFP, he completed a master’s degree in psychology at Palo Alto University. He received a BS in economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and an MDiv in pastoral psychology at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He has been active in the community through developing counseling, training, and support programs for ethnic minorities for over 20 years.

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Beth Boyd, PhD, is the director of the Psychology Service Center at the University of South Dakota (USD). She is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians. Since completing her PhD in 1992, she has taught in the USD clinical psychology graduate program. She is involved in a number of projects seeking to train culturally competent clinical psychologists and develop culturally responsive mental health services for Native American communities. She is a faculty member in the USD Disaster Mental Health Institute and has responded to a number of disaster and crisis situations, particularly in Native communities. Dr. Boyd has served on several APA governance groups and was the 1998 recipient of the APA Division 12 (Clinical Psychology) Early Career Award for Outstanding Contributions to Professional Clinical Psychology, as well as the 1999 recipient of the Division 45 (Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues) Distinguished Career Contributions to Service Award. She is the immediate past president of the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues.

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Jesus Felizzola, MD, MHSA, MA, is the project director of the AETC National Center for HIV Care in Minority Communities (NCHCMC) and the Senior Director of Capacity Building at HealthHIV in Washington, DC. He was previously a project director of clinical trials in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Howard University, College of Medicine. He is a doctor of medicine and holds postdoctoral degrees in health services administration and Latin American studies. Dr. Felizzola has served as principal investigator, coinvestigator, evaluator, and director on NIH, HRSA, and SAMHSA-funded projects in the fields of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse. He has served as associate director of the Minority Drug Abuse Research Development Program and as manager of the Cultural Competency Program in the departments of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine at Howard University, respectively. He has consulted and provided expert input and review for several organizations, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the North Carolina Communicable Disease Branch, and CommWell Health in North Carolina.

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Terry S. Gock, PhD, MPA, is the director of the Asian Pacific Family Center (APFC) in Los Angeles, with nearly 100 staff. As a division of Pacific Clinics (a private nonprofit behavioral healthcare agency), APFC offers a wide array of culturally competent outpatient mental health services; substance abuse, child abuse, gang/violence and HIV/AIDS preventive interventions; as well as bicultural parenting and family enhancement programs for the large Asian immigrant populations in the San Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County. He has served as the principal investigator of nine competitive SAMHSA demonstration grant projects that were instrumental in developing many of the preventive intervention services at APFC. Dr. Gock is also a clinical and forensic psychologist in private practice. A fellow of APA and a past president of APA Division 44 (Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues), Dr. Gock is currently a member of the APA Council of Representatives and the APA Board of Professional Affairs. In the past, he has chaired APA’s Committee on the Structure and Function of Council and APA’s Board for the Advancement of Psychology in Public Interest. He has also served on APA’s Committee on Professional and Practice Standards, the Committee on Psychology and AIDS, and the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns (CLGBTC). Dr. Gock has been honored by the Division of Psychologists in Public Service of the California Psychological Association, as well as by CLGBTC and Division 44. He has also received the Person of the Year award from the “Asian Pacific Americans for Human Rights” in 2004. In February 2011, he received an APA presidential citation, in part for his “lifelong devotion to multiculturalism” in psychology.

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Mario Hernandez, PhD, is a professor and chair of the Department of Child and Family Studies at the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida. Since August 1998,
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Dr. Hernandez has served as director of the Division of Training, Research, Evaluations, and Demonstrations in the Department of Child and Family Studies, where he has provided management and leadership for a division of 79 professional and support employees. His responsibilities include fiscal management, personnel management, and research development. Dr. Hernandez has also served as principal investigator and coprincipal investigator on a number of studies.

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Jeanne E. Manese, PhD, is director of the Counseling Center at the University of California, Irvine. She received her doctoral degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, with a specialization in counseling psychology. She is a fellow of APA Divisions 17 and 45. Dr. Manese has published numerous articles and chapters related to training and practice, with a focus on multicultural competency and social justice. She is currently conducting research and implementing programs focused on strength-based interventions for academically at-risk populations. She has practiced around the world with an education abroad program and is interested in the global application of counseling psychology.

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La Pearl Logan Winfrey, PhD, is a professor and associate dean for clinical training and psychological services in the School of Professional Psychology at Wright State University. She is also the chief psychologist for the predoctoral and postdoctoral residency programs. She has many years of experience providing psychotherapy to diverse populations and has been involved in the education of doctoral students in schools of professional psychology since 1990. Dr. Winfrey is a past chair of the Chicago chapter of the Association of Black Psychologists and has served on the association’s board of directors and National Convention Committee. She was president of the National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology, having served as a council delegate since 1992 and as a member of the Ethnic and Racial Diversity and Women’s Issues committees. Her areas of specialization and interest are cultural and individual differences, psychology education/training, individual and systemic change, and integrative models of intervention.

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MFP Fellows’ Internships

Congratulations to our MFP fellows who are interning at the following facilities in 2012–2013:

Jessica Brown (Young), MHSAS Fellow, College of William and Mary Counseling Center

Lina D’Orazio, MHSAS Fellow, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, West LA Medical Center

Angela Harris, MHSAS Fellow, University of South Carolina Counseling Center

Russell Jones, MHSAS Fellow, VA Medical Center, Washington, DC

Annie Tao, MHSAS Fellow, University of Washington School of Medicine, Child Track

Sherry Wang, MHSAS Fellow, University of Illinois Chicago’s Counseling Center
Bashir Abdullah, MHSAS Fellow, was elected president of the Graduate Association of Students of Psychology at the University of North Texas.

Grants, Awards, Fellowships

Ladenberger Honor Student in Psychology.

Edna Acosta, PhD, HIV/AIDS Fellow, was promoted from adjunct professor to associate professor at the University of Puerto Rico, Medical Science Campus, Graduate School of Public Health.

Publications


Grants, Awards, Fellowships

Postdoctoral Master of Science in Clinical Research (MSc), School of Health Professions and School of Medicine, Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico.

Postdoctoral fellow of the NIH Clinical Research Education and Career Development in Minority Institutions (RFA-AR-01-009). School of Health Professions and School of Medicine, Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico.

Anjali Alimchandani, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


Kiara Alvarez, MHSAS Fellow

Grants, Awards, Fellowships

Principal investigator, Multicultural School Psychology: Enhancing Practice, Promoting Research. APAGS Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs Grant Program, 2012, $1,000.

Cheryl Anne Boyce, PhD, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


Lynda Brown Wright, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, became the inaugural associate provost for faculty affairs at Georgia State University on July 1, 2012.

Grants, Awards, Fellowships
Named a 2012 Leading Woman of Central Kentucky.

Cynthia Campbell Palmer, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, graduated in December 2011 with a PhD in clinical psychology with a specialization in children and adolescents and has begun a pediatric postdoctoral fellowship at La Rabida Children’s Hospital. She married Timothy Palmer on May 28, 2011.

Publications

Donna Castaneda, PhD, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


Anthony Chambers, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, is the new director of the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Family Psychology and the Couples Therapy Program at the University of Virginia. In August, pending approval by the APA Board of Directors and Council of Representatives, he will become a fellow in Division 43 (Family Psychology). He is also the associate editor of the Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development and was elected to the Board of Directors for APA’s Division 43 and selected to join the editorial boards of Family Process and Couple and Family Psychology: Research and Practice.

He was featured in the March–April 2012 issue of Family Therapy Magazine (“Comments From Anthony Chambers About Research on the Treatment of Couple Distress”).

Publications


Vickie Chang, PhD, MHR Fellow

Publications


John Christensen, PhD, HIV/AIDS Fellow, will be starting as an assistant professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Connecticut.

Publications
He Chung, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, was promoted to associate professor of psychology in April 2012.

**Publications**


**Grants, Awards, Fellowships**

2012 Jane S. Halonen Teaching Excellence Award, APA, Division 2 (Society for the Teaching of Psychology).

Le Ondra Clark, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, began a full-time position as a policy consultant to the Senate Business Professions and Economic Development Committee.


**Grants, Awards, Fellowships**

2012 Jane S. Halonen Teaching Excellence Award, APA, Division 2 (Society for the Teaching of Psychology).

Le Ondra Clark, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, began a full-time position as a policy consultant to the Senate Business Professions and Economic Development Committee.

Telsie Davis, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, graduated with her PhD in counseling psychology from Georgia State University and began a postdoctoral fellowship in psychiatry at Emory University School of Medicine in July 2011. She and her husband celebrated the birth of their son, Donald Carter Davis, on November 9, 2011.

**Publications**


**Grants, Awards, Fellowships**


2012 Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, Georgia State University, Department of Counseling and Psychological Services.
Miraj Desai, PhD, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


Mirella Diaz-Santos, MHSAS Fellow

Grants, Awards, Fellowships

Principal Investigator, Perceptual, Cognitive, and Motor Rigidity in Parkinson’s Disease, Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA), National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), 2011–2014.

Katrina Domingo, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, graduated with her PsyD in June 2012. She will be a postdoctoral resident at Kaiser Permanente starting September, 2012.

Lina D’Orazio, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


Elena Flores, PhD, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


Michelle Flores, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


Jennie Fretts, MHSAS Fellow

Grants, Awards, Fellowships

Self-Over Substance Certificate in Recognition of Excellent Service to Students.

Diane Fujino, PhD, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


Robyn Gobin, MHSAS Fellow, will be awarded a PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Oregon in September 2012.

Grants, Awards, Fellowships


Naomi Hall-Byers, PhD, HIV/AIDS Fellow, married Kevin B. Byers on October 14, 2011.

Publications

Grants, Awards, Fellowships
Winston-Salem State University Silver Star for Research Award (2012).
Accepted to the University of California, San Francisco Center for AIDS Prevention Studies Visiting Professors Program, 2012–2015.

Saman Hamidi-Azar, MHSAS Fellow, is expecting a baby girl in July 2012.

Grants, Awards, Fellowships

Melvin Hampton, MHSAS Fellow
Publications

Grants, Awards, Fellowships

Erica Holmes, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, was promoted to associate professor at the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University, Los Angeles.

Wei-Chin Hwang, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, has been designated a Asian American Psychological Association fellow.

Benita Jackson, PhD, MHR Fellow, celebrated the birth of twin sons, Avery and Jonah, in August 2011.

Publications

Tami Jollie-Trottier, PhD, MHR Fellow
Grants, Awards, Fellowships
Team leader, Healthy Weight Collaborative, National Initiative for Children’s Healthcare Quality in partnership with the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Grace Kim, PhD, MHSAS Fellow
Grants, Awards, Fellowships
Invited attendee, Institute for Academic Feminist Psychologists, APA Division 35 (Society for the Psychology of Women).

Shahana Koslofsky, PhD, HIV/AIDS Fellow, has accepted a position as an assistant professor in the School of Professional Psychology at Pacific University in Oregon. She completed the APA HOPE (HIV Office on Psychology Training) training program in 2011 and has completed 2–3 community presentations each year on HIV/AIDS, particularly how it impacts ethnic minority communities.

Jason Lawrence, PhD, MHSAS Fellow
Publications

Cindy Liu, PhD, MHR Fellow, was promoted to instructor at Harvard Medical School.

Publications


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Grants, Awards, Fellowships

Principal Investigator, Hair Cortisol as a Biomarker for Chronic Stress in Mothers and Infants, NICHD 1R21HD072448-01, 2012–2014, $275,000.

Principal Investigator, Hair Cortisol as a Biomarker for Chronic Stress in Mothers and Infants, Robert Wood Johnson Seed Funding, Harvard Center for Population Studies, 2012–2013, $15,971.


Principal Investigator, Health Disparities Postgraduate Fellowship, Harvard Medical School, Office of Diversity and Community Partnership, 2011-2012, $45,048.

Jeanne Manese, PhD, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


William “Marty” Martin, PsyD, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


Grants, Awards, Fellowships

Elected as an honorary member of the American College of Physician Executives (ACPE).

William Martinez, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


Grants, Awards, Fellowships

National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health Latino Mental Health Research Training Program, Mexico City, Mexico. Directors: Steven Lopez, PhD (University of Southern California) & María del Carmen Lara-Muñoz, MD, PhD (Benemerita Universidad Autonoma de Puebla, Mexico).

Nicole Manns Mayo, PhD, MHSAS Fellow

completed her internship training year at the Boston Medical Center’s Center for Multicultural Training in Psychology and successfully completed her PhD from Howard University.

Casandra Clark Mazariegos, MHSAS Fellow

Grants, Awards, Fellowships

Dissertation grant from APA’s Minority Fellowship Program, 2012, $4600.

Merit scholarship from Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Marcellus Merritt, PhD, MHR Fellow

Publications


Grants, Awards, Fellowships

Principal Investigator, A Tailored Stress Management Intervention for Reduced Day and Nighttime Blood Pressure in Young Pre-Hypertensive Adults. University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Graduate School of Research.

Jeffery Mio, PhD, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


Stephen Murphy-Shigematsu, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, was appointed consulting professor in the Stanford University School of Medicine’s Program in Arts, Humanities, and Medicine. He was awarded a grant by the Stanford Institute on Creativity and the Arts to promote mental health education on depression in Asian American women through performance arts.

Andrea Nael, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, graduated from Oklahoma State University with a PhD in counseling psychology on May 4, 2012, and will begin a post-doctoral fellowship in September at Children’s Hospital Boston/Harvard Medical School in Adolescent Medicine, with an emphasis in obesity.

**Publications**

Donna Nagata, PhD, MHSAS Fellow

**Publications**

Nadine Nakamura, PhD, HIV/AIDS Fellow

**Publications**


Hong Nguyen, MHSAS Fellow

**Publications**


Jennifer Alexis Ortiz, MHSAS Fellow

**Publications**


Wizdom Powell, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, was recently interviewed on the Left of Black webcast about her article “Taking It Like a Man: Masculine Role Norms as Moderators of the Racial Discrimination–Depressive Symptoms Association Among African-American Men.”

David Ramirez, PhD, MHSAS Fellow

Grants, Awards, Fellowships
2012 Leadership Award–Multicultural Concerns Committee of APA’s Division 39 (Psychoanalysis).

Maria del Carmen Rodriguez, PhD, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


Alvina Rosales, MHSAS Fellow

Publications

Grants, Awards, Fellowships
Principal Investigator, Institutional Support Grant, Center for Latin American and Latino/a Studies, Georgia State University, 2012, $200.

Awardee, Mark Alleyne Student Travel Grant, Center for Latin American and Latino/a Studies, Georgia State University, $300.

Honorable Mention, Diversity Research Grant Society of Pediatric Psychology Diversity Research Award Society of Pediatric Psychology Biennial Meeting.

Zewelanji Serpell, PhD, MHR Fellow

Publications


Glenna Stumblingbear-Riddle, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, earned her license from the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologist on September 24, 2011.

Annie Tao, MHSAS Fellow

Grants, Awards, Fellowships
Sheldon J. Korchin Dissertation Award.
Jesse Tauriac, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, is now an assistant prof psychology at Lasell College.

Publications

Melissa Tehee, MHSAS Fellow, earned her JD and a Certificate in Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy in 2012.

Publications

Grants, Awards, Fellowships
2012 Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Service, Psychology, College of Science, University of Arizona.

Elizabeth Terrazas-Carrillo, MHSAS Fellow
Publications

Grants, Awards, Fellowships
Principal Investigator, Drug Screen for Primary Care Patients Health Services Research and Development Service (IIR 10-347), Department of Veterans Affairs, 2011–2014, $697,400.

Grants, Awards, Fellowships
Founding Board of Directors and Advisory Board of Directors, Vietnamese American Psychological Association (VAPA), 2011–Present.

Jessica Turrall, MHSAS Fellow
Grants, Awards, Fellowships

Grants, Awards, Fellowships
Principal Investigator, Drug Screen for Primary Care Patients Health Services Research and Development Service (IIR 10-347), Department of Veterans Affairs, 2011–2014, $697,400.

Monica Ulibarri, PhD, HIV/AIDS Fellow
Publications


Michele Vella, MHSAS Fellow
Publications

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Grants, Awards, Fellowships

National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health (NNED Learn 2012), March 2012—Grant for training in establishing authentic peer support services in behavioral health.

Lehigh Valley Hospital HIV/Hepatitis C Women’s Conference, Lehigh Valley Hospital Infectious Disease Endowment Grant, March 2012—Grant to organize HIV positive/Hepatitis C women’s conference with women’s breakout groups on behavioral health and behavioral health policy keynote speaker from SAMHSA OBHE Roslyn Holliday-Moore, $2,500.

Selected as APA HOPE Trainer (April, 2012).

Ian Villalta, MHSAS Fellow, is now a resident therapist at the Clinical Psychology Center, Arizona State University.

Publications


Sherry Wang, MHSAS Fellow

Publications


Grants, Awards, Fellowships

APA MFP Dissertation Grant $4,991.

John and Elaine Bath Fellowship Award UNL $1,500.

Graduate Student Fellowship UNL $1,500.

UNL John & Elaine Bath Award.

Courtney Warren, PhD, MHSAS Fellow, has been granted tenure and promoted to associate professor, Department of Psychology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
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**Grants, Awards, Fellowships**

2011 Theodore H. Blau Early Career Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Clinical Psychology. Awarded jointly by the American Psychological Foundation and the Society of Clinical Psychology (APA Division 12) to honor one psychologist annually for early career accomplishments in clinical psychology.

**Kristin Williams-Washington, PsyD, MHSAS Fellow,** graduated from the U.S. Army Clinical Psychology Residency Program (postdoc) and relocated with the Army from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, to Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center in Fort Hood, TX, for one year to assist with influx of returning soldiers.

**Publications**


**Sadie Willmon-Haque, PhD, MHSAS Fellow,** celebrated the birth of her daughter, Adora Sohailee Pambogo Haque, on May 26, 2011. She will complete her 2-year postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Indian Country Child Trauma Center in December 2012.

**Henry Wynne, MHSAS Fellow**

**Publications**


**Affiliate Awards**

Congratulations to the following MFP fellows for their achievements in APA affiliate organizations!

**Joyce Chu, PhD, MHSA Fellow,** 2012 Samuel L. Turner Early Career Award for Distinguished Contributions to Diversity in Clinical Psychology, APA Division 12

**He Chung, PhD, MHSAS Fellow,** 2012 Jane S. Halonen Teaching Excellence Award, APA Division 2

**David Ramirez, PhD, MHSAS Fellow,** 2012 Leadership Award, APA, Multicultural Concerns Committee of Division 39

**Cortney Warren, PhD, MHSAS Fellow,** 2011 Theodore H. Blau Early Career Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Clinical Psychology, APA Division 12
During the MFP’s Professional Development Workshop at the 2011 APA convention in Washington, DC, the new cohort of MFP fellows visited Safe Shores—The DC Children’s Advocacy Center. Safe Shores, founded in 1994, is a nonprofit private–public partnership that provides a coordinated and child-friendly approach to the investigation and prosecution of civil and criminal child abuse cases in the District of Columbia.

Before the founding of Safe Shores, child and adolescent victims in the District of Columbia were forced to undergo numerous repeat interviews with criminal justice professionals who often did not have the proper training or experience to work with traumatized youths at varied stages of development. This process not only further traumatized victims but also led to unreliable information that could prevent successful prosecutions of perpetrators and sometimes resulted in a victim’s being returned to the very individual by whom he or she had been abused.

Safe Shores was developed as an alternative approach in which multidisciplinary teams of professionals involved in the investigation and prosecution of child physical and sexual abuse collaborate to ensure that their combined efforts best serve the victims. The facility coordinates civil and criminal investigations, joint forensic interviews, trauma assessments, therapy, and pretrial support for child victims.

The visit to Safe Shores was coordinated with the help of Cheryl Boyce, PhD, an MFP fellow and a Safe Shores board member. Fellows and staff were given a tour of the facility by Safe Shores Clinical Services Director and APA Congressional Fellow Abyssinia Washington, MEd, PsyD. Fellows were impressed by the center’s cutting-edge treatment techniques and the staff’s commitment to serving child and adolescent victims of trauma effectively.

Fellows were also treated to a panel presentation by DC’s multidisciplinary team on child abuse investigation and prosecution. Representatives from the DC Child and Family Services Agency, the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, and several Safe Shores staff members explained their roles at the center and the benefits of a multidisciplinary team approach. Safe Shores staff also presented on several emerging trauma-informed treatment approaches used at the center and supplied the fellows with new directions to explore in their own clinical treatment methodologies.
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Useful Resources

Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network (ESIN)
An interdisciplinary setting for information about research and career development resources to early career (maximum of 8 years postgraduate school), nontenured social, behavioral, and natural scientists of color.
http://emergingscholars.net

JustGarciaHill (JGH)
A place where minority scientists can stay informed, create community, and make connections.
http://justgarciahill.org

National Postdoctoral Association (NPA)
The NPA provides a national voice for postdoctoral scholars.
www.nationalpostdoc.org

Useful Websites

www.apa.org/about/awards/index.aspx
This APA website lists possible funding resources for graduation students.

APA’s website for early career psychologists contains links to career information, licensure, an early career listserv, funding resources, ways to further your education, and other information.

www.finaid.org
The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid (Scholarships).

www.nas.edu
The National Academies website provides information on fellowship and postdoctoral training opportunities (on the NAS site, click on Fellowships & Postdocs).

www.drugabuse.gov
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

www.nimh.nih.gov
National Institute of Mental Health.

www.samhsa.gov
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
The Minority Fellowship Program in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services received 169 predoctoral and 5 postdoctoral applications this past January. Each application underwent intensive reviews to evaluate the applicant’s potential for a promising and productive career in mental health services. Fellows are chosen from among national applicants to receive financial support for up to 3 years of funding. Fellows also gain access to professional networks and lifelong support systems.

The staff and MFP Training Advisory Committee would like to congratulate our newly appointed fellows for the 2012–2013 academic year. We hope that their experience during their time with MFP is richly rewarding.

**CONGRATULATIONS, NEW FELLOWS!**

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Fellows (2012)

**Anjali Alimchandani** earned her MA in public policy from Harvard University and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in counseling psychology at New York University. She is committed to providing culturally competent treatment and passionate about developing substance abuse prevention and treatment interventions tailored to disenfranchised, vulnerable communities of color. Her priority is to address substance abuse problems within the larger context of mental health promotion and mental illness prevention and treatment with at-risk populations of color.

**Maria Cristina Cruza-Guet** received her PhD from Yale University School of Medicine and began a postdoctoral position at the same institution in 2010. She plans to specialize clinically in work with Hispanics with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders, engage in public sector initiatives that address disparities in access to mental health care among this population, and develop community-inclusive and peer-based interventions for them.

**Michelle Flores** earned her MA in psychology from the California State University, Los Angeles in 2009 and began pursuing her PhD in counseling psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign the same year. She is primarily interested in issues of race and racism toward Latinos in the United States, relating these constructs to minority mental health and substance abuse. She hopes to help clients of color build a self-sustaining “toolkit” of coping strategies so they do not resort to self-harming behaviors. She is also interested in examining the causes and effects of minority mental health disparities and in implementing programs that increase Latinos’ access to quality mental health services that are culturally and linguistically relevant.

**Jennifer Hsia** received her MS in biological sciences from the University of Notre Dame in 2007. She entered the clinical psychology doctoral program at the University of South Dakota in 2009. She is interested in increasing access to mental health services in rural communities, particularly for ethnic minority populations in these areas, and in issues involving ethnic minority children and their families. She hopes to work with the families and children who have mental illnesses to help them better cope and manage in their daily lives.

**Michaela McLaughlin** is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in psychology at the University of Minnesota. She earned her BA in psychology from St. Olaf College in 2010. She sees substance abuse prevention as intricately tied to substance abuse treatment and is interested in promoting mental health in an effort to prevent the development or worsening of mental illness and substance abuse.

**Randi Noel** graduated from Northeastern State University in 2008 with an MS in counseling psychology. She began the PhD program in counseling psychology at Oklahoma State University in 2009. She is interested in increasing the overall wellness of individuals, families, and communities by increasing the availability of effective mental health services and promoting community-based programs and systems of care and
partnering with other service providers, organizations, and family or community members when there are emotional, educational, family, and social needs.

**Alvina Rosales** received her MA in psychology from California State University, Los Angeles in 2008 and entered Georgia State University’s doctoral program in clinical psychology the same year. She has a strong interest in addressing behavioral health disparities in the United States both clinically and through research and hopes to help close the gap of behavioral health disparities by developing and adapting evidence-based treatments for underserved populations such as Latino and Latino immigrant populations. Her focus is on addressing childhood trauma and childhood experiences of life-threatening or chronic illness.

**Leah Squires** is scheduled to graduate in 2012 with her PhD in clinical psychology from Boston University and will begin a postdoctoral position at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC. She is interested in providing behavioral health and substance abuse services to diverse patient groups and the intersections between substance use and chronic health conditions.

**Jessica Turral** graduated with a BA in psychology from John Hopkins University in 2009 and will begin a doctoral program in psychology at Loyola University in 2012. She founded a nonprofit called Hand in Hand Baltimore that focuses on partnering with ethnic minority youth who were/are charged as adults while under 18 and are serving sentences in an adult facility. She is particularly interested in the correlation between mental health diagnosis, substance abuse, and criminal activity and in providing services to weaken this correlation.

**Angel Vasquez** began pursuing his doctoral degree in clinical psychology at the University of Alaska Anchorage in 2009. He received his MS in clinical psychology in 2012 from the same institution. His primary interests are addictions, health disparities, treatment provider effectiveness, and communitywide interventions for mental health and substance use disorders.

**Speshal Walker** attended the University of Connecticut and received her BS in psychology/women studies in 2008. She is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in clinical psychology at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Her interests lie in patient-centered resources for resilience and recovery; partnerships between consumers, providers, and policymakers in addressing mental health needs for diverse and underserved communities; trauma and recovery; and culturally sensitive treatment for women of color.

**Henry Wynne** graduated from Morehouse College in 2009 with a BA in psychology and began pursuing his doctoral degree in clinical psychology at Arizona State University in 2010. He is pursuing a career as a clinical psychologist focused on the promotion and prevention of mental health through interventions aimed at building resiliency with ethnic minority youth. His focus is on developing and implementing programs that can influence positive youth development, build resiliency, and reduce risky behaviors.

**Website:**

www.apa.org/pi/mfp
The MFP hosted its ninth annual Psychology Summer Institute (PSI) July 17–23, 2011, at APA in Washington, DC. PSI provides educational, professional development, and mentoring experiences to advanced doctoral students of psychology and psychologists who are in the early stages of their careers. Participants work toward developing a grant proposal, postdoctoral fellowship, dissertation, treatment program, publication, or program evaluation project. All projects focus on issues affecting ethnic minority communities. Participants receive one-on-one mentoring on their projects and attend seminars on selected topics such as grant writing, publishing, and specific areas of research or service delivery.

“Being able to stay connected with some of the program faculty and participants has been invaluable to me. I continue to obtain mentorship from the some of the faculty from the program and am also collaborating on a project with one of the participants from my year.”—PSI attendee

For more information: http://www.apa.org/pi/mfp/psychology/institute/index.aspx

By Kyra Kissam, PhD

PSI 2011 Participants

Shareefah Al’Uqdah, PhD
George Washington University
Bridging the Gap: Developing a Training Model to Increase Competency of Co-Occurring and Substance Abuse Disorders Within Psychologists

Elena de la Garza Bassett, MS
Northwestern University
Adverse Childhood Events Among Delinquent Youth and Risk of Substance Use Disorders in Young Adulthood

Caroline Bennett-AbuAyyash, MS
University of Western Ontario
“Welcoming America”: Examining the Effects of Grass-Roots Campaigning on Immigrant Integration

Laura Bava, PsyD
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Promoting Positive Health Outcomes Among Pediatric Latino Nephrology Patients Through Psychosocial Services

Taisha Caldwell, PhD
University of California Irvine Counseling Center
Are Your Retention Efforts “Just?” Using Principles of Social Justice to Foster Excellence in Underrepresented Students
Adrienne Carter-Sowell, PhD  
Texas A&M University  
Stigmatized, Marginalized, and Ostracized: The Measurement and Effects Over Time of Perceived Ostracism Experiences

Sasha Fleary, MS  
Texas A&M University  
A Parent-Focused Intervention to Increase Parent Health Literacy and Healthy Lifestyle Choices for Young Children and Families

Felysha Jenkins, MA  
North Carolina State University  
A Depression Intervention for African American Single Mothers: A Community-Based Approach

Kim Johnson, MS, MEd  
Virginia State University  
Predictors of Obesity in a Cross Section of African Americans: A Multifaceted and Longitudinal Approach

Marlen Kanagui-Munoz, PhD  
University of Missouri—Columbia  
The Development and Validation of a Scale for Cultural Wealth Coping With Latina/os

Torhonda Lee, PhD, CHES  
Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science’s Institute of Public Health  
Cultivating a Culturally Competent Public Health Workforce: Development and Implementation of a Continuing Education Curriculum

Jioni Lewis, PhD  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Construction and Initial Validation of the Gendered Racial Microaggressions Scale: An Exploration Among Black Women

Jordan Lewis, PhD  
University of Alaska, Fairbanks  
Relocating Health, Institutionalizing Stress: Alaska Native Elders and the Long-Term Care Facility

Debbie Ma, PhD  
University of Chicago  
Beyond Racial Disparities in Subjective Well-Being: Examining the Role of Racial Prototypicality in Black Mental Health

Roger McIntosh, MS  
Florida Atlantic University  
Neuropsychological and Electrophysiological Correlates of Emotion Regulation in HIV

Hillary Russell, PhD  
Sound Mental Health  
Affirming Black Families and Communities Program (ABCP)

Munyi Shea, PhD  
California State University, Los Angeles  
Parenting Influences on Bullying Involvement in Asian & Latino Immigrant Children

Emma Sterrett, MA  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
An Ecological Intervention Program to Prevent Delinquency and Increase Academic Achievement Among African American and Latino Adolescent Males

Shayna Sullivan, PhD  
Stanford University School of Education  
Mixed Signals: Negotiating Multiracial Identity in School Contexts

Nellie Tran, PhD  
University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Acculturative Expectations: Effects of Student Perceptions of Teacher Pressures to Acculturate

Kenneth Wang, PhD  
University of Missouri  
The Dark Side of Asian American Academic Achievement: A Mixed-Methods Study of Self and Family Perfectionism as Risk Factors for Suicidal Ideation

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www.apa.org/pi/mfp
Each year, the MFP is fortunate to draw members from our talented network of alumni to assist with the important task of reviewing hundreds of applications for new MFP fellowships by serving on the MFP Initial Review Committee (IRC). In 2012, the following alumni provided valuable assistance and expertise in this process.

Dr. Edna Acosta-Perez  
Behavioral Science Research Institute

Dr. Mona Amer  
Yale University School of Medicine

Dr. Maria Aranda  
Pinellas County School System

Dr. Rosa Arriaga  
Southern New Hampshire University

Dr. Christina Boelter  
University of Kentucky

Dr. Loretta Braxton  
VA Medical Center, Durham, NC

Dr. Gerard Bryant  
Federal Bureau of Prisons/Northeast Regional Office

Dr. Ashley Butler  
University of Florida

Dr. Elsa Cardalda  
Carlos Albizu University

Dr. Donna Castaneda  
San Diego State University

Dr. Frank Castro  
Veterans Affairs, National Center for PTSD

Dr. Mathilda Catarina  
William Patterson University

Dr. Anthony Chambers  
Northwestern University

Dr. Anne Chan  
Independent Practice

Dr. Judy Chu  
East Los Angeles College

Dr. Uraina Clark  
Brown University

Dr. Donelda Cook  
Loyola College–Baltimore

Dr. Shauna Cooper  
University of South Carolina

Dr. Rosalie Corona  
Virginia Commonwealth University

Dr. Margaret Cortese  
Independent Practice

Dr. Eric John David  
University of Alaska Anchorage

Dr. Maribelle de la Torre  
Familias Capaces (Capable Families)

Dr. Tiara Dillworth  
University of Washington

Dr. Julie Dorton  
Oklahoma State University Counseling Services

Dr. Crystal Evans  
Blackfeet Family Wellness Center

Dr. Carolyn Fang  
Fox Chase Cancer Center

Dr. Bryana French  
University of Maryland

Dr. Jennifer Friday  
The Friday Consulting Group, LLC

Dr. Ayorkor Gaba  
Women’s Treatment Project

Dr. Larry Gant  
University of Michigan

Dr. Christina Gee  
George Washington University

Dr. Beverly Goodwin  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Martin Harris  
Chicago School, Southern California

Dr. Joseph Horvat  
Weber State University

Dr. Connie Hunt  
Indian Health Services

Dr. Denise Jackson  
Northeastern University

Dr. Hollie Jones  
Medgar Evers College, CUNY

Dr. Chisina Kapungu  
University of Illinois at Chicago

Dr. Abesie Kelly  
Arkansas Dept. of Corrections

Dr. Grace Kim  
Wheelock College

Dr. Sharon Kirkland-Gordon  
University of Maryland

Dr. Eric Kohatsu  
California State University, Los Angeles

Dr. Debbiesiu Lee  
University of Miami

Dr. Cindy Liu  
McLean Harvard Medical School

Dr. Frank Martinez  
Iowa State University

Dr. Micah McCreary  
Virginia Commonwealth University

Dr. Donna Nagata  
University of Michigan

Dr. Quang (Charles) Nguyen  
Debakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Dr. Lorie Nicholas  
U.S. Department of Justice
MFP Fellows are encouraged to pursue extra training experiences to help enhance their future careers. In the following three articles, three of our fellows share their experiences at recent conferences.

Elizabeth Terrazas Carrillo, MHSAS Fellow

I attended the 29th Winter Roundtable at Teachers College, Columbia University, and was deeply affected by one of the paper sessions. The conference itself offered a wealth of information on relevant issues related to the study of minorities, but this one paper session made me stop and revise my assumptions about culture in the West. The paper presentation was “The Psychological Impact of Christian Colonization Upon Native Americans,” presented by Dr. Jill Hill, Dr. Rockey Robbins, Shannon Hacket, Case Beveridge, and Shannon Beach. Their research was qualitative in nature, and it critically reviewed the effects of Christian evangelism on Native American communities.

I listened to their account of the trials faced by Native Americans and how Native American children were sent to boarding schools where they were Christianized. I learned about their struggle to keep their traditions and respect the traditions of those who subjugated them. It was interesting to hear the quotes from participants in their research, people who actively tried to merge their native roots with Christianity, as well as those who shunned Christianity and chose to honor only their native traditions.

Some faithful Christian students during this session appeared offended by the content of the presentation, almost resenting a personal attack on their faith. But my own Christian beliefs did not blind me to the reality this research exposes: Conquerors impose their religious beliefs
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on the conquered. The same has happened throughout history. I think the debate settled when one of the presenters talked about an agreement between native tribes in the northern U.S. and Canada, where they decided to go about their own way, even though they were going in the same direction. Another presenter summed it all up by saying, “We just want to keep our own traditions.”

We should always keep this in mind as we strive to conduct culturally sensitive research and provide culturally appropriate services to ethnic minorities: Let us respect the individual’s own spiritual way even if we are going in the same direction, let us not assume that we know what struggles they have encountered as members of a minority group, and let us challenge our own unspoken assumptions about our heritage, our history, and our beliefs.

Jennifer Hsia, MHSAS Fellow

This past year, the conference that had the greatest impact on me was the 2011 National Association of Rural Mental Health Conference. I learned about the current state and future directions of rural behavioral health practice and research, such as the role of integrated care and telehealth. I also learned about the behavioral health needs of rural communities and the government funding that is available to address these needs. There were also many networking opportunities where I met influential figures in the area of rural mental health.

At this conference, I presented a subset of the results from my master’s thesis comparing farm family values to those of mainstream American families and immigrant families. As a result of my paper presentation, I was invited to present a poster at the 3rd Annual Rural Behavioral Health Practice Conference that was held at the University of Minnesota—Morris in September 2011. Moreover, I was invited to publish the results of my study in the Journal of Rural Mental Health. At the Rural Behavioral Health Practice Conference, I had the opportunity to meet the keynote speaker, who recommended a postdoctoral fellowship that is available at his institution should I consider applying to in the future.

Thus, attending this conference augmented my knowledge and was important for my professional development. In particular, I obtained a thorough overview of the rural behavioral health field and its unique challenges and benefits. I came to appreciate the great need for behavioral health services in rural areas and the dynamics of practicing in rural communities. With respect to my professional development, this conference provided opportunities such as an additional conference presentation, potential avenues for publication, and networking with key figures in the field. All of this information will help inform my future career direction.

Michelle Flores, MHSAS Fellow

This past year, I attended the Dennis H. May Diversity Conference at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. This annual conference centers on a particular theme, and scholars and students from other universities are invited to come to Illinois and present on their research or area of expertise. Although this is a small conference, it was a milestone for me in a professional and personal way.

Professionally, this conference was the first opportunity that I have been given to present in front of the people who trained me. I presented on clinical work with Latino students on campus, and my audience was predominantly composed of the supervisors who had trained me. The comments I received after the presentation were overwhelmingly positive. My former clinical supervisors told me how much they saw my clinical confidence and competence shine through via my words and case examples. Some even told me that they had taken away valuable therapeutic techniques on how to work with Latinos. To be able to inspire the people who invested so much time and energy on me was very significant and professionally rewarding.

Personally, I never thought I excelled at conveying scientific knowledge to a group of people; the thought of doing so made me nervous and overwhelmed. Presenting at a conference whose main goal is to promote diversity in thinking and education gave me the flexibility to try out my own style of presenting. I found that making “friends” with my audience was conducive to more personalized discussions. Since my presentation topic mainly centered on the construct of racial identity, I found the intimate discussion even more fulfilling.

Even though the Dennis H. May Diversity Conference does not compare in magnitude to national or international conferences, I still find it to be one of the most memorable conferences to date. I was thankful personally and professionally for the intimacy and welcoming nature of this conference, and I would recommend that any student attend one.

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**MFP EVENTS**

**APA Annual Convention, Orlando, FL**

**August 2–5, 2012**

**New Fellows’ Professional Development Workshop**

Wednesday and Thursday, August 1–2  
8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  
Peabody Orlando Hotel, MFP Suite

**MFP Fellows and Alumni Networking Breakfast**

Friday, August 3  
8:00–10:00 a.m.  
Peabody Orlando Hotel, MFP Suite  
The purpose of this meeting is to foster continued networking with other fellows and to discuss MFP’s future.

**MFP Dissertation Symposium**  
*New Directions in Ethnic Minority Research*  
Friday, August 3  
12:00–1:50 p.m.  
Orange County Convention Center, Room W304F  
Chair: Andrew Austin-Dailey, MDiv, MS  
Discussant: Mario Hernandez, PhD, Professor and Chair, Department of Child and Family Studies, University of South Florida  
Participants  
Telsie Davis, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Emory University School of Medicine  
“Removing a Barrier to Widen the Door to Recovery: Working Alliance Development With African American Women Substance Abusers”  
Freda Liu, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Seattle Children’s Hospital  
“Chinese American Adolescents’ Cultural Frameworks: A Person-Centered Approach to Examining Effects of Perceived Parenting”  
Natalia Palacios, PhD, Assistant Professor, Curry School of Education, University of Virginia  
“Immigration, Child Development, and Early Education in the Twenty-First Century”

**MFP Achievement Awards, Poster Session, and Social Hour**  
Friday, August 3  
6:00–7:50 p.m.  
Peabody Orlando Hotel, Orlando Ballroom N  
This is a great networking opportunity for you to meet many MFP alumni and ethnic minority psychologists.

**MFP Breakfast for Faculty**

Saturday, August 4  
8:00–10:00 a.m.  
Peabody Orlando Hotel, MFP Suite  
This is a time for advisors, chairs, and training directors of currently funded MFP fellows to learn about the MFP process and discuss program issues.

**MFP Special Interest Symposium**  
*Journeys to Leadership: Ethnic Minority Men in Psychology Share Their Stories*  
Saturday, August 4  
2:00–3:50 p.m.  
Orange County Convention Center, Room W108A  
Chair: James M. Jones Jr., PhD, Professor, University of Delaware  
Participants  
Fred Leong, PhD, Director, Consortium for Multicultural Psychology Research, Michigan State University  
Thomas Parham, PhD, Assistant Vice Chancellor, University of California, Irvine

MFP FELLOWS’ PRESENTATIONS

Cheryl Anne Boyce, PhD, MHSAS Fellow
Food for Thought (APAGS and Division 12, Section VI): Building Federal and Research Careers in Psychology
Thursday, August 2, 2012
7:30–8:50 a.m.
Peabody Orlando Hotel, APAGS Suite

Symposium (Division 50): From Innovations in Neuroscience to Innovations for Adolescent Drug Abuse Treatment (Cochair)
Thursday, August 2, 2012
10:00–11:50 a.m.
Orange County Convention Center, Room W105A

Discussion (Division 12, Section VI; and Division 45): Racially Diverse Investigators and Research Careers—Psychologists Respond to the 2011 Science Article (Cochair)
Thursday, August 2, 2012
1:00–2:50 p.m.
Orange County Convention Center, Room W303B

Symposium (Division 12, Section VI): Successful Strategies for Diversity and Health Disparities Research in Addiction and Mental Health (Chair)
Friday, August 3, 2012
10:00–11:50 a.m.
Orange County Convention Center, Room W205A

Anthony Chambers, PhD, MHSAS Fellow
Symposium: Competency-Based Training in Couple and Family Therapy (Chair)
“Clinically Useful, Transtheoretical Model for Conceptualizing Couples: The Four-Session Evaluation”
Saturday, August 4, 2012
10:00–11:50 a.m.
Orange County Convention Center, Room W109A

Jennifer Hsia, MHSAS Fellow
Poster Session: “Depressive Symptoms in Farmers and Ranchers: A Comparative Study”
Thursday, August 2, 2012
12:00–12:50 p.m.
Orange County Convention Center, West Hall A4-B3

Jeffery Mio, PhD, MHSAS Fellow
Poster Session: “Participant-Generated Responses During Obama’s First Year in Office”
Friday, August 3, 2012
4:00–4:50 p.m.
Orange County Convention Center, West Hall A4-B3

Symposium: Empirical Data on Tiger Parenting—Parent–Child Relationships and the Asian Model Minority Myth (Chair)
Sunday, August 5, 2012
11:00 a.m.–12:50 p.m.
Orange County Convention Center, Room W304B

Quyen Tiet, PhD, MHSAS Fellow
Poster Session: “Committing Acts of Purposeful Harm and Substance Use in Combat Veterans”
Friday, August 3, 2012
10:00-10:50 a.m.
Orange County Convention Center, West Hall A4-B3

Poster Session: “Suicide and Moral Injury Among Combat Veterans”
Friday, August 3, 2012
11:00-11:50 a.m.
Orange County Convention Center, West Hall A4-B3
**Michele Vella, MHSAS Fellow**

**Poster Session** (Division 35): Feminist Psychology for Change—Intervention and Prevention

“From Abject to Empowered: Feminist Interventions for Latina Women With HIV and/or Hepatitis C”

Friday, August 3, 2012
12:00–12:50 p.m.
Orange County Convention Center, West Hall A4-B3

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**Skill-Building Session** (Division 45): Reducing Disparity, Increasing African American Student Success—HBCU-CFE Behavioral Health Model (Chair)

Saturday, August 4, 2012
10:00–11:50 a.m.
Orange County Convention Center, Room W311A

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**Recovery to Practice Initiative Special Convention Events**

With support from SAMHSA, APA has launched a new Recovery to Practice initiative designed to develop a curriculum for training professional psychologists in recovery approaches to work with individuals with behavioral health disorders, including serious mental illnesses. The initiative is an outgrowth of increasing recognition that recovery is an attainable outcome. Given the emphasis in the health care reform legislation on providing interventions that are outcome oriented and evidence based, and given APA’s strategic initiative to expand psychology’s role in advancing health, the move to approaches that promote recovery is necessary if psychology is to remain a viable health care discipline in the years to come.

**The Role of Psychologists in the Health Care Reform Environment**

Friday, August 3
9:00–9:50 a.m.
Orange County Convention Center, Room W304G
Sponsor: Division 17
Chair: Peter Ashenden, Director of Consumer Affairs, Optum Health
Participants
Allen S. Daniels, EdD, Behavioral Health Consultant
Arthur C. Evans Jr., PhD, Commissioner, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services

The participants will discuss the following issues: the 2005 Institute of Medicine report entitled *Improving the Quality of Health Care for Mental and Substance Use Conditions*; updates since the report was released; a proposed framework for health care delivery; the role of recovery in health reform; and an agenda for the future of health care.

**Perspectives on the Emerging Recovery Framework: Opportunities and Implications for Psychological Practice, Research, and Policy**

Saturday, August 4
11:00 a.m.–12:50 p.m.
Orange County Convention Center, Room W110B
Sponsor: Division 12
Chair: Marianne D. Farkas, ScD, Director of Training, Boston University Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation
Participants
Aaron T. Beck, MD (via videoconference), Professor Emeritus, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Psychiatry
Larry Davidson, PhD, Professor of Psychology, Yale University, Department of Psychiatry
Arthur C. Evans Jr., PhD, Commissioner, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services
Michael T. Flaherty, PhD, Founder and Senior Consultant, Institute for Research, Education, and Training in Addictions
Courtenay M. Harding, PhD, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons

The participants will discuss the integration of a recovery-oriented framework from the perspectives of practice, research, systems transformation, and a psychologist in recovery.
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