

Committee on Women in Psychology
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Mission

There shall be a Committee on Women in Psychology that shall concern itself with furthering the major purpose of the APA -- "to advance psychology as a science and a profession and as a means of promoting health, education and human welfare" -- by ensuring that women in all their diversity achieve equality within the psychological community and in the larger society, nationally and globally in order that all human resources be fully actualized. Its mission shall be to function as a catalyst by means of interacting with and making recommendations to the various parts of the APA's governing structure, to the APA's membership, and particularly to the Society for the Psychology of Women, the Association for Women in Psychology, and other relevant organizations, including groups whose missions address the status of women. Specifically, the committee will undertake the following priority tasks: (a) collection of information and documentation concerning the status of women; (b) development of recommendations relevant to women; (c) monitoring the implementation of guidelines and recommendations from reports issued by APA that are relevant to women; (d) development of mechanisms to increase the participation of women in roles and functions both within and outside the profession; (e) ongoing communications with other agencies and institutions regarding the status of women; and (f) monitoring current issues relevant to the lives of women in order to inform policy.

Meeting Dates

CWP convened an in-person meeting for the Spring Consolidated Meetings on Friday, March 22 – Saturday, March 23. The remainder of the Spring agenda was divided among monthly conference calls.

CWP convened conference call meetings in April, May, June, July, September, October, November and December.

Membership

Meghna Patel, PhD, ABPP, 2024 Chair (2022-2024)
Michelle Ritter-Santana, EdS, LPC, 2024 Vice Chair (2022-2024)
Lauren Rodriguez DiPaolo, PhD (2024-2025)
Jioni Lewis, PhD, 2024 Chair-elect (2023-2025)
Nicole Lozano, PhD (2024-2026)
Aysha Najjab, PhD (2024-2026)

Staff Liaison: Tanya Burrwell

Statement of Diversity Representation within the Committee

The 2024 Committee membership included two Latinx women, one African American Woman, one Asian American woman, one Middle Eastern North African woman and one white woman, one of which openly identifies as a lesbian psychologist.

The geographic diversity of the members included two members who reside in the Southwest region, one member who resides in the MidAtlantic region, one member who resides in the Southeast region, and two members who reside in the Northeast region of the country.

Major Activities

There was a total of 26 activities that the Committee on Women in Psychology (CWP) participated or initiated in 2024

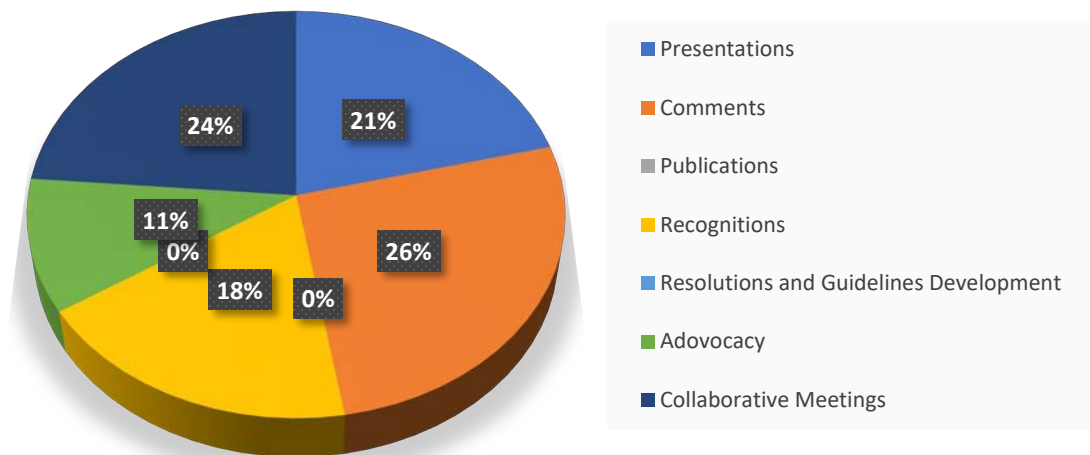
Table 1

Type of Activities	# of Activities
Presentations	3
Comments	9
Publications	1
Recognitions	4
Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development	0
Advocacy	4
Collaborative Meetings	5

Figure 1

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Committee on Women in Psychology (2023) Activities



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Presentations

Presentation #1

On August 10th, CWP, along with CEMA, CSOGD, APA Advocacy, APAGS-CSOGD, APAGS-CARED and Division 45 (Society for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Culture), convened the 2024 CEMA Networking Breakfast and panel discussion, “Intersectionality and Advocacy in Psychology.” Presenters represented members from CEMA, CSOGD, CWP and APA Advocacy. CWP Chair elect, Dr. Jioni Lewis served as a panelist for the discussion.

Presentation #2

On Monday, August 1th, CWP convened the annual CWP Network Meeting (hosted virtually via Zoom). The meeting was chaired by 2024 CWP Chair-elect, Dr. Jioni Lewis and included invited representatives from the APA Divisions and SPTAs. The discussion topic for the meeting was “Advocating for Women’s Health Across the Lifespan.”

Presentation #3

The 2024 CWP Chair-elect, Dr. Jioni Lewis presented the CWP Leadership Awards during the Division 35 – Society for the Psychology of Women Awards Ceremony in Seattle, WA.

Comments

CWP reviewed the following items with implications for women and provided feedback and comments as necessary.

Comm #1

APA Inclusive Language Guidelines (revision)

Comm #2

NBI 11C: Resolution on Supporting Psychologists’ Education and Research about, and Advocacy against Violations of Girls’ and Women’s Human Rights Globally

Comm #3

Resolution on the Secure Storage of Firearms and Lethal Means Safety Strategies to Prevent Suicides

Comm #4

NBI Trauma Recovery Resolution

Comm #5

Resolution on the Psychological Needs of Children Exposed to Disasters

Comm #6

Committee on Aging (CONA) revised *Resolution on Ageism*

Comm #7

AIMM Foundational Document

Comm #8

NBI Process Survey

Comm #9

CWP submitted a proposal to BAPPI and the Board of Directors to establish a task force to revise and update the *Report of the Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls* to incorporating new research, expand the intersectionality and inclusiveness of the report, incorporate a system-level perspective, and address the impact of social media on the issue (work expected for 2025).

Publications**Pub#1**

CWP 50th Anniversary: Follow up

Following the 50th anniversary activities in 2023, current and former members CWP members Drs. Lisa Flores, Jameta Barlow and Jioni Lewis are serving as guest co-editors on a special issue for the Journal of Women & Therapy, which will commemorate CWPs 50th Anniversary and will serve to honor our foremothers and sisters who have initiated and sustained a movement within APA to centralize diverse women's issues.

Recognitions

The 2024 CWP Leadership Awards were presented to the following:

Rec#1

Lisa Y. Flores, PhD, for distinguished leadership for women in psychology.

Rec#2

Sandra Shullman, PhD, for distinguished leadership for women in psychology.

Rec#3

Tiffany O'Shaughnessy, PhD, for distinguished leadership for women in psychology.

Rec#4

Laurel B. Watson, PhD, for emerging leadership for women in psychology.

Advocacy**Adv #1**

CWP members contributed subject-matter expertise toward the APA response to the Federal Register: Solicitation for Public Comments on Questions from the Task Force on Maternal Mental Health.

Adv #2

CWP Member Nicole Lozana participated in Division 12: Interdivisional Call on Reproductive Justice/Rights.

Adv #3

On September 27, CWP participated in a virtual advocacy training address maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders. Following the training, Advocacy staff scheduled virtual Hill visits for members with their local representatives.

Adv #4

CWP has allotted time on each monthly meeting agenda for a member Advocacy (Ms. Krysta Jones) to provide updates and requests on legislative issues related to women.

Collaborative Meetings**CM#1**

CWP convened monthly conference call meetings in February, April, May, June, August, September, October, November, and December. *Meeting guests included BAPPI liaison Barbara Kamholz, and APA Advocacy.

CM#2

CWP convened its annual Network Breakfast Meeting virtually on Monday, August 12th. The meeting, which was chaired by 2024 Chair-elect, Dr. Jioni Lewis, included 20 representatives from Divisions/SPTAs and other interested parties. The presentation topic for the meeting was "Women's Health Across the Lifespan."

CM#3

CWP members participated in a series of planning meetings with CEMA, CSOGD, APA Advocacy, APAGS-CSOGD, APAGS-CARED and Division 45 regarding the coordination for the CEMA Breakfast meeting and panel discussion.

CM #4

CWP Chair-elect Dr. Jioni Lewis, and members Drs. Nicole Lozano and Aysha Najjab, served as the CWP representatives attending the Addressing Population Health via Mental Health Technology Virtual Summit.

CM #5

CWP Chair-elect, Dr. Jioni Lewis participated in the 2-part BAPPI workshops, Human Rights Framework Strategy Sessions in October 2024.