

Committee on Women in Psychology
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American Psychological Association

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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 hybrid meeting for the Spring Consolidated Meetings on Friday, March 17 – Saturday, March 18. The remainder of the Spring agenda was divided among monthly conference calls.

CWP convened conference call meetings in January, February, April, May (working), June, July (working meeting), August, September (working meeting), October, November (working meeting) and December.

Membership

Marie Mesidor, PhD, 2023 Chair
Erin Fettes, PsyD, 2023 Vice Chair
Meghna Patel, PhD, ABPP, 2023 Chair-elect
Michelle Ritter-Santana, EdS, LPC, 2023 Vice Chair-elect
Joni Lewis, PhD
Elizabeth Terrazas-Carrillo, PhD

Staff Liaison: Tanya Burrwell

Statement of Diversity Representation within the Committee

The 2023 Committee included one Latinx woman, two African American Women, one Asian American woman, and two white women, two of whom are openly identified as lesbian psychologists.

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

Major Activities

There was a total of 39 activities that the Committee on Women in Psychology (CWP) participated or initiated in 2023

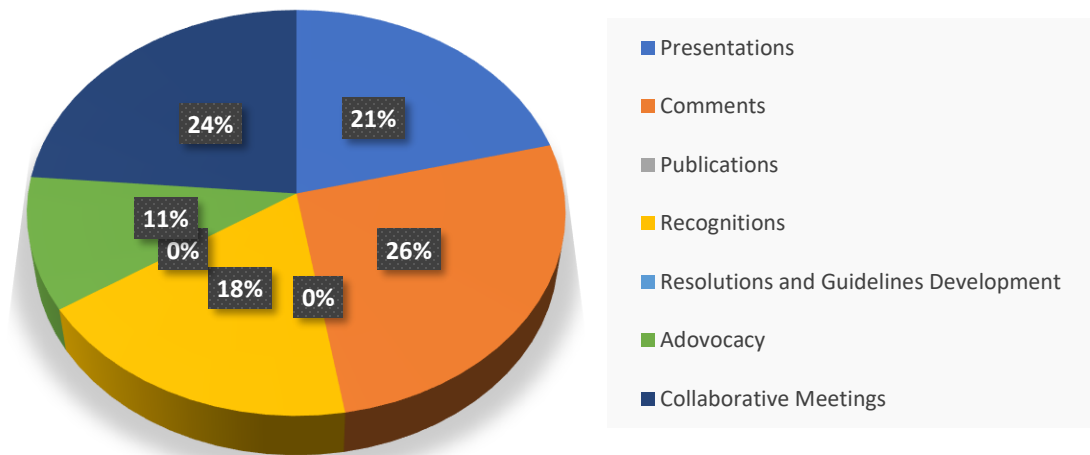
Table 1

Type of Activities	# of Activities
Presentations	
Comments	
Publications	
Recognitions	
Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development	
Advocacy	
Collaborative Meetings	

Figure 1

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Committee on Women in Psychology (2023) Activities



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Presentations

Presentation #1

BSD Webinar in collaboration with the Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity, Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs and APA Advocacy. *Social Change: Advocacy through Social Media* (January 19th). The recording of the webinar is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKzQ78i_hag. It includes an introduction and welcome by APA President Thema S. Bryant, an introduction to social media for professional use by guest Anna Kerns, and an overview of the mechanics of using social media for advocacy by Stefanie Reeves, Deputy Chief of Public Policy & Engagement.

Presentation #2

BSD Webinar in collaboration with the Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity, Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs and APA Advocacy. *Social Justice: State Human Rights Advocacy* (February 16th). The recording of the webinar is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Nq1rr---gE>. It also included APA President Thema S. Bryant, Past President, Frank Worrell, and Kelly Vaillancourt, Director of Public Policy & Advocacy for the National Association of School Psychologists. Discussion included Wing Li Chen (CEMA), Jioni A. Lewis, (CWP), and Taymy Caso, PhD (CSOGD). There were 453 registrants and 176 attendees representing 17 countries.

Presentation #3

Webinar: CWP: 50 Years of Activism in APA – Past Meets Present (March 27th)

A cross-generational conversation reflecting on over five decades of activism and paying homage to those who paved the way for current and future generations. Introduction by APA President and former member, Dr. Thema Bryant. Panelists included former CWP members Drs. Lillian Comas-Diaz, Gwendolyn Keita, and Nancy Felipe Russo, as well as 2023 members Drs. Marie Mesidor, Meghna Patel, Michelle Ritter Santana, Jioni Lewis and Elizabeth Terrazas-Carrillo.

Presentation #4

Symposium: *Igniting Research, Policy and Praxis of Black Perinatal Mental Health*

Friday, August 4, 9:00 am – 10:50 am

Location: Walter E. Robinson Convention Center, Level 1, Room 156

Presenters: Jameta Barlow, PhD, MPH; Jioni Lewis, PhD; Karen Sheffield-Abdullah, PhD, RN, CMN

Sponsor: Division 35: Society for the Psychology of Women

Presentation #5

CWP Network Meeting (Hosted virtually via Zoom)

Date: Monday, July 31st
Time: 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Discussion topic -- CWP: 50 Years of Passion and Progress
Chair: Meghna Patel, PhD, ABPP, 2023 CWP Chair-elect

Presentation #6

Division 18, Diversity Committee Social Hour - *Contributions of Division 18 members who served on CWP.*

Date: Thursday, August 3

Time: 12:00 - 12:50 pm

Sponsor: Division 18: Psychologists in Public Service - Diversity Committee

Location: Division 18 Hospitality Suite, Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown, Vice Presidential Suite

Presentation #7

Critical Conversation: Celebrating 50 Years of the Committee on Women in Psychology

Date: Friday, August 4:

Time: 1:00 – 1:50 pm

Chair(s): 2022 CWP Chair, Dr. Lisa Flores and 2023 CWP Chair, Marie Mesidor

Panelists: Dr. Nancy Felipe Russo, Dr. Gwendolyn Keita, Dr. Laura Brown, and Dr. Jameta N. Barlow

Location: Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1, Room 154B

Sponsor: Division 35: Society for the Psychology of Women

Presentation #8

Division 35 – Society for the Psychology of Women Awards Ceremony

Date: August 5, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

*Presentation of the CWP Leadership Awards by CWP Chair Marie Mesidor, PhD.

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

Call for Comments: 2023 Revised Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Older Adults

Comm #3

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

Comm #4

Proposed Resolution Opposing Involuntary Individual Isolation of Youth in Carceral and Detention Settings

In compliance with the P&P Five Year Policy Review, CWP reviewed and provided feedback/comment on the following policies:

Comm #5

Resolution on Pregnant and Postpartum Adolescent Girls and Women with Substance-Related Disorders

Comm #6

Resolution On Male Violence Against Women

Comm #7

Resolution on Human Trafficking in the United States, Especially of Women and Girls

Comm #8

Abortion (1980)

Comm #9

Abortion (1989)

Comm #10

Resolution on Campus Sexual Assault

Recognitions**CWP Leadership Awards****Recognition #1**

Gwendolyn Puryear Keita, PhD, Distinguished Leader for Women in Psychology

Recognition #2

Nancy Felipe Russo, PhD, Distinguished Leader for Women in Psychology

Recognition #3

Laura Brown, PhD, Distinguished Leader for Women in Psychology

Recognition #4

Shavonne Moore-Lobhan, PhD, Emerging Leader for Women in Psychology

Other Recognition:***Recognition #5***

Tanya Burrwell, Special Recognition for contributions to the Committee on Women in Psychology

Recognition #6

Committee on Women in Psychology, presentation of a Presidential Citation in recognition of 50 year of service by APA President Dr. Thema Bryant.

Recognition #7

APA Council of Representatives Meeting - CWP Recognition presented by 2023 APA President Thema Bryant, PhD

Advocacy***Adv #1***

CWP member Dr. Jioni Lewis served as the CWP representative on the Maternal Health Advisory Group, a collective of stakeholders dedicated to the elimination of maternal health disparities and the improvement of perinatal maternal health and mental health care outcomes for all women, with a particular emphasis on Black, Indigenous and other women of color, and women in underserved communities. The MHAG is a partnership between APA Advocacy and the Women's Portfolio. *The MHAG was sunset in May 2023

Adv #2

CWP Member Elizabeth Terrazas-Carrillo provided comments and feedback for the APA coordinated response to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) RFI on violence against women.

Adv #3

CWP Chair, Dr. Marie Mesidor, participated in the Division 12: Advocacy Task Force – Interdivisional Meeting on Reproductive Rights/Justice.

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 Chair, Marie Mesidor, PhD, attended the SPW Mid-winter Executive Committee meeting on February 12th – 13th via virtual platform.

CM#2

CWP Chair, Marie Mesidor, PhD, attended the February 2023 Women's Caucus of APA Council meeting.

CM#3

The CWP 50th Anniversary Planning Committee met in January, February, March, May, and June. Planning committee members include current and former CWP members: Laura Brown, PhD, Erin Fettes, Lisa Flores, Gwendolyn Puryear Keita, Marie Mesidor, Michelle Ritter-Santana, and Nancy Felipe Russo.

CM#4

CWP convened an in-person meeting for the Spring Consolidated Meetings on Friday, March 17 – Saturday, March 18. Guests (both virtual and in-person) included members from the Board of Directors, APA Communications, Advocacy, EDI, and liaisons from Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest, Policy & Planning Board, Membership Board, Division 17, Division 40.

CM#5

CWP Chair, Dr. Marie Mesidor attended the August 2023 SPW Executive Meeting via virtual platform.

CM#6

CWP convened its annual Network Breakfast Meeting virtually on Monday, July 31, 2023. The meeting, which was chaired by 2023 Vice Chair-elect, Dr. Meghna Patel, included 27 representatives from Divisions/SPTAs and other interested parties. The presentation topic for the meeting was "Psychologists Role in Reproductive Justice."

CM#7

CWP Chair, Dr. Marie Mesidor, attended the August 2023 meeting of the Women's Caucus of APA Council.

CM#8

In January, June, and November 2023, CWP Chair, Marie Mesidor, PhD, participated in meetings organized by the HRT, Women's Portfolio, which included leadership from the Division 35- Society for the Psychology of Women, Women's Caucus of the APA Council, the APA Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology.

CM#9

CWP convened monthly conference call meetings in February, April, June, August, October, and December. Working meetings were added for May and November. *Meeting guests

included BAPPI Liaison Arpana Inman, as well as staff from Advocacy and Communications. (*partial attendance).

CM#10

Women's Caucus member Dr. Jennifer Smith met with CWP to address any questions and/or concerns related to the proposed Resolution on Supporting Psychologists' Education and Research about, and Activism against Violations of Girls' and Women's Human Rights Globally, as well as discuss future opportunities for CWP and the Women's Caucus to support and collaborate between groups on initiatives.