



**Committee on Psychological Tests and Assessment (CPTA)
Draft Record of Meeting
March 17-18, 2023**

Members Present:

Bethany Bynum, PhD, Nadya Fouad, PhD, Giselle Hass, PhD, Bryn Harris, PhD (virtual),
Radhika Krishnamurthy, PsyD, ABAP, Brian Leventhal, PhD, Maria Marquine, PhD,
Kyndra Middleton, PhD, Stephen Stark, PhD

Members Absent:

None

APA Staff:

Marianne Ernesto, Adrienne Stith-Butler, PhD

Guests:

Luz M. Garcini, PhD, APA Board of Directors

Operationally Related Committee Business

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Bynum welcomed members of the Committee, APA staff and guests attending in-person and virtually to the meeting.

CPTA's Role within APA (Power Point Slide Presentation)

CPTA's staff liaison, Ms. Marianne Ernesto reviewed a slide presentation detailing CPTA's role within APA with members of the Committee.

Review of Meeting Agenda

Dr. Bynum reviewed the proposed agenda for the meeting with members of the Committee.

Review and Approval of the Minutes of the December 9, 2022 CPTA Meeting/Call

The members of CPTA re-confirmed their approval of the minutes of the December 9, 2022 CPTA meeting/call.

On-going CPTA Sponsored Projects - Status Reports/Updates

**APA Div. 5 (Quantitative and Qualitative Methods) Symposium at APA 2022 Convention
Aligned Group Conference Participation Opportunities**

Dr. Leventhal noted that the Division 5 sponsored symposium, “Incorporating EDI perspectives into quantitative methodology teaching, practice, and research” was accepted and will be conducted at the upcoming APA Convention August 3-5 in Washington, D.C. Drs. Leventhal and Bynum reaffirmed that Dr. Bynum will serve as the symposium chair.

APA Task Force on Race Norming (TFRN)

Dr. Marquine (chair, TFRN) provided members of the Committee with an update on the activities of the Task Force. She mentioned that the group’s response to its first charge was almost complete, and a recommendation would be sent to the APA Board of Directors (BOD) in the next two weeks. She noted that the Task Force would be reaching out to CPTA for feedback as they develop their response to their second charge, a recommendation related to the development of an APA sponsored research agenda focused on race norming. An issue she noted that the group would be considering, that could benefit from CPTA’s input, involved the issue of the lack of utility of cognitive testing with minoritized populations.

Board of Professional Affairs (BPA) Masters’ Title and Scope in Health Service Psychology (HSP) Working Group

Dr. Krishnamurthy, who is CPTA’s representative to the HSP Working Group, updated members of the Committee on the activities of the Group. After considerable discussion concerning the issue of master’s level practitioners providing testing and assessment related services, it was determined that Dr. Krishnamurthy would verbally present the following statement to the members of the Working Group on behalf of CPTA:

“The members of the Committee on Psychological Tests and Assessment (CPTA) affirm that psychological testing and assessment are highly complex activities that have significant impact on recipients of these services and therefore require extensive graduate-level education, supervised training, and clinical judgement. Based on this, CPTA recommendation is that any psychological testing and assessment work by master’s level practitioners should be under the supervision of doctoral-level licensed psychologists.”

Status of Tablet Assessment Proposal

After a discussion concerning the status of activities related to the tablet assessment project (which was originally proposed and led by past CPTA chair, Dr. Scott Graves), members of the Committee determined that the project should not continue due to limited progress to date, and lack of interest by current Committee members to continue the initiative without the leadership/participation of Dr. Graves.

CPTA Sponsored Work Activities

Revision of the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing*

Ms. Ernesto led members of the Committee in a review of current and proposed activities related to the revision of the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing*. Members of the Committee approved submission of their comments in response to the AERA/NCME survey questions distributed for their review and response in February to the *Standards* Management Committee for consideration. They also discussed and confirmed chapter assignments, timelines, and guiding review questions (see attached file) in anticipation of the upcoming APA governance sponsored review of the *Standards* document.

Development of Advocacy Statement on Standardized Testing

Ms. Ernesto led members of the Committee in a discussion related to the Committee's participation in the development of a statement sponsored by the APA Advocacy Directorate concerning standardized testing in grades K-12. After discussion about what APA sponsored material is currently available on the topic, it was determined that Advocacy staff would be asked to review the *Code of Fair Testing Practices in Education* and the statement, *Appropriate Use of High Stakes Testing in Our Nation's Schools* to determine if the information contained in the documents could be useful for development of a statement. If Advocacy staff concluded that the information would be useful for their purposes, and subsequently drafted a draft statement, it was determined that CPTA would review and comment on the draft statement.

Nominations

Consideration of Nominees for Open Slates on CPTA

Ms. Ernesto led members of the Committee in a discussion related to nominations for the following slates on CPTA in 2023:

- BAPPI Slate – Open. Currently held by Nadya Fouad, PhD
- BPA Slate – Open, ECP. Currently held by Radhika, Krishnamurthy, PsyD, ABAP
- BSA Slate – Closed/Filled. Currently held by Steve Stark, PhD

Members of the Committee discussed, and subsequently ranked ordered, the proposed nominees for each of the open slates. Ms. Ernesto noted that CPTA's rank ordered information would be sent to BAPPI and BPA for review with a requested return date of April 10, 2023. It was noted that after receipt of the information from BAPPI and BPA, CPTA would once again review the rankings of the nominees prior to submission to BSA for final appointment.

Affiliated Group Reports/Updates

Coalition for Psychology in Schools and Education (CPSE)

The members of CPTA appointed Dr. Kyndra Middleton as the CPTA representative to the CPSE for a three-year term, effectively immediately. She replaces Dr. Scott Graves whose term as the CPTA representative to the group expired as of December 31, 2022.

International Test Commission (ITC)

Members of the Committee reconfirmed Dr. Brian Leventhal's appointment as the APA representative to the ITC for a three-year term effective January 1, 2023. He replaces Dr. Steve Sireci whose term as the APA representative to the group expired as of December 31, 2022.

Joint Committee on Standards for Educational Evaluation (JCSEE)

Report not available for review at the meeting.

Future Project Proposals

Brain-storming Ideas/Goals for 2023 -Topics, Potential Project Leads, Alignment with APA Strategic Priorities

Dr. Bynum led members of the Committee in a discussion of potential projects and related goals for CPTA in 2023. The primary theme that emerged from the discussion is that CPTA should lead association backed activities that confirm that testing and assessment has value. Themes of the discussion included:

- Conducting assessment responsible; Using judgement to connect to diverse people
- Consider what can change with assessment
- Evaluating the risk of not assessing
- Incorporating judgement into assessment

The committee also discussed different formats for disseminating information. It was noted that any CPTA statements should be based on evidence based science. If there is not current science, then the committee could consider providing a research agenda.

Other Business

Members of the Committee noted how CPTA's current and planned work aligns with APA's *Racial Equity Action Plan*. Specific topic areas which were identified included:

The need for inclusive testing and assessment related guidelines, e.g., as part of the *Standards* revision.

The appropriateness of collective grouping, e.g., White, always as the referent group.

Development of recommendations related to terminology; how different terminology gets in the way of assessment research.

Dismantling systemic racism in assessment and the associated role of Liberation Psychology.

Future CPTA Meeting/Call Dates

Exact date TBD. It was noted that the date of the summer CPTA call would more than likely coincide with the APA governance call for comments on the *Standards* – probably around the first part of July 2023.



Committee on Psychological Tests and Assessment (CPTA)
Meeting/Call Minutes
October 24, 2023

Members Present:

Bethany Bynum, PhD, Giselle Hass, PhD, Radhika Krishnamurthy, PsyD, ABAP, Brian Leventhal, PhD, Maria Marquine, PhD, Kyndra Middleton, PhD, Stephen Stark, PhD

Members Absent:

Nadya Fouad, PhD, Bryn Harris, PhD

APA Staff:

Marianne Ernesto

Guests:

None

Status of Committee Related Activities, Current and Future

- Ms. Ernesto noted the following CPTA activities:
 - Submissions of comments on the 2014 *Standards* – Once to Standards Management Committee and again as part of APA guideline approval process.
 - Comments submitted in response to COR policy resolution on educational testing for admissions in higher education.
 - Collaboration with APA Ed. Policy Office to produce statement on standardized testing for policy makers
- Dr. Krishnamurthy reported on final activities of BPA Masters' Title and Scope in Health Service Psychology (HSP) Working Group.
- Dr. Marquine discussed plans for the Committee's upcoming review of the draft report of the Presidential Task Force on Neuropsychological Test Norming in Diverse Populations.

***Standards* Revision Update**

- Ms. Ernesto provided an update on the next steps in the ongoing *Standards* revision, which will include a call for nominations for the members and co-chairs of the Joint Committee.
 - It was suggested that the *Standards* Management Committee should consider the appointment of organizational (CPTA) representatives to the Joint Committee.
 - It was noted that clinical topics require more attention in a revised *Standards* document. Ms. Ernesto will reach out to APA's clinical communities for input as the revision progresses.
 - Interest was expressed to the idea of participation in activities related to technical content revision either as part of the *Standards* revision process or as an independent CPTA activity.

CPTA/APA Representative to the JCSEE

No decision regarding continued participation in the JCSEE was made by the group. Members were encouraged to continue to consider the issue and provide Ms. Ernesto with input if they desire.

Appointment of 2024 CPTA Chair

Dr. Bynum indicated interest in continuing as chair in 2024 if no other member of the Committee was interested assuming the role.

Other Issues

- There was a request for a meeting in January 2024 to discuss items expected to come forward for Committee consideration at the March 2024 APA Consolidated Meeting, March 22-24, 2024.
- An end of the year wrap-up call will take place in December
- It was suggested that CPTA consider acting on issues related to test security and the use of and disposal of obsolete tests, from users' as well as a providers' perspectives. It was noted that the CPTA authored FAQ document on test security is available on the APA website, <https://www.apa.org/science/programs/testing/test-security-faq> and that those topics are currently discussed in that document as well as in the *Standards* and the *APA Ethics Code*.



**Committee on Psychological Tests and Assessment (CPTA)
Meeting/Call Minutes
December 7, 2023**

Members Present:

Bethany Bynum, PhD, Bryn Harris, PhD, Giselle Hass, PhD, Radhika Krishnamurthy, PsyD, ABAP, Brian Leventhal, PhD, Maria Marquine, PhD, Kyndra Middleton, PhD, Stephen Stark, PhD

Members Absent:

Nadya Fouad, PhD

APA Staff:

Marianne Ernesto

Guests:

None

Update on *Standards* Revision:

Nominations are being sought for co-chairs and members of the Joint Committee for the Revision of the *Standards* until January 1, 2024. Announcement of co-chairs is anticipated mid-January 2024.

Potential Development of Technical Supplement for *Standards*:

CPTA activities are pending per action by the Joint Committee related to the topic of technology in the revised *Standards*. The urgency of addressing the topic and providing a mechanism for necessary updates was noted. Updates on Joint Committee activities related to the topic to be provided at March 2024 CPTA meeting.

Status of CPTA Review of Draft Report of Pres. Task Force on Neuropsychological Test Norming in Diverse Populations:

Draft report is expected for CPTA review at the beginning of February 2024.

JCSEE Representative Appointment:

Report of the current JCSEE representative, Dr. Thanos Patelis was distributed to members for review prior to the meeting. Discussion of appointment of new JCSEE representative to take place at March 2024 CPTA meeting.

Consolidated Meeting poll. Dates, Mar 22-24, 2024:

Members were reminded about the Consolidated Meeting attendance poll which will be sent from the APA Governance Office.

2024 CPTA Chair:

Dr. Bynum will continue as the CPTA chair in 2024.

2024 CPTA Nominations:

Members were asked to reach out to interested and qualified (per the expertise requirements shown below) individuals for the open slates on CPTA in 2024.

Slate #1. Neuropsychology expertise with an emphasis on the assessment of minority populations (BAPPI). Currently held by Dr. Marquine.

Slate #2. Expertise in large scale educational assessment (BEA/BSA). Currently held by Dr. Leventhal.

Slate #3. Expertise in industrial/organizational psychology with an emphasis in psychometrics (BSA) Currently held by Dr. Bynum.

Appreciation:

Drs. Fouad and Krishnamurthy were thanked for their service to CPTA/APA during the past three years. Specifically, Dr. Krishnamurthy was thanked for her representation of CPTA as the group's liaison to the Board of Professional Affairs (BPA) sponsored Masters' Title and Scope in Health Service Psychology (HSP) Working Group.

Other Issues:

It was determined that a "kick off" call would be conducted by the members of CPTA in January 2024. Members would be polled regarding their dates of availability.

Information to inform potential CPTA activity related to the issue of testing in higher education will be collected prior to discussion of the topic at the January meeting.