



Scientists across Louisiana presented their research at regional spring conferences. Dr. Valanne MacGyvers, from U. of Louisiana Lafayette, and her students had a strong showing. She is shown here at a previous event. (L to R) Dr. Elliot Beaton, Dr. Scott Smith, Dr. Christopher Harshaw (back), Dr. MacGyvers, and Dr. Charles Taylor.

## LSBEP Legislation Passes H&W Committee with Reservations

House Bill 477, the legislative effort put forth by the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LSBEP), advanced out of the House Health and Welfare Committee with a favorable vote on May 4, but with the author agreeing to make changes later as matters could continue to unfold.

Testimony was provided by LSBEP members, members of the Executive Council of the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA), and a community member

representing those in opposition to the measure.

Board Executive Director, Ms. Jaime Monic, testified to the various financial difficulties the board was experiencing and offered comparisons to other agencies.

Current board chair Dr. Amy Henke testified to the beneficial reasons for registration of assistants and commented about

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## Researchers from Across Louisiana Present Their Work

Regional groups of the American Psychological Association—the Southwestern and the Southeastern Psychological Associations—held their conferences in March and April.

Psychological scientists, psychologists, and student researchers from across Louisiana presented their work with a host of interesting research projects, some completed and some in progress. We review the topics and presenters for this issue.

### Southwestern Psychological Association

Lake Charles Research Consortium

The Lake Charles research consortium includes scientists from Lake Charles, McNeese, University of Louisiana Monroe (ULM), and others. For this conference, those in the group included Lawrence S. Dilks, PhD, Clinical Neuropsychologist from Rehabilitation Neuropsychology, Kimberly S. Hutchinson, PhD, also from Rehabilitation Neuropsychology, Charles Short, B.A., also from Rehabilitation Neuropsychology.

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Dr. Newton

## Dr. Newton Named NIH Committee Chair on Lifestyle

Dr. Robert L. Newton Jr., Associate Professor and Director of the Physical Activity and Ethnic Minority Health Laboratory at Pennington Biomedical, has been named Chairperson of the Lifestyle Change and Behavioral Health Study

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## State Schedules LSBEP Audit

The Louisiana Legislative Auditors office has scheduled a Performance Audit of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LSBEP), according to discussions at the board's April 30 meeting.

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## Ψ We Remember Dr. Wayne Greenleaf

Dr. Wayne A. Greenleaf died March 29, 2021, leaving a legacy of distinguished and far-reaching contributions in psychology that spanned four decades. Dr. Greenleaf served the state of Louisiana, its citizens, and the broader societal goals by combining his knowledge in developmental disabilities, his understanding of mental illness, and his skills in organizational design and analysis. He was 78.

He served as the Director of Pupil Appraisal Services for the State Department of Education, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the Executive Director Special Education Programs Office of Special Education, Louisiana State Department of Education Baton Rouge, the CEO for Mental Health Services at Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans, and the Administrator of Mental Health Services for Charity Hospital of Louisiana at New Orleans.

A psychologist with an MBA, Dr. Greenleaf developed and directed the implementation of programs that resulted in increases of both the quality and quantity of services throughout Louisiana. This included a statewide education evaluation program that resulted in uniform criteria for assessment and classification of exceptional children throughout Louisiana.

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Dr. Wayne Greenleaf at a past conference with Dr. Randy Lemoine on right.

# Editorial Page – Opinions

## Definitely Not a Hedgehog

by Julie Nelson

We had to say goodbye to another of our great leaders/thinkers, Dr. Wayne Greenleaf, who changed the whole state by using the science of psychology. His memorial article (this issue) gives a sense of Wayne's monumental contributions via the Dept. of Education, hospitals, and correction facilities.

Wayne was an applied psychological scientist and understood that being a psychologist was much more than being a mental health technician. When I interviewed him in 2011, Wayne's advice to younger psychologists was, "Focus on psychology, not on your bag of tricks. You can use psychology as a set of principles to address the larger concerns in society."

He echoed Ed Timmons, saying, "You ought to be able to pick a psychologist up by the ear and drop them in anywhere, and they make a

significant contribution, by their comprehensive training and general principles."

This vision of a psychologist as scientist-practitioner appears to be fading. We seem to be losing our collective knowledge about how to apply metacognitive thinking to address complex issues.

To solve their financial problems, the State Board wants to force new fees and red-tape on psychologists, while members of the state association had to petition their own Council for a chance to weigh in and discuss the state board's legislative power-grab.

Are we hedgehogs?

Social psychologist Phillip Tetlock found that scientists are vulnerable to what he termed hedgehog thinking. Hedgehogs are confident in their views, they "know one big thing," and push determinedly to apply this idea. Hedgehogs dig in and pulling the dirt in on top of themselves. The deeper they dig the more they risk becoming trapped in their own ideas, uncovering more reasons why their initial view is "right."

Tetlock points out the paradox that the media and the public prefer the confidence and simplicity of hedgehogs. He also notes that hedgehog's "formulaic solutions to ill-defined problems" is a quality prized in scientists.

The trap for hedgehogs includes the Einsellung Effect, a name for the common human tendency to ignore new information that doesn't fit with our initial idea. There is a long list of related cognitive biases: Kahneman's WYSIATI (what you see is all there is), the availability heuristic, focusing and framing effects, illusion of validity, confirmation bias, and so on.

This explains why physicians ignore new information after they've made a diagnosis, why government agencies overlook new facts that contradict their current programs, and why even scientists, whose job it is to remain open to new data, adhere so strongly to their favorite theory and can't see information that is right in front of their eyes.

The Effect causes a loss of three standard deviations in performance. We've found that when in the grip of the Einsellung Effect, International Chess Masters—who generally perform at five standard deviations above the mean—drop to the level of Class A players. National Masters drop to Class B. And average players drop to well below average.

If we translate this to organizational work teams or decision-making in social groups, the loss in performance is staggering.

Using an IQ type scale, we can predict a team that regularly would be able to perform at the IQ of 130, a very high performing team, can drop to 85. Or, a strong team at 115, can drop to 70.

Psychology produces a wealth of information for someone to apply to human problems, in the US coming to 3.6% of all scientific publications. Just in this one issue of the *Times*, we covered a wonderful array of research from Louisiana scientists.

So, as applied psychologists, we are uniquely trained and positioned to apply this wealth of knowledge, to produce innovations that change society for the better, just like Dr. Wayne Greenleaf.

We should try to be like Wayne—definitely not a hedgehog.

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State & National News

Gov. Outlines Priorities for \$1.6 Billion in American Rescue Plan

On April 29 Gov. Edwards outlined his plan for spending \$1.6 billion in federal funding coming to Louisiana through President Biden's American Rescue Plan to keep Louisiana on the road to post-pandemic recovery by investing in infrastructure, keeping the state's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund solvent, addressing Louisiana's aging water systems, assisting the tourism industry and supporting Louisiana's ports.

The state is awaiting final federal guidance on spending these ARP dollars. The \$1.6 billion represents the first amount of funding Louisiana will draw down, with additional funding being used to address long-term priorities in future years.

"At our COVID-19 bottom, Louisiana's economy was generating about 86 percent of our pre-virus economic output. Today, we're back to more than 94 percent of pre-COVID levels, and growing. There is no doubt that Louisiana is on the mend, but we still need some help in order

to make a full recovery. By investing these American Rescue Plan dollars wisely, we can shore up our unemployment insurance trust fund and avoid businesses paying higher taxes, continue to chip away at Louisiana's backlog of infrastructure projects, support our tourism industry and improve our aging water infrastructure," Gov. Edwards said. "I am deeply grateful to President Biden for his commitment to helping Louisiana kickstart its economy again after the crushing blow dealt to our country by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Governor Edwards' priorities for the first \$1.6 billion in funding are:

- Shoring up the Unemployment Trust Fund ... \$400 million
- Unemployment Insurance loan payment ... \$230 million
- Infrastructure ... \$400 million
- Water and Sewer Systems ... \$300 million
- Tourism and Convention and Visitors Bureaus ... \$125 million
- Department of Culture Recreation and Tourism ... \$20 million
- Louisiana Ports ... \$50 million

Gov. Focused on "Fair Access to Opportunity for All"

In April, Gov. Edwards said his legislative agenda in 2021 focuses on enhancing pay for teachers and support staff, increased investments in higher education, fighting discrimination in auto insurance rates, closing Louisiana's gender pay gap and mandatory reporting for Title IX violations on college campuses.

The Governor also supports legislative efforts focused on making accommodations for pregnant or postpartum workers, mandating kindergarten and reforming disciplinary procedures for members of law enforcement, among other things, including an increase in Louisiana's minimum wage.

"In order to create a Louisiana that is thriving, we have to make sure everyone has fair access to opportunities for success, which is why my Legislative package centers not only on improving education funding and teacher pay, but also on ensuring equal treatment under the law and advocating for those who need our help, including those living with disabilities, victims of trafficking, those in foster care and all people who have been denied opportunity because of their gender," Gov. Edwards said.

State Schedules LSBEP Audit, continued

The *Times* asked Karen Leblanc, Director, Performance Audit Services, Louisiana Legislative Auditor, about the procedure and she explained, "We have scheduled a performance audit of the LSBEP in August. This audit will involve evaluating the board's regulatory processes, including licensing, monitoring and enforcement, and comparing these processes to regulatory best practices and making recommendations for improvement," Ms. Leblanc said.

"We have completed similar audits of various boards over the last few years, including the Board of Medical Examiners, Dental Board, Pharmacy Board, Physical Therapy Board, and just started one at the professional counselor's board," she said.

In 2019 the Auditor's office conducted a performance review of the state medical board. according to the report, the goal was to "Evaluate LSBME's regulation of medical professions to ensure compliance with the Louisiana Medical Practice Act and various other healthcare practice acts." This statement is similar in other Performance reports.

For the medical board, the auditors concluded that "LSBME has not developed formal guidance, such as an enforcement guide, to help ensure it follows a consistent, objective approach when making enforcement decisions ...".

In a review of Physical Therapy board, auditors concluded "LPTB has not established timeframes for investigating complaints and issuing enforcement actions. As a result, the Board cannot ensure that it is investigating and resolving complaints in a timely manner."

These and other audits can be found on the legislative Auditors website ([lla.la.gov](http://lla.la.gov)).



# Dr. Newton Named National Institute of Health Committee Chair on Lifestyle Health & Behavioral Health Studies

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Section at the National Institutes of Health’s Center for Scientific Review, announced last month in Pennington News.

Dr. Newton is a psychological scientist whose research focuses on addressing health disparities in African American children, adults, and older adults. Much of his research is conducted in collaboration with community entities that serve the African American community, including churches, community centers, neighborhoods, and the YMCA.

For almost two decades, Dr. Newton has conducted health promotion research targeting various chronic diseases including heart disease, obesity, diabetes, and dementia. Currently he is the co-principal investigator of two NIH grants examining whether regular exercise can reduce risk factors for Alzheimer’s disease in older African Americans.

The Lifestyle Change and Behavioral Health Study Section reviews grant applications focused on promoting health behaviors or lifestyle changes that reduce health risks or help people recover from diseases, conditions or treatments, said the report.

How does he feel about the new position? "I have different

feelings about the position," he said. "I am very honored that they would select me. It suggests that NIH has faith in my ability to serve in a leadership role. On the other hand, I feel a bit nervous. This is a position with great responsibility and I want to make sure that I do the absolute best I can. My job as chairperson is to make sure that each study gets the appropriate amount of discussion. Researchers from around the country are counting on me to help make sure their grant receives a fair review."

A large part of his job is ensuring that studies are run successfully, he explained. "Currently," he said, "the COVID pandemic has adversely impacted our ability to recruit participants into our studies. Most of my studies recruit African American adults, and it is important to be able to meet this population in-person in order to establish a level of rapport and trust. However, the fact that many churches, community centers, and other community entities are not engaging in in-person activities and there is low attendance at remote events, makes it difficult to reach my target population," he said.

"There are other aspects of my job that have been less

affected, such as writing grants and manuscripts, although this did take a bit of a dip during the COVID pandemic. The ray of light has been the increased funding opportunities specifically around the COVID pandemic. I am a part of four newly awarded projects that are seeking to conduct research on various aspects of COVID 19," he said.

What are some of the most important contributions from his research for the average person? "I think that one of the things that the average person can take away from my research findings is that community resources help increase exercise. We have shown this in YMCAs, churches, and neighborhoods," he explained.

"We have also shown that these community based programs lead to health benefits. Our weight loss program leads to modest weight loss, and our physical activity programs have lead to decreased abdominal body fat and increased fitness. These are important changes, because if maintained, they should lead to decreased risk of developing chronic disease."

## Appointments to Boards and Commissions

In April Gov. Edwards announced his appointment of Stephanie A. Fletcher of Baton Rouge to the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Advisory Board. Fletcher is a physical therapist at Sage Day Neuro and will serve as a representative of an organization recognized for its work in advocacy programs for persons with spinal cord injury.

Among those appointed or reappointed to the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board were Rekesha Renee G. Antoine of Prairieville, director of maternal infant health at the March of Dimes Louisiana Chapter; Leann Bond of Monroe, executive director of the Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana; Juanita M. Carruth of New Orleans, founder of Families Against Child Trafficking and will serve as a parent representative; Eric Griggs, M.D. of New Orleans, community medicine director for Access Health Louisiana, and Ayn W. Stehr of Baton Rouge, executive director of the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

In other appointments, Gerri J. Hobdy of Baton Rouge has been reappointed to the Capital Area Human Services District. Hobdy is the director of external relations for the Baton Rouge Community College and will represent East Baton Rouge Parish.

Also in April, Chief Anthony D. "David" Anderson of Carencro, chief of police at the Carencro Police Department and who will serve as a certified municipal chief of police (POST), and Chief Christopher J. Wilrye of Westlake, chief of police at the Westlake Police Department and will serve as a certified municipal chief of police (POST), were appointed to the Law Enforcement Executive Management Institute.

The State as a Model Employer Task Force's mission is to enhance the diversity of the public workforce, lead the business community, and highlight the State's position as a leader in the protection of civil rights for individuals living with disabilities. The Gov. appointed Lauren C. Guttzeit of Ethel to the State as a Model Employer Task Force. Guttzeit is the human resources director at the Louisiana Department of Health. Joe D. Lewis of LaPlace was also appointed Lewis is a team leader at XP Synergy.

At the end of March Gov. Edwards announced that he appointed Ms. Terrie P. Sterling of Zachary to the Board of Regents. Ms. Sterling is the CEO of Terrie Sterling, LLC, healthcare management consulting, and previously served as Chief Operating Officer of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. Ms. Sterling also served as co-chair for the Resilient Louisiana Commission. She will serve at-large and replaces Marty Chabert, who recently resigned his seat.

Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson of Baton Rouge was also appointed to the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College. Ms. Aaronson is the chairwoman and CEO of Lipsey's, LLC.



Dr. Robert Newton (R) explains his activity based health programs to psychologists at a previous conference.



Legislative News

# LSBEP Bill Passes with Reservations

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best practices across other states as well as other common practices contained in the measure.

LPA President Dr. Erin Reuther and Dr. Matt Holcomb also testified in favor of the legislation. Dr. Reuther said that she and others have worked for months on collaborative solutions with the board members.

Dr. Alan Taylor testified in opposition to the measure, commenting that there was no disagreement about the financial need, only about the best solutions. He said more communication was needed in the community.

Representative Stagni, the author of the bill, said, "Mr. Chairman you've heard the urgency and the need, the board is vital to the profession.

"They've come to us and asked us for help. I would ask that you move this along. I think two days from now you'll have an official vote by the association.

"If there is a change as to where the finances are coming from, I will do that and I commit to do that.

"But I think this is vital. You've heard testimony that for 18 months that there have been members of the association and members of the board working collaboratively that would be beneficial to the profession and to the citizens so I would ask that you move this favorably and I'll work on it as need be going to the floor."

Sources indicate that members of the Louisiana Psychological Association petitioned their Executive Council so as to call a special meeting of the membership about the legislation.

HB 477 began as HB 458. In February 2020, a memo circulated from the Board of Examiners of Psychologists on "Possible Housekeeping Legislation." The memo, obtained from an undisclosed source, included substantial changes to areas of the psychology law, said the source.

A 23–page document, Senate Bill 458, outlining an ambitious set of changes to the psychology practice law was introduced on March 31, 2020.

SB 458 set out sweeping changes to the psychology law including a new set of regulations for assistants, additions to the charter of the board, changing qualifications for serving, authorizing the board to conduct continuing education, exempting the board from Open Meetings Law for investigatory meetings, and formally establishing the position and duties of the Executive Director.

However, the 2020 legislative agenda was swallowed up by the pandemic.

In the meantime, due to opposition to the original SB 458, Dr. Greg Gormanous, Chair of Legislative Affairs for LSBEP, put forth a motion in April 2020 to establish an Ad Hoc Legislative

Collaborative Committee. This would include community members and have the objective seek to reach consensus about the board's legislative goals.

The AdHoc Legislative Collaborative Committee met dozens of times, worked on numerous changes, and agreed on much of what was in the legislation, but not all, according to sources.

The Board voted unanimously on January 28, to begin the search for a legislator to sponsor their changes to the psychology law for the 2021 legislative session.

In February LPA voiced opposition to moving the legislation ahead in 2021.

At their regular monthly meeting, March 26, the LSBEP passed a motion to proceed to file a reduced version of their legislation. Members of the LPA Council supported this step but opposition was still present elsewhere.

## Telehealth Bill Amended to Include Behavioral Health

Representative Tanner Magee's HB 270 passed the House and moved to the Senate. HB 270 revises the definitions of the terms "telemedicine" and "telehealth" and exempts certain activity from laws pertaining to the practice of medicine.

The Summary of Amendments Adopted by House notes that: The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill: Revise the definition of the term "telehealth" provided in proposed law to specify that the healthcare services encompassed by the term include behavioral health services. And, ,Restore present law defining "behavioral health services" for purposes of present law and proposed law comprising the Louisiana Telehealth Access Act. And, stipulate that the terms "telemedicine" and "telehealth" shall not include text messages that are not compliant with applicable requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended (HIPAA).

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Multiple Bills about Abuse on College Campuses Move Forward

HB 409 —Reporting abuse

Rep. Aimee Adatto Freeman's HB 409 requires the termination of postsecondary education institution employees for failure to comply with reporting requirements relative to power-based abuse committed by or against students.

The measure was amended and passed the committee on April 22 and on the House floor April 28 with yeas of 102, and nays 0.

The proposed law uses the term "power-based abuse", which includes domestic abuse, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and stalking, and proposed law provides additional requirements, including (1) Requires employees to report power-based abuse, [...] (3) Requires the chancellor to report to the system president. [...] (6) Requires the termination of any employee who fails to comply with these requirements.

SB 230 —Power-based violence on college and university campuses

Senator Beth Mizell's SB 230 addresses power-based violence on college and university campuses and makes numerous changes to the law. On April 28 the measure passed the Senate by a vote of 37 yeas and 0 nays.

he proposed law requires that each report by a college or university police department also be transmitted to the institution's system president, chancellor, and Title IX coordinator., and requires that the chancellor have the report posted on the institution's website. The proposed law redefines "president" as "system president" and deletes "sexually-oriented offense". It adds several definitions, including: "Confidential advisor" means a person designated by an institution to provide emergency and on-going support to students who are alleged victims of power-based violence; "Employee" means: (a) An administrative officer, official, or employee of a public postsecondary education board or institution. [...]; "Power-based violence" means any form of interpersonal violence intended to control or intimidate another person through the assertion of power over them [...].

SB 232 – Creates the "Louisiana Power-Based Violence Review Panel"

Senator Regina Barrow's SB 232 passed the Senate floor with amendments by a vote of 36 yeas and 0 nays.

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Power-Based Violence Review Panel under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents composed of the following members:

- (1) The president of the Louisiana Senate or his designee.
- (2) The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives [...]
- (3) The chair of the Louisiana Senate Select Committee on Women and Children or his designee.
- (4) The chair of the Louisiana House Select Committee on Women and Children or his designee.
- (5) The attorney general or his designee.
- (6) The commissioner of higher education or his designee.
- (7) The president of each public postsecondary education management board or his designee.
- (8) A student representative [...]
- (9) The superintendent of the Louisiana State Police [...]
- (10) The president of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police or his designee.
- (11) A member of the Domestic Violence Prevention Commission appointed by the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.
- (12) A licensed social worker with experience related to power-based violence appointed by the president of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Chapter, National Association of Social Workers.
- (13) A licensed psychologist with experience related to power-based violence, appointed by the chair of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.
- (14) The executive director of the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault or his designee.
- (15) The president of Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response or his designee.

Sen. Johns' Bill to Create Office of Human Trafficking Prevention Passes Senate

Senator Ronnie Johns' measure, SB 170, that creates the office of human trafficking prevention, passed the Senate with amendments by a vote of 37 yeas and 0 nays.

The present law establishes the crime of human trafficking and makes it unlawful to use another person to provide any labor or service having economic value through fraud, force, or coercion or to facilitate or benefit from the prohibited activities. If the victim is under age 21 and providing some commercial sexual activity, the use of fraud, force, or coercion is not necessary.

Current law provides for human trafficking victims services plans for children and adults. And it creates the 17-member La. Human Trafficking Prevention Commission (commission) in the office of the governor and

a 23-member advisory board for the purpose of coordinating human trafficking prevention programs and integrating delivery of services to human trafficking victims.

The proposed law retains present law and, effective July 1, 2021, creates the office of human trafficking prevention (OHTP) in the governor's office for the purpose of coordinating resources of public and private entities engaged in providing assistance to human trafficking victims. Places the commission within OHTP.

It also provides for an executive director of OHTP appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate and adds the executive director to the commission. Provides for the executive director to employ necessary staff.

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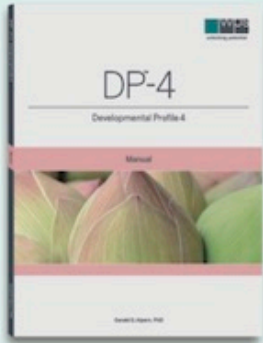
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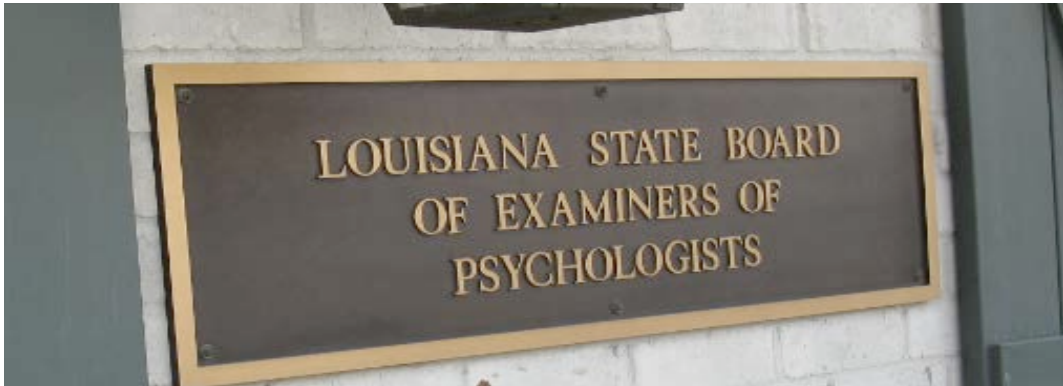
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*From the Minutes*  
Selected Items from Jan & Feb  
2021 Minutes of the Louisiana  
State Board of Examiners of  
Psychologists (LSBEP)

January minutes

Election results: Dr. Henke opened and reported to LPA and publicly the results of the 2020 election for the upcoming vacancy occurring July 1, 2021. Results were reported as follows: 290 Licensees participated in this election representing 36.2% of 801 Licensees. Thomandra Shavaun Sam, Ph.D. received the majority vote at 105 (38.6%), Lauren Woodruff Rasmussen, Psy.D., 103 (37.9%), Leslie A. O’Malley, Psy.D. 64 (23.5%) and 18 (6.2%) Abstained. Dr. Henke noted that the turn- out of electors was the highest participation the Board has seen in several years.

VI. Discussion/Ideas:

- a. Specialty designation vs. HSP/General Applied Psychology LAC:46:LXIII – Chapters 3, 7 and 17 et al - Dr. Henke provided an overview that the Board is still researching and discussing the idea of issuing designations of Health Service Provider or General Applied Psychology and eliminating of specialty designations.
- b. Military Licensing - LAC:46:LXIII. Chapter 10 (R.S. 37:3651) – Ms. Monic presented legislation that was recently amended related to expedited military applications, which expanded the provision to include active military duty spouses and dependents. Ms. Monic advised that consideration of impacts and potential revisions to Chapter 10 will need to be assessed.

1) Discussion Statutory: a) Receive, review and discuss recommendations from the Ad Hoc Legislative Collaborative Committee (ALCC) related to proposed SB458 (2020 Regular Legislative Session) – Dr. Henke presented via screen sharing, a review of changes recommended by LSBEP’s General Counsel, Amy Groves Lowe, following review of the proposed housekeeping legislation with ALCC recommendations.

LPA had two points of “Conceptual concerns and questions:”  
“1) Concern regarding use of term “assistant to psychologist.” “2) Concern regarding LSBEP’s intent to regulate clinical research.

Following extensive review, discussion and consideration of recommendations from the ALCC, the Board’s General Counsel and LPA, Dr. Gormanous moved in favor of filing the bill and if the motion passes, immediately asking select legislators to sponsor the bill in this legislative session and upon finding a sponsor, move forward with the revisions to proposed SB458 originally introduced in the 2020 Regular Legislative Session, that were proposed by the ALCC, the Board’s General Counsel and LPA. The Board discussed this motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0)

February minutes

- 3. a. Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing – Dr. Gormanous recommended that the Board purchase a copy of “Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing” developed jointly by American Educational Research Association, APA, and the National Council on Measurement in Education. The Board discussed this recommendation and by motion of Dr. Gormanous, affirmed such purchase for the office.
- 4. Legislative Oversight Committee – Dr. Henke reported that the Board was currently engaged in Rulemaking related to increasing fees under Chapter 6, which information is published on the boards website. Dr. Gormanous reserved his report for discussion later under the item docketed as Discuss proposed Housekeeping Legislation (amendments to SB458)
- 6. Complaints Committee –
  - a. Mr. Owens reported for the period 12/11/20 – 02/19/21 as follows: Two new Requests for Investigations were received by consumers since the last report; there are a total of 29 open investigations, 23 are active (one from FY17-18; two from FY18-19; nine from FY19-20; eleven from FY 20-21; six are under review and not yet noticed). There are currently no formal hearings scheduled; no disciplinary actions were finalized during this period and there were no applicants denied based on review of criminal history.
- 8. Liaison to Professional Organizations
  - a. Ms. Monic reported the presentation at the LSPA annual conference on January 29, 2021 went very well and was attended by more than 70 LSPA members.
  - b. Dr. Henke reported that she reached out to the Board Chairs of California and Pennsylvania related to writing a letter to ASPPB’s Board of Directors to address the impacts and concerns of preventing applicants, who are qualified to take both parts of the EPPP examination, but will be prevented based solely on the jurisdiction they choose to apply through. Dr. Henke stated that both jurisdictions that she spoke with were interested in signing and submitting a letter with Louisiana.
  - c. Ms. Monic reported that the ASPPB Midyear Meeting is scheduled for April 9 and 10, 2021 and would be virtual. Ms. Monic confirmed that registrations would be submitted for herself and Drs. Henke, Gibson, Gormanous, Moore and Harness.
  - a. The Board reviewed LPA’s position on the proposed legislation from Erin Reuther, LPA President-February 17, 2021. Specifically, in part “...LPA is supportive of the work of the ALCC and the collaborative process in developing the language for the

proposed statute. Thus, this is not an opposition to the language of the statute itself, but rather opposition to moving it forward this legislation session....” LPA’s position also indicated they would be supportive of any related changes that could be accomplished through rulemaking.

Dr. Henke expressed appreciation to the individuals from LPA and LSPA who volunteered a lot of time to the ALCC, and disappointment in LPA’s decision. Dr. Henke also expressed her disappointment that a draft was shared outside of the ALCC committee on LPA’s listserve prior to the board having the opportunity to review and adopt the changes.

b. Following receipt of comments, including the review and discussion of LPA’s position, LSBEP discussed its position and options. Dr. Gormanous stated that in his opinion the changes related to the definition of the practice of psychology; delegation of authority; and registration of unlicensed assistants are a matter of public protection, and are of such importance that the legislation should not be delayed. Dr. Gormanous offered a motion to affirm the Board’s previous decision and continue to move forward by actively educating legislators of these needs and seek a sponsor for these changes. The Board discussed the motion, the motion passed by roll call vote as follows: In favor: (6) Henke, Gormanous, Gibson, Moore, Harness, McNeely; Against: (0); Abstained: (0); Absent: (0).

## The Fisher Project Suicide Prevention Program

The Mental Health Association for Greater Baton Rouge is operating a COVID-19 Emergency Response for Suicide Prevention Project in Louisiana funded by SAMHSA. In partnership with the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Behavioral Health and other agencies, we are offering comprehensive suicide follow-up and recovery support services. Mental health concerns have increased considerably during the COVID-19 pandemic. Louisiana has been affected by high rates of infection and deaths, and many of our communities are more vulnerable to trauma and increased risk for mental health problems. The services we provide are culturally affirming and trauma-informed. We invite you to utilize our services to better serve your patients. There is no cost to participate.

Clients enrolled will receive 6 months of care:

- Screening for suicide risk at every appointment
- Safety planning and means restriction
- Discharge planning
- Warm hand off(s) to treatment or community organizations

Services are available via telephone and video telehealth.

To Enroll or Refer a Patient

Call the Fisher Project 225.960.6800  
or email [sblauvelt@mhagbr.com](mailto:sblauvelt@mhagbr.com)

Eligible participants are: Age 25 and over and · Have an increased risk for suicide in past 3 months

All services are provided by a certified peer specialist and supervised by a licensed clinical psychologist.



# Ψ *We Remember* *Dr. Wayne Greenleaf*

Dr. Alan Coulter, school psychologist and current Past President of the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA), said, "Wayne was a mentor to me for many years. He and his wife were powerhouse influences on public education in the 1970s, 80s, and 90s. I will miss him."

Dr. Charles Burchell, police psychologist and also a Past President of the LPA, said, "He was a true champion of Louisiana psychology."

Dr. Greenleaf coordinated regional mental health system changes, including psychiatric programs that brought the state into compliance with federal requirements. He directed the organizational restructuring of a large facility serving those with mental disability, developing community programs for thousands of citizens, downsizing facilities, and creating more appropriate and less restrictive community service environments for the patients.

He managed the design and implementation of large data and computer systems to collect and explore data to guide and analyze the effectiveness of programs and policies, including a statewide system in special education.

He served as President of the Louisiana Psychological Association, and was a leader in the 1975-1976 period when psychology worked for its independence from medicine.

"We worked our butts off," he told the *Times* in 2011. He remembered that he and Tom Stigall took weeks and weeks of annual leave to go down to the legislature. "I bunked at Tom's house," he laughed.

He served on the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and was Chairman for 1979 to 1981. And, he held the #1 Certificate in School Psychology from the Louisiana Department of Education.

Dr. Greenleaf was awarded the Loyd J. Rockhold Special Children's Professorship for Studies in Prevention of Developmental Disabilities. He developed a program of early intervention for children with developmental disabilities to reduce the incidence of such disabilities and the secondary conditions consequent to those disabilities—the Loyd J. Rockhold Project for Child Development, approved by the Board of Regents. Dr. Greenleaf served as Co-Principal Investigator for the \$1 million Center.

He was a special consultant to New Orleans Police Department on selection of police officers, as well as a consultant to the Louisiana state prison at Angola.

About consulting at Angola, Dr. Greenleaf said in 2011, "I'm trying to help them develop a mental health program. That was the fourth federal suite that got me involved there. And that started in the late 90s while I was still at Health Sciences Center."

Dr. Katie Ard, psychologist with the Louisiana State Penitentiary, worked closely with him at that time. "Dr. Greenleaf was my postdoc supervisor at Angola beginning in 2008," she said. "He was full of valuable wisdom that he shared with myself and everyone who had the opportunity to work with him. He was such a character, but extremely kind and supportive. I have fond memories of our lunches at the Prison View golf course, whether talking psychology or bonsai, it was always entertaining and I always came away learning something. He will be greatly missed."

Dr. Greenleaf earned his PhD in Clinical Psychology from LSU Baton Rouge, where he also took his masters. He received his MBA from the A.B. Freeman School of Business, Tulane. His undergraduate degree was from Louisiana College in Pineville where he completed a post-doctoral fellowship in clinical psychology with emphasis in adolescent and family at Central Louisiana State Hospital.

He held the position of Clinical Psychologist and then shortly thereafter he became the Director of Adolescent Services of Central's award-winning, innovative program.

As an undergraduate at Louisiana College, he worked with Dr. Ron Pryer at Central State Hospital in Pineville, part of the creative force behind the program that received national recognition.

"That was probably the most fun I've had," Dr. Greenleaf said. "We created the first token economy for adolescents in the country. We were doing family treatment, group treatment, and multi-family treatment, before it was popular."

Along his career he served as Expert to Federal Court in *Hamilton v Morial* regarding Mental Health Services in Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office.

He held the position of consultant to U.S. Attorney Office for the Middle District of Louisiana program for LECC-CISD, and also as a member of the Board of Directors, and also volunteer team member.

"Probably the most satisfying contribution was to helping the state get out of its problems," he told the *Times* in 2011. "There were three different suits and I played a role to help the state get out of the federal suits, to get them settled."

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*Dr. Wayne  
Greenleaf with Dr.  
Wes Brockhoeft.*

*A psychologist with  
an MBA,  
Dr. Greenleaf  
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directed the  
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programs that  
resulted in increases  
of both the quality  
and quantity of  
services throughout  
Louisiana.*





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It was probably the most satisfying because, "It cut across special education, mental retardation, and mental health. The way I did it was by developing programs," he said.

"In the Department of Education, it was the public appraisal program. In Mental Retardation, it was the Belle Chase State School and that became the Metropolitan Developmental Center," he explained. "And in mental health, it was the psychiatry program at the New Orleans Charity Hospital Psychiatric Services."

Dr. Greenleaf served as Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the Department of Psychiatry of LSU Health Sciences Center and also Deputy Chief for Administration and Finances.

He also worked as Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry LSUMC, Department of Psychiatry, and as Assistant Professor of Psychology Louisiana College Pineville, Louisiana.

Dr. Greenleaf was Co-Principal Investigator in a project for LSU-Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry, for System Analysis and Statewide Planning for Juveniles with Emotional Disturbance and/or Developmental Disabilities in the custody of the DOC Office of Youth Development, and also for Development of Systems Approach for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities for the State of Arkansas as well as for the Development of Systems Approach for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities for the State of Mississippi.

He worked in the area of police psychology, serving as Special Consultant to New Orleans Police Department on selection of police officers. And he as served as Expert to Federal Court in Hamilton v Morial regarding Mental Health Services in Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office.

Dr. Greenleaf presented and published numerous papers that mirrored his interests in health and education, and his skills in multivariate analyses of predictors and outcomes.

These included, "A historic review of classification systems in mental illness," at Southeastern Psychological Association, "Birth Record Predictors of At Risk Children in Louisiana," at the Louisiana School Psychological Association, "Fostering Educational Development through Pre-Kindergarten Programs," at LSU-Health Sciences Center, Department of Psychiatry, and "Critical Incident Response for Louisiana Law Enforcement Personnel and Their Families: A Journey in Crisis Intervention for the Unrecognized Victims of Crime."

He wrote *Nondiscriminatory Intellectual Assessment Procedures*, for the Louisiana State Department of Education, and the *Pupil Appraisal Handbook*, referenced in *School Psychology Review*.

Dr. Joy D. Osofsky, Endowed Chair at LSU Health Sciences Center, said, "He was not only a close colleague of ours at LSUHSC, but also warm and dedicated to helping others, a loving husband and father," she said.

"Some of our fondest memories of Wayne was during the time we spent together right after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and other parts of the Gulf South. Wayne would pick us up in Baton Rouge each day where we evacuated and drive together—bring lunch for all of us as there was no power in New Orleans—to New Orleans to help and work on supporting the city leaders, police, and emergency personnel with the recovery each day," she said.

"He and his spirit and dedication for being there and helping others will be missed."

Dr. Wayne Greenleaf was a native of Lake Charles, Louisiana and most recently a resident Ventress, Louisiana, He is survived by his spouse of 45 years, Andree Hunter Greenleaf and children Allen Graham Greenleaf, Jamee Erin Greenleaf, and Jason Joseph Greenleaf.



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*Here the two are shown at a past conference.*



Science & Education

Does Your Nose, Know?  
Tulane's Dr. Murray  
Links Smell & Mating

Tulane Assistant Professor Dr. Damian Murray, along with colleagues Drs. Marjorie Prokosch and Zachary Airington, authored an article for the Human Behavior & Evolution Society in April, titled "Does the Nose Know? Exploring the links between smell, disgust, and mating strategies."

In their recently published scientific article, "Investigating the relationship between olfactory acuity, disgust, and mating strategies," the researchers sound of that people with greater discrimination acuity were higher in dispositional sexual disgust. But this group was not higher in pathogen or moral disgust.

The authors found that people with greater discrimination acuity were also less inclined towards short-term mating.

Sexual disgust mediated the relationship between discrimination acuity and short-term mating orientation.

The researchers say their findings the importance of olfaction and olfaction-related disgust in close relationships.

In their article for Human Behavior & Evolution Society Dr. Murray and colleagues wrote "Previous research points to two social processes in which our sense of smell is especially important: 1) deciding with whom we should form and maintain close relationships, and 2) helping us to avoid things and people that could make us sick."

To measure smell ability, the researchers tested participants with Sniffin' Sticks, commonly used in clinical smell research. With the Sniffin' Sticks test, they measured three facets of smell ability—threshold, discrimination, and identification.

"We found that smell discrimination—people's ability to tell smells apart from one another—was related to people's interest in short-term mating, such that people who were better at telling smells apart tended to report less comfort with engaging in short-term, sexual relationships.

"People with greater smell discrimination also tended to report more disgust towards potentially unpleasant sexual scenarios (such as hearing others have sex).

"These relationships remained consistent after accounting for other factors that could meaningfully impact performance such as gender, English proficiency, and recent sickness (and after adjusting our false positive rate to account for performing multiple tests)."

Stress Solutions

by Susan Andrews, PhD

It IS What You Think

I was reminded this week how important our thoughts are. Thinking is the basis of almost all feeling, and our thoughts are definitely the jumping off point for building up stress. If we think positive and happy thoughts, we usually feel happier. Check this scene out, for example. You are motoring down the highway on a driving vacation; the weather is horrible. You haven't been on vacation for a good year and were really looking forward to a beautiful time. But, it is windy and overcast, raining. Your thoughts get darker as the frustration of your spoiled hopes roll around in your thoughts.

Similar scenes are familiar to most of us. In general, people do not recognize that they begin to feel stressed because of their negative thoughts. Fear of something bad happening or fear of getting sick is hard to combat. Getting angry because someone did something that you disagree with or you are frustrated with a situation can stir up those feelings and release more cortisol into your system. People can get trapped in their head with thoughts. The more one stays in their head, the harder it seems to stop doing it.

Psychologists and other mental health workers see this kind of thing and related problems all the time. People with high levels of anxiety can reach a point where they have trouble falling asleep because their minds do not shut down. The thoughts can become like a dog worrying a bone. Even people without high levels of anxiety or depression can easily become a victim of their thinking. And, professionals who spend a lot of time trying to help other people relax, be less anxious and worried, less depressed, and so on, fall prey to their less than positive ways of thinking.

Why is it so hard to stop that cycle from negative thoughts to negative feelings and then the ultimate physiological effects of stress? The first reason is that most people do not recognize when they are having the negative thoughts and they certainly fail to understand that they can change the way they are thinking and therefore feeling. We really are capable of creating our own reality. And, it all starts with how we think about what is going on around us.

Once you come to believe you can create your own reality and that you can master your thoughts by stopping negative thoughts and replacing them with more positive ones, you become a master over stress.

**Learning how to stop and think about more positive things or reframe your current negative thoughts into more positive ways of looking at something is the KEY to a longer, happier and more healthy life.**



Dr. Susan Andrews is a Clinical Neuropsychologist, an award-winning writer/author (her book Stress Solutions for Pregnant Moms, published in 2013, has been translated into Chinese,) and 2016 Distinguished Psychologist of the Louisiana Psychological Association.



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Also in the group are Burton J. Ashworth, PhD, from University of Louisiana at Monroe, Larry Wayne Mize, graduate student, Lacy Davis Hitt and Reshmi M. Maharjan

Dena Matzenbacher, Department Head at McNeese State University, Kevin L. Yaudes, Assistant Professor at McNeese State University, Logan Guillory, Logan Guillory, Kyle Trenton Godeaux Ashlyn Haley Scheinost, and Mika Danielle Eidson, all from McNeese, are part of this group.

And also Billie Clare Myers, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches Louisiana, is included.

The members presented a SWPA Symposium, "How to Gain Admission to a Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology," was presented by Dr. Burton Ashworth, Dr. Kimberly Hutchinson; Dr. Lawrence Dilks; Dr. Billie Myers; and Logan Guillory. They covered, "Upcoming changes in internship and licensing requirements imposed by APA and APPIC will make entry into an approved doctoral program much more complicated and difficult. With so many applicants, your training, practicum experiences, research, and application must be carefully crafted. "

A Symposium, "10 Things Every Practicum Student Needs to Know About Privacy and HIPPA, was presented by Billie Myers, Burton Ashworth, Kimberly Hutchinson, Lawrence Dilks and Logan Guillory.

Lawrence S. Dilks also presented a Symposium: "How to Start a Private Practice with Your Master's Degree." Presenters included Burton Ashworth, Kimberly Hutchinson, Billie Myers, and Logan Guillory.

The topic covered was, "APA's endorsement of licensing masters level providers will change the clinical environment in ways we cannot yet appreciate. In the next decade hundreds of individuals will acquire their masters, complete the supervision period, and pass the EPPP. These professionals will then endeavor to open private practices and offer psychological services to the general public. In a number of places, epically Texas, the regulations are already in place."

In poster presentations, "Gottschalk-Gleser Content Analysis Scales of Prominent Leaders in History," was authored by Burton J. Ashworth, Larry Wayne Mize, Kimberly S. Hutchinson, and Lawrence S. Dilks.

According to the abstract, researchers chose to investigate both the manifest and latent content of the words spoken by a few of the world's historically prominent people. Mother Theresa's content analysis suggested she experienced moderately high guilt anxiety. Jesus of Nazareth's

beatitudes suggest this man had moderately elevated levels (2 standard deviations above norm) of achievement motivation and very high levels of hope (above 3 SDs), having the highest score among the six at 4.014 followed by Ronald Reagan with a 3.304 level and the lowest hope score by Adolph Hitler at 0.116. Martin Luther King presented with significantly elevated levels of death anxiety, which proved to be appropriate, and which was comparable to Jesus' death anxiety. The data suggest both men knew they were candidates for assassination.

"Salivary Cortisol Levels During I-Leap Testing," was presented and authored by Burton J. Ashworth, Larry Wayne Mize, Lacy Davis Hitt, Lawrence S. Dilks, Kimberly S. Hutchinson, and Charles Short.

"Associating Brodmann Areas and Neuropsychological Tests to Facilitate Understanding of Deficits," was authored by Lawrence S. Dilks, Kimberly S. Hutchinson, Burton J. Ashworth, Dena Matzenbacher, Kevin L. Yaudes, Logan Guillory, and Charles Short.

For "Significance of Perceived Parental Warmth in Early Childhood Educational Development," authors include Burton J. Ashworth and Eshmi M. Maharjan, also Larry Wayne Mize, Lawrence S. Dilks, Kimberly S. Hutchinson, Logan Guillory, Kyle Trenton Godeaux, Ashlyn Haley Scheinost, and Mika Danielle Eidson. The results suggest that the adolescents who grow up in a demanding but unresponsive type of family adopt the visual strategy of learning. These people learn best through

description and prefer use of figures, pictures, and symbols such as graphs, flow charts or models.

For "Identifying the Demographic Factors of Elderly Adults Receiving Social Security Disability" and Part 1 & 2, authors are Logan Guillory from McNeese State University, Lawrence S. Dilks, Kimberly S. Hutchinson, Billie Clare Myers, Burton J. Ashworth, Reshmi M. Maharjan n, Ashlyn Haley Scheinost, Kyle Trenton Godeaux, Mika Danielle Eidson, and Larry Wayne Mize. The results showed multiple variables without any one factor being a specific precursor that someone would be diagnosed with a disorder resulting in disability.

In "Identifying Seizures and Hypertension as Predictors for Bipolar I Disorder," authors are Logan Guillory, Lawrence S. Dilks, Kimberly S. Hutchinson, Billie Clare Myers, Burton J. Ashworth, Reshmi M. Maharjan, Kyle Trenton Godeaux, Mika Danielle Eidson, Ashlyn Haley Scheinost, Larry Wayne Mize.

"Emotional Regulation: Self Esteem Impact on Anger in College Age Students," is by Burton J. Ashworth, Reshmi M. Maharjan, Larry Wayne Mize, Kimberly S. Hutchinson, Lawrence S. Dilks, Logan Guillory, Kyle Trenton Godeaux, Ashlyn Haley Scheinost, and Mika Danielle Eidson. The results of this study suggests that higher levels of self-esteem significantly decrease manifestation of anger.

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"Traumatic Brain Injury: Analyzing the Different Degrees of Impairment after Injury," was presented. Authors are Logan Guillory, Lawrence S. Dilks, Kimberly S. Hutchinson, Billie Clare Myers, Burton J. Ashworth, Ashlyn Haley Scheinost, Kyle Trenton Godeaux, Mika Danielle Eidson, Reshmi M. Maharjan and Larry Wayne Mize. This experiment seeks to look at the varying degrees of brain functioning among those who have suffered a TBI."

The same authors presented, "The Relationship between Traumatic Brain Injuries and Onset of PTSD." This experiment seeks to look at the different rates of brain functioning among those who have suffered a TBI as well as the likelihood of developing PTSD. Researcher seed to help explain who is more likely to make a full recovery.

"A Case Presentation of Dandy-Walker Syndrome," was presented and authored by Kimberly S. Hutchinson, Lawrence S. Dilks, Billie Clare Myers, Burton J. Ashworth, Logan Guillory, Larry Wayne Mize, Reshmi M. Maharjan, Kyle Trenton Godeaux, Ashlyn Haley Scheinost and Mika Danielle Eidson,

## Louisiana Tech

Matthew Young from Louisiana Tech University and faculty sponsor Tilman Sheets presented, "Examining Expressive and Instrumental Traits as Predictors of Emotional Empathy," as part of the SWPA Undergraduate Student Competition.

From the abstract, "Over the past three decades, empathy has been decreasing in young adults. Along with generational changes to empathy, society's understanding of gender has been changing." Conclusions included, "Expressivity as a predictor indicates that the empathy difference may be due to the influence of gender stereotypes and norms. Other important factors may be biology and empathy aversion."

"Does Generativity Explain Conservatives' Environmental Attitudes?" was presented by Christina Cantu, Graduate Assistant at LaTech, along with other numerous researchers from University of Texas and University of North Texas.

## McNeese State

"Students' Perceptions of Factors That Influence Academic Success," was presented by Linda Loraine Brannon, Ph.D. from McNeese State University, along with Dena Matzenbacher, Department Head at McNeese State University, and Haden Paul Cooley, also representing McNeese State University. "Our research will provide such information about a more extensive list of factors contributing to college success and also allow for identification of external factors not included in previous research."

## Southeastern

Researchers at Southeastern Louisiana University, under the guidance and direction of Dr. Paula J. Varnado-Sullivan, presented numerous research articles in projects at the Southwestern Psychological Association convention. Dr. Paula J. Varnado-Sullivan leads The Research Incubator for Psychology Students (RIPS)

"The Impact of Life Events on Body Image," was authored by Paula J. Varnado-Sullivan, Ph.D., Kayli Alphonso Coleman,



B.S., Christian Olivia Ledet, Savannah Hays, Jade Renee Horton, and Katherine A. Hernandez, Southeastern Louisiana University

"Preliminary results indicate that females experience higher levels of body image concern, lower body appreciation and lower self-esteem than male participants, but males experience more concerns about muscularity. Males reported more dissatisfaction with their exercise habits than their eating habits or weight. Females were dissatisfied with their eating, exercise and weight."

"Political Attitudes of Neutral Party Affiliation and Non-Voters," was presented by authors Paula J. Varnado-Sullivan, Ph.D., Danielle Eliser, B.A. and Kayli Alphonso Coleman, B.S.

According to the abstract, the study was to examine the opinions and attitudes of no affiliation or non-voters. Data collection has just begun—to date, 122 participants have completed the survey. Across all affiliations, time was indicated as the biggest impediment to voting. No differences were found for political orientation and the Dark Triad characteristics. Results are preliminary and data collection is ongoing."

For, "Political Attitudes of Neutral Party Affiliation and Non-Voters (Part 2): The Impact of an Impending Election," authors are Danielle Eliser, B.A., Paula J. Varnado-Sullivan, Ph.D., and Cherie Nicole Arthur, B.A.

"Is Stigmatization of Anorexia Nervosa Impacted by Degree of Weight Loss or the Visual Depiction of Weight Status?" was presented by authors Paula J. Varnado-Sullivan, Ph.D., Kayli Alphonso Coleman, B.S., Christian Olivia Ledet, Peter Brent Schneckenger, and Garrett Voison.

"Impact of Social Support on Academic Success," was presented by authors Danielle Eliser, B.A., Elise Laurent, Paula J. Varnado-Sullivan, Ph.D., and Cherie Nicole Arthur, B.A.

"Does Drug Type Impact the Stigmatization of Substance Use Disorder? was presnted by authors Kayli Alphonso Coleman, B.S., Paula J. Varnado-Sullivan, Ph.D., and Danielle Eliser, B.A.



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## University of Louisiana– Lafayette

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette had several research labs presenting their findings and their projects at this year's convention. Brooke Ozenne Breaux, PhD, Assistant Professor at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette presented, "Searching for truth: Truth decay, epistemic beliefs, and individual differences." Authors included Ariel Ruiz and Trey M. Delcambre.

"We found some evidence to suggest that authority but not tenacity is likely to be a factor that college students use as evidence of truth. As for the role of individual differences, we found that responses to individual items did not differ significantly based on age, race/ethnicity, college major, or political affiliation."

For, "Factors that influence the production of death-related language," authors are Brooke Ozenne Breaux, Marissa Claire Pitt, Marissa Pitt, Peyton Delaney Corwin, Tayla Patrice Weary, Brionne Wright, and Krystal Ariana Dean. "...we argue that spirituality is useful for predicting the type of language that people will produce when they are put into situations where talking about death cannot be avoided; [...]"

"Is 'fake news' just a new name for propaganda?" was part of the Online Cognitive Psychology Talk Session 1. Authors are Brooke Ozenne Breaux, Natalie Ann Dauphinet, and Robert B. Michael.

"We conclude that even though there is evidence of significant overlap between the two terms in the minds of speakers, the terms 'fake news' and "propaganda" are not typically viewed as synonymous. Adding complexity to this finding is that the way people define these terms can differ based on their political affiliation, with liberals more likely to view the terms as distinct and to view propaganda as less negative than fake news."

Dr. Amy Brown's research team also presented numerous studies. "The Theory of Planned Behavior: Predicting Bystanders' Intention to Intervene," was presented and authors are Haley N. Dunagin, Dylan Anthony John, Kade Theriot, and Amy Lynn Brown. "Our findings support the applicability of the TPB for predicting bystander intention to prevent SA."

"Alcohol's Role in the Association between Hooking up and Psychological Well-Being," is authored by Dylan Anthony John, Gabriel Paul Hunter and Amy Lynn Brown.

Renee Fontenot, Lauren Neumeyer, Fatema Chowdhury Progga presented "Using measures of perceived social support to predict psychological distress." Dr. Amy Brown was the faculty sponsor. "The significant correlations found in this study were in line with previous research: people with more support report less psychological distress."

Dr. Hung-Chu Lin, and her team from University of Louisiana at Lafayette presented several projects.



*"How Stress Relates to Somatic Symptoms Varies by Attachment Anxiety," is authored by Hung-Chu -. Lin, PhD, Madeline M. Jones, B.S., Maddison Knott, Whitney Storey, M. S., and Michelle Jeanis, PhD.*

"Same Amount of Childhood Adversity but Different Health Symptoms: Two-Generation Comparisons," was presented by authors Dr. Hung-Chu -. Lin, Whitney Storey, Michelle Jeanis, PhD, Maddison Knott and Kathie Li.

"An emerging line of research has pointed to the continuity of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) across generations. [...] The results indicated that the average ACE score of college students did not differ from that of their caregivers. Moreover, ACES of the two generations were significantly correlated with each other."

"How Stress Relates to Somatic Symptoms Varies by Attachment Anxiety," is authored by Hung-Chu -. Lin, PhD, Madeline M. Jones, B.S., Maddison Knott, Whitney Storey, M. S., and Michelle Jeanis, PhD.

"Stress and attachment anxiety were positively correlated with physical symptoms, [...] The results revealed the moderation role of attachment anxiety in the relation between stress and somatic symptoms. Considering the robust link between stress and somatic symptoms reliably reported in the literature, attachment security (low on attachment anxiety) appeared to act as a buffer against the negative impacts on somatic functioning."

For the SWPA Graduate Student Competition, Madeline M. Jones, B.S. and Maddison Knott authored, " Specific ACEs items relate to mental and physical symptoms and attachment insecurity." Faculty Sponsors were Dr. Hung-Chu Lin, Ms. Whitney Storey, Dr. Michelle Jeanis. "These findings indicate that specific ACEs items relate to mental and physical outcomes differently than others."

"Differences in men's perceived acceptability and non-conforming gender

expression based on depiction," was presented by authors Madeline M. Jones, B.S and Hung-Chu -. Lin, PhD.

"Non-Judging Inner Experiences Buffer the Impact of Childhood Adversity on Somatic Symptoms," was presented and authored by Kathie Li, Hung-Chu -. Lin, PhD, and Margot Hasha, PhD, MSW.

"Results demonstrated that a higher level ACEs experienced during childhood was positively associated with a higher level of somatic symptoms in emerging adulthood, and aspects of mindfulness, specifically non-judging of inner experiences, served as a buffer for the negative impacts of somatic symptoms."

Faculty member Dr. Manyu Li and her team presented several projects. "Impact of self-affirmation and perception of history on acceptance of privilege," was presented and authored by Melanie Rochelle Cohen and Manyu Li. It is expected that participants in the self-affirmation condition will score the highest on the White Privilege Scale, those in the threat condition will score the lowest, and the relationship will be moderated by perception of history.

Authors Cheyane Mitchell and faculty sponsor Manyu Li presented, "The Impact of Race and Gender on Sources of Belonging and Desire to Succeed."

For "Social stigma towards people with Borderline Personality Disorder: An experimental study," authors are Karina Santiago, Assistant Professor University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Manyu Li.

"It is expected that the results of this randomized experimental study will allow us to see how the label of BPD, paired with a description of varying severity of behaviors will affect people's perception of a person with BPD. "

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Valanne L. MacGyvers, Ph.D. leads an active research group at Lafayette and presented numerous papers at the convention.

MacGyvers and her team presented a SWPA Symposium, "Incorporating research projects into a graduate course: Presenting the process and projects." Authors and presenters were Valanne L. MacGyvers, Taylor Gage, MaKensey Sanders, Samantha R. Shurden, Madison N. Istre, Marissa Claire Pitt, Allison Liberto, and Kristin Tellez-Monnery (Independent). The discussant, former SWPA president, was Theresa Wozencraft.

Authors William Raymond Curth, Jr. and Valanne L. MacGyvers presented two projects on Harry Potter.

One was, "Harry Potter Fanship and Identity Development" was reviewed and explained.

"Fans of fictional works may incorporate aspects of those works into their identity through identification with the characters and themes of a series. This study examines how the identities of Harry Potter fans may be associated with the series."

For "Pilot Measure of Thematic and Fantastical Elements in the Harry Potter Series," authors noted, "After running the results through five levels of factor analysis, the researchers found two distinct factors that represent Thematic and Fantastical elements."

Authors Taylor Gage and Valanne L. MacGyvers, presented two studies on Active shooter training. The first was, "Active Shooter Trainings: An Effectiveness Study." According to the abstract, this study is ongoing. "This study examined different methods of training to find the effectiveness of different trainings for college students on variables such as knowledge of training, safety self-efficacy, and perceived probability."

For, "The Components of Active Shooter Training: A Content Analysis," the researchers will "... evaluate about 50 different ASRTP for ease of learning for children and for adults.

"Does Mental Health Trump Beauty?" was presented by authors Allison Liberto and Valanne L. MacGyvers. The expected findings are that when participants believed the subject had a psychopathology, they gave lower attractiveness ratings.

Authors Valanne L. MacGyvers, and Audra P. Jensen, M.S. (University of Northern Illinois) along with Krista R. Malley and Christopher Veal of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, presented, "Leadership and Followership: Beyond Mindset."

According to the abstract, "It is the effective followers who actually contribute the most to creating successful outcomes. Understanding the differences in what makes a good leader or a good follower is an important research activity. The purpose of this research was to examine various factors of incoming college freshmen, to see which of them were associated with leadership and followership. [...] Feeling properly prepared for college, having a good work ethic and emotional maturity are all related to both leadership and followership..."

Authors MacGyvers, Jensen, and Veal also presented, "Mindset and parenting as predictors of leadership and followership."

According to the abstract, regression analyses revealed that mindset is significant in predicting both leadership, and followership, such that the fixed mindset was associated with lower scores on both leadership and followership. Further, maternal and paternal permissiveness significantly predicted the fixed mindset.



*Authors William Raymond Curth, Jr. and Valanne L. MacGyvers presented two projects on Harry Potter.*

Valanne L. MacGyvers and David Richard Perkins, Associate Professor of Psychology, ULL, presented, "Empathizing and systemizing as an advising tool: A pilot study."

Authors David Richard Perkins, Mateo Chavez, and Valanne L. MacGyvers, presented, "Music and math: The effects of key and tempo on mathematics anxiety."

Brittany R. Milton and David Richard Perkins presented, "Evaluating the Effectiveness of an Alcohol Education Program at UL-Lafayette."

"Analysis of high risk groups showed that fraternity and sorority members demonstrated levels of drinking-related behaviors at rates much higher than students not in fraternities and sororities. [...] This study offers data contributing to the larger discussion of factors influencing drinking and how to promote decreases in problematic drinking."

Theresa Wozencraft, Ph.D., Associate Professor at University of Louisiana at Lafayette, joined with her students and colleagues also to present research.

"Loss and Well-Being in Gulf Coast Natural Disaster Victims," was authored and presented by Alexandra Grantadam Nordman, Theresa A. Wozencraft and Manyu Li.

Researchers explored the relationship between levels of loss in a natural disaster and well-being, in a sample of natural disaster victims residing in Louisiana or Texas. As predicted, peri-disaster WB scores were lower than current WB scores.

*More news from Louisiana's psychological scientists coming next month...*



# A Shrink at the Flicks

## Elephant Song A Review

by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

When I was a fourth grader, my favorite aunt came to stay with us, awaiting bed availability for her in a psychiatric unit. She was in the grip of an involuntional paranoid psychosis and the change in her terrified me. A pearls and white gloves, sweet-talking southerner, she was now transformed, dishevelled and staring. She would pull me aside to hiss warnings her delusions about my mother having been replaced by an imposter into my ear. Four decades later, that experience probably influenced my choice of a topic for my doctoral dissertation: schizophrenic thought disorder. And explained why, in my first year as a faculty member at the University of Michigan, I spent my Saturdays at Ypsilanti State Hospital, lugging around a thirty pound “portable” Wollensak T 1500 tape recorder, interviewing inmates about the events surrounding their hospitalization. It also explained my feeling of *deja vue* when the opening scenes of the movie, *Elephant Song* centered on a T 1500 recording an interview.

Dr. Greene, a psychiatrist at a psychiatric hospital, is being interviewed by a colleague. The interview deals with mysterious disappearance of one of the staff psychiatrists and the role that might have been played in that event by Michael, a patient of the vanished staff member, Dr. Lawrence. The interview is interpolated by flashbacks to an earlier meeting, Dr. Greene’s interview of Michael, as he investigates what might have become of Dr. Lawrence.

Xavier Dolan portrays the young psychotic, Michael, in a powerful performance, engaging Dr. Greene in a cat and

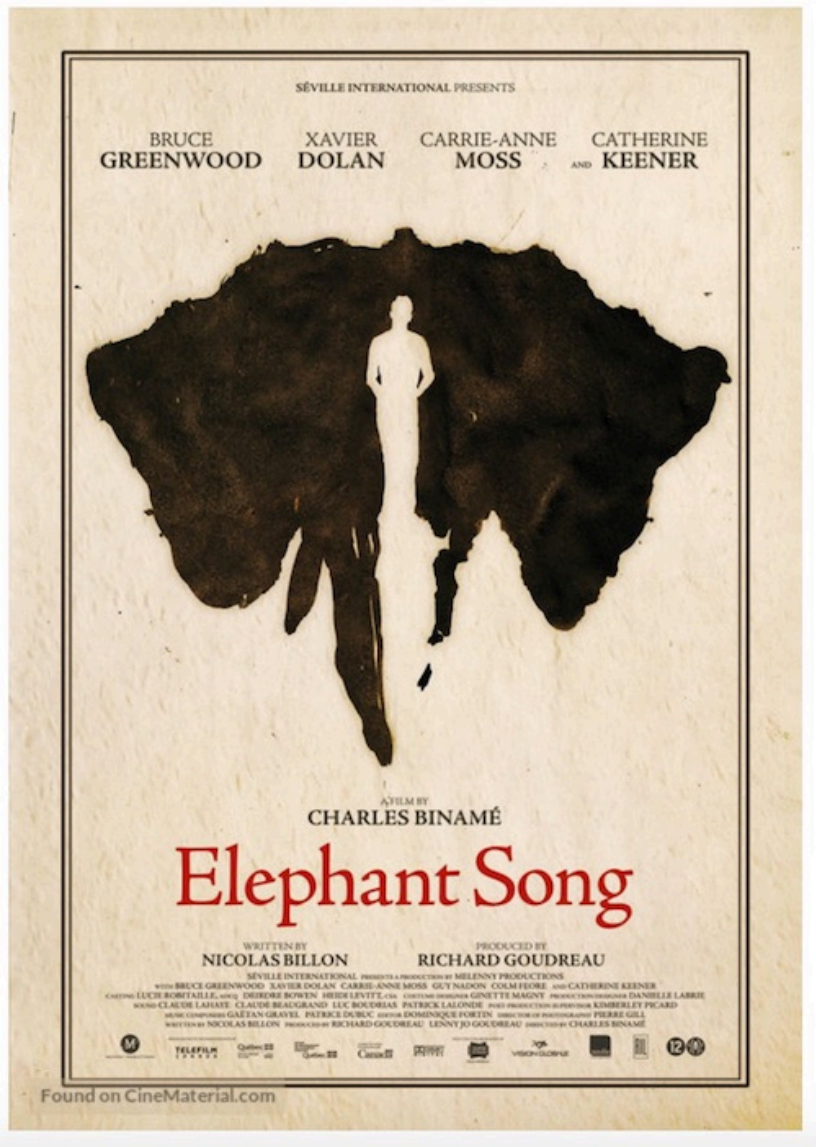
Guest Columnist,  
Dr. Alvin Burstein

Burstein, a psychologist and psychoanalyst, is a professor emeritus at the University of Tennessee and a faculty member of the New Orleans-Birmingham Psychoanalytic Center with numerous scholarly works to his credit. He is also a member of Inklings, a Mandeville critique group that meets weekly to review its members’ imaginative writings. Burstein has published flash fiction and autobiographical pieces in e-zines;

*The Owl*, his first novelette, is available at Amazon. He is, in addition to being a movie fan, a committed Francophile, unsurprisingly a lover of fine cheese and wine, and an unrepentant cruciverbalist.



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mouse game. Michael hints that he may have killed Lawrence, his therapist, and hidden his body. He succeeds in foxing Dr. Greene into search, leading him to a plastic bag concealed in the closet of Dr. Lawrence’s office. But the bag contains, not the hinted at body parts, but a large stuffed elephant. Michael exploits the discovery by miming fellatio with elephant’s trunk, implying that he had been orally penetrated by his therapist. Dr. Greene is understandably shocked and skeptical. Michael’s response is to claim that he knows of pornographic photos of him that Lawrence has hidden in his office, and cajoles Greene into another search.

The movie slowly reveals collateral complications. Greene’s first wife is a nurse at the institution. Their marriage ended because of their young daughter’s accidental death by drowning and with Greene feeling that the tragedy was the result of his wife’s carelessness. He has remarried and the couple have a young child. His second wife clearly feels that Greene invests more in his profession than in his new family.

In the course of their interview, Greene and Michael slowly develop some mutual trust, and Michael reveals his feelings of being shunted aside by his mother, an operatic diva, and his terror at being taken on an African safari by his father, where the youngster witnessed the killing of an elephant. Michael also tells of his mother’s slow slide into narcotic abuse and his decision, when he discovers her in overdose coma, to sing the elephant counting song while she dies rather than calling for help.

It would be a spoiler to reveal how these complications are resolved, but you can find out by searching for the film on Amazon Prime. I will only say that I was taken by the film. Maybe partly because of my aunt. And the T 1500.



# Up-Coming Events

## Call for Nominations: LPA to Name Distinguished Psychologists, Researchers, Psychological Scientists

Officials at the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA) announced a call for nominations for their annual awards in psychological science and practice.

The awards aim to honor and recognize those who have made contributions in psychological research, practice, and/or mentoring in psychology. Nominees can be LPA members or non-members, practitioners or researchers, professors or students, and in any specialty or subspecialty, according to the announcement.

Nominations are welcomed for the following awards:

**Distinguished Psychologist** -- This award is given to an individual who has made significant contributions to psychology research, practice, or both during the course of their career. Nominees for this award should be beyond the 10-year period for the early career award.

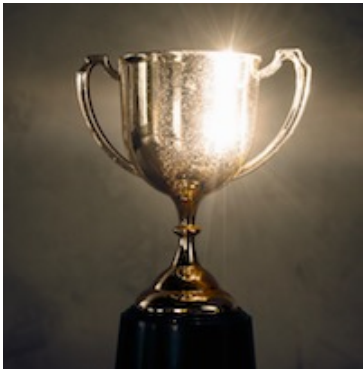
**Early Career Psychologist** -- This award is given to an individual who is within 10 years of completing their doctorate in

psychology and who has distinguished themselves by contributing to psychology research, practice, or both during the initial years of their career.

**Distinguished Service in Psychology** -- This award is given to an individual who has made significant contributions to the professional field of psychology in Louisiana and beyond by their professional service, particularly in the area of diversity, or demonstrated community involvement in support of less privileged or oppressed groups.

**Psychology in the Public Interest** -- This award is given to an individual who has made significant scholarly or practical contributions to the health and well-being of the general public through their work in psychology.

**Contributions in Psychological Science** -- This award is given to an individual who has significantly increased knowledge of psychological concepts via research and dissemination of research findings.



**Janet R. Matthews, Ph.D. Outstanding Psychology Mentor Award** -- This award recognizes and honors Dr. Janet R. Matthews for her lifetime of mentoring work and the impact she had on psychologists in Louisiana. This award will be given to an individual who has made significant contributions in their mentoring of others in psychology.

Nominations are due by June 1, 2021. Interested individuals should contact the LPA awards committee members available on the LPA website.

The Committee is chaired by Dr. Laurel Franklin. and members include Drs. Mike Chafetz, Beth Caillouet Arredondo, Brian Mizuki, Kim VanGeffen, and Laurel Franklin.

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