

Free Indeed Home for Trafficked Girls

Therapeutic Home Almost Closes Due to State Funding Bottlenecks

The only licensed, therapeutic group home in the state for helping teen girls escape the physical and psychological bonds of sex-trafficking, struggled to remain open after reimbursements from the state stopped almost completely due to red tape.

Cash flow problems for the intensive, 18-month treatment program at the “Free Indeed” Home, which requires around the clock safety and security monitoring, stemmed directly from the state’s shift from Magellan to the five new managed care companies at the end of 2015.

Founders of The Louisiana Coalition Against Human Trafficking, and co-

directors of the “Free Indeed” Home, Dr. Rafael Salcedo, licensed psychologist, and wife Beth Salcedo, licensed speech-language pathologist, depend on both public and private funding. Dr. Salcedo takes no fees as Clinical Director.

“Magellan was very cooperative,” said Dr. Salcedo. “While there was a 30 to 90 day lag in payments, and the reimbursement was low—that is just how it is—they understood.” He was grateful for the steady payments from Magellan. But when the state switched over it became a “... nightmare,” he said. “Everything was very disorganized, and each company scrutinizes the medical necessity of each and every procedure. Each have their own problems,” he explained.

To make payroll for the security and care personnel, to buy food for the

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Dr. Sue Jensen Named Distinguished Psychologist

The Louisiana Psychological Association has named Dr. Susanne Jensen as one of their Distinguished Psychologists for 2016, the award presented at the convention held last month in Kenner.



Dr. Sue Jensen
(Courtesy photo)

Dr. Jensen has been a key figure in the psychology and psychotherapy community, providing training for hundreds of psychotherapists from psychology, psychiatry, social work, and counseling in Louisiana as well as in the national and international settings.

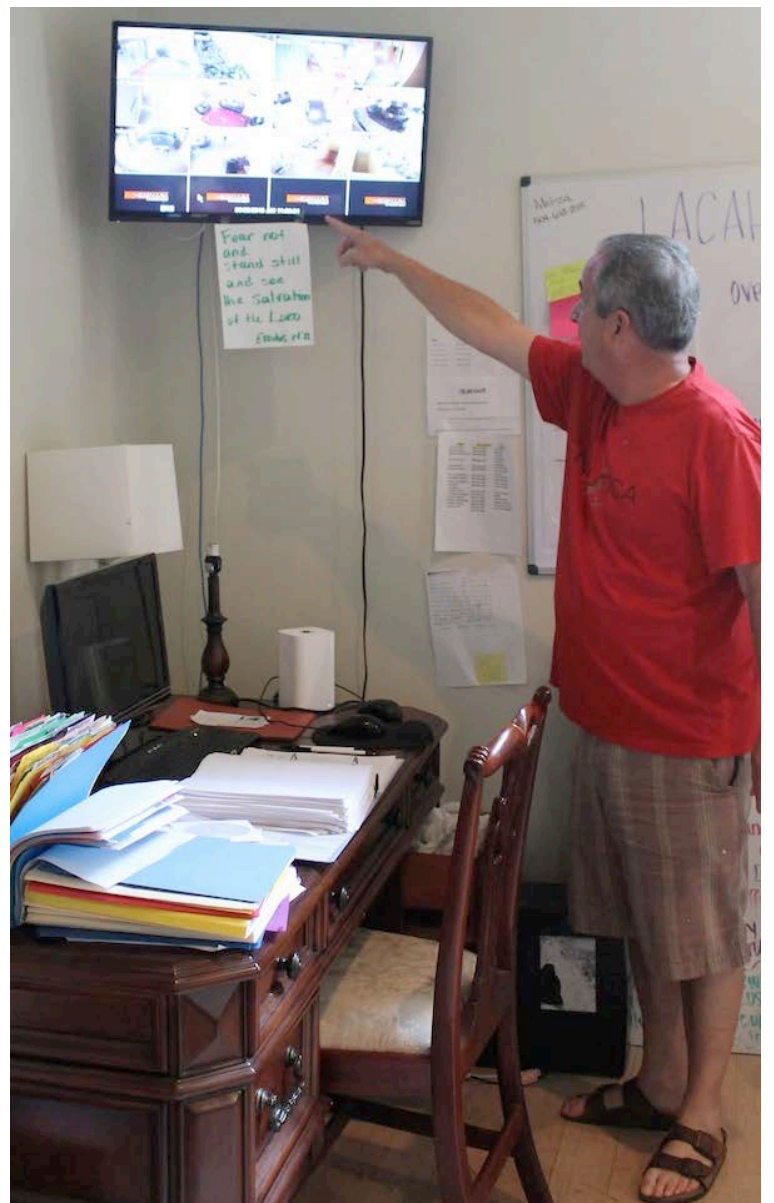
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Governor Calls Another Session

Last week Governor Edwards issued a call for a second special session, to convene 30 minutes after the close of the current regular session that ends on June 6.

Lawmakers will have to address a serious budget shortfall in order to balance the budget, which they are required to do. However, legislators are

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Dr. Rafael Salcedo points out the intensive security monitoring required at the “Free Indeed” Home. Dr. Salcedo and speech pathologist wife Beth Salcedo cofounded the Louisiana Coalition Against Human Trafficking and are directors of the Home, a licensed, therapeutic program for child victims of sex trafficking.

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Dr. Gerald LaHoste, University of New Orleans biopsychologist and professor, presented the keynote address on epigenetics at the LPA convention last month. See other highlights this issue.

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ASPPB: “We are writing to tell you of an exciting new development!” by J. Nelson

In our culture of continuous new regulations, now the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards wants to create a second licensing exam to add to the one we have. And they’re excited about their plans — for the rest of us.

When I was 13 the style was to wear bangs that hung exactly at the level of the eyes, probably promulgated by that witch Twiggy, whose greater crime by far was to create a culture of starvation dieting.

The bangs drove the parental units crazy. My mother suffered the most from my constant fidgeting and swiping hair out of my face. She would try logical persuasion, “Can you even see where you’re going?” and some assertion, “Please cut those bangs,” to occasional manipulation, “I can’t see your beautiful eyes.”

There was absolutely no choice for a teenage girl in 1965 but to keep the bangs. So, mom and I engaged in a low-intensity, chronic power struggle with constant bickering about my bangs. Whether my father actually cared or not I don’t know, but he would occasionally enter the fray on my mother’s side, probably out of simple common sense.

One day, my father, after returning from the Shakespeare class he was taking for fun at Northwestern State, announced an Executive Opinion.

Somewhere in his after-the-class-philosophical-male-bonding time with his favorite Professor, probably between deciding whether the ghost in Hamlet was real or hallucination and the second shared

whiskey, my father apparently complained to his Professor friend about my bangs.

“Why do you care?” asked the Professor.

“Because she looks silly and is always brushing her bangs out of her eyes,” said my father.

“Does she make good grades?” Yes. “Does she do her chores?” Yes. “Does she cause any trouble?” No.

“Then forget about the damn bangs.”

And that was the end of it. My father announced that I could have the bangs the way I wanted (no I didn’t get rid of them at that point) and my mother let it go, mostly.

The Professor performed a three-item, criterion related validity study, albeit with restricted application and without a theory. Does the length of bangs relate to job performance? Probably not—or at least not in the expected direction.

The ASPPB is developing another exam hurdle for new psychologists and the LSBEP is considering regulating our assistants. But these ideas include no criterion-related validity, no customer research, and no evidence of any sort of base rate that would make more controls useful.

The hidden burden of regulations in the U.S. is said to reach \$1.88 trillion yearly in lost economic productivity (*Ten Thousand Commandments*, Competitive Enterprise Institute, 2015), something we in applied psychology should be helping understand and correct, not helping to create and confuse.

As for power, control and bangs, when my children were in adolescence, it came out of my mouth: “Are you wearing *that* to school?” “Why so much eye make-up?” And, because Mother Nature likes a good joke, “Would you please cut those bangs?”

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A depiction of pop music star SIA, courtesy of Bitmoji.

Corrections & Clarifications

In our May issue Dr. Alan Taylor wrote as a guest about a proposed bill. We put some of his affiliations in the article. Almost immediately after the *Times* went out, Dr. Taylor contacted us with concerns that some readers might misinterpret this and link his individual opinions to those of his affiliated organizations. We agreed this could be misleading, and corrected it in the online versions. We are sorry for any confusion this may have caused our readers.

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State and Legislative News

Governor Calls for Second Special Session to Begin June 6, continued

legally blocked from raising revenues in the current regular session and so another special session is needed. The lawmakers raised \$1.2 billion in the first special session, but state officials calculate that another \$600 million must be found, either by cuts or increases.

The new Governor favors a change in the personal and corporate income tax, reported Elizabeth Crisp of *The Advocate*, but the move is not popular.

“I have developed a package of proposals that would specifically address our immediate crisis without threatening the programs that the vast majority of the people of Louisiana consider to be important,” the Governor said in a May 27 press release.

“Currently, K-12 education, higher education, critical health care services, and TOPS face devastating cuts. Without additional revenue, K-12 education will face a \$50 million cut, higher education will face a \$47 million cut, and critical health care services and TOPS will face catastrophic cuts. Gov. Edwards is determined to find solutions that adequately fund these programs during this special session,” noted the press release.

Besides the state’s financial crises, there has been little drama in the 2016 regular session for the psychology and behavioral health community.

Telemedicine bills are headed to be signed, including HB 480 that provides for the practice of telemedicine in licensed healthcare facilities and SB 328 which supports telehealth access and is heading for final passage.

A bill authorizing behavioral stabilization units for crisis interventions is being considered for final passage this week. A bill to add starvation to child abuse reporting has been passed in both houses.

A measure to ensure that health service providers are properly licensed in work at substance abuse or mental health specialty courts, SB 210, is being signed.

SB 236, makes certain changes to the emergency certificate for several parishes. It is being signed. And SB 309, by Senator Claitor, amends supervision requirements for certain addictive disorder practitioners in certain custodial environments. It is to be heard this week.

Several changes to public meetings law have stalled and so did a bill to enhance attorney-client exceptions to open meetings law.

One bill to reduce all state public contracts by 15% was tabled, while another, HB 454, which requires



Dr. Marc Zimmermann, current Chair of the state psychology board, with Ms. Jaime Monic, Executive Director, at the board’s presentation to psychologists last month at the Louisiana Psychological Association convention. Dr. Zimmermann will be rotating off the board this June, but the Governor has not yet chosen the replacement.

the reporting, review and approval of certain consulting contracts by the Joint Legislative Committee is being sent to the Governor for signature.

SB 114, passed by both houses, requires approval by the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals for any salary adjustments for certain management boards falling under the auspices of the department.

Also affecting boards, HB 909 requires board members to serve until a replacement is appointed. It has been signed by Governor Edwards. And HB 812 requires maximizing of office space in state buildings.

HB 252 provides exception for the LPC board from the law regarding rights of ex-offenders, has passed.

SB 461, a measure to change certain things about mental health professionals and custody evaluations, is pending in committee and not moving.

Making national news, the Governor signed HB 953 last week making it a hate crime to target police or first responders. Called the “Blue Lives Matter,” the measure tacks on additional punishments if the crime is deemed to be a hate crime, aimed at a person for their identity, such as race or religion. Louisiana is the first state to add one’s occupation to the list of characteristics in hate crimes.

LSBEP Reports 744 Psychologists, Discusses Specialty Designations

In a review for the Louisiana State Psychological Association (LPA) on May 20, members of the state psychology board told attendees that there were currently 744 licensed psychologists.

A total of 444 of these are designated as Clinical, 42 are Clinical Neuropsychological/Other and 16 Clinical Neuropsychological. There are 93 in the Counseling specialty designation, 80 in School Psychology, and 31 in Developmental, according to the report. There are also seven in Industrial-Organizational, six in Experimental, two in Educational, and 17 individuals who use no specialty designation.

Also at their presentation to LPA attendees, Dr. Darla Burnett told psychologists that they may use the current Rules for Continuing Professional Development, or those recently proposed in the *Louisiana Register* for their license renewals this June/July.

In March this year the state psychology board discussed specialty designations. Dr. Lambert initiated a discussion about assessing credentials for licensure and defining scope of practice for specialty designations versus moving to a broader status of healthcare provider/non-healthcare provider.

In April, Dr. Marc Zimmermann continued the discussion, “... assessing credentials for licensure and defining scope of practice for specialty designations versus moving to a broader status of *healthcare provider/non-healthcare provider*. He provided the LSBEP with survey information from other jurisdictions polled through ASPPB, regarding their use specialty designations vs. a generic license and the use of HSP designations,” noted the minutes.

According to the minutes, Dr. Darla Burnett voiced concerns about moving too quickly and Dr. Kim VanGeffen, attending the board meeting as representative of the Louisiana Psychological Association, stated that if the LSBEP proceeded in defining specialties in lieu of eliminating them, that she would have concerns about each designation being too narrowly defined,” according to the minutes.

The Board agreed to continue discussion including the APA Model Act, what other state boards are using, and the ASPPB models, as well as receiving input on this subject, noted the minutes.

Other News from Boards

Psychology Board

March: Investigations of Dual Licensed Psychologists – Ms. Monic and Dr. Zimmermann brought this issue to the Board where the Board currently has information concerning potential violations of two Licensed Psychologists who are also licensed with the Board of Medical Examiners. Ms. Monic requested direction from the Board on any history of dual investigations/ cooperation in investigations against dually licensed psychologists. The Board was not aware of a past precedent and directed Ms. Monic to proceed with an investigation under the current procedures.

March: RULE: Unlicensed Assistants to Psychologists – The Board continued to discuss the current requirements for supervision of unlicensed assistants and establishing a requirement to register assistants to psychologists. The Board agreed to continue its study and investigation of this potential.

April: “Finance Committee Report: “The Board reviewed Financial Statements for March 2016 prepared by Ms. Valerie Dominique. Ms. Monic summarized Ms. Dominique’s written report that the boards “...financial status remains steady. We budgeted to have a net loss (Revenue – Expenses) of \$112,351. With 3 months remaining in this fiscal year you have a net loss of -\$36,920...It appears that you are on track to stay on budget for FY ending June 30, 2016...” Ms. Monic further reported that although the board will report a deficit, funds were available to cover LSBEP expenses through the end of FY 2016.”

Executive Director’s Report: “Office operations are stable and the staff is current on all state reporting requirements. Ms. Monic continues to implement and/or reinstate proper procedures to address adequate segregation of duties and financial oversight on accounting procedures.” And, “Ms. Storer is doing excellent with the additional duties.”

“LSBEP Education & Outreach: Dr. Griffin discussed producing a webinar or online training for continuing professional development requirements for psychologists. Ms. Monic agreed to assist with investigating options to facilitate this. Dr. Burnett also discussed the potential for an online no-fail jurisprudence and/or ethics course that the board could offer annually for continuing professional development credit.”

Behavior Analyst Board

March: Policies and Procedures Committee: Ms. Bellaci prepared an example of scenarios for adhering to the Supervision Guidelines to be posted on the website.

Questions regarding exempt students, supervision record retention, and approved CEU’s were discussed and answered.

Ms. Bellaci will work on modifying the Change of Supervision Form within the Same Company form. Rules state it can be requested once a year, not multiple times a year.

April: Discussion Items: A question from an LBA regarding insurance providers using out of state BCBA’s, not licensed in Louisiana, to review and make recommendations on treatment in this state was discussed. Board members plan to attend a training workshop where this may be addressed. Board may also refer question to AAG to see if there is previous precedent to require out of state BCBA’s acting in this capacity to be licensed in the state where they are giving opinions.

LPC Board

April: Board members discussed SB 210 regarding Act 23 of 2015 session; HB 252 regarding Act 809 of 2014, and SB 239 regarding the proper venue for administrative hearings.

Dr. Seth Kunen Helps Impaired Physicians at State Medical Board

Dr. Seth Kunen, PhD, MP, met with the state medical board in December, along with his colleague Julie Alleman, M.Ed, LPC, LMFT. Both represent the Physicians’ Health Foundation. Dr. Kunen and Ms. Alleman reviewed the participants in the Physicians’ Health Program for the medical board.

According to the minutes, the participants in the Physicians’ Health Program are those who are either appearing before the Board or had matters before the Board for review and discussion, relating to the character and professional conduct, and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, was the topic. This pertains to La .Rev. Stat.§ 42:17A(1) and (4), according to the minutes.

In February Dr. Kunen again met with the board and reported on similar matters regarding impaired professionals for the Physicians Health Program. Kunen was accompanied by Michael Ellis, MD, Chairman, Board of Trustees. Dr. Kenun reported that the PHP has changed its name to the Health Care Professionals of Louisiana, according to the minutes.

According to state records, Physicians’ Health Foundation has an ongoing consulting contract with the medical board, listed from August 2013 to July 2016, for \$1,348,720.



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Dr. Darla Burnett speaking to psychologists at the recent LPA convention about continuing education.

Use Either Rules for CPD, Says LSBEP

Dr. Darla Burnett, current Vice Chair of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, known as the LSBEP, told attendees at a recent meeting of psychologists that they may use either the October 2013 Rules for Continuing Professional Development, or the proposed Rules published this March in the *Louisiana Register*.

Psychologists with even-numbered licenses are to submit their continuing education requirements when renewing their licenses in the next month or two. Many new categories are available for training activities, and details are set out in both the current Rules and the set of guidelines that were proposed in March this year but not completed.

After the board received public comments about some of the March changes, the newest edition of Rules for Continuing Professional Development were held for consideration.

Names for BA Board at Governor’s Office

The Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board and the Louisiana Behavior Analysis Association (LaBAA) worked together earlier this year to conduct an election to fill two positions on the LBAB, explained current LaBAA Secretary, Ms. Janice Huber, BCBA.

Huber said that both the state board and the Louisiana Behavior Analysis Association sent letters and emails to those in the state alerting the community to a Call for Nominations.

The election resulted in four individuals’ names being submitted to the Governor in early March, noted Ms. Huber. These were Richmond Gregory Mancil, PhD, BCBA-D, LBA, Alfred Tuminello, Jr., MA, BCBA, LBA, Scott Williamson, MA, BCBA, LBA, Kimberly Ray, PhD, BCBA-D, LBA. In April Dr. Mancil moved to New Mexico and his name was withdrawn.

Opposition to Same-sex Marriage Still Strong in La

In a survey of 1,001 adults in Louisiana, the Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs found that while the law has changed, public opinion has not, in regard to same-sex marriage.

The Reilly Center, part of the Louisiana State University Manship School of Mass Communication published it 2016 Report in April. The researchers found that just over half, or 53 percent, of Louisiana citizens “oppose legal recognition of same sex marriage, despite the U.S. Supreme Court ruling a year ago that states cannot refuse to recognize such marriages.” Forty-one percent support same-sex marriage.

The Louisiana Psychological Association, under the umbrella of the American Psychological Association, submitted an Amicus brief in 2014, when officials in the state were involved in a lawsuit about same-sex marriage: Robicheaux, et al, and the Forum for Equality Louisiana, v. the Louisiana Attorney General, State Registrar and Center Director of DHH, Secretary of Health & Hospitals, Kathy Kliebert, and others.

Also listed as *Amici Curiae* were the American Psychiatric Association, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, National Association of Social Workers, and the National Association of Social Workers Louisiana Chapter.

The Reilly Center also found that about half of residents (53 percent) believe that businesses providing wedding services should be allowed to refuse service to same-sex couples.

The Reilly Center found Louisiana citizens to be consistently conservative; 55 percent would like all abortions to be illegal in most or all cases, while 40 percent think it should be legal, a mirror image researchers say, when compared with national norms. About two-thirds (68 percent) are against allowing refugees from Syria to settle in Louisiana, 61 percent oppose a ban on assault weapons, and 73 oppose removing monuments of those who fought in the Civil War on the side of the Confederacy.

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ASPPB Announces Plans to Install Another Step in Licensing Exam for New Psychologists, EPPP – 2

The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) has announced their intention to develop an additional examination for licensing psychologists, called EPPP Step 2. In a May letter, Emil Rodolfa, PhD, Chair of the EPPP (Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology) Step 2 Task Force, said he was writing to inform the psychology education community “...of an exciting new development in the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards’ (ASPPB) examination program,” the addition of a skills test.

“This skills-based examination will be designed to augment and complement the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), which assesses the core knowledge deemed necessary for the practice of psychology,” Rodolfa wrote. He also said that

psychology has been moving towards a skills assessment component to the EPPP for several years. And he said that the goal is to “measure the functional skills related to the competent practice of psychology.”

The target date for the EPPP Step 2 is January 2019, he said.

Rodolfa also said that ASPPB has a competency framework, outlined in a publication titled, “ASPPB Competencies Expected of Psychologists At The Point of Licensure.” In this document, authors list a number of competencies: 1) Scientific Orientation such as selecting evidence-based interventions, 2) Professional Practice such as effective interviewing skills for assessment or consulting skills, 3) Relational Competence such as communication and conflict management skills, 4) Professionalism such as defining

limits of competence, 5) Ethical Practice such as recognizing when services are not necessary, and lastly 6) Systems Thinking such as interdisciplinary collaboration.

Rodolfa said that ASPPB realizes that adoption of this new exam by the licensing jurisdictions will require involvement of state and provincial licensing boards, state associations, and training associations.

The notice did not explain the reasoning behind the change, or what problems require an additional exam. The Times emailed Dr. Rodolfa to ask this and other questions, but no reply has been received as yet. Rates of problems in the Louisiana community fall at about .002 or .003, according to data on disciplinary actions.

The news of the new EPPP Step 2 Exam was met with concerns

by some members of the Louisiana Psychological Association. Dr. Amy Henke posted to their list, “It worries me that as a profession, we continue to add cumbersome requirements and hoops to jump through for our ECPs [Early career psychologists]. Where is the data supporting that this will make future psychologists better/more effective?”

“Not only might this deter young clinicians from entering the field,” she wrote, “but it continues to align us with physicians.” She noted her concern about psychology following the medical model and asked where is the evidence that the model is superior. A number of psychologists posted on the list in support of her concerns.

Dr. Henke is currently one of the two names on a list for appointment to the state board. She is also serving on the Louisiana Psychological Assn Executive Council.

Medical Error is Third Leading Cause of Death

A new study by Martin Makary, MD, professor of surgery at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, found that medical error, unrelated to the illness or injury, is the third cause of death, with 251,000 nationwide, after heart disease and cancer. The research was published in the British Medical Journal.

“It boils down to people dying from the care that they receive rather than the disease for which they are seeking care,” Makary said in a May 3 report by *The Washington Post*.

Medical error is not included on death certificates or in rankings, the researchers said, masking the problem. Makary authored *Unaccountable: What Hospitals Won’t Tell You and How Transparency Can Revolutionize Health Care*, in 2012.

Medical error is defined by the researchers as unintended act, either omission or commission; one that does not achieve its intended outcome; a failure of a planned action or error of execution; the use of a wrong plan or an error of planning; or a deviation from the process.

Dr. Robert Mathews, now retired from the department chair at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, had researched some of these problems from a cognitive psychology perspective. “We do have two minds,” referring to findings that there are two mental systems, with different operating rules, involved in human learning and decision-making, he said.

“The trick is in getting the two to work together effectively to maximize good decisions.” For example, model-based or rationale thinking is easily overwhelmed by information overload. And for another example, researchers have found that participants implicitly learn about overall goodness of a drug without knowing the specifics.

His work at LSU’s Office of Applied Cognition (OAC) has been applicable to real work performance of almost any task or job, from surgeons to truck drivers, chemical plant operators to accountants.

He and his group looked at separating information in components of a task, and matching it in complexity and timing, and other cognitive variables, to facilitate the synergy of the rational and the intuitive systems.

One area of Mathews’ previous work has been in medical decision-making, funded by the Army Research Institute. He and his researchers conducted experiments using computer simulations, where participants role-played as a nurse or physician. Other research looked at problems in decision-making from confirmation bias, such as the work at OAC by Patrick Ledet and Dina Acklin.

“The good news,” Dr. Mathews explained in a previous interview, “is that they [medical personnel] often choose effective treatments. The bad news is that they are generally unaware of bad side effects and often unconsciously merge side effects with their judgments about the efficacy of treatments on the main output variable.” He noted that,

“They also too often prescribe ineffective treatments and believe individual difference exist when there are none.”

“We have only scratched the surface in this research...” he said previously regarding the understanding of medical errors.



Dr. Bob Mathews at a previous meeting of LSU alums. Mathews has researched cognitive aspects of medical errors, which has recently been found to be the third reason for deaths, after heart disease and cancer.

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girls, and to maintain the basics, the Salcedos took out a line of credit. When that ran out they used personal funds. But in early May, they were running out of options.

That is when they reached out to members of the New Orleans media who took the story to the public. Several donors stepped in to help and after that, one legislator took a special interest. Then, said Dr. Salcedo, they finally began receiving some of the funds owed.

If the Home had closed, the teenage girls being treated for Complex Post Traumatic Stress would likely have gone back on the street or to jail. At that point the girls would probably have been reacquired by their pimps, said Salcedo, because the girls are very valuable—they are “reusable commodities” to the traffickers, he explained.

The “Free Indeed Home” gives young girls the chance to break the psychological, emotional and physical bonds that trap them in the fast-growing, criminal industry of sex trafficking.

“People don’t know this is going on,” Beth Salcedo told the *Times* in a previous interview. “I first thought, ‘This can’t be true. Surely this is not true.’ When you know what to look for, it is everywhere.”

Child sex trafficking is a subset of human trafficking, considered to be the second fastest growing criminal industry in the world. Drug trafficking is first. Beth Salcedo explained to the *Times* that the Baton Rouge and New Orleans metropolitan area is one of the top 10 areas in the U.S. for human trafficking.



Dr. Salcedo in the dining room of the “Free Indeed” therapeutic program for sex-trafficking girls. The program aims to break the physical and psychological bonds that trap the youngsters in human trafficking.

The FBI focuses efforts in Louisiana due to the Interstate 10 corridor, and the high rates of illegal immigration between Texas and Mississippi along I-10.

Media Steps In to Help the Home

In his last try to keep the home open, Dr. Salcedo contacted Ron Masson, reporter with WVUE Fox 8 in New Orleans.

Masson aired a report about the Home’s financial crisis on May 6. “The operators of a North Shore home for teenage victims of human trafficking said they may have to shut down next week due to a sudden drop in state funding. That will leave dozens of young girls trying to turn their lives around without a secure place to go,” Masson told viewers.

Masson noted that the Salcedos asked the state to help, but no help came from that direction.

He explained that, “For Beth Salcedo the threat of closure is personal.” She said, “It’s horrible we have no money for food. We’re barely surviving.”

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The living room at the “Free Indeed” Home. The spacious design helps promote psychological and spiritual healing, which helps to break “trauma bonds.” The program is designed by Dr. Rafael and Beth Salcedo, who will speak on their work at this year’s Summer Symposium in July. Above: Beth Salcedo on Fox News 8.

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Masson told his viewers, “Salcedo said trafficking victims as young as 13 will likely be jailed. In many cases, she said their pimps will bail them out so they can go back on the streets to turn tricks,” the WVUE report noted.

Masson also reported that WVUE had asked the state health department for comment on the problem, but had not heard back.

A week later, on May 13, Masson and WVUE aired a follow-up, titled, “Donors save Free Indeed home, but long road ahead.” He reported that donors had stepped up with enough support to keep the Home’s doors open. Several donors and two Baptist churches had come forward.

The story was picked up by Tommy Tucker of WWL, 870 AM radio. Tucker aired an extended interview, also on May 13, with both Dr. Salcedo and Beth Salcedo, who explained for listeners the situation and also about the complexity of the disorder, called Complex PTSD – Trauma Bonding.

Finally, some listeners connected with a legislator who offered his help, interceded with the state and facilitated cutting through the red-tape, explained Dr. Salcedo.

The Home finally began to receive some of the outstanding reimbursements and the Salcedos are, at least temporarily, feeling some relief.

Complex PTSD and Trauma Bonding

In an interview May 21, Dr. Salcedo explained that the Free Indeed Home is a unique setting,



Dr. Rafael Salcedo fulfills the father role by doing his share of the grounds work at the “Free Indeed” Home. The Home is located in a remote, rural setting to help deal with security for the girls and if they try to return to their pimps.



for a variety of reasons. The girls’ trauma is very different from typical PTSD. For most forms of PTSD the issues are avoidance of the emotions surrounding the trauma and generalization of symptoms.

However, in Complex PTSD, Dr. Salcedo explained, the pathology is similar to the Stockholm Syndrome. “Complex trauma bonding is an entity in itself,” he said. “At the heart of complex PTSD is the phenomenon of trauma bonding.” So, while there is complexity in symptoms, the challenge for treatment is the victim’s attachment to the individual who caused the trauma.

The repetitive trauma and the prolonged victimization of the girls, causes the bonds to the perpetrator. Beth Salcedo explained in a previous interview: “The sex trafficker is incredibly astute when it comes to human behavior. They tell us exactly how they find the girls,” she said. “They go to junior high schools and find a boy, who’s on the edge. They give him \$1,000. The boy is told to make the little girl think he is her boyfriend. Then the boy leads her to the pimp,” she said.

The girl is taken and subjected to mass rape, drugging, and psychological

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The girls rescued from sex-trafficking are as young as age 13, and most have never had a normal childhood. Most were molested as children, said Beth Salcedo, who is co-director at the Home. The setting offers a physical, psychological, and spiritual setting to help the girls reestablish normalcy.

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trauma to break her down, Salcedo explained. Eventually she has no psychological resources left to fight the process. “They manipulate them. It is similar to the Stockholm Syndrome,” she said.

The continual abuse makes it easier for the traffickers to establish mental control over their victims. Most people do not understand the depth of child sex trafficking, said Ms. Salcedo. “The reality is that people don’t want to hear it, it’s too painful.”

Intensive therapeutic efforts are needed for these children because the captives are so intimidated that they rarely speak out against their victimizers, and they do not escape the trafficker when they have the chance, said Dr. Salcedo.

Because of the need for intensive therapy to break the traumatic bonds created by the abuse of the trafficker, the guidelines for the home are very stringent. No more than eight girls will be at the Home at any one time. A psychologist or psychiatrist will serve as Clinical Director. The Home is required to be located in a community that will enhance reintegration of the children into normal community life.

“The pathology is fascinating, and research with these girls would be fascinating,” Dr. Salcedo said,

who volunteers his services as clinical director. “The differences between this type of Complex PTSD and the typical PTSD are huge,” he explained. “The victim identifies with and establishes a bond with their tormentor. The girls want to go back to the life. That is why the home is isolated and not in the center of New Orleans. It is the ideal situation if they run, which they do.” He said that 30 percent try and run and staff are not allowed to force them to stay. “All we can do is follow them,” he explained.

This is why the Home is located in a beautiful rural and remote setting with large acreage. This helps in treatment when a girl tries to go back to the pimp.

“Most importantly,” Dr.Salcedo said,” it is a safe house. The pimps try and get them back because they are a source of income. They are reusable commodity,” he said. Unlike with drugs, where the commodity is used up, the girls can produce income over and over, he explained. And that is why there is always the threat of the pimps reacquiring the girls, and how intensive the work can be.

Salcedos to Present at PTR’s Summer Symposium

Dr. Salcedo and Beth Salcedo will present “Domestic Minor



Dr. Saceldo points to the baby kittens that the girls are keeping in one of the bathroom showers. The program at the home works to provide therapeutic experiences for the sex-trafficked youngsters.

Sex Trafficking” for the attendees at this year’s Summer Symposium, organized by Professional Training Resources and Dr. John Simoneaux. The presentation is Friday, July 29, at the Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville, Louisiana.

The Salcedos will cover the estimates of incidence, prevalence, and the issues related to tracking victims. The couple will describe in detail their experiences with helping the girls, the intensive program and setting, and the bio-psycho-social circumstances that are associated with Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking.

Volunteers in Psychology Needed

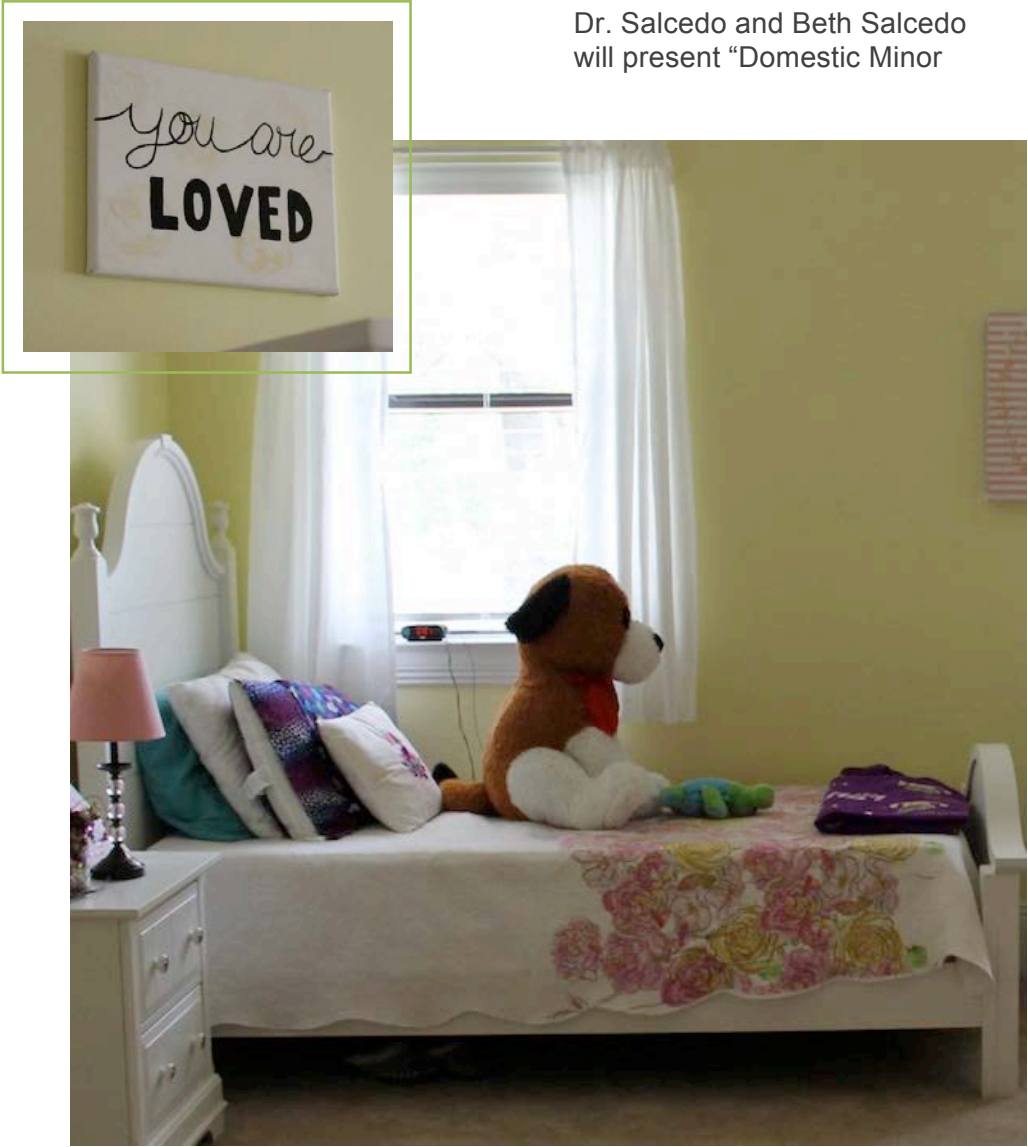
“We need people who are willing to volunteer,” Dr. Salcedo said, “to perform additional psychotherapy, to do psychological evaluation, for case management, to do research.”

He said that it would be a wonderful setting for training and for unique research for anyone interested. They are required to keep files almost as detailed as files at a hospital, the girls keep journals, and they engage in individual and group therapy activities, he explained.

“We need more for these girls,” Salcedo said. The Home could use more of everything in the psychological area, he said.

The Louisiana Coalition Against Human Trafficking is a faith-based 501(c)3 nonprofit aiming to alleviate human trafficking in Louisiana through community and government agency awareness, organization partnerships and victim rehabilitation at the Free Indeed Home.

To volunteer or donate go to <http://www.lacaht.org>.



Another child’s bedroom at the “Free Indeed” Home. The home’s name comes from John 8:36 – “Whom the Son has set free is free indeed.”

Psychologists Speak at Louisiana Primary Care Assn June 3–4

Dr. Melissa Bonnell, Dr. William (Gig) Costelloe, and Dr. Karen Slaton will present at the 3rd Annual Clinical Summit of the Louisiana Primary Care Association, this week. The summit will be hosted in collaboration with the Louisiana Rural Health Association and held June 3-4, in New Orleans at the Downtown Marriott Convention Center.

Drs. Bonnell and Slaton will present “Three Behaviors = Four Disease Processes = 50% of All Mortality: How to Help Patients Change the Big Three.”

Dr. Gig Costelloe will present at the ummit on Friday, speaking on “Creating Effective Teamwork and Collaboration in Integrated Settings.” Dr. Costelloe is president of Costelloe & Associates in New Orleans and a licensed Industrial-Organizational Psychologist.

Dr. Melissa Bonnell is with the Veterans Health Care System in New Orleans, and also a member of the Southern Pain Society.

Dr. Karen Slaton is also a health psychologist at Southeast Louisiana

Veterans Health Care System. She is currently the Program Manager for Behavioral Medicine and Health Psychology and serves as Health Behavior Coordinator in the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention program.

The theme is “Big Ideas in the Big Easy: Uniting Rural and Urban Providers.” The Louisiana Primary Care Association (LPCA) is a non-profit state trade association whose purpose is to promote accessible, affordable, quality primary health care for the uninsured and medically underserved populations in Louisiana, noted Shannon Robertson, Clinical Education Coordinator. The LPCA represents 34 organizations with over 170 health care sites, private non-profit and public FQHCs across Louisiana that serves more than 300,000 patients annually, she said.

Psychologists speaking at the conference are coordinated through the Speakers’ Bureau of the Louisiana Psychological Association, serving the public interest through psychological science.



Dr. Alan Taylor spoke about family courts at a recent conference. His wife, Leslie Todd, LCSW, is presenting at the national conference of AFCC this month.

Todd Presents at Assn of Family and Conciliation Courts in Seattle

Leslie Todd, LCSW, will present at a preconference Institute at the Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts in this month in Seattle, helping attendees understand that while settling the divorce used to be Family Court’s primary function, today it is “defining families.” Todd is founding president of the Louisiana Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Family Courts are inundated with cases that require the assistance of forensic mental health professionals, Todd explained in an interview last week. Same-sex partners and grandparents are requesting recognition as parents. Gestational surrogacy has created another generation of familial and legal dilemmas. There are more living-together than married parents, and there are huge numbers of young parents who have never even lived with their co-parent, she said. Since 80 percent of families are now non-nuclear, the majority of modern families will pass through Family Court doors at some point for clarification of roles at the very least, Todd said.

While the need for these services is pressing, the cost is often prohibitive, Todd said. She is one of four presenters for “Cadillac or Chevy? Providing High Quality, Affordable and Trustworthy Processes,” where she will present information to judges, attorneys and mental health professionals from across the U.S, Australia and Canada.

Todd joins international mediator/psychologist Arnold Shienvold, PhD, Brent Cashatt, JD, Hon. William Fee, to examine the spiraling costs related to child custody disputes as well as alternative models which address the issues of quality, jurisdictional expectations, comprehensiveness and cost in various geographic regions and across socioeconomic strata.

The presenters will discuss the sources of tension between the need of the Court and the ability of mental health professions to provide necessary information to the parents and the Court, and the issue of finances, Todd explained. They will discuss a spectrum of services, ranging from collaborative divorce models and mediation ranging from early-stage to child-inclusive mediation.

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Louisiana Researchers Presented at 28th Annual Convention of APS in Chicago, May 26–28

Psychologists and psychological scientists from around the state presented their work at the 28th Annual Conference of the Association for Psychological Science, held May 26 to 29 in Chicago. Researchers from Louisiana Tech, Tulane, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Louisiana at Monroe and University of New Orleans, presented at this year’s conference. Included below are excerpts from abstracts of the projects.

Louisiana Tech

Danielle N. Newman, Nathalie Campsen, and Dr. Walter Buboltz, all from Louisiana Tech University presented, “Dozing and Diet: Links Between Nutrients and Individual Slumber.” Researchers took student volunteers (n = 137) and had them complete a seven-day food and sleep diary. Food consumed and amounts were entered into the USDA Online Nutrition Supertracker for analysis of six dietary intake factors. The results indicated no significant relationships between the dietary variables and sleep quality and sleep length.

“Validation of the Cynical Attitudes Toward Math Scale,” was presented by Dr. Alice P Carter, Louisiana Tech University (retired), Dr. Mary M Livingston, Louisiana Tech University, and Julie Oslandx, Wheeling Jesuit University. Authors investigated convergent and criterion validity of the Cynical Attitudes toward Math Scale. Participants were 200 students. Of the measure’s three subscales, one correlated with scores on a math skills inventory. However, all three subscales correlated with participant math anxiety and math self-worth protection, suggesting convergent validity.

Victoria Felixx, Mercedes Gremillion, and Dr. Walter Buboltz, all from Louisiana Tech University, presented, “Loneliness, Facebook Addiction, and Internet Addiction as Predictors of Insomnia in College Students. Limited research has investigated the roles of loneliness, Facebook-use, and Internet-use on college student sleeping behaviors.

Researchers investigated whether reported loneliness, Facebook addiction, and Internet addiction are predictors of insomnia among a sample of college students. Internet addiction, Facebook addiction, and loneliness significantly predicted insomnia severity.

“Generational Attitudes toward Employees with Disabilities,” was presented by Michael A Knottx, Dr. Mitzi Desselles, and Kelly S. Stewart, all from Louisiana Tech University. People with disabilities face physical and psychological challenges as well as discriminatory attitudes and practices. We examined differences in attitudes towards employees with disabilities between generational cohorts (e.g., Millennial, Generation-X, and Baby Boomers). Baby Boomers had significantly more positive attitudes towards people with disabilities than did Millennials.

Dr. Frank Igoux and Jose J. Valadez from Louisiana Tech University, presented, “A Comparison of Top-down and Banding Methods of Test Score Use Applied to an Entry-level Police Selection Procedure.” Test score banding identifies ranges in which scores are considered equivalent, and secondary criteria such as race or gender may be used to diversify an organization’s workforce. The present study uses data from a 2015 police selection process and compares adverse impact and utility outcomes using top-down and banding methods.

For, “Preliminary Development of the Problematic Cell Phone Use Scale,” Jose J Valadez, and Dr. Frank Igou both from Louisiana Tech University presented their finding: Cyber-addiction and dependence are recognized societal problems that have led to reduced workplace productivity. The portability of cell phones has created a level of secrecy with

respect to hiding the problem in a workplace setting. The present study created a measure to identify respondents’ differences in problematic cell phone use.

Esther L. Grabow, Camille N Baker, and Dr. Walter Buboltz all from Louisiana Tech University, presented, “The Aggression Questionnaire- Short Form (AQ-SF) and Brief Aggression Questionnaire (BAQ): Better measures than the Aggression Questionnaire (AQ).” Two shorter versions of the Aggression Questionnaire (AQ) have been proposed, the Aggression Questionnaire - Short Form (AQ-SF) and the Brief Aggression Questionnaire (BAQ). Based on confirmatory factor analyses, the AQ-SF and the BAQ are both better fits for the data than the AQ.

For “Sleep Quality and Technology Use as Predictors of Life Satisfaction,” Mercedes Gremillion, Victoria Felix, and Dr. Walter Buboltz, all from Louisiana Tech University presented.

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CLOSER TO HOME: Dr. Jennifer Volz (L), Dr. James Van Hook III, and Lauren Jordan at the recent poster session hosted by the Louisiana Psychological Association. Ms. Jordan, a student at Southeastern Louisiana University, describes her research conducted with Dr. Matt Rossano on Terror Management Theory and worldviews. Dr. Michelle Moore coordinated the event for student researchers around the state.

APS in Chicago, continued

Limited research has investigated the roles of sleep quality, text messaging, Internet addiction, and Facebook use on satisfaction with life. To address this deficiency, the present study was conducted. Results indicated that sleep quality, text messaging, Internet addiction, and Facebook use were significant predictors of satisfaction with life.

Tulane University

Sally K. Merritt, Dr. Laurie T. O'Brien, and Dr. Janet B. Ruscher, from Tulane University presented research titled,“ ‘But I was just trying to be funny’- Communication Goals and Offensiveness.” The group investigated offensive communication, asking participants to create captions for pictures using different communication goals. Only participants with the non-offensive goal were successful at avoiding offensiveness. When people are trying to be funny they may resort to offensiveness when shown pictures of the devalued social group of overweight individuals.

Dr. Michael J Burke from Tulane University, along with colleagues from California State University and the University of Massachusetts, presented, “A Meta-analysis of the Effectiveness of Food Safety Training.” Studies regarding the effectiveness of food safety training have yielded mixed findings. In this meta-analysis (50 studies, N = 6,819), results indicate that such training has a positive effect on employee knowledge and performance. Highly engaging training methods are more effective than less engaging ones only with respect to knowledge.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

From University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Dr.. Hung-Chu Linx, Yang Yang, Robert McFatter, and Jacob Ambrose, and Philip Richard from Louisiana State University, presented, “Criminal Offenders' Dispositional Empathy, Perceived Parental Bonding, and Attachment Dimensions.” The researchers examined the associations of inmate’ dispositional empathy, perceived early parental bonding, and attachment dimensions. Inmates’ perceived parental overprotection was associated with positive views of others and a need for others’ approval (attachment anxiety), which in turn was related to a greater propensity to

empathically respond to others’ distress.

Michele I. Feist from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and Sarah E Duffy from the University of Birmingham, presented, “Power in Time: The Influence of Power Posing on the Interpretation of an Ambiguous Metaphoric Statement.” What influences interpretations of metaphors for time? English metaphors have been connected to approach (Moving Ego) and avoidance (Moving Time). Researchers asked whether adopting a high-power (approach) or low-power (avoidance) pose might influence interpretation of an ambiguous metaphor. Results suggest high-power posers prefer the ME perspective more than low-power posers.

University of Louisiana Monroe

“Does Magical Ideation Combined with Need for Cognition Facilitate Belief in Conspiracies?” was presented by Dr. Rick Stevens, Mary Medlin, Amber Flick, and Kay Rawls, all from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Researchers investigated the belief in conspiracy theories. They found that Need for Cognition was positively correlated with belief in conspiracy theories. Magical ideation was positively correlated with the belief in conspiracies and with Need for Cognition.

LAMP Hosts CE/CME Training in April in Baton Rouge

The Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists held a training meeting April 16 and 17 in Baton Rouge.

Derek Shanman, PhD, spoke on Behavior Analysis and the CABAS Model in Louisiana. Dr. Shanman provided information on behavior analysis, applied behavior analysis, and implementation of the CABAS model of behavior analysis in Southern Louisiana, according to the LaBAA website.

Also presenting was Joe Comaty, PhD, MP, who spoke on Madness in Medicine: The History of Psychiatric Treatments.

Claire Advokat, PhD, presented Biomarkers: Diagnostic, Prognostic, Theranostic?

Case studies were presented by Dr. Rebecca Nolan, PhD, MP, and also by Dr. Tony Young, PhD, MP.

Dr. Seth Kunen, PhD, MP, presented Ethical Practice and the Healthcare Professionals’ Foundation of Louisiana (HPFL). Dr. Kunen works with the state medical board on matters impacting the quality and safety of care delivered by physicians and others licensed under the state medical board, called the Physicians’ Health Program, along with his colleague Julie Alleman, M.Ed, LPC, LMFT.

University of New Orleans

For, “Protective Factors in the Relation between Acculturation Dissonance and Externalizing and Internalizing Problems among Latino Adolescents,” Jena Michel and Sonia L Rubens from the University of New Orleans, and researchers from the University of Kansas, looked at the relation between

acculturation dissonance (AD) and internalizing/externalizing problems in Latino adolescents. Higher levels of hope were related to lower levels of internalizing problems. AD was positively associated with delinquent behavior. Neither spirituality nor hope moderated the association between AD and internalizing or externalizing problems.

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A Shrink at the Flicks

The Nice Guys—A Review

by Alvin G. Burstein

There are cities that have a kind of spiritual essence, an aura that transcends their geography and feeds the imagination. Thus Paris, especially in the spring, is for lovers, New Orleans is the city that care forgot, New York is the city for bustle that never sleeps—if you can make it there, you can make it anywhere.

What is it about Los Angeles that makes it a focus for stories of crime? Sgt. Friday, Philip Marlowe, Harry Bosch and scores of Los Angeles ‘tecs have just been joined by Holland Marsh and Jackson Healy in a current film, *The Nice Guys*. Thinking about the movie might help us see more deeply into the imaginary essence of L.A.

The film is a comedy featuring amusing characters and witty dialogue, which seem to denature the accompanying violence. It opens in 1970 with a porn star, Misty Mountains, being killed in a car crash. Holland Marsh, a bumbling and corrupt private eye, is hired by Misty’s aunt, possessed by the loony conviction that she has seen her niece alive, to find her. Marsh doubts the claim, but is willing to accept the job, and begins looking for Amelia Kutner, another girl who has disappeared, in the belief that she might somehow be involved. Amelia doesn’t want to be tracked down and hires Healy to persuade Marsh to lay off his search, which he does by breaking the detective’s arm. This graphic assault, along with the earlier shots of Misty’s bleeding corpse, initiates the parade of violence that continues through the film.

Guest Columnist,
Dr. Alvin Burstein

Burstein, a psychologist and psychoanalyst, is a professor emeritus at the University of Tennessee and a former 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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The next display occurs when a pair of hoods show up in Healy’s apartment demanding that he reveal Amelia’s whereabouts. In the course of being roughed up, Healy manages to scare the duo off by blasting at them with a shotgun.

Healy, who doesn’t know what has become of Amelia, decides to join in a search for the missing girl. This unlikely team discovers that Amelia had been working on a Misty Mountains film combining pornography and investigation of the political corruption involved in L.A.’s failure to control smog—a failure highlighted by L.A.’s status in 1970 as having America’s most polluted air. The film’s angel is Sidney Shattuck, a notorious porn producer. They are told that the film was destroyed in a suspicious fire, and the duo decides to seek Shattuck out for information about Amelia.

The search for Shattuck takes the duo to an extravagant fest where black ties and formal gowns mix with flagrant dissipation and exotic perversion. There they discover Shattuck’s gory body. Various mostly violent complications ensue, including the abduction and rescue of Marsh’s feisty teen-aged daughter, Holly, Healy’s strangling of Holly’s kidnapper, and their discovery of Amelia, whose aunt turns out to be a high place federal agent complicit in the corrupt forestalling of anti-pollution efforts.

It turns out that a copy of the film has been spliced into a promo for pollution spewing autos, and gets shown at the wild party; efforts by various malefactors to destroy it are forestalled by Healy and Marsh.

Amelia herself is killed, but her film survives. Her aunt’s corruption is revealed, but, unabashed, the aunt reminds the dynamic duo that “what is good for Detroit, is good for America”—and presumably Los Angeles. The film closes with Healy and Marsh forming an agency called “Nice Guys.”

So what makes Los Angeles the ideal setting for this movie, and such a frequent locale for tales of crime and detection? The answer is suggested by the city’s sobriquet, “Tinsel Town.” Tinsel is glitter that deceives. L.A. is about dreams that can end in rude awakenings. L.A. is sunshine and smog, beauty, charm and interest, and an underbelly of danger, destitution and pain.

Love and hate, birth and death, beauty and ugliness, virtue and sin are the dualities in which we live and that the City of Angels can personify and on which the film plays.

The *Nice Guys* is a film that amuses, entertains, diverts—and if you think about it, is troubling.

People

Dr. Jensen Honored continued

Among Jensen’s many teaching and professional roles, she has served as Associate Clinical Director and then as Clinical Director of the Louisiana State University (LSU) Counseling and Mental Health Services on the Baton Rouge campus, and as Adjunct Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology at LSU, from the late 1960s to the early 1990s.

She has held a faculty position for Fielding Institute, worked in private practice, served as President of the Louisiana Group Psychotherapy Society, served as board member for the American Group Psychotherapy Association, and served as Vice President for North America for the World Council for Psychotherapy.

Dr. Jensen co-founded “The Phone,” now called the Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center, served on the steering committee for Faculty and Staff Human Development Group at LSU, and on the Board of Directors for the Baton Rouge Catholic Social Services.

She has lectured in Germany, Austria, Russia, Argentina, China, and Australia, on the two, intertwined theoretical interests that have marked her career: the psychology of women, and the psychology of groups, she explained to the *Times* in a previously interview.

In November 2013 the, the Louisiana Group Psychotherapy Society, honored Jensen with their Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Louisiana Psychological Association, state affiliate of the American Psychological Association, chose two honorees this year, said current President Dr. Lacey Seymour. Seymour said that the other Distinguished Psychologist award will be presented at the association’s Fall Conference.

Dr. Tucker Cited In *National Psychologist*

The *National Psychologist* reported on Dr. Susan Tucker and her innovative corrections programs, in their May/June issue, under the “What’s Happening in the USA” section.

Dr. Tucker is the Assistant Warden, licensed psychologist, and program developer at the Bossier Parish Correctional Center and she designed the Steve Hoyle Intensive Substance Abuse Treatment Program. Tucker’s programs have earned state and national recognition. In 2010 the Vera Institute of Justice, an organization dedicated to improving justice systems through research and innovation, noted that the program, “...should be a model for the nation.” Recently she was recognized by the state legislature for saving millions of dollars.



Dr. Darlyne Nemeth (L) presents Dr. Sue Jensen with award for Distinguished Psychologist at the recent convention of the Louisiana Psychological Association.

Drs. Burchell, Costelloe, Nelson, Patterson, & Van Geffen Elected to LPA Ex Council

The Louisiana Psychological Association announced the results of their election at the annual business meeting in May. Dr. Julie Nelson will serve as President-Elect, Dr. Charles Burchell will serve as Treasurer, and Directors are Drs. William Costelloe, Constance Patterson, and Kim Van Geffen who was re-elected to serve in the Director position.



Dr. Sarah Moody-Thomas, the Charles L. Brown, Jr., MD, Professor of Health Promotion at LSU School of Public Health, spoke at the recent LPA convention on Louisiana’s health scores and smoking. Louisiana ranks 50th in overall health in the US. Moody-Thomas is the Director of the Tobacco Control Initiative (TCI). She said that psychology is at the core of needed changes. In mirror background are Dr. Deborah Palmer-Seal (L) from the Health & Education Alliance of Louisiana and Dr. Mary Lou Kelley, Professor and Director of Clinical Training at LSU, both who also presented.

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Up-Coming Events

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PTR Summer Symposium In Marksville, July 27 – 29

The Summer Symposium, a training event hosted by Professional Training Resources and own Dr. John Simoneaux, will be held on July 27 through 28, at the Paragon Casino Resorts at 711 Paragon Place in Marksville, Louisiana.

The Summer Symposium will provide attendees with 23 CE hours including Ethics, and a relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere with a chance to engage with mental health professionals from all disciplines and from around the state.

Featured this year are psychologists Dr. Simoneaux, who will present on “Intake: Keys to Effective Diagnosis and Treatment.” He will cover the essential information needed for intake to serve the beginning for offering services.

Misty Wainwright, MA, LPC will present “Disorders Relating to Pregnancy and Childbirth.” Wainwright will cover DSM-5

changes to depressive disorders with peripartum onset, and focus on disorders specifically experienced during pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum.

Dr. Byron Simoneaux will present the theoretical underpinnings of exposure therapy and how to assess suitability of the client for treatment in, “Exposure Therapy.”

Dr. Rafael Salcedo and Beth Salcedo, MA, will present, “Sex Trafficking,” and explain Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking and the bio-psycho-social circumstances and signs and symptoms.

Dr. John Simoneaux will present “Ethics: Professionalism,” and cover the meaning of a “fiduciary” relationship, and also how professionalism relates to conduct, dress, language, and interactions while delivering services.

Omnibus Bill Replaced – Senator Willie Mount’s proposal that would have dissolved the psychology and LPC boards and created an omnibus board, a move that was strongly opposed by both groups, was replaced.

SB 268, a bill to clarify scope of practice for Licensed Professional Counselors, was passed in the Senate. The bill will require that LPCs work in consultation with an MD or medical psychologist (but not a licensed psychologist) when LPC treats individuals with serious mental illness.

LAMP sends word to opponents of Act 251 that they would effectively fight the Omnibus bill if opposition to Act 251 were dropped.

Regional Group Organized: Drs. Carolyn Weyand, Judith Stewart and John Fanning are organizing a new group, the New Orleans Regional Psychologists, NORP.

Publisher Still Off LPA List: Times’ publisher still suspended from LPA listserve for quoting council members about their voting records.

Louisiana Researchers at Assn of Psych Science in DC.

Dr. Melinda Sothern’s *Trim Kids* program gains national media attention.

COPPS Meets in New Orleans: Dr. Penny Dralle and Dr. Charles Burchell work in police psychology. Dralle is President of Consortium of Police Psychology Services (COPPS) which meets in New Orleans this year.



Dr. Tom Hannie (L), Dr. Burchell, and Dr. Dralle. Photo from the June 2011 issue of Times.

APA Convention August 4–7, 2016 Denver, Colorado

The American Psychological Association will hold its Convention in Denver in August. The Keynote Presentation will feature a thought-provoking topic by social psychologist Jonathan Haidt, PhD, whose research focuses on the emotional foundations and variations in morality. He authored *The Righteous Mind* examining the moral values of liberals and conservatives.

The Presidential Address will be “Charting Psychology’s Future in Health Care and Beyond” The talk with look at psychologists’ skills that can contribute to solving the world’s most pressing problems and how to get a place at the table where key decisions are made.

The 2016 APA Award for Outstanding Lifetime Contributions to Psychology will be presented to Eduardo Salas, PhD, for his ground-breaking work on the science of teams.

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