

2016 Year In Review



Could Psychologists Get Stuck with Bill? LSBEP Legal Fees Skyrocket

The contract prosecuting attorney at the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LSBEP), Mr. James Raines, submitted invoices for \$52,000, according to discussion between officials at the December 16 meeting of the LSBEP. Raines' invoices are reported to be fees he generated over the last six weeks.

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Assn for Family and Conciliation Courts to Hold Conference Jan 27-28

The Louisiana chapter of the Association for Family and Conciliation Courts will present its 7th annual state conference on Friday and Saturday, January 27 and 28, at the Paul Hebert Law School on the LSU campus.

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Dr. Burstein
Gives His
View of
Latest Star
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In the early part of 2016 it looked like our biggest problems would be the money. Our new Governor called two special sessions to try and stop the continued slide, more troubles for public health and education. Little did we realize then that the police shooting of a black man in Baton Rouge, the assassination of police officers, and a catastrophic flood would eclipse our state's financial issues.

In the psychology community, political battles were mostly absent, there was little fighting in the war room. Without much fanfare, regular psychologists gained a majority of seats on the psychology board for the first time in years. The psychology board itself has been a different matter: turnover in three executive directors, a series of

Complaints Coordinators, and budget problems.

As is usual, 2016 was composed of interesting people doing interesting things. Examples are many. Dr. Susan Tucker was honored, Dr. Bonnie Nastasi continued her international achievements, Dr. Tracey Rizutto seemed to be everywhere. Dr. Raphael and Beth Salcedo bailed out the Free Indeed Home and Dr. Mark Crosby helped bail out Watson, Louisiana. Researchers were at APS, APS, local conventions, and there was the really big show, SEPA, in New Orleans.

We offer this look in the rearview mirror to remember where we've come, and we wish you a great 2017.

JANUARY 2016

Governor Orders More Budget Reductions Governor Jindal ordered reductions in the Executive Branch. Medical Vendor Payments are to be reduced by \$251,422,176.

Two Psychologists Will Be On "List" For the first time in recent years, the names headed to the Governor's Office for appointment to the state psychology board do not include a member of the Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists. Neither of the two possible appointees, Dr. Leah Crouch nor Dr. Amy Henke, are medical psychologists.

LSBEP Publishes New Rule Expanding Supervision Rights For Medical Psychologists The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LSBEP) published a new Rule that provides for medical psychologists to supervise Licensed Specialists in School Psychology and for those with Provisional Licenses.

LSU's Dr. Johnny Matson Part of OAR Research Team Louisiana State University Professor and Distinguished Research Master, Dr. Johnny Matson will be a member of the research team named by the Organization of Autism

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2016 COMMUNITY AWARDS

The *Times* reviewed the news for 2016 and looked for those special contributors, those who pushed for excellence, who made that extra effort to change things for the better—who were creative, win-win, humane, strategic. We choose our Community Awards for 2016 for their vision, their courage, their scientific contributions. We appreciated them for nudging all of us out of our comfort zones so that all benefit. We looked for those going the distance—and found them. We thank and honor them. We noticed. We really did.

Editorial Page – Opinions

How Do You Know She’s a Witch? *by Times publisher, J. Nelson*

The recent news that the LSBEP prosecuting attorney, Mr. Raines, submitted invoices for \$52,000 in December is a bit startling. He submitted charges for \$66,597 in February. When he was hired, in late 2014, his contract was for \$15,000 a year.

One hypothesis for these escalating legal fees at the board is that psychologists are out of control and it takes layers upon layers of attorneys to counteract the dark side of the psychology community.

But an alternative hypothesis is: It’s the LSBEP attorneys who are out of control.

The complaints and investigation group, the subcommittee Mr. Raines is in, works without direct supervision of the board. As far as I can tell, they conduct no validity research on their outcomes. There is some data available, however.

First, we know that we have a low base rate. Over seven years the total “disciplinary actions” is 9 people, for an average of 1.3 per year. In a population of around 750 psychologists, this is a rate of .001 to .002.

So, pick *any psychologist* at random and the chance is 99% that he or she is reasonably ethical—not likely to be disciplined.

Over these seven years the board conducted 136 “investigations,” or 19.4 per year. With this we have 1.3 “true” positives or test “hits,” and 18.1 false positives, or test “misses,” with the investigations screening method. For any psychologist being investigated, the chance is 93% that he/she is innocent of the misdemeanor violation that the board is screening for.

In Monty Python’s clip, “She’s a witch,” (uTube—not to be missed) we have the motivated villagers—“Burn her, she’s a witch! Burn her!”

“How do you know she’s a witch?” asks the King. “Because she looks like one,” the villagers shout. “They dressed me up as a witch,” the woman says. What other evidence do you have? “She turned me into a newt!”



Screen shot from Monty Python, on uTube, “She’s a witch!”

Eventually, the king and the villagers prove that yes, the woman is a witch, if witches burn, and wood burns, then wood floats and so does a duck. So, if she weighs the same as a duck, she’s a witch. (You’ve got to see it.)

The comedic view of motivated reasoning, confirmation bias, base rate neglect, and so on, isn’t so funny for someone going through this very human, and more common than we like to admit, process of motivated group-think.

If the LSBEP were conducting a witch-hunt, they are also looking for the very rare, almost non-existent single person out of 700 or so psychologists. They accept evidence from villagers, who are motivated. The investigators must somehow discriminate between possible witches and the non-witches, both who look the same, both who proclaim their innocence.

How do the investigators judge? —They follow the APA ethics code (sacred writings), they follow policies and procedures (consult secret texts), they discuss matters in executive session (hold secret meetings). They are paid for all of this, of course.

If it were a witch-hunt, once the “investigators” believe they have rooted out a true witch, they try and convince that person to sign a document from the king (Consent Order) where she agrees to be punished. Even if the person is not guilty, this has some strong appeal, because the person can escape the vigor of the prosecutors and stop paying legal defense fees, which can be as much as \$10,000 or \$20,000 by this point.

But, there is a catch. By signing a Consent Order one gives up the rights to any further review.

A few poor souls decide to keep fighting—proclaiming their innocence. This can cost them well over \$25,000 or even over \$50,000, and also their mental health, since the stress is so profound. And if they lose, they are burned at the stake. And based on probabilities, maybe even innocent.

Gerd Gigerenzer, in his special issue of *Psychological Science in the Public Interest*, warns that screening procedures have two errors, false negatives and false positives. Both cause harm and both have costs and should be considered very, very carefully.

At the LSBEP, we have created conditions ripe for problems, and Mr. Raines’ fees are a symptom of a failing program.

Any program that hinges, not on scientific validity and sound, transparent methodology, but instead on the presence *or absence* of wisdom, knowledge, and integrity—in those applying that program, is very bad.

It’s time to get the attorneys out of the middle of everything, and get qualified psychologists to design a valid, evidence-based screening process that is cost-effective and that protects the public as well as the rights of licensees.

We are psychologists, this is what we do. It is our duty to apply our science so that programs do the most good and cause the least amount of harm.

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State and National News

Skyrocketing Legal Fees, continued

This comes at a time when the board is still digging out of money troubles in part because Mr. Raines submitted invoices totaling \$66,597 earlier last year, according to the February minutes for the LSBEP. The board appears to still owe him about \$44,000, officials said.

Mr. Raines works in the investigations subcommittee at the LSBEP. It was announced in December 2014 that Raines was hired as a contract employee from the firm of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson. At that time his contract was set for up to \$15,000. In the 2016 period, his contract limit was raised to \$28,000, according to government records.

At the recent LSBEP meeting, board members passed a motion to raise Mr. Raines’ contract again, this time to \$60,000.

Mr. Raines’s efforts assist the complaints and investigations subcommittee of the board, a group established by Rules, to which the board delegates its “authority and responsibility” for investigative and some prosecution issues.

The subcommittee screens consumer complaints made against psychologists, and reviews other sources of information about psychologists, including from other psychologists, from board members, and from subcommittee members themselves.

Members of this subcommittee are: the Complaints Coordinator (a psychologist); a private investigator; the prosecuting attorney; the Executive Director; and the general council attorneys.

Members of the subcommittee screen complaints and then investigate a percentage of these complaints. It is not clear when an investigation turns into a prosecution, but the subcommittee may also facilitate the signing of a “Consent Order,” where the psychologist agrees to be disciplined and waives his/her rights to a hearing.

Disciplinary events are rare. Based on the board’s statistics, the subcommittee has investigated 136 individuals over seven years, or an average of 19.4 psychologists per year. From these, the board disciplines an average of 1.3 psychologists each year. There is one disciplinary action currently being appealed.

This base rate for discipline, between .001 and .002 given around 750 licensed psychologists, is consistent with the national base rate for discipline from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).

The rate of disciplinary actions in Louisiana includes a high proportion of work involving child custody evaluations. In a special report in 2015, the *Times* found that 75 percent of discipline actions, at that time, originated from, or were related in some way to, forensic child custody evaluations.

Besides Mr. Raines as the prosecuting attorney, the complaints and investigations subcommittee also includes Mr. Tony McCoy, an private investigator.

Previously, the subcommittee also included Ms. Kelly Parker, the then Executive Director, who had a background

in criminal investigations. The current Executive Director, Ms. Jaime Monic, who returned to the LSBEP in 2015, has a support role in the subcommittee.

The current Complaints Coordinator, also in the investigations subcommittee, is Dr. Shasha Lambert. Dr. Lambert was licensed in February 2013 and took over for Dr. Christopher Garner, who resigned in the fall of 2016. Garner had taken over for Dr. Clinton (Gary) Pettigrew who served for 10 years as Complaints Coordinator and retired in late 2015.

The board’s contract attorneys for general council, Mr. Lloyd Lunceford and his associate, Amy Groves Lowe, appear to be involved in cases at times.

In September 2015, the investigations subcommittee appeared to have ignored language in the Psychology Practice Act that limited investigations to one year.

During a September hearing with the time limit as the topic, Mr. Lunceford suggested an executive session, seemingly to discuss the time-limit problem. It also appeared that Mr. Lunceford may have encouraged the then Complaints Coordinator, Dr.

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The psychology board met in December and discussed the high fees charged by the prosecuting attorney in the investigations subcommittee. Here, members talk at the planning meeting in November 2016.

Skyrocketing Legal Fees, continued

Pettigrew, to dismiss a case. Pettigrew said, “...purely on the advice of the prosecuting attorney,” he recommended dismissal. (See *Times* Vol 6, No 10. Board May Have Botched Time Limits on Complaints.)

Another case had been heard in August 2015, involving a child-custody evaluation, and also involved time limits. The psychologist appealed the board’s decision and the case appears to be still pending. It is not clear if it is this case that is generating legal fees, but officials at the December meeting seemed to suggest that that may be the situation.

Attending the December LSBEP public hour on behalf of the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA), Dr. John Fanning told the *Times* that the board officials indicated that much of these charges have been linked to a few cases. Fanning also said that the discussion suggested that one of the expensive cases was one where the board voted to revoke a psychologist’s license, and the individual appealed the decision. He also said that the appellate judge stayed the revocation, the case has been on hold, and the case continues to generate legal expenses, as in the December discussion.

The board has been having financial troubles and the minutes and other sources suggest that Ms. Monic has been working to correct the financial issues.

In February 2016, Monic, who accepted the position of Executive Director sometime in late 2015, alerted board members that Raines had invoices amounting to \$66,597.42. According to the February minutes, Monic asked Mr. Raines to cease work until further notice.

Currently, Mr. Lunceford and associates have a contract for \$36,000. Dr. Lambert’s contract is for \$12,000 which is an increase from the \$4,000 a year that was paid to Dr. Clinton Pettigrew up until his retirement.

In a June 8, 2016, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor reported that the psychology board was found to have inadequate controls over

financial matters during the 2014–2015 time period. The state Auditor found inadequate segregation of duties and lack of supporting documentation, inadequate controls over employee payroll and leave, inadequate controls over debit and credit cards, and inadequate controls over travel and meals expenses.

In May 2016, the board members reviewed finances from the accountant, and was “on track to stay on budget,” according to minutes. The report from the CPA and minutes seemed to suggest that Monic had been able to cut expenses, and that, “Total expenses are under budget by \$57,251.84.”

While interviews with the press are restricted, in late December, the *Times* asked Ms. Monic if she would confirm discussions from the December meeting.

“I am happy to provide a comment on record that on Friday, December 16, 2016, the Board approved an amendment to the contract for James R. Raines (Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP), to increase his contract from \$28,000 to an amount not to exceed \$60,000. At that meeting, the Board reviewed financial statements prepared by Ms. Valerie Dominique, CPA, which reflect that the Board remains within budget.”

“However, as I reported to them,” said Monic, “I am expecting that our expenses for this fiscal year will exceed our revenue and I am currently investigating the situation and options. As a result of my report, the Board, in anticipation, also discussed reviewing its budget at a special meeting if necessary, to make cuts in order to cover necessary expenses, just as we did in the prior Fiscal Year. This may include a freeze on travel/travel reimbursement. Additionally, as you may recall, at the Long Range Planning Meeting in November of this year, the Board agreed to investigate how other

Gov Edwards Loses Suit Against the AG

On December 14 Judge Todd Hernandez dismissed Governor Edwards executive order about anti-discrimination in the workplace. Hernandez ruled that the executive order was unconstitutional, and was an extension of executive power that was not provided for by the constitution.

Earlier this year, Edwards issued an Executive Order requiring LGBT anti-discrimination language in state contracts. The Attorney General, Jeff Landry, had refused to allow the state to hire outside attorneys if the contracts include anti-discrimination language.

According to a report in *Associated Press* by Melinda Deslatte, Landry argued that the Executive Order that Edwards issued creates a new protected class and is not within the Governor’s authority.

The report said that Edwards and Landry met but couldn’t agree. “He basically told me if I wanted him to approve those contracts that I would have to sue him. So I’m going to oblige him on that,” Gov. Edwards said.

After the ruling by Hernandez, the Attorney General said, “I applaud Judge Hernandez for basing his ruling on the law, not politics,” as reported by WTOL.

“We are disappointed in the court’s ruling today. However, we fully intend to appeal this issue, Gov. Edwards said.

boards impose fines in disciplinary matters as a means of offsetting legal expenses, rather than raise licensing/renewal fees.”

According to Dr. Fanning, the current LSBEP Chair, Dr. Darla Burnett, said at the December meeting, “This was my biggest fear, because one more case like this would break us.”

DHH Posts Emergency Rule for Applied Behavior Analysis-Based Services

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing is amending LAC 50:XV.703 in the Medical Assistance Program. The Emergency Rule addresses the adopted provisions to establish coverage and reimbursement for applied behavior analysis (ABA)-based therapy services under the Medicaid State Plan for ABA-based therapy services for Chisholm class members and

other children under the age of 21 (See *Louisiana Register*, Volume 41, Number 5).

“The department has now determined that it is necessary to amend the reimbursement methodology governing ABA-based therapy services in order to realign the reimbursement rates to be consistent with the commercial rates for these services which will be in effect statewide in January 2017. This action is being taken to avoid a budget deficit in the Medicaid Program. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will reduce expenditures in the Medicaid Program by approximately \$3,609,821 for state fiscal year 2016-2017,” noted the announcement.

Effective January 1, 2017, this amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for applied

PEW Finds Trust in Government at 50-Year Record Low of 19%

Currently, just 19% say they can trust the government always or most of the time, said the Pew Research Center for U.S. Politics & Policy.

This is one of the lowest levels in the last 50 years. “Only 20% would describe government programs as being well-run. And elected officials are held in such low regard that 55% of the public says “ordinary Americans’ would do a better job of solving national problems.”

The report, published November 23, noted that the public finds the government frustrating and badly managed, with only 20% saying that the federal government runs its programs well.

Trump’s Choice for HHS Head Divides Physicians

President-elect Donald Trump's choice of Rep. Tom Price, to head the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is dividing doctors, reports a Medscape review by Robert Lowes in December.

Some greet the pick of Price, who is a medical doctor, and chair of the House Budget Committee, “as a guardian of the physician-patient relationship and an opponent of burdensome government regulations.”

Others are concerned, says the report, that “the orthopedic surgeon will reduce access to healthcare by helping his party repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). They also fear that he will restrict abortion rights and turn his back on the needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community.”

Results from a study of over 1000 physicians, through an online survey conducted by the firm Merritt Hawkins, show that 46% generally feel positive about Dr Price, said Medscape.

However, 42% lean negative, and 12% are neutral.

“Although this support of Dr Price slightly outweighs opposition, 47% of physicians said that, if confirmed, he would detract from the ability of patients to obtain access to quality care compared with 42% who believe the opposite.”

Regarding physician well-being 46% percent said medical-practice conditions would improve with Dr. Price at the helm of HHS, while 34% said it would be worse.

behavior analysis-based therapy services covered under the Medicaid State Plan.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Jen Steele, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030 or by email to MedicaidPolicy@la.gov. Ms. Steele is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule.

Corrections & Clarifications

We did not receive any clarifications or corrections, other than typos and grammar, for our December 2016 issue.

Please send corrections or clarifications to the *Times*

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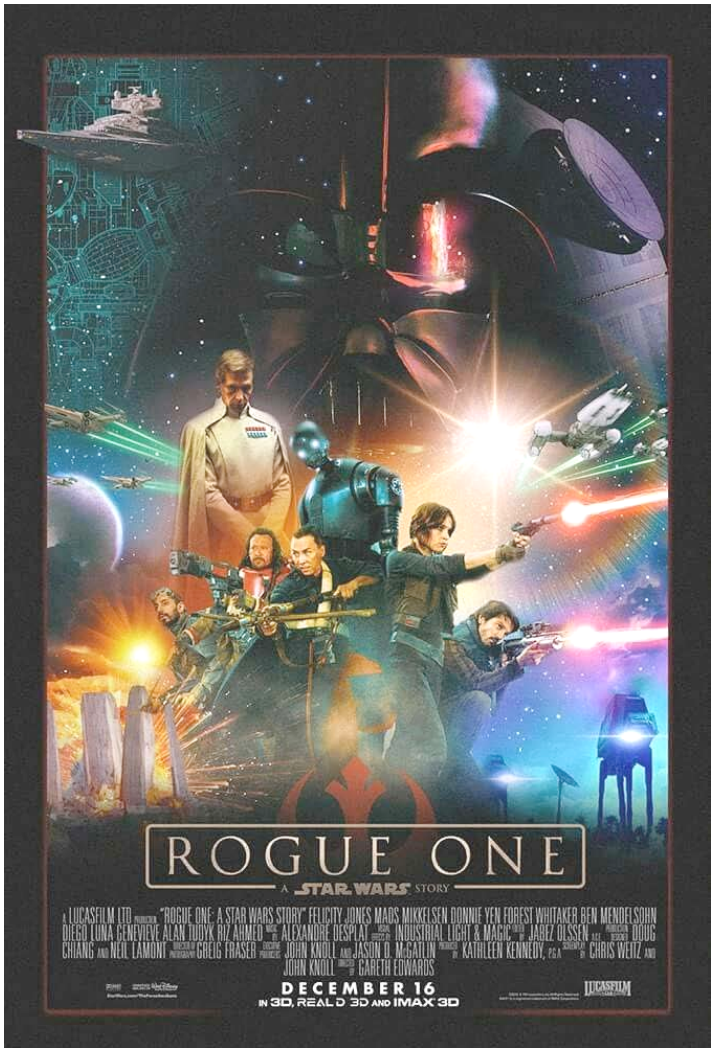
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A Shrink at the Flicks

Rogue One A Review

by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

Addicts of the *Star Wars* series, of which there are many, will want to see this film. If and when they do, they will be both gratified and, I think, disappointed. The degree of disappointment will depend upon the extent to which they had hoped to meet old friends.

The familiar incantation about a far away galaxy, a long time ago, which introduces this film, is like the “once upon a time” that tells us we are about to hear a fairy tale. *Rogue One*’s incantation tells us that what is about to appear on screen is part of the *Star Wars* genre. But the announcement doesn’t unroll as it does in its predecessors, a signal that it will be a different kind of *Star Wars* story. That turns out to be the case.

For example, the only Jedi to appear in *Rogue One* is the fallen away knight, Darth Vader. His entry into the tale places its events before his death. And as the story unfolds, we learn how Princess Leia obtained the schematics that enabled the Rebels to destroy the Imperial Death Star, depicted in the original *Star Wars* film, *A New Hope*.

There is another familiar face among the Imperial bad guys. Grand Moff Tarkin reappears, looking pretty much like Peter Cushing, thanks to digitalized enhancement of the actor replacing Peter Cushing who died over twenty years ago. On the other hand, as the film ends, we get a glimpse of Leia, also by virtue of enhancement of a replacement actress, who mentions the hope provided by those sought after schematics, underlining the linkage of *Rogue One* to *A New Hope*.

The Force, utilized by Obi Wan, Yoda and Luke Skywalker, in this film is employed only by Darth Vader, for the dark side. That is perplexing, especially because the film opens with a searing episode in which the protagonist, Jyn Erso, watches in horror while her mother is killed by Imperial raiders. Moments before, sending her daughter to flee for her life, her mother gives Jyn a crystal to wear, telling her the force will keep her safe. But the Force seems to recede into the background as a weapon for good, with one exception. There is blind monk, Imwe, who speaks of the force and invokes it. He seems able to utilize his cane as a remarkable weapon and to sense what is going on about him. But he is not a Jedi knight and wants only to “be one with the force.” His ambiguous relationship to the force is highlighted in his relationship with Wen. Wen is a seasoned mercenary warrior who relishes reminding Imwe of the role that big guns play in knocking off bad guys—but who, when Imwe falls in battle, expresses a hope that his companion is now one with the force.

The film satisfies in providing lots of exciting action utilizing dramatic special effects. Air and ground battles abound. Suspense is inherent in having a rogue force engaging a powerful adversary. There are satisfying flickers of humor in the wry observations of K2SO, the adroid who collaborates with Jyn and her rebel companions, and who earns our affection by sacrificing himself in their defense.

But no Jedi knights, and in this episode, no happy ending. Jyn and the rebel intelligence officer Cassian Andor, who has become her partner in stealing the schematics from the imperial stronghold, await death on a collapsing planet. Our only comfort lies in Leia’s reference to hope, and, I suppose, in our knowledge of the future as portrayed in the earlier films.

I think that it is not likely that we will meet Jyn Erso or Cassian Andor again. Their story is over. That disappoints because we have become attached to them. There is another, subtler flatness in this story. Jyn has adventures, but we don’t get a sense of her growing. Cassian Andor hints at the conflicts he experiences in having to betray those who trust him, but the conflict seems tangential. Perhaps the most interesting relationship is that between the pragmatic guerilla Wen and the spiritual Imwe, who are so different, but who love one another. They both die, too, and we hardly got to know them.

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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Research to study predictors of adult outcomes of those with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

ADHD Diagnosis Soaring — Louisiana Ranks 1st in ADHD, Meds for Children Statistics from the Center for Disease Control ranked Louisiana first in the percentage of children taking medication for ADHD and third in the percentage of youngsters who have a current ADHD diagnosis.

LAMP Contributes \$10K to New Governor The Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologist contributed \$5,000 to John Bel Edwards and also \$5,000 to his Victory Fund.

Medical Board Publishes New Rules for Complaint Process The state medical board published a new Rule to accompany Act 441 which addressed complaints by members of the Medical Society about the lack of clarity and fairness in the investigations at the state medical board.

Stress Solutions by Susan Andrews, PhD: Reducing the Room’s Temperature can Increase the Quality of Your Sleep

Janet and Lee Matthews Showcased in Monitor for AP Foundation Bequest Louisiana psychologists Dr. Janet Matthews and Dr. Lee Matthews were featured in the December issue of the American Psychological Association’s *Monitor*. The couple made a significant contribution to the American Psychological Foundation.

The Force at the Flicks: A Review of Star Wars by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD.

FEBRUARY

State Grapples with \$1.9 Billion Deficit The state faces a \$1.9 billion deficit.

Henke First in LSBEP Election Dr. Amy Henke captured 62 percent and Dr. Leah Crouch, 38 percent of votes for a seat on the state psychology board.

Drs. Coulter and Overstreet Featured Speakers at NASP in New Orleans Tulane’s Dr. Stacy Overstreet and her multiagency partners will be a featured speaker at the Annual Convention of the National Association of School Psychologists, with “Partnerships to Create Trauma-Informed Schools.” Also featured is Dr. Alan Coulter, Senior Manager at the Human Development Center, LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, speaking on, “Bracing for the Common Core Crash: Preventing More Children Left Behind.”

Tulane’s Dr. Nastasi Helps Bring Psychology to the Global Community Tulane’s Dr. Bonnie Nastasi, Professor in the Department of Psychology, has been at the forefront of the United Nations “Convention on the Rights of the Child,” movement since 1989. A review of her multi-year research project involving 12 countries, included Brazil, Estonia, Greece, India, Italy, Mexico, Romani, Russia, Slovak Republic, Sri Lanka,

Tanzania, USA (Boston, Puerto Rico, New Orleans).

Gov. Edwards Signs Medicaid Expansion One day after he took office, Governor John Bel Edwards signed an executive order to expand Medicaid, providing health coverage for nearly 300,000 more Louisiana citizens.

Hoffman Fees Rocket to \$5,000,000—Military Psychologists Object to Hoffman Report and APA Ban APA Society for Military Psychology wrote to the APA Board of Directors and pointed to factual and procedural errors in the Hoffman Report.

New Gov Seeks Solutions to La Healthcare Crisis The Governor’s Transition Committee on Healthcare reported, “The overall state of healthcare in Louisiana is dire.” Louisiana ranks at the bottom in health outcomes, in disease treatment, and prevention.

Medical Psychology Advisory Committee Meets The Medical Psychology Advisory Committee announced a meeting for January at the Lafayette Psychotherapy Group.

Reflections on Sandy Hook: An Analysis of the Findings from CCFRP by Dr. Yael Banai A review of the Sandy Hook tragedy report.

Jim Canfield, LSPA “Founding Father,” Dies James Eugene “Jim” Canfield, a “Founding Father” of the Louisiana School Psychological Association, died January 1, at the Southeast Louisiana War Veterans Home in Reserve.

Bookshelf: Comorbid Conditions in Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, Johnny L. Matson and Michael L. Matson, from Springer Autism and Child Psychopathology Series.

Shrink at the Flicks: The Revenant A Review by Alvin G. Burstein

Fifty Chimps Retiring to Chimp Haven in Keithville, Louisiana Retired NIH-owned chimpanzees will move to the sanctuary, said Kathleen Taylor, Director of Animal Care at Chimp Haven.

Dr. Patterson Attends CDSPP Tulane’s Dr. Constance Patterson attended the Council of Directors of School Psychology Programs.

LSBEP Selects Dr. Garner As Complaints Coordinator The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists announced that Dr. Chris Garner would take on the duties of Complaints Coordinator.

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The Psychology Times 2016 COMMUNITY AWARD INNOVATION Dr. Bonnie Nastasi



For Tulane’s prolific scholar, Dr. Bonni Nastasi, the world is her community. She was not only honored in 2016 as one of the most prolific scholars in school psychology, she continued her innovations and multi-year research efforts across the globe. We reported on her innovations where she combined elements of clinical, school, and organizational psychology to aid those is Sri Lanka and elsewhere. She has tirelessly created new methods that can reach children in the most need, a mission that started for her years ago at the UN’s Convention on the Rights of the Child. For her amazing insights in the science and application of psychology, we name her as our innovator for 2016. We thank her for allowing the rest of us to share in her vision of a better world.

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Professional Training Resources Looks at Impulse Control Psychologist Dr. John Simoneaux will offer training about Impulse Control Disorders.

Drs. Chaney, Sauley Present Management Training for LSU Dr. Courtland Chaney and Dr. Kerry Sauley will present the flagship training, “Fundamentals of Supervision,” for the LSU Continuing Education Professional Development Program.

MARCH

\$Millions Saved: Dr. Tucker’s Work Honored Legislators commended the results of the Steve Hoyle Intensive Substance Abuse Program created by psychologist and Assistant Warden, Dr. Susan Tucker, in a House Concurrent Resolution, HCR3.

Southeastern Psychological Association Meets in New Orleans—March 30 to April 2. Psychological researchers from around the state will participate in SEPA, including Drs. Emily Elliot, Megan Papesch, Sean Lane, and Daniella Cash from Louisiana State University, and Dr. Tracey Rizzuto from LSU, Drs. Guler Boyraz, Melanie Lantz, Jerry Tobacyk, and Mary Livingston from Louisiana Tech, Dr. Charles Nichols and Maria Bruyn from Loyola, Dr. Tanya Karam-Zanders from Northwestern State University, Dr. Lillian Range, Tara Payne,



The Southeastern Psychological Association was held in New Orleans, in March 2016. Researchers from all over the state presented their research. Above, Efehi Edomwonyi (L) from Xavier speaks to her professor, Dr. Katherine Eskine.

Anna MacLellan, and E. Joy Hutchinson from Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Dr. Sara Sohr-Preston, Olivia Moreno Karen Phung from Southeastern Louisiana University, Drs. Emily Sandoz, Theresa Wozencraft, Amy Brown, and Brooke Breaux from University of Louisiana

Lafayette, Dr. Robert Laird and Yanan Zhao from University of New Orleans, and Dr. Katherine Eskine, Alliyah Jones, Zaharra Withers, and W. Michael Nelson from Xavier University.

Governor Edwards Says He Will Make Corrections a Priority in 2017 The Governor told attendees at the American Correctional Association Winter Conference, held in New Orleans last month, that reducing the state’s prison population will be a top priority in 2017. Louisiana is 1st in Incarceration rate.

Univ. of Louisiana Monroe Online Psychology Program Named in Top National Group SuperScholar ranked the online Psychology program at University of Louisiana Monroe in top programs.

Dr. Rizzuto Featured at TEDxLSU Dr. Tracey Rizzuto, Industrial-Organizational psychologist and Associate Director of the School of Human Resource Education & Workforce Development at Louisiana State University, was featured in a TEDxLSU.

Stress Solutions by Susan Andrews, PhD: Two New Studies on Stress May Surprise —Stress is contagious.

Dr. Choate Named Distinguished Researcher

Laura Choate, EdD, and Licensed Professional Counselor, was named as the recipient of the 2014, Distinguished Research Award by the LSU College of Human Sciences and Education.

Marriage & Family Therapists Host Drs. Schnarch, Morehouse Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy held its Annual Conference in New Orleans: “Creating Passion and Intimacy: Skills for Couple Therapy.”

Dr. Lane Appointed Associate Dean LSU Graduate School Dr. Sean Lane was appointed as the new Associate Dean of the Louisiana State University Graduate School. He has served as Professor, Department of Psychology and has also served as Psychology Associate Chair.

Dr. Rizzuto SIOP Consortia Chair Dr. Tracey Rizzuto is the Consortia Chair for the 31st annual conference of national group, Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology in Anaheim, California.

We Remember: Dr. Sam Thomas, a psychologist practicing in the Shreveport–Bossier area passed away in 2014, on July 15. Dr. Mary Ellen Matthews died on April 11, 2015.

A Shrink at the Flicks: All The Pretty Horses by Alvin G. Burstein



Aliyah Jones from Xavier explains her SEPA research to attendee.

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Louisiana Group Psychotherapy Society to Hold Institute in April The Louisiana Group Psychotherapy Society will hold its Spring Institute on April in New Orleans. The featured speaker is Mollyn Leszcz, MD, co-author of Irvin Yalom's *The Theory and Practice of Group Psychotherapy*.

Louisiana Psychological Association To Host UNO Biopsychologist Dr. Gerald LaHoste in May The Louisiana Psychological Association will hold its annual convention May 20 and 21 in New Orleans. Dr. Gerald LaHoste, University of New Orleans Biopsychology and genetic researcher, will deliver the keynote address on epigenetics in health and behavior.

APRIL

SSA Thumbs Its Nose at Psychological Science and Institute of Health/Medicine On March 24, the Social Security Administration published a new section on "When Not to Purchase a Consultative Examination." In their new procedure the authors say, "Do not purchase symptom validity tests (SVT) to address symptom evaluation or issues of potential malingering as part of a CE."

Researchers from Lakes Charles, McNeese, Monroe Gather at Southwestern Psychological Association Psychological scientists will take on Pathogen Prevalence Theory, Victorian values, cell phone addiction, beliefs about global warming with presenters including Drs. Larry Dilks and Burton Ashworth, and Kimberly Hutchinson and Chelsi King, and others from the Lake Charles Research Group; Yong Dai from LSU-S, Drs. Linda Brannon, Bianca Augustine, and Dena Matzenbacher from McNeese; Dr. Cynthia Lindsey and Melanie Midkiff from Northwestern State; Dr. Kilian Garvey, Kelly Rene Buxton, Mary Medlin, and Sebastien O'Neil from U. of Louisiana Monroe.

Long-Term Chronic Pain Treatments CDC – Opioids Bad, Psychology Good CDC authors said that there was no evidence for a long-term benefit of opioid pain medications. However, the authors found strong evidence for serious risks. Drs. Geralyn Datz,

Melissa Bonnell, and Joe Tramontana explain the issues.

Slew of Bills Proposed Bills addressing the Medicaid expansion, cost containments for public healthcare, provider requirements, Mental Health "Stabilization Units," a correction to Specialty Court exemptions, an exemption for the LPC Board from ex-offender licensing protections, and more freedoms in telehealth, are proposed.

Third Annual Mental Health Legislative Forum to Be Held The 2016 Mental health Legislative Forum will be held in April in Baton Rouge. The Forum is a community effort to cooperate and collaborate on legislative issues in the mental health services community. The Forum is organized by the Louisiana Counseling Association and the Louisiana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

Dr. Cohen Named "Rainmaker" Dr. Alex Cohen, associate professor in the Psychology Department at Louisiana State University, has been named the 2016 Rainmaker Mid-Career Scholar Award by the LSU Council on Research and Economic Development. Dr. Cohen's work will also be featured in the upcoming National Geographic Channel's "Brain Games" Series.

Over-Budget Legal Costs Could Cause Fee Increase for Psychologists In February the state psychology board's new Executive Director, Ms. Jaime Monic, alerted board members that one of the legal contractors, Mr. James Raines, had invoices amounting to \$66,597. Monic told the members she asked Mr. Raines to cease work until further notice.

Minutes "Missing" from Special Board Meetings During the SB113 Politics The new Executive Director informed the board that minutes from two board meetings held last May, are now missing. The meetings occurred during the hotly contested political exchange about Senate Bill 113.

Defendants in Medicare Case Ask Government To Define Their View of CPT 96101 In December 2015, defendants in the government's case against psychologists who delivered



In May the Louisiana Psychological Association hosted the University of New Orleans biopsychologist and genetic researcher, Dr. Gerald LaHoste, who spoke on epigenetics and health behavior.

Medicare services for people in nursing homes, asked for information to use in their defense: what is the United States' documentation and interpretation of CPT Code 96101.

U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy Authors Mental Health Reform Legislation Louisiana U.S. Senator, Bill Cassidy, has helped author S. 2680, called the Mental Health Reform Act of 2016.

Guidelines Support Psychologists' Work to Integrate Whole Person in Pain Management The recent CDC guidelines, pointing to serious problems with opioid use for pain, a massive problem in health. Dr. Geralyn Datz is in the lead: "It is now widely accepted that pain is a biopsychosocial phenomenon," she said.

A Shrink at the Flicks: It Takes a Village...: Review of *Spotlight* by Alvin G. Burstein

Hasha, Sandoz, Landry, Present for Mindfulness Day The Tam Bao Meditation Hall will host the 7th annual Mindfulness Day for Mental Health Professionals. Presenters include Thay Dao Quang, M.Ed.; Margot Hasha, Ph.D., LCSW, CT; Emily Sandoz, Ph.D.; and Helen Landry, LCSW.

Professional Training Resources Offering: "Going to Court Even If You Don't Want To" Training by Professional Training Resources and Dr. John Simoneaux.

MAY

Senate Concurrent Resolution Calls for Supervision of State

Regulatory Boards A measure leading to supervision and oversight of state regulatory boards passed favorably out of committee and heads to the Senate floor.

Tulane's Dr. Bonnie Nastasi and LSU are Top Scholarly Sources Dr. Bonnie Nastasi, Professor of Psychology at Tulane University, has been found to be one of the most prolific scholars in school psychology literature, based on an analysis of almost 5,000 psychological scientists and thousands of publications in over 300 scientific journals. In the same study, Louisiana State University (LSU) was found to be among the top universities in productivity for school psychology literature. Dr. George Noell directs the school psychology program at LSU.

Rules for Psychology CEs Under Review The board received 23 comments about their "Notice of Intent" for continuing education, proposed rules.

BA Board Notes New Rule The Behavior Analyst Board published a proposed Rule for supervision requirements for State Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts and for Registered Line Technicians.

Medical Board Publishes Rules for Complaint Process The state medical board published a new Rule which requires that the Executive Director and the Director of Investigations be separate positions.

LSU Researchers Present Work in April at Anxiety and Depression Association of

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America Emily Jeffries and Austin Lemke, doctoral students of Dr. Julia Buckner and researchers at Buckner's lab, LSU Anxiety and Addictive Behaviors Laboratory, presented research at the 35th Annual Conference of the Anxiety and Depression Association of America.

Psychologists Speak at Louisiana Primary Care Assn Annual Clinical Summit in New Orleans – Dr. Melissa Bonnell, Dr. William (Gig) Costelloe, and Dr. Karen Slaton are among the presenters this year at the 3rd Annual Clinical Summit of the Louisiana Primary Care Association. Drs. Bonnell and Slaton will present "Three Behaviors = Four Disease Processes = 50% of All Mortality: How to Help Patients Change the Big Three." Dr. Costelloe presented, "Creating Effective Teamwork and Collaboration in Integrated Settings."

LaTech's Dr. lore dickey to Take New Position at Northern Arizona U. Dr. lore dickey has accepted the Assistant Professor and Director of Training for the Counseling/School Combined Psychology PhD program at the Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Stress Solutions by Susan Andrews, PhD Stress Linked to Increased Risk of Dementia

(Not) Talking about Death — Dr. Breaux and Researchers at Lafayette Study the Words We Use in Place of "Died" "Passed away", "kicked the bucket", "gone with the wind", — these are some of the more common ways we talk about the topic of death, that Dr. Brook Breaux and her student researchers from psychology at the University of Louisiana Lafayette have found in their research.

Bookshelf: Medical Psychology Practice and Policy Perspectives John Caccavale, PhD, ABMP Editor, brings together key figures in the national medical psychology community to define a vision of quality healthcare and of psychologists' participation in that vision.

A Shrink at the Flicks: The Rumble in the Jungle—A Review of *The Jungle Book* by Alvin G. Burstein

New Directions in Health Services, Recent Advances in Assessment, Ethics, and

Resilience—Among Topics at LPA Convention. Gerald LaHoste, PhD, University of New Orleans Biopsychology and genetic researcher, will deliver the keynote address on epigenetics in health and behavior. Chris Leonhard, PhD, Mary Lou Kelley, PhD, Sarah Moody-Thomas, PhD, and Deborah Palmer-Seal, PhD, speak on, "New Directions in Health Service Psychology." Other presenters include Bobby Kizer, PhD, Jennifer Maynard, PhD., Amy Henke, Psy.D, Michelle Moore, PhD., Sarah Gray, PhD., Chavez Phelps, PhD., Courtney Lewis, PhD., Elizabeth Carey, PhD., Corrine Johnson, PhD., Aaron Armelie, PhD. and Alyssa Lee, MA.

JUNE

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. Directors, Dr. Rafael Salcedo, licensed psychologist, and wife Beth Salcedo, licensed speech-language pathologist, depend on both public and private funding.

Dr. Jensen Named Distinguished Psychologist The Louisiana Psychological Association has named Dr. Susanne Jensen as one of their Distinguished Psychologists for 2016.

LSBEP Reports 744 Psychologists The state psychology board told attendees at an LPA conference that there were currently 744 licensed psychologists: 444 of these are designated as Clinical, 42 are Clinical Neuropsychological/Other and 16 Clinical Neuropsychological, 93 in the Counseling, 80 in School Psychology, 31 in Developmental, seven in Industrial-Organizational, six in Experimental, two in Educational, and 17 individuals who use no specialty designation.

Dr. Seth Kunen Helps Impaired Physicians at State Medical Board Dr. Seth Kunen, PhD, MP, met with the state medical board and represents the Physicians' Health Foundation, a firm that helps impaired doctors.

ASPPB Announces Plans to Install Another Step in Licensing Exam for New

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Beth and Dr. Raphael Salcedo
and
Dr. Mark Crosby

We continue to be amazed by the determination and self-sacrifice of the Salcedos, and the effort they pour into saving the lives and the psyches of the most abused children of our time, the sex-trafficked girls who find safety and healing at the Free Indeed Home. This year we reported on the hassles the Salcedos endured and overcame when red tape and indifference almost shut down the Home. These two are true heroes and continue to deserve all we can do for them.

We also name Dr. Mark Crosby this year for his leadership and selflessness in the Watson community, ground zero for the Flood of 2016. He dedicated himself to seeing the community through the stages of the catastrophe and is far from the end of that service. Our hats go off to Dr. Crosby this year also.



Dr. Raphael Salcedo on his tractor at the Free Indeed Home.

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Psychologists, EPPP – 2 The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) announced their intention to develop an additional examination for licensing psychologists, called EPPP Step 2.

Medical Error is Third Leading Cause of Death A new study finds that medical error, unrelated to the illness or injury, is the third cause of death after heart disease and cancer. Dr. Robert Mathews commented on some of these problems from a cognitive psychology perspective.

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. Todd is founding president of the Louisiana Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Louisiana Researchers Presented at 28th Annual Convention of APS in Chicago, May 26–28 Psychologists and psychological scientists from Louisiana Tech, Tulane, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Louisiana at Monroe and University of New Orleans presented their work at the 28th Annual Conference of the Association for Psychological Science.

LAMP Hosts CE/CME Training in April in Baton Rouge The Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists hosted Derek Shanman, PhD, speaking on Behavior Analysis and the CABAS Model in Louisiana. Also presenting was Joe Comaty, PhD, MP, who spoke on Madness in Medicine: The History of Psychiatric Treatments.

A Shrink at the Flicks: *The Nice Guys*—A Review by Alvin G. Burstein

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.

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.

JULY

Budget Problems to Be Continued Despite two special sessions and a regular session where the state’s dire financial picture dominated, and tax changes that should raise somewhere in the range of \$1.5 billion, cuts to key public programs are still going to occur.

Confusing New CE Rule Takes Effect After almost six years of effort and discussion, psychologists are logging in their new categories for Continuing Professional Development (CPD), as they renew their licenses this month.

Legislative Auditor Gives LSBEP Good Scrubbing in June 8 Report In a June report by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was found to have inadequate controls over financial matters during the 2014–2015 time period. The state Auditor found inadequate segregation of duties and lack of supporting documentation.

The Psychology of Our Social Rituals Experts review the complex, psychological fabric of social rituals: Southeastern’s Dr. Matt Rossano, and Xavier’s Dr. Judith G. Miranti.

Shrink at the Flicks – Ghosties and Ghoulies: A Review of *The Conjuring 2* by Alvin G. Burstein

LSBEP’s 2014 Idea to Govern Speech Ends A 2014 effort by the state psychology board to add discipline over personal speech has ended, scrubbed at the June meeting, when Chair Dr. Marc Zimmermann said, “This group has outlived its usefulness. I propose we end it.”

Board Digging Out of Over-Budget Woes In their May meeting, Ms. Jaime Monic, Executive Director, explained that cost cutting measures were working: “ ... We budgeted to have a net loss (Revenue – Expenses) of \$112,351. [...] Total expenses are under budget by \$57,251.84. It appears that you are on track to

stay on budget for FY ending June 30,2016.”

Psychology Times Wins Editorial Sweepstakes at Press Association *The Psychology Times* took home 15 awards, including Editorial Sweepstakes, from the 136th Annual Louisiana Press Association Convention held in June. The honor included a sentimental favorite by Drs. Susan Andrews, John Magee and Julie Nelson for their Best Feature Article, “Our WWII Fathers.”

Tulane’s Dr. Hoerger Helps Cancer Patients Understand Palliative Care Tulane’s Dr. Michael Hoerger is working closely with the authors of a groundbreaking research study, to better understand the benefits that multidiscipline care can bring to those who are struggling with serious and potentially terminal cancer.

Dr. Staiano Big into Game Playing Dr. Amanda Staiano, developmental psychologist in pediatric obesity and Assistant Professor of Population & Public Health Science at Pennington, and Adjunct Assistant Professor

in the LSU Psychology Department, is making the case that video games could help with children’s health and lower their risks for obesity. Staiano’s work was covered this past March by CBS News.

Dr. Janet Rusher Acting Dean Dr. Janet Rusher is now acting Dean for the School of Science and Engineering at Tulane.

Dr. Romero Presents Plenary Address at PA Brain Injury Assn Dr. Maryellen Romero was the invited plenary speaker at the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania Annual Meeting, held June in Lancaster, PA.

Dr. Garner Founding Rorschach Institute for Louisiana Dr. Christopher (Chris) Garner, licensed clinical psychologist in Baton Rouge, is founding the Rorschach Institute.

Webpages The newest website for Dr. Lacey Seymour’s Live Oak Behavioral Psychology is functional and beautiful.

PTR Summer Symposium In Marksville, July 27 – 29 The Summer Symposium, a training event hosted by Professional

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Police officers were murdered in Baton Rouge, by an unstable, black veteran.

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Training Resources, will be held in July in Marksville, Louisiana. Presenters include Dr. John Simoneaux, Misty Wainwright, MA, LPC, Dr. Byron Simoneaux, Dr. Rafael Salcedo and Beth Salcedo, MA.

AUGUST

Louisiana Struggles to Deal with Tragedies Police officers were ambushed by a mentally unstable veteran on July 17 in Baton Rouge. The killings sent shock waves through the community.

Psychologists Work with Police, Offenders, Communities, and Victims of Trauma Police Psychology– Dr. Mkey Bonner is on the Advisory Council for, and served as Co-Coordinator of, the Northeast Delta Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program. Dr. Tracey Rizzuto, Associate Director in the LSU School of Human Resource Education & Workforce Development works with the Baton Rouge Area Violence Elimination project, or BRAVE. A nationally recognized correctional program, the Steve Hoyle Intensive Substance Abuse Program and other programs, created and delivered by psychologist and Assistant Warden, Dr. Susan Tucker, is saving the state millions of dollars due to shorter incarceration times and lower recidivism that improves lives, families and community safety. And, Dr. Deborah Palmer-Seal works to change the links between poverty and crime, in the Central City area of New Orleans, the poorest area in the United States.

LPA Formally Opposes EPPP2 The Executive Council of the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA), and led by Dr. Amy Henke, Council members voted to oppose a second testing hurdle for licensing new psychologists, recently announced by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards.

Gov. Makes Appointments to the Behavior Analyst Board The Governor appointed Alfred R. Tuminello Jr., of Baton Rouge, and Scott A. Williamson, of Sulphur, to the BA board.

Complaints Coordinator LSBEP Changes Fees Dr. Chris Garner, the new Complaints Coordinator for the state psychology board, requested that the psychology board consider raising fees for the position.

Researchers from Louisiana presented at APA Researchers from the Lake Charles Research Group presented at APA, including Kimberly S. Hutchinson, PhD; Burton Ashworth, PhD; Lawrence S. Dilks, PhD; Sandra Viggiani, PhD; Marnie Richard, MA; Chelsi King, MA; Billie C. Myers, MA; Katherine Hippman, MS, and Jacob Short. LaTech researchers presented, including Melanie M. Lantz, PhD, Danielle N. Franks, BA, Michael Garza, MA, Sarah A. McConnell, MS, and Lindsey Shamp; Mary M. Livingston, PhD, Guler Boyraz, PhD, and Christopher D. Coleman, MA; Margaret Hindman, BS, (University of Arkansas); and Megan L. Kuhl, BS, Marcus Cherry, MS, Samantha Aarstad-Martin, MS, Cody Cloud, MS, and Sarah McConnell, MS. Researchers from the Neuropsychology Center including Darlyne G. Nemeth, PhD, and Fernando Pastrana, PhD, and Julia Hussey, BS. Karen Kopera-Frye, PhD, and Rita Massey, BS, from University of Louisiana at Monroe, and Wyndolyn M.A. Ludwikowski, PhD, Alexis M. Greer, and Dominiqueca B. Lewis, from Xavier University of Louisiana, also presented.

Stress Solutions by Susan Andrews, PhD Are you one of those people who routinely over commits yourself?

LaTech’s Dr. Buboltz and Team Study Health Issues, Sleep, and Lifestyle In College Students Dr. Walter Buboltz and graduate student Nathalie Campsen, along with a team of students at Louisiana Tech Psychology, are working to find out more about how sleep patterns impact college students’ functioning.

Dr. Karen Kopera-Frye Helps Police Learn about People with Dementia Dr. Karen Kopera-Frye, Biedenharn Endowed Chair and Professor in Gerontology, and Dr. Attapol Kuanliang, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, conducted a training experience for multijurisdictional public safety units.

A Shrink at the Flicks – The Legend of Tarzan: A Review by Alvin G. Burstein

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Dr. Tracey Rizzuto

Dr. Tracey Rizzuto is not one to sit in her office looking at a computer screen. While she might do that too—there seems to be very little she doesn’t do—she is out in the community making things happen. She seems to be everywhere doing anything to make the community better. We covered her work in violence prevention at BRAVE, her organizing the Women’s Leadership, and her leading the SIOP Consortia for the national association. This is only the tip of the iceberg in what this powerhouse leader does to develop our community. She has our thanks and admiration.



SEPTEMBER

South Louisiana Picking Up Pieces after Bizarre Rain Event “People are still in shock,” said Dr. Mark Crosby, who has been working to help those in the Watson community, one of the areas with the most damage from the bizarre weather now being called the Flood of 2016. “Watson was at ground zero,” Crosby said, “Ninety percent of everything went under water – houses, schools, businesses. People are still in shock.” Drs. Darlyne Nemeth, Marilyn Medosa, and Laura Wolfe explain the impacts.

Governor Creates New Board for Drug, Crime Prevention Governor Edwards established a new board, the Louisiana Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board.

Dr. Burnett New Chair Dr. Darla Burnett was nominated and approved unanimously as the new Chair of Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

LSBEP Looking for Another Complaints Coordinator The Psychology Board is once again looking for additional help in the Complaints Coordinator role.

Louisiana’s Historic Flooding Katie Cherry, PhD Department of Psychology, LSU, gives her views of the flooding.

I-O Psychology Key Element in LSU Continuing Education The Louisiana State University Continuing Education Professional Development Program provides training by Dr. Courtland Chaney along with Steve Robichaux, Dr. Kerry Sauley, and Mellinda Stallings.

Stress Solutions by Susan Andrews, PhD Coping with the Stress of Trauma and Loss

A Shrink at the Flicks – Hell or High Water: A Review by Alvin G. Burstein.

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Whatever they say it's about.... it's about money An analysis of the motivations behind the proposal of a second EPPP.

Dr. Jill Hayes Welcomes Baby Boy on May 5 Dr. Jill Hayes and Peter Barbee welcomed their little boy, Hayes Banks Barbee, into the world, May 5.

Southern Pain Society Meets In New Orleans September 30 – October 2 Dr. Geralyn Datz,

President of Southern Pain Society to welcome attendees to the society's conference, "Pain Management: Are We Doing Anything Right?" in New Orleans.

Louisiana Psychological Assn to Hold Fall Workshop Oct Drs. Charles and Paula Zeanah, will give the keynote addresses, at the Louisiana Psychological Association Fall Workshop, to be held October in Port Allen. Also

presenting are Dr. Angela Keyes, Dr. Allison Booth, Dr. Alan Coulter, Dr. Courtland Chaney.

NDBH Conference on Resilience, New Orleans, October The 2016 National Dialogues on Behavioral Health (NDBH) will hold its 57th annual conference in New Orleans at the Renaissance Arts Hotel. The conference theme is "Promoting Individual, Family and Community Mental Wellness and Resilience." Presenters include Dr. Courtenay Harding, Dr. Sarah Gray, Dr. Joy Osofsky, and Dr. April Foreman.

Louisiana Group Psychotherapy Society Holds Fall Institute Oct 29 – "Going Beyond Talk" The Louisiana Group Psychotherapy Society will hold the 2016 Fall Institute, October 29, in Baton Rouge. The theme is "Going Beyond Talk." Presenters will include Robin Toler, ATR-BC, LAC, Stanley Masinter, LCSW, Emeric Csaszar, PhD, Mary Malloy, MA, Margaret Humphris, LCSW.

Gulf Coast ABA Conference, October, in New Orleans The 2016 Gulf Coast ABA Conference, is featuring Dr. Jesús Rosales-Ruiz.

OCTOBER

Dr. Henke Appointed Governor Edwards has appointed Dr. Amy Henke to the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. Henke is a clinical psychologist with the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and Children's Hospital in New Orleans.

Dr. Chaney Heads Speakers Bureau Dr. Courtland Chaney will chair the new Speakers Bureau Committee for the Louisiana Psychological Association.

Garner to Step Down as Complaints Coordinator Dr. Chris Garner has indicated to the *Times* he will be stepping down as Complaints Coordinator at the state psychology board.

LSPA GoFunds Flood Victims Members of the Louisiana School Psychological Association raised almost \$6,000 to help its students and interns impacted by the flood.

Behavior Analyst Board Posts Rules The Louisiana

Behavior Analyst Board (LBAB) published new Rules for continuing education, ethics, and supervision requirements.

Louisiana Ranks #7 in Prescriptions; Opioid Abuse Prevention Group Meets The Louisiana Commission on Preventing Opioid Abuse met with Dr. Joe Tramontana attending.

Dr. Rizzuto Organizes Women's Leadership Conference with Focus on Diversity and Solutions Dr. Tracey Rizzuto is co-organizing the She Geauxs! Women's Leadership Development Conference, an effort to help women understand and build their leadership ability.

Tulane's Dr. Gray Awarded Prestigious Young Investigator Grant from BBR Foundation The Brain and Behavior Research Foundation has awarded Tulane's Dr. Sarah Gray the NARSAD Young Investigator Grant for her research Parasympathetic and Behavioral Synchrony and Child Emotion Dysregulation Following Trauma.

Stress Solutions by Susan Andrews, PhD Technology to the Rescue

A Shrink at the Flicks – Sully: A Review by Alvin G. Burstein

Special Report Timeline: Battle for the Board Review of the power struggle over the state psychology board.

Resiliency Workshops Set for Flood Victims Workshops for those affected by the flood are offered by organizers Dr. Darlyne Nemeth and Dr. Charles Burchell, and hosted by the Louisiana Psychological Association.

NOVEMBER

'New Normal' in Flood Recovery Citizens and agencies are adjusting to the next phases as post disaster efforts continue, from the 1000-year rainfall event now known as the Flood of 2016.

Dr. Susan Andrews Named Distinguished Psychologist Dr. Susan Andrews has been named the Fall 2016 Distinguished Psychologist by the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA).

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Dr. Amy Henke



It takes no small amount of courage to stand up to the juggernauts that come rolling along sweeping up everything in their paths. But Dr. Amy Henke did just that.

This year our hats are off to Dr. Henke who unselfishly stood up to the ASPPB. She singlehandedly put forth a resolution at the state association formally objecting to the lack of scientific evidence and the proposal for a second national licensing exam to be levied on doctoral students at licensing.

For her leadership and grit, she has our admiration and the *Times'* 2016 Courage Award.

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What's the Matter with the VA?

A look at the reports, whistleblowers, and scandals surrounding the VA, the largest employer of psychologists in the nation.

Dr. Cherry to Speak at Environment & Health Conference

Dr. Katie Cherry, Louisiana State University (LSU) psychology professor, and executive director of the LSU Life Course and Aging Center, will present at the Environment & Health Council of Louisiana's conference in November, on issues of Alzheimer's and dementia. The Council is partnering also with Pennington Biomedical Research Center. Dr. Phil Brantley from Pennington is a board member for the E&H Council.

Drs. Daigle, Dawson Lend Expertise to Learning Disabled Community

Dr. William Daigle and Dr. Brenda Dawson are working to educate colleagues and the public about the mental health issues for those who struggle with learning disabilities, an often over looked connection that has major consequences for children, parents, and many adults.

Dr. Chafetz Presents for Workers' Compensation Judges

Dr. Michael Chafetz, presented at a statewide conference for Workers' Compensation Judges.

Louisiana Counseling Assn Hosts Over 1,100 Attendees at Annual Conference in BR

The Louisiana Counseling Association held its annual convention September 25 through 27. The theme of this year's convention was, "Diversity: the Spice of Life." Presenters included Courtland Lee, Dr. Emily Sandoz, Corey Porche, Laura Rohm, Elizabeth Turansky, Mazie Martisius, Christine Anthony, and Dr. George Hebert.

Stress Solutions by Susan Andrews, PhD

Why Music is Such a Good Way to Relax ?

Dr. Russell Matthews to Speak on Worklife Balance

The School of Human Resource Education & Workforce Development at the Louisiana State University's College of Human Science & Education will host Dr. Russell Matthews. Matthews co-lead the



Dr. Courtland Chaney (L) shows David Geller some history about psychology in Louisiana, at an organizing meeting of industrial-organizational psychology professionals last year.

The Psychology Times 2016 COMMUNITY AWARD INVOLVEMENT Dr. Courtland Chaney & Dr. William Costello

Things don't happen unless people work together to make them happen. We could have called this the community psychology award. It goes to the individual or group that transcends the typical politics and subgroup differences, the lethargy, the apathy, and all the many obstacles that stand in the way of getting people together so that they can create a light bulb. The award goes to those who bring people together in a positive way, to honor the importance of team effort, mutual respect, and the diversity that is key to innovation and productivity.

This year we are delighted and yes, a bit surprised, by the magic dust that Dr. Courtland Chaney and Dr. William (Gig) Costelloe are sprinkling over the state, to bring together all sorts of people who are involved in IO psychology. It is a "build it and they will come" type of success. Congrats to these two on behalf of a much undernourished group in our community.

Industrial-Organizational program for the LSU Psychology Department with Dr. Tracey Rizzuto until 2014.

Southeastern Graduate Students Speak with IO Psychologist

The Southeastern Louisiana University Industrial/Organizational Psychology Graduate Program under the direction of Dr. Suzanne Booth, hosted Dr. William

Costelloe of Metairie, Louisiana as an invited speaker in October.

A Shrink at the Flicks – Deepwater Horizon A Review by Alvin G. Burstein

APA Monitor Showcases Drs. Callahan and Moore as "Rising Stars" The

Monitor, magazine for the American Psychological Association, showcased two Louisiana psychologists, Dr. Kristin Callahan and Dr. Michelle Moore, in their "Rising Stars" article.

LCA Honors Members The Louisiana Counseling Association honored members for distinguished contributions at the

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association's annual convention, held in Baton Rouge. Denise Latour, M.Ed, Susan Thornton, Ed.D, Michelle Robichaux, Jessica Aslin, and Madelynn Fellon were honored.

Professional Group Forming in IO Psychology A group of psychology professors, psychologists, human resources professionals, students, and consultants met in Baton Rouge in October at LSU to begin formulating goals for a professional group for those in IO psychology in the Louisiana community. The meeting was facilitated by Drs. Courtland Chaney and William Costelloe.

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Psychology Board to Modify Disciplinary Rule Section The state psychology board members told attendees at the Long-Range Planning meeting held in November that they would seek changes in the complaints process rule.

Dr. Crouch Qualifies For LSBEP Election Dr. Leah Crouch has qualified to run for the psychology board.

APA Takes LSU Off Probation The Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program at Louisiana State University has been taken off probation and placed back on full, accredited status by the American Psychological Association. Dr. Mary Lou Kelley, Professor at the LSU Psychology Department, took on the Director of Clinical Training position in December 2014, and was asked to address accreditation issues.

Psychology and Spirituality Experts look at the area of spirituality for the holiday issue: Judith Miranti, Ed.D, LMFT, and Walter Breaux, III, Ph.D., from Xavier, write on *Spiritual Practice in the Workplace*; Marilyn A. Mendoza, PhD, columnist for *Psychology Today*, offers *Miracles for the Dying*; Matt Rossano, PhD, past Chair of Psychology at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond explains, *Thinking Big: The Evolutionary Origins of Spirituality*.

LSBEP Eyeing Regulations for Unlicensed Assts Vice Chair Dr. Phillip Griffin introduced discussion about some level of regulation of unlicensed assistants who work for psychologists.

Changes to Ethics Section Proposed by Psych Board The board is suggesting changes to

Chapter 13 for "Ethical Standards of Psychologists," by removing specific reference to the American Psychological Association codes.

VA Accepts PCSAS Accreditation The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced that it will accept clinical psychologists from programs accredited by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System.

School Psychologists Offer PREPaRE Workshops Training School psychologists Dr. Meagan Medley and Brandon Wilks will present the nationally developed PREPaRE workshop training on December. The two are PREPaRE trainers, certified by the National Association of School Psychologist, and members of the Louisiana School Psychological Association.

Stress Solutions by Susan Andrews, PhD; Stress Over the Holidays

Researchers from Dr. Buckner's LSU Lab Present at Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Kim Dean, Emily Jeffries, and Austin Lemke from the Louisiana State University Anxiety and Addictive Behaviors Laboratory, under the direction of Dr. Julia Buckner, presented research at the 50th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies.

Healthcare: Do We Get Only What They Will Pay For? *Special Report: Louisiana—50th in Health in U.S.* Is medicine guarding the health industry? Where does psychology fall in the picture?

Governor Edwards Speaks At the Louisiana School Psychological Association Governor John Bel Edwards spoke at the Louisiana School Psychological Association's Awards Luncheon, November 3, at the group's Annual Conference held in Lafayette. Keever Hoffmann, LSPA President-Elect, said that Governor Edwards is a strong supporter of strengthening student learning.

Dr. Sandel Celebrates 90th BD Dr. Addie Sandel recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Tulane's Dr. O'Brien Helps Tween Girls Dr. Laurie O'Brien, associate professor of psychology at Tulane University, contributed to an event held for middle school girls for


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Dr. Marilyn Mendoza

"How are we as psychologists to regard a discipline that succeeds primarily in speaking to itself?" was how Gergen described our problems in 1995. If we are to use our science to help the most people, we have to get the word out, speak in understandable ways to others and in words that work. It is not easy for us, because we like and are comfortable with our jargon and our theories and our ivory towers. But Dr. Marilyn Mendoza is not only good at plain, honest talk, she always has something interesting to say. She blogs for *Psychology Today* and she is willing to contribute whenever asked. For her words that stick, we are honored to give Dr. Mendoza our 2016 Media Award.

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encouraging them to connect with science and math.

Racing Trivia "Kim's Whim" The *Times* discovered that Dr. Kim VanGeffen's grandparents named a racehorse after her.

Christmas Bookshelf: Recommending holiday readings were: Judith Stewart, PhD Psychologist, Past President of the Florida Psychological Association, Randall Lemoine, PhD, Psychologist, Private Practice, Baton Rouge, Greg Gormanous, PhD, Psychologist, Previously Chair Psychology at LSU, Alexandria; Addison Sandel, PhD, Emeritus, Board of National Association for Gifted Children, Billy Seay, PhD Retired Comparative Psychologist, Retired LSU

Dean, Molly Govener, PhD, LPC, LMFT, Private Practice, Monroe, Amber Boykin, NCSP, President, Louisiana School Psychological Association, Kim E. VanGeffen, PhD, Neuropsychologist, New Orleans, LPA Director and Past President, 2015 Distinguished Psychologist.

Shrink at the Flicks – Moonlight: A Love Story by Alvin G. Burstein

Assn of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference in January The Louisiana chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts will hold its 2017 state conference on January 27–28 at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge.

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Up-Coming Events

Assn for Family and Conciliation Courts to Hold Conference Jan 27-28 At Paul Hebert Law School, continued

The title of this year's state conference is "Time, Money, and Power: Settling disputes in high conflict families."

"This conference is an opportunity to consider family court as a practice area, protect yourself against the stresses of involvement, and experience a multidisciplinary opportunity for networking," said president of the AFCC Chapter, Dr. Alan Taylor.

Dr. Taylor is in his 33rd year of independent private practice in clinical psychology. Family court work has been a major focus for the last 21 years. He is currently president of the Louisiana chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

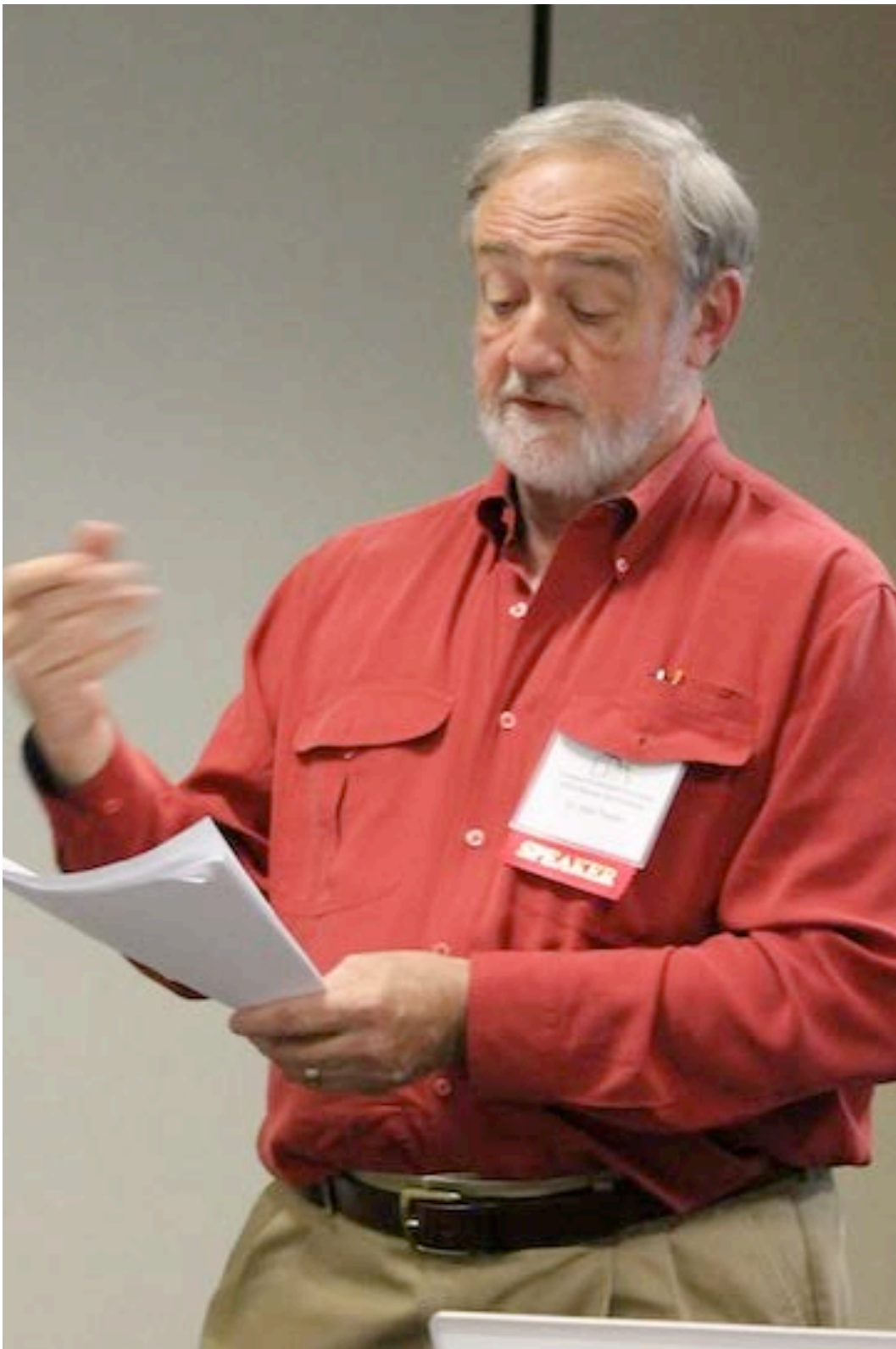
The keynote speaker at the upcoming conference will be the AFCC international president Marsha Kline Pruett, who will present "Infants and Overnights".

Other topics will include domestic violence, issues with adolescents, grandparent rights, and dealing with sexual abuse allegations. Attendees can register for either or both days of the conference. All clinicians can expect to be involved with family court issues.

The organization is an interdisciplinary association of professionals who are dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through the resolution of family conflict. The association's members include judges, mediators, mental health professionals, parenting coordinators and educators, visitation supervisors, officers of the courts, financial planners, and academics.

The state association was founded by Leslie Todd, LCSW, and the parent organization, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, is an international association with over 50 years of services to families.

For more information or to register go to afccla.org or contact Wendy Edwards at wendyedwards@dthlaw.net.



Dr. Alan Taylor speaking at a previous conference. Taylor is current president for the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts which is holding their annual conference this month at the LSU Paul Hebert Law School.

Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists to Hold Training Event in Baton Rouge, Jan 7 & 8

The Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists (LAMP) will hold its regular Continuing Education conference on January 7 and January 8, in Baton Rouge. The training begins at 8 am on Saturday the 7th and at 12 noon on Sunday the 8th.

Registration is exclusive to members and vendors.

LAMP is the practice organization for Medical Psychologists in Louisiana.

IO Psychology Interest Group to Meet in New Orleans January 21

The free-standing interest group for industrial-organizational psychology in Louisiana will hold its second meeting on January 21 in New Orleans. The group facilitators, Dr. Courtland Chaney, Dr. William Costelloe, Dr. Tyree Mitchell, and David Geller are developing meeting arrangements and can be contacted for additional information.

Openings for Participants in Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Study

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or Persistent Post-Concussion Syndrome

Any person who has persistent symptoms from one or more concussions that have occurred within the last six months to ten years is eligible.

Referring practitioners and individuals wanting to participate can contact the research coordinator at 504-427-5632 for more information.

Up-Coming Events

Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Hosts Dr. Gerald Weeks March 2 through 4 in BR

The Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy will hold its annual conference March 2 through 4 at the Renaissance Hotel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The theme for this year’s conference is “Treating Infidelity from a Systemic Approach.”

Keynote speaker is Dr. Gerald Weeks. Weeks is a clinical psychologist who holds the ABPP and who has 30 years experience in sex and

couple therapy. He is a member of the Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists and holds certifications for sex therapist and supervisor of sex therapy. He has published 24 professional texts on integrating sex and marital therapy, erectile dysfunction, lack of sexual desire, infidelity, and couple therapy.

Southern Society for Philosophy & Psychology to Meet in March

The Southern Society for Philosophy & Psychology will meet at the Hilton Savannah DeSoto in Savannah, GA, from March 22 through March 24, 2017. The society will host Dr. David Chalmers from the Australian National University and New York University, as the invited speaker. Invited Symposia include “Belief, Delusion, and Imagination,” and “Perception, Appearance, Representation,” and “Metacognition and Consciousness.”

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