

Legislature Wraps Up

Financial issues dominated the legislative session but some bills drew the community's attention. A measure by the state psychology board aimed to help the regulatory board deal with its mounting legal fees, passed with amendments. An effort by the Counselors to remove the Rx consultation clause moved through after some initial bumps with the psychologists.

Senator Mills' bill to reform the health boards' disciplinary hearings and create oversight, bit the dust. One source reported that a board member said, "We killed it." A new commission was created for prevention of human trafficking and limits were placed on prescriptions for opioids.

In this review we summarize a few of the actions of the 2017 Legislative sessions.

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Judge Caldwell Stands Firm on LSBEP Ruling

In an ironic twist of events, the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LSBEP) has shepherded a bill through the legislature giving them more time to investigate complaints and more authority to charge fees. At the same time a District Court Judge has ruled that the board's investigation and complaints subcommittee blatantly violated a defendants' constitutional rights of Due Process.

"It is a huge issue and a major decision," said Lane Roy, attorney for defendant Dr. Eric Cerwonka, "because it flies in the face of the procedure that we know this board has used time and again."

The most recent hearing was held on Monday, June 26, with Judge R. Michael Caldwell of the 19th Judicial District Court in Baton Rouge. This latest ruling followed a May 2 review where Caldwell informed both sides that he considered the LSBEP procedures to violate Constitutional rights of the defendant.

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Behavioral Health Key to Louisiana's Problems in Corrections says Director

Dr. Raman Singh, Director, Medical and Behavioral Health, Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, told psychologists last month that the leverage for dramatic changes in the state's incarceration rate was to institute behavioral health reforms in the Louisiana criminal justice system.

The legislature passed laws in its 2017 session to begin the reforms that Governor Edwards said was a top priority, and some of the key changes Singh explained were needed to overhaul the problems Louisiana has in its corrections and justice system.

Singh, a medical doctor and cardiologist by training, spoke to a packed session at the Convention of the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA) held June 2 and 3 in New Orleans.

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Dr. Salcedo Named LPA Distinguished Psychologist 2017

Dr. Rafael Salcedo, known for his advocacy and comprehensive treatment program for the young victims of human sex trafficking, has been named the 2017 Distinguished Psychologist by the Louisiana Psychological Association. The award was announced last month at the association's annual conference held in New Orleans.

Dr. Salcedo was honored for his excellence in psychological practice and his dedication to "saving the minds, bodies and souls of little girls," from the devastation of human traffickers.

Salcedo is a licensed Clinical Psychologist with subspecialties in the area of forensic

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Editorials and Opinions

Time to Say Goodbye to All the Attorneys

by Times publisher, J. Nelson

The recent decision by the 19th District Court Judge Michael Caldwell may be the most serious situation we've ever had.

The judgment from Caldwell and the strength of his views indicates that something is very wrong.

The mistakes that Judge Caldwell apparently found were not small missteps or some nuance of the law. These Constitutional violations were of basic laws and basic rights. So, we're left to conclude that either the attorneys are incompetent, or these violations were intentional. Both of these are seriously disturbing possibilities.

We are in a situation now where we are not only paying for poor job performance, but we might also be paying for the attorneys to defend their poor performance.

Judge Caldwell's ruling does not surprise me. In 2014 I began asking around and discovered a number of people who reported what seemed like over zealousness on the part of the investigations subcommittee: where small mistakes were viewed as major ethical violations; where the investigators went fishing; and where psychologists were threatened into career damaging agreements.

A common experience was feeling trapped, and in fact they were, since the law requires you cooperate with the board and if you do not, that is an ethical violation itself. And then there is the trap of another sort, the shame and the secrecy. One said, "You just can't talk to anyone about it because everyone thinks you did something if you're being investigated."

So, it takes a certain sort of person, with a certain temperament type, probably eccentric, for a case to end up in front of a District Judge who says, "I don't care what he did or didn't do," the process "reeks" of Constitutional violations.

The group norms of the attorneys seem to have filtered into psychologists' norms at the board.

I have had numerous run-ins with the board over transparency. For example, I've been denied the infamous letter about the impact of Act 251 four or five times. I've been told, "There are no records that fit your request." Tom Hannie was told, "Its attorney-client privilege" when he asked where the board got the idea that the Governor couldn't appoint a substitute. There are many examples and some even humorous.

But things seemed to have become more serious when a potentially self-serving issue emerged. During 2013 to 2015, the attorneys either did not know of the one-year time limit for investigations in the psychology law, or chose to ignore it. When legally challenged by one psychologist the board dropped the case, on the advice of the attorneys. Then Mr. Lunceford suggested an executive session, and the topic became secret.

The investigations subcommittee's mistake on time-limits was never clarified openly, but a case on the issue waits, and waits some more, in District Court.

And, last November the board said in a public meeting that it would only be making an administrative rule change, but then sprung a piece of legislation on the community this March, after a meeting with their attorneys. The legislation would wipe out the one-year limit on investigations and authorize thousands of dollars in fees to be charged to those dealing with the subcommittee.

Fifteen years ago our board was doing okay, or okay as this type of thing gets, with psychologists rather than wall-to-wall attorneys. Maybe it's the influence of politics, or a lack of senior leadership, or the fragmentation of the identity and values of the psychology community that have taken a toll.

Maybe it's the larger social system. For sure, Senator Fred Mills, who put forth a measure for dramatically changing this exact thing, said he heard of rampant violations across all the boards. (The rumor is that the boards actually killed Mills' efforts.)

The skyrocketing costs at the LSBEP should have tipped us off. Currently, the deficit at the board comes to about \$100 per licensee, but if this issue of violations holds, and it looks like it will, that figure could go much higher.

All this exists in a low base rate environment where the risk of a false positive is much higher than the risk of a false negative.

I understand organizational guilt. The "I can't fire my friend syndrome" is hard. Denial is comforting— "Judge Caldwell just doesn't see the full picture. We'll appeal." And there is the feeling of sunk costs.

But I don't see any other way to take back our culture. Bring experienced, wise psychologists back and say goodbye to all the attorneys.

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Legislature Finally Passes Budget

Legislators were called to another special session to pass a budget they had failed to negotiate before the regular session, a sign of continuing problems for the state. A \$1.2 billion shortfall is expected next July, according to the *Advocate*.

For now, higher education fared better than expected, and was funded at higher levels than in the last decade. Mental health in Medicaid took a severe cut. State workers, especially the lower paid employees were given a 2 percent increase, amid concerns that employees such as prison guards would not be retained due to low comparative rates.

Governor Edwards warned that the fiscal cliff is coming. He said that if the conservatives would not renew taxes in 2018, it would result in the closing of hospitals and universities, reported the *Advocate*.

SB 37 (Act 234) Gives LSBEP More Leeway In Investigations

Senate Bill 37 by Senator Martiny, a measure to remove the current one-year time limit for disciplinary investigations at the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and to allow the psychology board to collect fees when psychologists are being investigated by the subcommittee, was signed into law as Act 234 on June 14.

The measure allows for the board to start charging fees for informal hearings, including fees incurred by the board for a disciplinary action that is resolved by settlement, consent decree, or other informal resolution, including its investigator, staff, and legal fees. Previously they were allowed to charge only for formal hearings.

The measure was amended in committee to cap the fees for informal hearings at \$10,000.

Previously psychologists enjoyed a one-year limit for the board to bring them to a hearing over a complaint, and in the original version the board would have been exempt from all time limits. However, in the Senate Committee, the measure was amended to conform with the time-limits set out in R.S. 37:21.

At the November 2016 LSBEP Long-Range Planning meeting, the board had said it would work collaboratively with the community to develop

administrative Rules, not a new statute, to deal with its problems. In early March, the board sprung the news on the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA) that it was crafting legislation for the 2017 session.

SB 38 (Act 235) Frees Counselors from Rx Consultation Clause

A measure removing a consultation clause for counselors and marriage & family therapists passed the House floor with 88 yeas and 2 nays on June 1, and returned to the Senate and was approved 33 to 0. The measure was signed by the Governor on June 14.

The bill became law upon signing and relieves those under the Licensed Professional Counselor board of a burden to consult with a professional who prescribes and who is licensed under the state medical board.

The measure hit a snag when psychologists objected to what some viewed as an opening to psychological testing, even though counselors said testing was not part of the bill.

At the June 23 meeting of the House Health & Welfare Committee, author Senator J.P. Morrell told members, "Working with the association of psychologists we came to a compromise in which, working with those groups over a period of time, there was an agreement that the testing provision for a variety of those different conditions would remain with the psychologists and the testing provision would be removed from the practice act."

"So we removed the language that requires the consultation but we changed the practice act to say that the testing provision should be in the purview of psychologists while the diagnosis and treatment will remain with the mental health counselors and with marriage and family therapists."

Morrell said that with this change the association of psychologists removed its opposition. The committee reported the bill favorably with an 11 to 0 vote. Then it was passed in the House with 88 yeas and 2 nays.

SB75 Stalled Out in Committee

Senator Fred Mills' effort to reform and curtail boards' powers when it comes to disciplinary hearings was stopped in the House Health & Welfare Committee after passing the Senate. At the committee meeting Mills said that there had been some misinformation and he clarified that the measure did



Dr. Mary Feduccia, LPC, and Howie Brownell, LMFT, listen to discussions about legislation at the 4th Annual Mental Health Legislative Forum. Feduccia and Brownell helped advance a measure through the Legislature that removed a requirement for those licensed under the Counselor board to consult with prescribing professionals.

not affect the duties or powers of the boards, or the scope of practice that some members of the boards had believed.

He said that the changes are not new ideas. "Forty-four states have Administrative Law Judges for disciplinary hearings," he said. "We don't want you to be the sheriff, the DA, and the judge."

This is a lot less costly Mills said, with the Administrative Law Judge costing on average from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for a hearing. The measure would have also added a consumer member to those boards that do not currently have one.

"We revised the Ethics laws in 2008 and said that, as a body, we don't want the sheriff and the DA to be the judge and the executioner," said Mills. "This bill is for the little man and the little woman. If you have to go in front of a full hearing, you should not go in front of a hearing that are those who've been investigating you."

One source told the *Times* that board members helped derail the effort.

SB42/Act 181 Creates the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission

The measure creates a 17-member commission with a variety of legal, law enforcement, educational, social and other leaders, and also an Advisory Group, to prevent human trafficking in the state.

Act 162 Limits Service on Medical Board

Amends present law, instead of repealing it, and limits service to three consecutive terms.

SB216/Act 254 PEC Expanded

Prior law authorized any physician, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, or psychologist to execute an emergency certificate after an actual examination of a person alleged to be mentally ill or suffering from substance abuse who is determined to be in need of immediate care and treatment in a treatment facility because the person is determined to be dangerous to self or others or to be gravely disabled. Act 254 expands this authority to (1) Physician assistants when acting in accordance with their respective clinical practice guidelines; (2) Nurse practitioners with or without a clinical specialization who act in accordance with a collaborative practice agreement and receive verbal approval from a collaborating physician for executing the certificate.

SB192/Act 82 Limits Prescribing of Opioids

The measure prohibits a medical practitioner from prescribing more than a seven-day supply to an adult for outpatient use or to a minor at any time.

HB341/Act 369 Changes Terminology from Mental Health to Behavioral Health

The measure changes the heading of Title 28 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950 from "Mental Health" to "Behavioral Health," and defines "behavioral health" as a term which is used to refer to both mental health and substance use.

HB79 to Act 266

A measure which prohibited the administration of corporal punishment to students with exceptionalities, was signed into law.

Judge Stands Firm: LSBEP Procedures Unconstitutional continued

On May 2 the LSBEP attorney, Ms. Amy Lowe, urged Judge Caldwell to allow her to present additional arguments and Caldwell agreed.

However, Mr. Roy did not see any meaningful additions presented by Ms. Lowe at the recent June 26 hearing. “She had nothing,” said Mr. Roy. “Zero.”

Mr. Roy also told the *Times* that Judge Caldwell used the term “reeks” three times at the June 26 hearing to describe his [Caldwell’s] views.

“The Judge ruled in open court and he used the phrase three times— ‘This matter reeks with denials of Constitutional rights. I don’t care what he did or didn’t do. I can’t put up with this. As a Judge, I can’t,’ reported Mr. Roy. “He [Caldwell] was resolute. He said it was not a close call. That it was basic.”

Mr. Roy also said that the issues ruled on by Judge Caldwell are so basic that there is no possibility that the LSBEP attorneys do not know of these requirements.

“These are good people from good firms,” said Roy. “They all know the laws in these areas. What it tells me, is that they are bold enough to do it anyway.”

“The statute gives the board authority, but how can you have an administrative person, staff workers, who decide, who make decisions that affect the livelihood of people?” said Roy. “It’s the first step in taking the legs out from under the defendant. The defendant is concerned with their livelihood and ability to make a living, and can lose employment, before anyone on the board has even heard their case.”

“They run the costs up so high,” said Roy, “and put them [defendants] under political pressure and economic pressures. In Baton Rouge, where all the boards are, it is a cottage industry for attorneys.”

The *Times* asked Mr. Roy if he thought that the LSBEP would appeal. “She [Ms. Lowe] said she would appeal. I can’t imagine that this board would appeal, but I’ve been surprised by their decisions before.”

The District Court is not a court of publication explained Roy, but the Appeals Court is. Decisions handed down from the Appeals Court are widely distributed. “If they go to the Court of Appeal, they invite everyone to see their mistakes.”

On May 2, Judge Caldwell mentioned some of what he viewed as Constitutional violations, such as the hearing officer being the law partner of the board attorney and also someone entering Cerwonka’s home illegally to attempt to gather evidence. Another of these issues was that Cerwonka had previously been a client of the LSBEP prosecuting attorney, Mr. James Raines.

Mr. Roy noted in a Pre-Hearing Memorandum, “The prosecuting



A meeting with then Complaints Coordinator Dr. Gary Pettigrew (far right) with board attorney Mr. Lloyd Lunsford (left to right top), then Executive Director Dr. Greg Gormanous, and Dr. Phil Griffin, in September 2015. Issues about time-limits and possible mistakes on the part of the contract attorneys appeared to be involved, but not discussed openly.

attorney for the Board had represented Dr. Cerwonka in a hotly contested custody dispute, had obtained much personal information about his then client, and provided information obtained to his Board client, all without authority or consent.”

“The Administrative Law Judge, Lloyd Lunsford, the person who at the hearing made all rulings on questions of law, admissibility of evidence, what was relevant and not relevant, and generally acted as ‘judge’ at the hearing, was and still is the law partner of Amy Lowe, who represented the Board at the hearing and who in fact, is representing the Board in this appeal,” wrote Roy in the memorandum.

Mr. Roy said in an interview with the *Times*, “It doesn’t mean that the board can’t go back and do it again. They have to do it in the correct way. My opinion is that if they do that, they will not be successful,” he said.

“The interest is not to police the profession, it is some other interest,” said Roy. “Some say it is political, but whatever the interest is, it is not to police the profession.”

The Complaints Committee of the LSBEP is a subcommittee that operates without direct oversight of the board members. The reason for this is so board members will avoid being exposed to information prior to disciplinary votes.

The Policy & Procedures for investigations have been changed dramatically over the last decade, so that once staffed



Dr. Darla Burnett (L) just completed her service and Dr. Phil Griffin (R) will take over as chair on the LSBEP.

by experienced psychologists and past board members, now there is a Private Investigator and a Prosecutor.

According to public records the board has had escalating legal fees which stem primarily from charges by the Board Prosecutor, held currently by Mr. James Raines. Over 2015 to 2016, and into January 2017, Mr. Raines prosecuted 16 cases. Three of these 16 cases amounted to \$146,987 of charges for Mr. Raines.

After seeing the legal charges in this case, Mr. Roy said in a previous interview, “I was shocked at these fees. I’ve never seen these types of fees. It clearly is punitive,” he said. “I’m convinced that they don’t want anybody to appeal.”

Mr. Roy said that he has a good deal of experience with boards and that costs average around \$10,000. A previous review of public documents suggested that

fees for the Cerwonka case had come to \$78,000 for the LSBEP. Mr. Roy noted a total of over \$100,000 was closer.

During the recent legislative session, the LSBEP put forth legislation, SB 37 now Act 234, that removed a one-year limit on investigations from the psychology law. The measure also provided for fees to be charged for the investigations subcommittee. The bill was eventually amended so that the subcommittee fees would be capped at \$10,000.

The *Times* asked for comments by the LSBEP after Judge Caldwell’s latest ruling, but has not received comments by publication time. The LSBEP has a policy of no interviews with the press.

[Editor’s Note: See “Judge Says Psych Board Procedures Unconstitutional,” in June issue of the *Times*. Also see “What’s Behind Door No. SB 37?” in the April *Times*.]

Behavioral Health Key to Problems in Corrections says Director

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“Louisiana’s incarceration rate contributes to over-representation of the mentally ill in the criminal justice system,” Singh told the audience, noting that the United States has the highest per capita incarceration rate in the world and that Louisiana has the highest per capita incarceration rate in the US.

Dr. Susan Tucker, clinical psychologist and the Assistant Warden at the Bossier Parish Medium Security Facility, and in-coming President-Elect of LPA, introduced Dr. Singh and explained the significance of comprehensive psychological programs in the corrections and justice system.

Tucker developed the Steve Hoyle Intensive Substance Abuse Program which has earned national recognition for excellence. In 2016 the Louisiana Legislature commended Tucker and her team in a House Concurrent Resolution pointing to multi-million dollar cost savings to the state because of shorter incarceration times of those offenders who participated in the psychological programs designed by Tucker.

Dr. Singh is responsible for the functional supervision of medical and behavioral health staffs who coordinate on-site care for 19,000 offenders assigned to state prisons, for all off-site health care needs for 38,000 DOC offenders and 16,000 local offenders housed in all state prisons and 104 local jails or detention centers.

Singh explained to the audience of psychologists and professors that the reasons for over-incarceration in Louisiana is well-established. Based on a 2016 Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s review Singh said the top reasons were mandatory sentences and habitual offender laws, high rates of local incarceration without treatment programs, and “not addressing issues driving criminal behavior such as substance and mental illness.”

Singh said that the 599 criminal statute and 164 mandatory minimum sentences contribute to over-incarceration in Louisiana, which are sentences without benefit of probation, parole or suspension. He said that 55 percent of mandatory minimum sentences are for non-violent crimes and that these minimums “shift sentencing discretion from judges to prosecutors.”

Another serious factor is the high rates of local incarceration in Louisiana where there is no treatment. Jails and prisons have a disproportionately high number of persons with mental health issues and people with a serious mental illness (SMI), Dr. Singh explained.

He noted that of the mentally ill in society, greater than 40 percent have been arrested and the majority of these are brought in for minor offenses. Those with mental illness spend two to five times longer in jail.

Singh told the attendees that there was a complex interplay of multiple societal factors stemming from problems in education, stressed family structures, socio-economic challenges and lack of job opportunities. He pointed out that the unemployment rate in the mentally ill adults in Louisiana is 88.3 percent.

And while 16 percent of the DOC prison population has been diagnosed with a SMI, 82 percent are diagnosed with a substance use disorder.

“Incarceration of mentally ill exacerbates symptoms of mental illness. Rarely does incarceration of the mentally ill lead to an improvement in their mental status,” said Singh.

His vision is to reduce the criminalization of those with mental illness and to resolve the crisis with a comprehensive solutions that provide treatment to those who need it.

He promotes the Medicaid expansion and mental health parity. He said that 43 percent of the entire eligible Medicaid Expansion population in Louisiana has a mental health condition, and that offenders with mental illness or substance use disorder can be treated effectively.

He wants more outpatient mental health care, more Rapid Stabilization Centers, and emerging models that prevent arrest and incarceration of adults with mental

illness, called the Forensic Assertive Community Treatment Programs.

To help create alternatives to incarcerating those with mental illness, Dr. Singh said that Forensic Diversion Facilities are needed to help alternative sentencing for offenders with mental health issues and who have committed a minor crime. Expansion of the Mental Health Courts are essential, especially because a majority of offenders are incarcerated for “crimes of survival” such as theft of food or breaking in to find a place to sleep. He wants to strengthen family and communities and help judges divert non-violent offenders away from jails with better mental health legislation.

Dr. Singh serves on the Louisiana Governor’s Drug Policy Board, Louisiana Task Force on Telehealth Access, Louisiana Re Entry Council, Louisiana Medicaid Quality Committee, Louisiana Commission on Preventing Opioid Abuse as well as chairs the Louisiana Commission on HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C. He has also been appointed by Governor Edwards to be his liaison to the White House Data Driven Justice Initiative project.

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Dr. Salcedo, Distinguished Psychologist

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and neuropsychology, providing services for issues such as competency to stand trial, sanity at the time of crime, and other legal issues. He consults to the court system in Orleans, Jefferson, Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes, to the Office of Community Services, and has worked with the Department of Children and Family Services for the last 25 years, conducting evaluations of children who are in need of supervision/care.

Dr. Salcedo also chairs the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA) Committee for Community Psychology & Psychology in the Public Interest.

In 2012, after becoming aware of the depth and tragedy surrounding child sex trafficking, Rafael and wife Beth, a licensed speech-language pathologist, founded the non-profit, advocacy group, the Louisiana Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

The Coalition is a faith-based 501(c)3 nonprofit aiming to alleviate human trafficking in Louisiana through community and government agency awareness, and organization partnerships.

Recognizing the extreme need for genuine, comprehensive treatment for the young victims the couple founded the “Free Indeed Home,” named from John 8:36, “Whom the Son has set free is free indeed.”

Dr. Salcedo volunteers his time and serves as Executive Director and Clinical Coordinator of the Home, the only licensed, therapeutic group home in the state for helping teen girls escape the physical and psychological bonds of sex-trafficking.

The Free Indeed Home is the rescue and restore extension of the Coalition’s efforts. Because of the need for intensive therapy to break the traumatic bonds created by the abuse of the trafficker.

Dr. Salcedo and Beth Salcedo are experts in Complex PTSD, which many, even many in the mental health field, do not fully understand, Salcedo said.

They recently presented an invited address at the Convention of the Louisiana Psychological Association, “Diagnosing Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Complex Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, and Other Adolescent Psychiatric Disorders Commonly Encountered in Victims of Sex Trafficking.”



Dr. Salcedo in the dining room of the Free Indeed Home, the rescue and restore extension of the Louisiana Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Dr. Salcedo was recently named Distinguished Psychologist by the Louisiana Psychological Association.

They have also presented at the Summer Symposium, an event presented by Dr. John Simoneaux and Professional Training Resources.

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, he explained.

In a previous interview, Dr. Salcedo said that the Free Indeed Home is a unique setting, 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.

“The differences between this type of Complex PTSD and the typical PTSD are huge,” he said. “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 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 a 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.

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. Current estimates are that 100,000 children in the United States are sex trafficked each year, sold into prostitution, and used for pornography and other commercial sexual acts. The Baton Rouge and New Orleans metropolitan area is one of the top 10 areas in the U.S. for human trafficking.

Dr. Salcedo is a graduate of the Clinical Psychology program at Louisiana State University, having obtained his Doctorate in 1983. He resides in St. Tammany Parish, has been married 27 years, and has three grown children currently in college.



Beth Salcedo, speaking at a recent conference. She is co-founder of the Louisiana Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

LSBEP Publishes Rules for Ethics, Fees, Supervision

The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LSBEP) published its final version of the new Chapter 13. Ethical Standards of Psychologists,” composed of ten pages of guidelines based largely on the ethics code of the American Psychological Association. The Rules was published in the June issue of the Louisiana *Register*.

Sections include: Preamble, Resolving Ethical Issues, Competence, Human Relations, Privacy and Confidentiality, Advertising and Other Public Statements, Record Keeping and Fees,

Education and Training, Assessment, and Therapy.

The psychology board also published a new Rule for Chapter 6 of the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) on Fees. License renewals are increased from \$320 to \$350 and the Emeritus category will go up from \$150 to \$175. Reinstatement fees drop from \$570 to \$550.

Additional changes to Chapter 7 on Supervised Practice Leading toward Licensure, includes “Postdoctoral supervised practice hours can

begin accruing after the date on which all requirements for the doctoral degree are met, ...” For Licensed Specialists in School Psychology, a change is made to Chapter 33, Definition of Applicant for Licensure as a Specialist in School Psychology. Included is, “5. has completed an internship of at least 1200 hours and nine months in duration, ...” with 600 hours in a school setting; .. Also, one year of employment or experience, obtained as part of an acceptable internship may be applied toward required supervision.



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Louisiana Researchers Present at SEPA and SWPA

Psychologists and researchers presented their work and chaired symposiums this spring at the regional conferences of the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA) and the Southwestern Psychological Association (SWPA).

SEPA was held in March in Atlanta and researchers from across the state presented, including Holy Cross University, Louisiana State University, Loyola, Tulane, University of Louisiana Lafayette, and Xavier.

SWPA gathered work from Lake Charles Research Group, LaTech, LSU, LSU-S, Loyola, McNeese, and University of Louisiana Lafayette.

Included in this year's events at SEPA was "The Effect of Eyewitness Identification Procedure on Jurors' Perceptions," presented by researchers from Florida Southern College and Daniella Cash, Louisiana State University (LSU).

Dina Acklin and Megan Papesh, from LSU, presented, "Subtle Attraction: The Role of Distractor Salience in Goal-Directed Action."

"Parts versus Whole: How Does Processing Bias Influence Face Matching?" was presented by Laura Heisick and Megan Papesh, LSU.

Juan Guevara Pinto, Megan Papesh, and Amelia-Kate Johnson, from LSU, presented, "From Mouth to Mouse: Mouse-trajectories Reveal Early Voice-specificity Effects."

K. Cusimano, E. Riewestahl, and W. Ludwikowski, (Faculty Sponsor) from Xavier University of Louisiana, presented "Explaining Gender Differences in Realistic Interests with Social Cognitive Career Theory."

"Stigmatized Groups: The Impact of Communication Goals on Aggression," was presented by S. Compton and J. Ruscher, J. (Faculty Sponsor), from Tulane University.

"The Role of Vicarious Learning in the Social Cognitive Model of Academic Adjustment," was presented by C. Mercier, E. Glean, L. Marquez, and W. Ludwikowski, (Faculty Sponsor), from Xavier University of Louisiana.

Effects of Communicator Gender in Sexual Violence Prevention," was presented by Stinne Soendergaard, Florida State University & Amy L. Brown, University of Louisiana Lafayette.

"Student Anxiety in the Current Academic Climate," was presented by LaJae Coleman & Darlyne Nemeth of Neuropsychology Center of Louisiana.

Dr. Lillian Range, University of Holy Cross, presided for the Section on Developmental/Aggression. Dr. Range also participated in "APA Presents: Academic Career Workshop."

"Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide Attitudes in Nursing and Counseling Students," was presented by Brittany Burke-Scafidel and Lillian Range, of University of Holy Cross.

Kim Ernst, PhD from Loyola, presented "Effects of Sequential and Paired Positioning Requests on Donor Intentions."

SWPA was held in March 31 to April 2 in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Dena Matzenbacher, from McNeese State University, is an elected officer and program reviewer.

This year's events included, "A Cross-cultural Comparison between Americans and Chinese in Value Importance," which was presented by Yong Dai Louisiana State University – Shreveport, and Qing Zeng The University of Texas.

Daniella K. Cash, Samantha Knotts, Lillian Foster, and Sean M. Lane, of LSU, presented, "The Role of Working Memory Capacity and Cognitive Load on Lie Detection."

"The Impact of Alcohol Intoxication on Sexual

Victimization Bystander Intervention" was presented by Melanie Rose Schanke University of Louisiana – Monroe and Amy Lynn Brown University of Louisiana – Lafayette.

Dr. Brown also presented with Cristian Rivera, "The Role of Privacy, Brand Labeling, and Cost on Condom Procurement."

Nathalie Campsen, Andrea B. Moreno, and Walter Buboltz from Louisiana Tech University (LaTech) presented "Dietary Intake and Sleep: Examining the Link in Relation to College Students."

Nathalie Campsen, Stephen Shockey, and Walter Buboltz from LaTech, presented, "Examining Factors Influencing Food Choice among College Students."

"The Relationship between Energy Drinks and Sleep Quality," was presented by Wade Williams, Michael Saunders, and Walter Buboltz, from LaTech.

Maria Padilla and Evan Zucker presented "Sleep Quality and Impulsivity in College Students." Dr. Zucker also presented on the Psi Chi panel, "Graduate School Q&A."

Blake Michael LeBlanc, Tracy Protti, and Cheryl Lynch of University of Louisiana – Lafayette, presented "Homosexuality: Factors Predicting Social Acceptance."

"Is the Grass Really Greener: A Turnover Analysis of Boomerang Employees?" was presented by Suzanne M. Booth-LeDoux, of Southeastern Louisiana University, Jared LeDoux, LSU, and Louis Champagne of Baton Rouge General Medical Center.

Dena Matzenbacher, Linda Brannon and Bianca Augustine from McNeese State University, presented "What's the Matter with Kids Today? Millennials on Millennials."

Bianca Augustine and Linda Brannon from McNeese, also presented, "Boys Will Be Boys, but Girls Have to Be Good."

This year the Lake Charles Research Group presented numerous projects and presentations, including in

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Science & Education

Researchers at
SEPA and SWPA
continued

collaboration with researchers at the University of Louisiana – Monroe.

Members of the group are Lawrence Dilks of Counseling Services, Billie Clare Myers of Fielding Graduate University, and Kimberly Hutchinson of Lake Charles Memorial Hospital. Also included was Burton Ashworth of University of Louisiana – Monroe. This group presented the SWPA Symposium: Clinical, “Will APA Soon Require a Postdoctoral Fellowship to Teach or Practice?” They also presented, “How to Successfully Gain Admission to a Doctoral Program in Applied Psychology.” Dilks, Myers and Hutchinson also presented, “The Changing Environment in Obtaining a Doctoral Internship.”

Myers, Dilks and Hutchinson also presented with University of Louisiana – Monroe researchers Brittany Mize, Burton Ashworth, Kelsi McIntyre, Ethel Jacko, Karlee Huff, and Taryn Logan Sanders, “A Pilot Study to Establish Normative Data for a Neuropsychological Driving Evaluation.”

“Montreal Cognitive Assessment Results: Right Versus Left Cerebral Hemisphere Lesions,” was presented by Myers, Dilks and Hutchinson with University of Louisiana – Monroe (ULM) researchers Burton Ashworth, Anthony Edward Jenkins, Kaitlyn Solice, D’Shawn Etienne, Candice Rouso, Katlyn Brown, and Tierra Nelson.

“Case Study: Benign Brain Tumor and Co-occurring Cerebral Vascular Accident,” was presented by Billie Clare Myers, Kimberly S. Hutchinson, Lawrence Dilks and ULM researchers Lindsey Robbins, Keir Cormier, Christopher Wade, Burton Ashworth, Kia Danaye Sparks, Karlee Huff and Mi Pham.

“Adolescent Depression Relationship to Tobacco and Alcohol Abuse,” was presented by ULM researchers Karlee Huff, Lindsey Robbins, Anthony Edward Jenkins, Burton Ashworth, and Billie Clare Myers from Fielding Graduate University, Lawrence Dilks from Counseling Services, and Kimberly S. Hutchinson of Lake Charles Memorial Hospital.

ULM researchers Kaitlyn Solice, Ethel Jacko, Brittany Mize, and Burton Ashworth joined with Billie Clare Myers, Lawrence Dilks, and Kimberly S. Hutchinson to present “Adult Violence in the Home Relationship to Adolescent Delinquency.”

“Differential Diagnosis between Bipolar Disorder and Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder,” was presented by Dilks, Hutchinson, Myers, and Ashworth.

Ashworth, Dilks, Hutchinson, and Myers, also joined with ULM researchers Christopher Wade and Tierra Nelson to present, “The Relationship between Alcohol Abuse and Violence among 16 Year Olds.”

“Caregiver Prenatal Alcohol Use Relationship to Childhood Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder,” was presented by ULM researchers Keir Cormier, Heather Nagler, Mi Pham and Burton Ashworth joined by Dilks, Hutchinson, and Myers.

“Peer Relationships of Adolescents Influenced by Lack of Parental Monitoring,” was presented by ULM researchers D’Shawn Etienne, Kia Sparks, Candice Rouso, Taryn Sanders, and Burton Ashworth, joined by Myers, Dilks, and Hutchinson.

Katlyn Brown and Burton Ashworth from ULM, joined with Myers, Dilks, and Hutchinson to present the “Quality of Caregiver Relationship to Adolescent Sexual Experience.”

Stress Solutions

by Susan Andrews, PhD

One Way to Calculate Your
Daily Stress Level

Think about your day today or any day. Is anything causing you to be upset or worried? Are you working on a timeline, for example, or have a deadline? Is today one of those days that you have too many things on your list? Check the list below and assign a value based on the duration of the aggravation or situation. If the situation or problem lasts less than an hour, assign a number value of 1. If it lasts for several hours, give it a 3. If the situation is chronic, assign a value of 5.

Interpersonal Stress (fight, disagreement, disturbing message, etc.)

- ___ Feeling aggravated or frustrated
- ___ Feeling hurt or angry
- ___ Feeling sad or tearful
- ___ Feeling misunderstood or unappreciated

Time Stress (busy, late, too little time, etc.)

- ___ Got up late, in a rush
- ___ Stuck in traffic
- ___ Hit a roadblock (literally or figuratively)
- ___ No time during day for breaks for relaxation
- ___ Pushing yourself all day to get something finished

Performance Stress (giving a talk, paper, presentation, party, etc.)

- ___ Feeling nervous before, during, and/or after
- ___ Thinking about the situation before or after

Work Stress (too much to do, can’t or don’t know how to do it, etc.)

- ___ Been on your feet all day
- ___ Mind is active, challenged, problem-solving
- ___ Boss or co-workers are aggravating
- ___ Threat of reprimand, loss of job, major failure

Mental Stress

- ___ Worry about what you said or want to say to someone
- ___ Being self-critical or judging yourself for something
- ___ Mind is active, challenged, problem-solving
- ___ Worry you will not get something you really want

Emergency and Physical Types of Stress

- ___ Have an accident (car, or other)
- ___ A major weather problem
- ___ You or someone close gets sick or worse
- ___ Pain in back/neck or some other part of body
- ___ Poor sleep, tired all day

Fears and Threats

- ___ Financial problems of immediate concern
- ___ Fear something bad will happen
- ___ Fear of harm or major loss

Other Situations or Aggravations

- ___
- ___

Total of all stresses today.



Dr. Susan Andrews, Clinical Neuropsychologist, is currently Clinical Assistant Professor, LSU Health Sciences Center, Department of Medicine and Psychiatry, engaged in a Phase III study on HBOT and Persistent PostConcussion Syndrome. In addition to private clinical practice, Dr. Andrews is an award-winning author (Stress Solutions for Pregnant Moms, 2013) and 2016 Distinguished Psychologist of the Louisiana Psychological Association.

Science & Education

Richard, Savoy Grab Firsts In LPA Scientific Poster Session at June Convention

Philip Richard III, of Louisiana State University, was named the first place winner in the graduate research poster competition at the 2017 Annual Conference of the Louisiana Psychological Association held last month in New Orleans. Richard’s research involved “Video Based Interventions: Teaching Children with Autism,” and was co-authored with George Noell, PhD, LSU.

First place in the undergraduate poster research presentation went to Scout Savoy from Southeastern Louisiana University for “Relationship Between Humor, Adjustment to College and Resilience.” Savoy’s co-authors were Anna Crawford, Olivia Moreno, and Susan Coats, PhD. “This study was done to evaluate the relationship between humor, college adjustment, and resilience. Main findings appear to show that humor does not mitigate negative feelings or worry but may bolster positive feelings. Resilience in general is strongly related to college adjustment.”

Diana A. Hobbs of the University of New Orleans was honored with the second place award in the graduate division for her work, “Reduced parahippocampal morphometry is associated with deficient working memory in

children with chromosome 22q11.2 deletion syndrome.” Co-authors included David Stephenson, Ashley Sanders, and UNO faculty Dr. Elliott A. Beaton.

Two second place honors for undergraduate research were awarded. David Stephenson Jr., from the University of New Orleans, earned the honor for “A new method for measuring cerebellar volume in children with complex neurodevelopmental disorders.” Co-authors were Alexis Daigle, Blake Manale, Michael Medina, Diana Hobbs, Ashley Sanders, and faculty Dr. Elliott Beaton. Also at the conference from UNO were Jasmine Mobley, Blake Manale and Diana Hobbs who presented their own research.

Katie Granier, from Nicholls State University, took home a second place for “Story Recall Normative Update,” with co-authors Alyse Blanchard, PhD, and Chris Rachal, PhD, MP, from Nicholls State University. The Story Recall Test is an established measure of verbal memory utilized in the assessment of neuropsychological patients and in this study, novel data was being collected to update the outdated norms.



Dr. Ashley Jefferson (R) congratulates Katie Granier from Nicholls on her second place showing in the scientific poster competition at the recent conference. Jefferson chaired the event which hosted a variety of researchers from around the state.

Other presenters at the poster conference were Aaron Mauch from Louisiana Tech University, who reported on “Resilience as a Moderator of the Relationship Between Post-Traumatic Stress Symptomology and Academic Self-Efficacy in College Students.”

Presenting from Louisiana Tech were Michael Garza and Nathalie Campsen.

Kasia Plessy from Louisiana State University presented, “Perceptions of Discipline Among Black and White Families,” with co-authors Ashley Galsky, Anna J. Long, PhD., and Mary Lou Kelley, PhD, all from Louisiana State University.

Sarah Pardue from Southeastern Louisiana University presented, “The Interactive Effects of Sex and Gender-typed Play on Children's Social Skills.”

LaJae Coleman, with co-authors Kortney Wooten and Darlyne Nemeth of the Neuropsychology Center of Louisiana, presented, “Preparing Collegiate Administrators to Better Cope with the Current Academic Climate.” Wooten also presented her research.

Ashley Galsky from Louisiana State University, presented, “Perceived Social Support as a Moderator of Anxiety and

Depression in Bullied Adolescents.”

Patricka James from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, with co-authors Michael McDermott, PhD and Emily K. Sandoz, PhD, presented, “Examining the Mediating Role of Body Image Avoidance and Psychological Flexibility.”

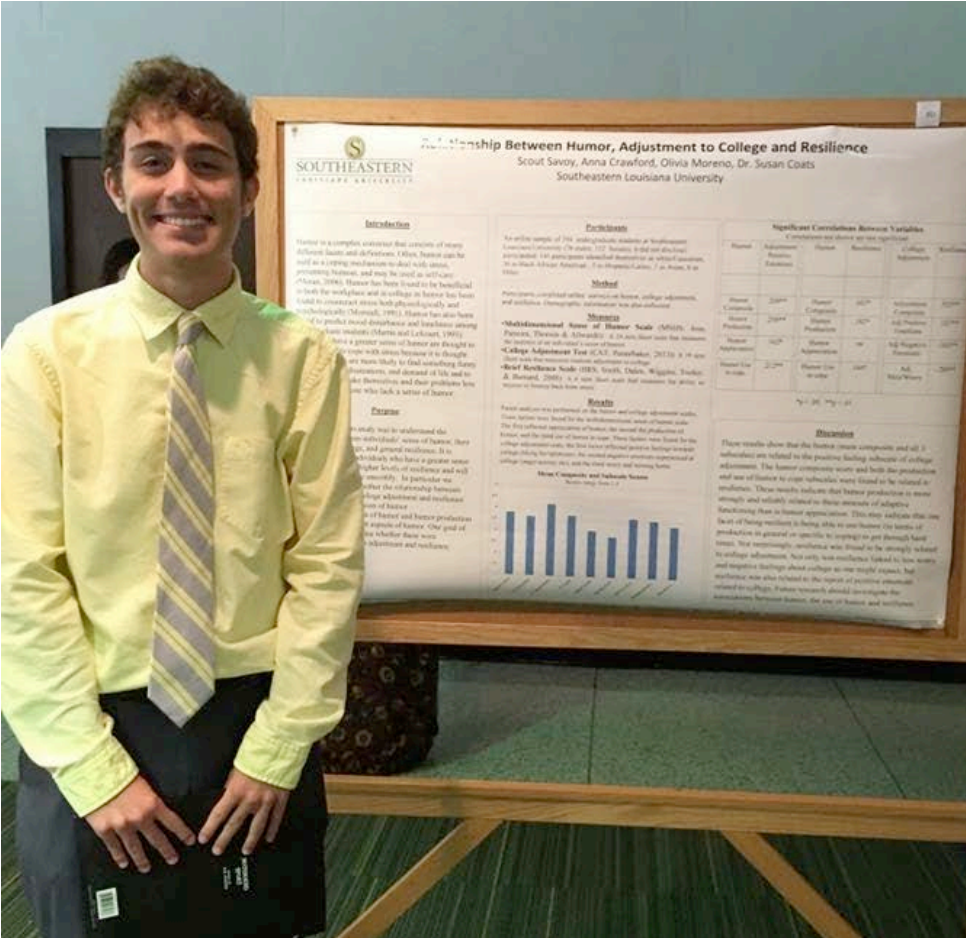
Also presenting from University of Lafayette were Dylan Harrell, Audra Jensen, Stevie Breaux, and Taylor Hebert.

Megan Jenkins and Sarah Ford, from Southeastern Louisiana University, also presented at the conference.

The 2017 scientific poster session was organized by Ashley Jefferson, PsyD, currently co-chair of the Louisiana Psychological Association Committee for Early Career Psychologists.

Dr. Jefferson is employed with the Louisiana Department of Health [LDH] in the Office of Behavioral Health [OBH] agency.

She has worked with several populations including individuals identified as having severe mental illness, exposure to traumatic stressors, and marginalized and disenfranchised histories. Dr. Jefferson resides in the Baton Rouge area.



Scout Savoy, from Southeastern Louisiana University his research poster “Relationship Between Humor, Adjustment to College and Resilience.” Co-authors were Anna Crawford, Olivia Moreno, and Susan Coats, PhD. Savoy won first place at the LPA session in the undergraduate division. (Courtesy photo.)



Bryanna Fields
(Courtesy photo)

LSU Students Named Discover Scholars

Bryanna Fields, a 2017 graduate in psychology at Louisiana State University (LSU), and student of Dr. Jason Harman, was named a Discover Scholar for 2017. Fields also received the Paul C. Young Award, given to the outstanding senior in psychology.

Also named as a Discover Scholar was Shelby Stewart, a graduating senior in psychology and student of LSU's Dr. Amy Copeland.

The LSU Discover Scholar award recognizes students who exemplify the potential for undergraduate research and creative endeavors at LSU.

Working with Dr. Jason Harman, Ms. Fields' thesis research explored the role of reversibility in decision-making. Under the mentorship of Dr. Harman, Fields used mathematical modeling to predict preferences for decision reversibility in human decision-making. Her thesis is titled "The Effects of Reversibility as an Attitude in Decision Making,"

Dr. Harman is Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology in the Industrial/Organizational faculty. His research interests are in judgment and decision-making, organizational behavior, cognitive models and behavioral economics. Harman directs the LSU JOBLab using computational modeling and behavioral research.

Ms. Shelby Stewart was honored for her work titled "Using Low Socioeconomic Status, Poor Sleep, and Drinking Motivations as Predictors for Outcomes of Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS) Treatment." Stewart worked on this project with her mentor, Dr. Amy Copeland, whom she has worked with since her sophomore year. Ms. Stewart connected with Dr. Copeland after working at the LSU Psychological Services Center.

Dr. Amy Copeland is Associate Professor at the Department of Psychology, clinical faculty, with research interests in cognitive and affective variables in substance use initiation, maintenance, cessation, and relapse. Copeland directs the LSU Psychology Smoking and Substance Use Clinical Research Lab.

Dr. Chaney Speaks to Psych Seniors at LSU on "Thinking about Thinking"

Although retired from the LSU Management Department in 2010, Dr. Courtland Chaney keeps returning to the classroom. He recently spoke to Dr. Robert Mathew's upper-division psychology class, Psychology of Thinking and Decision Making (Psychology 4030), at LSU and shared some of his ideas about the complex terrain of human judgment.

Chaney is a licensed industrial-organizational psychologist and served as an instructor in the Department of Management at Louisiana State University for almost 30 years. He designed and conducted supervisory and management training and has worked as a consultant in the fields of I-O psychology, organizational development, and human resource management.

Dr. Chaney told the group that, while his interest in human behavior and thinking could be traced back to the first psychology courses he took as an undergraduate student in the early 1970s, it was his experience teaching "Disaster and Crisis Management" at LSU just before his LSU retirement that really prompted him to reflect deeply about how people respond to crises and thus how we make decisions to take or refrain from action, he said.

Since any number of responses to a given situation are possible, the individual must consider multiple options (including doing nothing), predict the likely outcome of each response option, and decide which response is the preferred action, Chaney told the group.

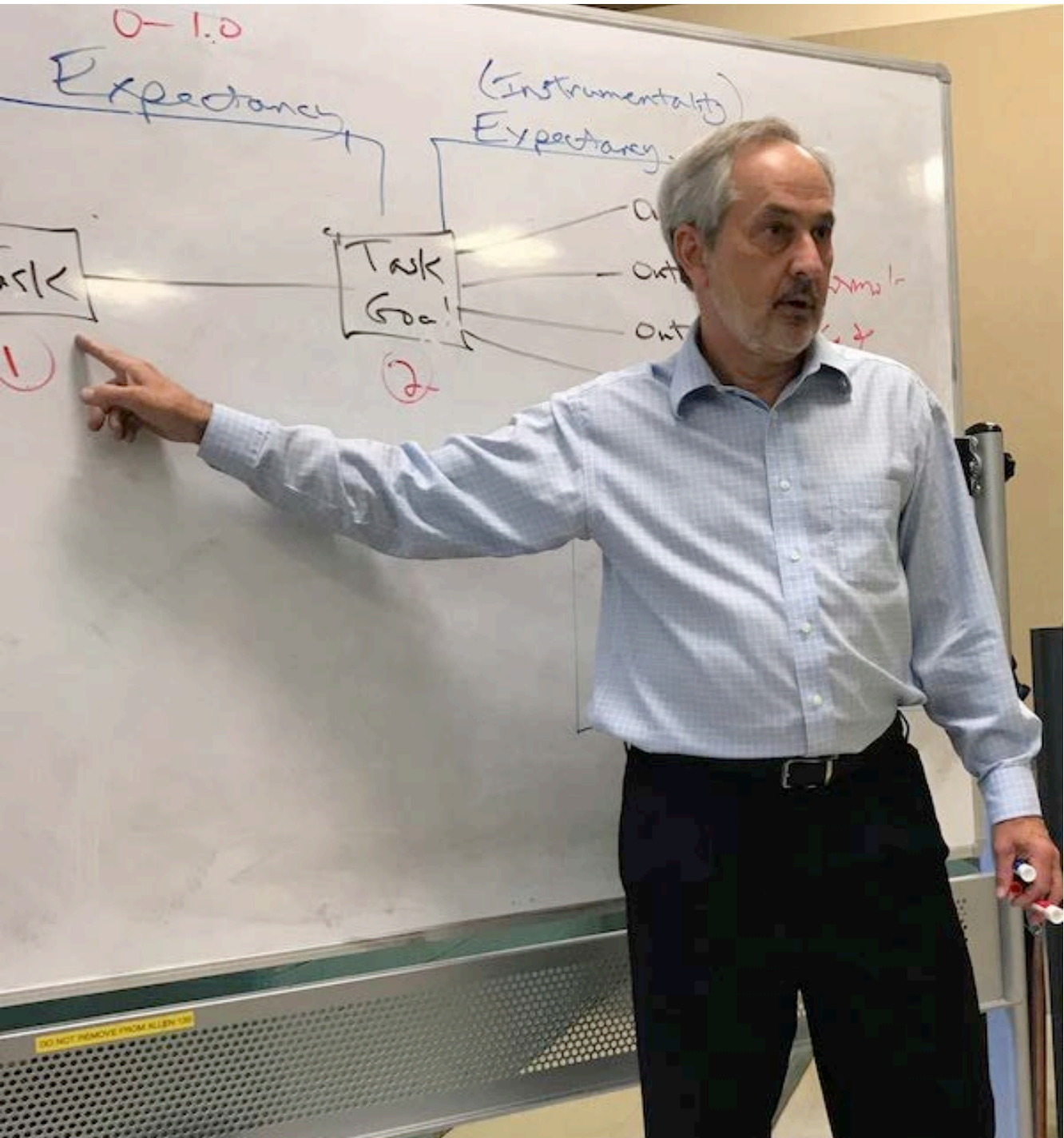
"A sobering aspect of evaluating response options and taking action is the realization that this entire

sequence sometimes occurs under duress and in a matter of seconds," he explained, as is the case with a police officer responding to a threatening incident, a driver trying to regain control of a vehicle spinning on an icy road, or any other rapidly evolving situation, he said.

In his conclusions, he suggested the students work to become aware of their environment and attentive to surroundings. "Become cognizant of your behavioral propensities," and acknowledge to yourself that your interpretation is just that, an interpretation—even a hypothesis—about your perception. "Then, by deliberately attending to the thought processes cited, you will improve both thinking and decision making," concluded Chaney.

Dr. Robert Mathews, cognitive psychologist and retired professor, has 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 previously told the *Times*.

"The trick is in getting the two to work together effectively to maximize good decisions." His previous work at LSU's Office of Applied Cognition has been applicable to real work performance of almost any task or job, from surgeons to truck drivers, chemical plant operators to accountants.



Dr. Courtland Chaney speaking to Dr. Robert Mathews' seniors in his Psychology of Thinking and Decision Making class at the LSU Psychology. Chaney spoke on "Thinking about Thinking." (Photo by Bob Mathews)

Other News

Dr. George Hebert to Serve on LSSP

The state psychology board has selected George W. Hebert, PhD, to serve on the Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Advisory Committee.

Dr. Hebert is a licensed psychologist and Clinical Assistant Professor at the Department of Clinical Rehabilitation and Counseling, Department of Interdisciplinary Human Studies, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans. He also serves as a faculty member in the Physician Assistant’s Program in the Department of Interdisciplinary Human Studies.

Dr. Hebert holds certificates with the Louisiana State Department of Education as both a school psychologist and supervisor of school psychological services.

He previously served nine years as the training coordinator/director for the Louisiana School Psychology Internship Consortium (LAS*PIC), an APA accredited program housed in the Human Development Center at the LSU Health Sciences Center. Additionally, he has provided psychological services and directed an outpatient mental health clinic for children and adolescents in Louisiana. Hebert has served as a school psychologist in both rural and urban settings in Louisiana.

He has worked as a part–time faculty member in the psychology department at the University of New Orleans for many years.

Dr. Hebert is a former president of the Louisiana School Psychological Association (LSPA) and an active member of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) where he served as the national delegate for the State of Louisiana.



Dr. Carmen Broussard (L) and Dr. George Hebert at a previous conference of the Louisiana School Psychological Association where he was helping at the National Association of School Psychologists booth. Dr. Hebert has been appointed to the Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Advisory Committee.

Dr. Hebert is a member of Division 16 of the American Psychological Association (APA) as well as the Louisiana Psychology Association, and holds memberships in several other state and national mental health related organizations.

“I am honored to be selected and hope to do well for the entire practice of psychology for the State of Louisiana.”

Dr. Hebert recently completed his service as the Louisiana delegate for the National Association of School Psychologists. He explained that he was originally asked to consider serving on the LSSP.

“However, due to many previous commitments, I did not see it wise to overextend myself,” he said, “but I did promise my colleagues that I would be willing to serve on the committee in the future.”

“I decided that this would be a good time to volunteer my services to the LSSP committee. I am honored to be selected and hope to do well for the entire practice of psychology for the State of Louisiana.”

The LSSP makes recommendations on the various issues involving Licensed Specialists in School Psychology. Recently the Board adopted the recommendation of the LSSP Committee to define "school system" to include colleges and the Early Steps program.

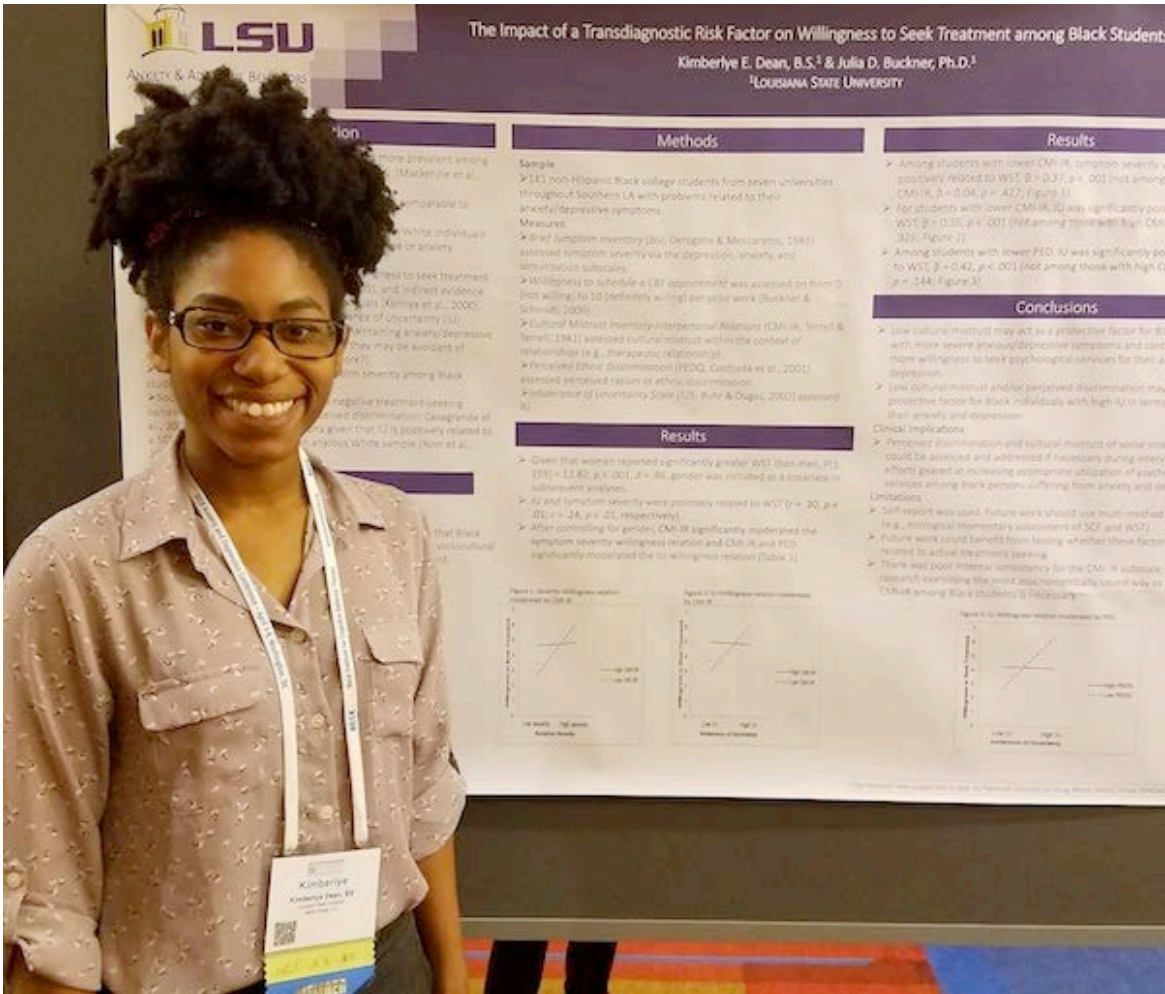
Dr. Bucker’s Researchers Present at Anxiety & Depression Assn of Am

Students from the Anxiety & Addictive Behaviors Research Laboratory at Louisiana State University presented work at this year’s conference of the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, held in San Francisco.

Kimberlye Dean and Katherine Walukevich, students of Dr. Julia Buckner, Associate Professor and the lab’s director, attended the conference, designed with the theme, “On the Cutting Edge of Wellness: Behavioral Medicine and Its Application to Anxiety and Depressive Disorders.”

Ms. Dean presented “The Impact of a Transdiagnostic Risk Factor on Willingness to Seek Treatment among Black Students.” The work was co-authored with Dr. Buckner.

Ms. Walukevich presented “The Impact of Difficulties of Emotion Regulation and Coping Motivated Cannabis Use on Cessation Problems Among Dually Diagnosed Outpatients: Serial Mediator Analyses.” Co-authors included Michael Zvolesky from the University of Houston and Dr. Buckner.



Kimberlye Dean presented on willingness to seek treatment among Black students, research co-authored with Dr. Julia Buckner and presented at the Anxiety & Depression Assn of America. (Courtesy photo.)

LaTech’s Dr. Lantz is on the Stump for APA Presidential Candidate Rosie Bingham

LaTech’s new Assistant Professor of Counseling Psychology, Dr. Melanie Lantz, is working to increase awareness and advocacy for issues of multicultural competence and social justice, through her own research and also by lending her help to Dr. Rosie Bingham, candidate in this year’s presidential election in the American Psychological Association (APA).



Dr. Melanie Lantz
(Courtesy photo)

Dr. Lantz is relatively new to the state, moving to Louisiana as an Early Career Psychologist, and taking on the Directorship of LaTech’s Psychological Services Clinic, part of Louisiana Tech University Department of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences.

She’s stumping for Rosie Bingham’s campaign, the sole candidate receiving an endorsement from The Society of Counseling Psychology, Division 17 of APA.

“I am working on Dr. Rosie Bingham’s campaign for APA President,” said Lantz. “She is truly an excellent candidate, by disposition and by experience. She knows how APA works, she’s a counseling psychologist in the truest sense, and she’s an advocate for social justice.” Lantz said.

Bingham co-founded of the National Multicultural Conference and Summit, which was her joint presidential project, along with the other Division leaders, explained Lantz.

This resonates with Dr. Lantz’ primary areas of research, which are multicultural competence, counseling, training, social justice, and professional issues in psychology. Her clinical areas

of expertise include addiction, assessment, and multicultural counseling. Lantz earned her doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University at Albany, State University of New York in 2015.

In October Dr. Lantz will present Multicultural competence and social justice advocacy: Ethical imperatives, a Continuing Education Workshop for the North Louisiana Counselor Education Conference to be held in Monroe.

At LaTech she teaches a variety of doctoral courses including Multicultural Counseling, Intellectual Assessment, Biological Psychology, and Psychopathology.

Lantz’ research spans topics from social dominance theory, activism, early career, racial attitudes, and multicultural issues. In April Lantz was named Outstanding Researcher, College of Education at LaTech.

Dr. Lantz has three articles and a book chapter in press, which include “For whom the bills pile: an equity frame for an equity problem,” in *Training and Education in Professional Psychology*; and “The implications of doctoral students’ professional socialization experiences in graduate training,” as well as “A collaborative autoethnography of counseling psychology student leaders,” both in *The Counseling Psychologist*.

Along with coauthors she will be presenting, “Financial implications of psychology doctoral degree pursuit: A cross-sectional examination,” at the 2017 APA Convention, and also “Social Dominance Theory and the multicultural counseling competencies: The need for a new lens and alternative measurement,” in the APA Symposium, Multicultural counseling competencies: Measurement, techniques, and future trends.

Other submissions include the Symposium, “Continuing on paths forged: Early career professionals navigating social justice,” “Working for social change on a campus in the deep south,” and “Racial attitudes in the 2016 presidential election: A social dominance perspective.”

Lantz is serving in several leadership positions within APA Division 17, the Society of Counseling Psychology and currently running for election for the APA’s Board of Educational Affairs (BEA).

She feels that her focus in multicultural studies and competencies, and professional issues in training, such as debt and financial constraints in doctoral psychology education, fostering professional identity development, breadth of teaching experience, and supporting culturally diverse students, are areas that can help her contribute to the work of the BEA.

She has large-scale data collection underway examining the distribution of debt and financial stressors and notes her recent publication on how to engage Social Justice in higher education (*Journal of Diversity in Higher Education*.) Another is her recent publication on how to support professional identity development in counseling psychology (in press with *The Counseling Psychologist*). She has two upcoming submissions on multicultural competencies and other works planned.

Currently Lantz is putting her efforts behind Dr. Rosie Bingham’s bid for APA President. Lantz is exciting about Bingham as a candidate and Bingham has been endorsed by the Society of

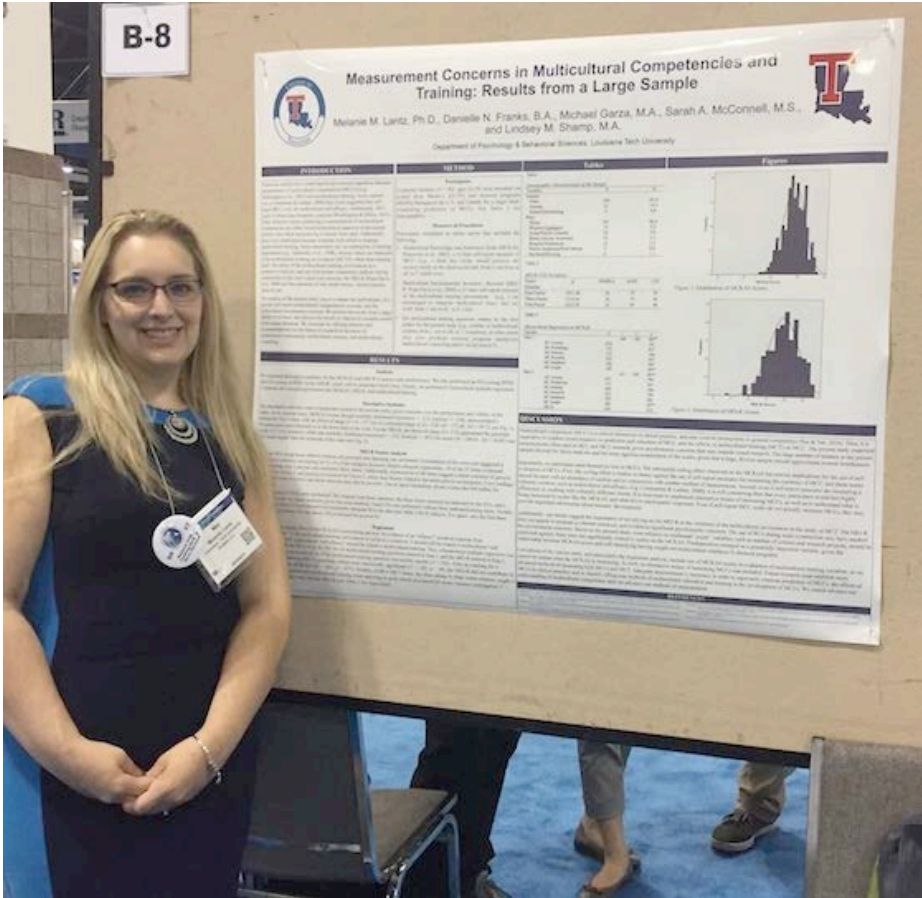
Counseling Psychology as well as Division 35, The Society for the Psychology of Women.

Lantz is enthusiastic about Bingham’s goals, and loves the campaign slogan, “What an example. ‘Dream Big, Do More!’” says Dr. Lantz. Bingham has pointed to the need for a multicultural focus in her views, something that Lantz feels strongly about in her work.

In one of Bingham’s public statements, Bingham notes:

“APA has been able to address numerous social issues because of its firm foundation in psychological science. As social issues become increasingly complex, spanning cultures and nations, our reliance on the integration of science, multicultural understanding and commitment to human rights grows. As president, I will seek to advance collaboration among researchers, practitioners, and those with international and multicultural expertise—including those who have so far been invisible or underrepresented in this process—to maximize APA’s efforts to address these complex issues in ways that value cultural differences while striving for viable and sustainable solutions. Dream big. Do more.”

And Bingham’s platform is very close to Lantz’s own views and goals for multicultural issues and concerns with social justice.



Louisiana Tech Assistant Professor Dr. Melanie Lantz at the American Psychological Association conference last year, presenting research in multicultural competencies.
(Courtesy photo.)

A Shrink at the Flicks

Wonder Woman Redux

by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

I got a kick out of this film on many levels. The first is its portrayal of bang-up battles between unambiguous villains and good guys, both human and divine, amped up by super-duper special effects. The movie also involves an old-fashioned sweetheart relationship, nicely seasoned with sprinkles of humor, between its attractive co-stars, Gal Godat as Princess Diana, and Chris Pine, as Steve Trevor, the American pilot she rescues.

Princess Diana is a familiar figure, Wonder Woman, known to millions in her original comic book format, a television show and a series of subsequent films. The Wonder Woman icon has special relevance in our cultural moment: the contemporary struggle by women to realize John Stuart Mill's nineteenth century hope that they would achieve social equality, albeit the last class of humans to do so.

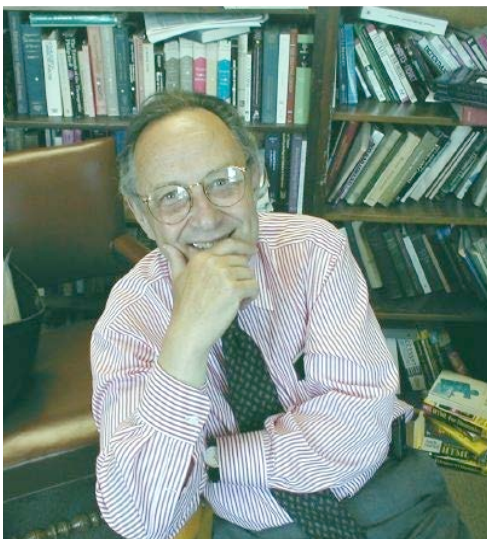
From this last point of view, Ms. Godat is an especially apt choice as Wonder Woman. Israeli by birth, she won the tiara as Miss Israel at eighteen, going on to serve as a combat instructor in the Israeli army before becoming an actress. Amusingly perhaps, her nationality has caused the film to be banned in Lebanon, removed from a film festival in Algeria and deleted from movie ticket websites in Tunisia.

But there is more. The super hero genre began with the Superman comic books of 1938 and embodies a host of others: Batman, Captain Marvel, The Phantom, The Green Lantern, Mandrake the Magician, Spiderman, *et allia*.

Heroic status is achieved by human actions that are admirable. Heroes are psychologically valuable because they inspire emulation.

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



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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.



Superheroes differ from heroes in that their achievements are beyond the possibilities of the human condition. Thus, they implicitly draw attention to human frailty, human limitations. That raises the question of how and why the superhero genre exploded in popularity.

The answer may lie in the timing of their 1930's birth. In the previous decade, the "Roaring Twenties," the United States became the world's wealthiest country. That opulent period was followed by the devastating Great Depression, with its breadlines and the Dust Bowl calamity, with its deserted farms and migrating Oakies.

Desperate times encourage a hope for something beyond heroes, for saviors. We can look at superheroes as quasi-religious figures, parental imagos that soothe human anxiety. Wonder Woman is an archaic mother figure whose power promises protection.

The psychologist William Moulton Marston gave birth to Wonder Woman in 1941, inspired by the two women with whom he lived in a *menage à trois*. In his psychological theories, Marston argued for an ideal state of submission to loving authority. In the film that concept is symbolized by the rescued pilot, Trevor, being compelled by the lasso of truth to confess his mission. Marston's view of the role of submission in love seems relevant to sadomasochistic sexual bondage games/rituals.

The movie ends with two tragic ironies that give it unexpected depth. Wonder Woman's superhero victory over her enemy, Ares, brings World War I, the war to end all wars, to an end. The audience knows, though the goddess doesn't, what is to come: WW II and international terrorism.

Another tragic irony is that, at the end, we see Diana grieving for Steve, who has died.

In loving a human, the goddess opened herself to a tragic wound that scars humanity—the inevitability of losing loved ones.

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Drs. Tucker, Irvin, Brockhoeft, Chaney New Officers in LPA

Dr. Susan Tucker has been named the new President-Elect of the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA), announced at the annual meeting in June. Also elected to new positions were Dr. ValaRay Irvin, Secretary, Dr. Wes Brockhoeft and Dr. Courtland Chaney, Directors, and Dr. John Fanning who was re-elected to Director.

Dr. Tucker is a licensed clinical psychologist, Warden, and Director of Psychological Services for a 700-bed correctional rehabilitative facility, the Bossier Parish Medium Security Facility. She developed the Steve Hoyle Intensive Substance Abuse Program which has earned national recognition for excellence. In 2016 the Louisiana Legislature commended Tucker and her team in a House Concurrent Resolution, pointing to multi-million dollar cost savings because of shorter incarceration times of those offenders who participated in Tucker's programs. Dr. Tucker also serves as the Louisiana statewide Sex Offender Treatment Program Coordinator and the Louisiana statewide Substance Abuse Program Coordinator. She also serves on the Interagency Council on the Prevention of Sex Offenses.

Dr. ValaRay Irvin was elected to serve as Secretary. She is the Senior Director and Psychologist of the University Counseling Center at Southern University in Baton Rouge. A licensed counseling psychologist, Irvin has worked in the field of college counseling mental health for 26 years, first as a staff psychologist and then as a director of counseling services for college students. Dr. Irvin is also in private practice in Gonzales, where she is the owner of Transformation, Inc., a Professional Psychology Corporation. She has specialized in women's issues and supports a holistic perspective by integrating mind, body, and spirit concepts in her work.

Dr. Wes Brockhoeft was elected as Director and is a past Director of the association. He received his PhD in clinical psychology, with a minor specialty in behavioral neurology from LSU. He has worked as an assistant



Dr. ValaRay Irvin the 2011 convention, chatting with Dr. Ivory Toldson who has since passed away. Dr. Irvin is the in-coming Secretary for the Louisiana Psychological Association.

professor in the psychology department of Southern University at New Orleans, at Jo Ellen Smith psychiatric hospital, and in private practice in New Orleans as clinician, consultant, expert witness, manager, speaker, and author.

Dr. Courtland Chaney was elected to Director. He is a licensed industrial-organizational psychologist and has served as an instructor in the Department of Management at Louisiana State University from 1983 until his retirement in 2010, holding the J. Trigg and Bettye Baskin Wood Jr. Endowed Professorship at the time of his retirement. He has designed and conducted supervisory and management training and has worked as a consultant in the fields of organizational development and change, and human resource management. He served on the board of the Greater Baton Rouge Society of Human Resource Management for six years, as a chair and/or committee member for 23 years. He has served on the State Council for the Louisiana State Society of Human Resource Management for 15 years.

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