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Year in Review

The year was characterized by contributions of the movers and shakers, some we showcase in our community awards. This was amid Louisiana’s continuing serious budget problems, more bad news about the state’s opioid crisis, but also with increasing efforts and awareness about the human trafficking and corrections reform.

In 2017 we had an impressive amount of psychological research presented at all sorts of events. Researchers came out in droves for APA and APS, SEPA and SWPA. The Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA) had an impressive scientific poster session and the first “Science Café” in November. The free-standing research group in Lake Charles was knocking down pins, even more so than usual.

At the Legislature, the Counselors managed to scrape off a requirement to consult with medical professionals, even though they had to fight down rumors about psychological testing that appeared to start at the psychology board.

Nothing however, was quiet as strange as the continuing issues with the psychology board, proving that when it rains it pours. The board decided to develop legislation and they shepherded a bill through that gave more power and control to the complaints subcommittee—more time to investigate, higher fees, and that may have brushed the 2016 “prescriptive” errors by the board’s attorneys under the rug. LPA seemed unable or unwilling to oppose the board extending its power. The measure passed easily in June.

But then also in June, a District Court Judge ruled that the LSBEP’s complaints subcommittee had violated the Constitutional rights to Due Process of a psychologist, an ironic twist. The LSBEP has appealed the Judge’s ruling. In October the psychologist filed a lawsuit against the board for violation of rights. A short time later we reported that LSBEP attorney fees have caused a major—\$400K—budget problem for 2018.

The saddest news of the year was the death of Dr. Constance Patterson in July after a battle with cancer, a loss felt all throughout the entire psychology community.

Below we review the main news for 2017.

JANUARY

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.

Gov Edwards Loses Suit Against the AG Judge Todd Hernandez dismissed Governor Edwards executive order about anti-discrimination in the workplace. Hernandez ruled that the executive order was unconstitutional.

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COMMUNITY AWARDS

The *Times* scanned 2017 activities and found shining examples, some new and some regulars, of community leadership. For our Community Awards we focus on these special contributors, who pushed for excellence, who innovated and persevered, and who made that extra effort to change things for the better. We thank and honor them for their vision and dedication to our community!

Editorials and Opinions

100 Times — and Still Disappointed*

by Times publisher, J. Nelson

The *Psychology Times* just passed our 100th issue at the end of 2017. It has been a real joy and true honor.

When I launched the *Times* in 2009 it was to help deal with a fragmented community—too secretive and too political, but I didn’t expect the great pleasure of learning more about my community, its people, and myself. I didn’t expect the fascinating social psychology involved for us—free-ranging humans in our natural habitat.

I’ve discovered that I had been more prepared than I realized, by having grown up in a newspaper family of the 1950s and 60s, somehow cultivating the values of the journalists of that time, especially for the First Amendment. Newspaper journalists in those days had an honorable role, but not a lucrative one. They could make a decent living, but for my parents and the other weekly publishers around the state, it was never about the money.

So I’m doubly surprised to see that the on-going arguments being filed in the Hoffman Report lawsuit involve free speech and First Amendment rights, for a report about organizational psychology matters at APA, written by an attorney, for which he was paid \$4 million.

The Hoffman Report was commissioned by APA to analyze activities surrounding on-going conflicts about and between military psychologists, APA ethics staff, and human rights advocates.

Hoffman did not use any obvious statistical methods, but concluded in favor of the human rights psychologists—that APA had “colluded” with government. The report was leaked and headlines splashed across the country linking APA with “torture.” Some of those involved sued for defamation.

Currently arguments are going back and forth over what are called the “Anti-SLAPP laws.” These are laws, mostly supported by newspaper organizations and book publishers, which help protect free speech from “SLAPP” lawsuits. SLAPP stands for “strategic lawsuit against public participation,” and are considered meritless, with a goal only to silence people.

The Hoffman defense appears to be calling on these free speech protections, including a motion to have the plaintiffs (the military psychologists and two APA employees) declared to be “public figures.” If the court decides that these individuals are in fact “public figures,” then the standard becomes very high—false statements can be made about public figures but for it to stick “actual malice” must be included. This is a high bar and not often reached.

So in essence the attorneys for Mr. Hoffman and APA are trying to say that a work product falls under the same free speech umbrella as for newspapers and private citizens. Is Mr. Hoffman saying that he is a private citizen or a member of the press? Did he write an opinion piece or editorial? Or did APA hire a legal professional who is accountable for the quality of his work? Is APA accountable for how they used his work? Is everyone in a task team at APA to be considered a public figure?

Perhaps this is all just posturing and legal gamesmanship, but it is a concern, since we have a similar issue in our community. The state psychology board is having to defend the work of their attorneys, work that District Judge Michael Caldwell viewed as having violated the Constitutional rights of at least one psychologist.

In both cases the actual work product, or a large part of it, could have been done better by qualified psychologists, and at a much, much lower fee.

Psychologists can add validity and precision to understanding the human condition. As applied scientists, psychologists not only have an affinity for the truth, they can add validity and precision to understanding human behavior and complex interactions. We require methods that help with the natural human tendency to distort. As Robert Abelson warns us about in all research, in his classic text *Statistics as Principled Argument*: “... we need principled data-handling procedures to protect us from inventing elaborate overinterpretations for data that could have been dominated by chance processes.”

It is a little annoying that Mr. Hoffman’s attorneys would conjure the First Amendment. But, well, many newspapers are playing loose with it these days.

The level of reality in groups and subgroups seems to be steadily in decline across our country, and we are threatened with a dangerous contamination of roles, responsibilities, processes and values.

Psychology, like the press, can, if we take up the baton, help keep the waters pure. Our goal as scientists and applied scientists is a pure one, of truth.

(* “ ... and Still Disappointed,” added upon recommendation of Archimedes.)

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We received notice of a few typos for our December issue but nothing serious. Please send your corrections or clarifications to the *Times* at:
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Dr. Chaney Serving on Governor Edwards’ Task Force to Prevent Sexual Harassment and Discrimination

Governor Edwards named Industrial-Organizational Psychologist Dr. Courtland Chaney to the Governor’s Task Force on Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy.

In a statement on December 15 the Governor’s Office announced the new Task Force and stated that seven members are included who will “review current harassment and discrimination policies within every state agency that falls under the executive branch, as well as research and identify the most effective ways to create work environments that are free from any form of harassment or discrimination.”

Dr. Courtland Chaney is a licensed industrial-organizational (I-O) psychologist in private practice in his company, Human Resource Management Associates, Inc., located in Baton Rouge. Chaney currently serves as a Director on the Executive Council of the Louisiana Psychological Association. He was a faculty member in the Department of Management at Louisiana State University until his retirement in 2010.

“Sexual harassment and discrimination,” said Governor Edwards in the December announcement, “have no place in the workplace and this task force will provide critical feedback on the current policies and procedures in our state agencies that are working and what improvements are needed in order to provide safe work environments for our employees.”

Also appointed to the task force were Terrence Ginn, deputy commissioner for finance & administration at the Louisiana Board of Regents; Sandra Schober, deputy director of administrative services for the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office; Makayla Weber-Harris, staffing assistant division administrator of the Louisiana State Civil Service.

Also appointed were Janice Lansing, chief financial officer of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; Tina Vanichchagorn, deputy executive counsel, Office of the Governor; Suzette Meiske, human resources director for the Louisiana Community Technical College System.

“Every member of this task force brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the table, and I have confidence in their ability to meet the goals and objectives set before them,” said Gov. Edwards.



Dr. Courtland Chaney (R) works with colleague Jim Stodd, SPHR, at a meeting of industrial-organizational psychology consultants last year in Baton Rouge. Dr. Chaney was recently appointed by the Governor to serve on the Task Force to Prevent Sexual Harassment and Discrimination.

In an Executive Order he outlined the duties of the group:

- Review the sexual harassment and discrimination policies of each state agency within the executive branch.
- Research and identify the most effective mode of training to prevent workplace sexual harassment and discrimination and evaluate the effectiveness of the existing video state employees are required to view each year.
- Develop a protocol for sexual harassment and discrimination policy orientation for new employees, those participating in any state sponsored training academy and employees promoted to supervisory positions.
- Research and identify the specific conduct that should be prohibited by sexual harassment and discrimination policies.
- Research and identify a clear reporting process when an allegation is made as well as the most appropriate action that should be taken once an investigation is completed.

The Task Force was created after Governor Edward’s deputy chief of staff, Johnny Anderson, voluntarily resigned amid an

investigation of a harassment claim against him. Anderson says he is innocent of any wrongdoing. Some critics noted that Anderson should not have been hired because he had a similar problem while at Southern University, according to reports in the *Times-Picayune*.

Dr. Chaney commonly provides anti-harassment training for businesses that he assists and believes all decision-makers should ask themselves certain questions, involving, “Am I acting in an ethical manner? Am I treating people fairly, the way I would want to be treated, the way I would want my loved ones to be treated?” And, “Am I in compliance with all federal, state and local laws?”

He often engages his attendees to talk as a group and or individually, to dig into these types of questions even more thoroughly where needed.

“In my judgment, most anti-harassment training—including sexual harassment—focuses on following the EEOC guidelines ...” he said.

But after that analysis, which can be comprehensive, Dr. Chaney believes that the issues can extend to the organizational culture.

“I believe our next effort should be focused on describing the type of organizational culture we aspire to have and articulating the behaviors we expect of organizational members,” he explained. “The expected behaviors should then be reinforced through human resource management practices, including performance management, feedback, and progressive discipline.”

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“Hoffman Report” Defamation Suit Continues in Washington, DC

Defendants Claim Free Speech Rights; Plaintiffs Point to Leaks as “Actual Malice”

A dispute involving the ramifications of the “Hoffman Report,” a document prepared by the Chicago attorney David Hoffman and commissioned by the American Psychological Association (APA), during conflicts over the role of military psychologists, APA ethics decisions, and human rights policies in APA, was filed in Washington D.C. in late August, immediately following dismissal by an Ohio judge who said the case was not in his jurisdiction.

Motions put forth in the Ohio pleadings and in the new D.C. litigation indicate that the defense attorneys may be positioning themselves to argue that the report falls under free speech protections.

The defamation lawsuit is being brought against David Hoffman, his law firm, and APA, by retired Colonels and psychologists Morgan Banks, Debra Dunivin and Larry James, and also two psychologists who are former employees of the APA, Drs. Stephen Behnke and Russ Newman. The lawsuit alleges reckless disregard for the truth and false statements in a 2015 Hoffman Report.

In December, defense attorneys filed a motion seeking the Court to compel arbitration based on the employment agreements of Drs. Behnke and Newman with APA. Hoffman’s law firm, Sidney, also filed a request that Behnke and Newman arbitrate the dispute with Hoffman’s firm.

In both Ohio and D.C., the defendants filed motions asking for dismissal based on free speech protection laws, called Anti-SLAPP laws. “SLAPP” or “strategic lawsuit against public participation” are lawsuits without merit which are aimed to intimidate or silence free speech, according to the Public Participation Project.

The defense wrote, “Here, APA’s publication of the Report constitutes an ‘[a]ct in furtherance of the right of advocacy on issues of public interest.’ Id. § 16-5501(1). The publication of the Report is a ‘written . . . statement’ that APA allegedly made ‘[i]n a place open to the public or a public forum.’”

The motion to dismiss also says that the Plaintiffs are public officials or limited-purpose public figures, calling for the higher standard of not only false statements but of the level of “actual malice,” to be met.

The Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Discovery, saying that they are entitled to limited discovery and that the Plaintiffs are private citizens and plaintiffs should not have to show “actual malice.” Anti-SLAPP laws narrow discovery provisions.

The Plaintiffs’ attorneys say that the report was given to James Risen, a *New York Times* reporter, prior to review and publication, and these actions are evidence of actual malice, said the attorneys.

Mr. Hoffman was hired by APA in 2014 to review interactions between military psychologists, APA officials, and the Bush administration. Then APA president Dr. Nadine Kaslow sought to resolve ongoing accusations that APA was involved in supporting unethical behavior by military psychologists.


The accusations were voiced by human rights activists and psychologists, and had been outlined in several publications, including a book by *New York Times’* journalist, James Risen, *Pay Any Price*.

Hoffman said that communications of a 2005 APA members’ task force amounted to “collusion” with military psychologists and therefore with the Department of Defense. A media furor commenced following publication of the Report, splashing the issue of “torture” and APA across national news outlets. APA paid Hoffman \$4.1 million for the Report, according to sources.

In February 2017 plaintiffs filed the defamation lawsuit in Ohio, alleging how the expansion of the investigation was hidden, how Hoffman over-relied on the accusers and aligned with the accusers’ goals, and that Hoffman failed to consider and follow evidence that contradicted the final conclusions.


The attorneys also allege that APA failed to adequately review the Report, failed to give Plaintiffs an opportunity to respond to allegations, and failed to respond to evidence of the mistakes and errors in the Report.

The Complaint states, “The false light in which the Plaintiffs Behnke, Dunivin, and James have been placed would be highly offensive to the reasonable person,” and has caused mental anguish, emotional distress, and “severe personal and professional humiliation and injury to their reputations in the community – reputations they have built over many years.”



“Mediation, Money & Mental Health: Issues in Family Court”

Eighth State Conference
Jan. 26-27, 2018
AFCC-LA



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Schedule of Events

Friday, January 26, 2018

08:00 - 09:00 Registration, Continental Breakfast
09:00 - 10:30 Mediation Marketing—Dr. James Stovall

10:30 - 10:45 Break
10:45 - 12:15 Mediation Marketing—Dr. Stovall

12:15 - 1:00 Catered Lunch/Annual Meeting

1:00 - 2:00 Social Security Entitlements, Pension Set-offs, Health Care—Madison Field, MBA, CVA, and Robert Woosley, CFP

2:00 - 3:15 Hearing Officers: Use of Mental Health Professionals—Brandy Blanchard, JD, Jill deCourt, JD, Lisa Matthews, JD

3:15-3:30 Break
3:30-4:45 The Use of MHPs as Custody Case Managers—Hon. Pamela Baker, Cathy Austin, PhD, LPC, LMFT

4:45 - 5:00 Evaluations, Certificates
5:00 Cocktail Social and Networking

Saturday, January 27, 2018

8:00 - 8:30 Registration, Continental Breakfast
8:30 -10:00 Money & Divorce Client Behavior—Helen Graf, CFP, CDFA

10:00 -10:15 Break

10:15 - 11:45 Role of Child Therapists in Custody Disputes—Rhonda Norwood, Ph.D., LCSW

11:45 - 12:30 Catered Lunch

12:30 - 2:00 Sexual Abuse: From Allegations to Visitation—Karen Arias, Forensic Interviewer, BRCAC, LaDonna Ward, Exec. Dir., Westside SVC

2:00 - 2:15pm Break

2:15 -3:45 Substance Abuse Issues in Family Court Cases—Tanya Stuart, LCSW-BACS, LAC, CCS

3:45- 4:00 Evaluations, Certificates

See www.afccnet.org for more information.

State of Louisiana, BRF, Ochsner Health System, LSU Sign Letters of Intent

Ochsner/LSU Jointly Plan to Operate Health System in Shreveport and Monroe

On December 19, the Governor announced that the State of Louisiana, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University (LSU) on behalf of Louisiana Health Sciences Center Shreveport (LSUHSC-S) and the LSUHSC-S Faculty Group Practice, the Biomedical Research Foundation and Ochsner Health System announced that they have signed Letters of Intent to create a new, long-term, Public Private Partnership agreement in Shreveport and Monroe.

Under the proposed agreement, LSU and Ochsner will jointly form a new University Health System (UHS) structure to coordinate activities between the school and the healthcare delivery system.

“Both Ochsner and LSU are proven partners who are committed to leading the advancement of healthcare in our state,” said Governor John Bel Edwards. “LSU has significant strengths in medical education and research while Ochsner, also committed to academics and research, has tremendous expertise in operating hospitals and supporting the clinical activity of large physician groups. Working together, in a more integrated fashion, we plan to successfully deliver quality, cost-effective patient care in an environment that is optimal for the continued teaching and training of our state’s future doctors and healthcare professionals.”

The UHS structure under consideration would be governed by a new UHS board of directors made up of Ochsner, LSU and community board members from Shreveport and Monroe and in addition a Community Advisory Board made up of Shreveport and Monroe community members, and representatives from Ochsner, LSU and BRF to provide insight into the healthcare needs of the greater Shreveport and Monroe region.

ASPPB’s CEO, Dr. DeMers to Retire

In a December 11 letter to members of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) current president Dr. Donald Meck and others wrote that Dr. Stephen DeMers notified the Board of Directors of his wish to retire effective in September 2018.

The letter notes that Dr. DeMers served as the delegate from Kentucky at ASPPB Annual Meetings starting in the mid 1980’s, chaired the first Model Act of Directors in 1992, and was elected President elect of ASPPB in 1995, then serving as President and Past President. In 1997, Dr. DeMers accepted a part–time consulting position with ASPPB as Director of the Certification program and worked to develop, promote and launch ASPPB’s Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ).

He was selected as the CEO in August 2005 and has worked to promote professional mobility services such as credentials banking, interjurisdictional practice mechanisms, PSYPACT and many other programs and services like collection of psychology workforce data and development of the new assessment of professional skills portion of the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP Part 2), according to the announcement.

The ASPPB will announce a search process to fill the position, said the authors.



Dr. Richard Flicker has been key in the Adopt-A-Teacher Project which included efforts by the Baton Rouge Area Society of Psychologists. Dr. Flicker leads the effort at the Baton Rouge Exchange Club. Above, he is seen with a member of Senator Mary Landrieu’s staff at a past ceremony.

Baton Rouge Psychologists Participate in the Adopt-A-Teacher Project

The Baton Rouge Area Society of Psychologists (BRASP) recently participated in the project named “Adopt-A-Teacher,” created by the Exchange Club of Baton Rouge, and managed by psychologist Dr. Richard Flicker.

BRASP has been a supporter of the Adopt-A-Teacher program for the past nineteen years, said Dr. Flicker. “BRASP adopts one of the 25 or more teachers, selected to receive a gift card to School Aids of from \$300 to \$600 dollars,” he said.

“The idea for Adopt-A-Teacher arose when one of the Baton Rouge Exchange Club members casually mentioned at a meeting,” said Flicker, “how much money her daughter had spent preparing her classroom as a new elementary school teacher before the school year had begun. Most of us were surprised to learn that teachers spend money out of their own pockets to equip their classrooms with learning materials.”

“Within minutes we came up with the concept of Adopt-A-Teacher. That first year, we arranged with the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board to invite five teachers to the main office where the Exchange Club gave the teachers a total of \$1,900.00 in gift cards to Office Depot, Wal-Mart and School Aids.”

Over the years the program has flourished, said Flicker. “This year, the Adopt-A-Teacher program will have provided grants in the several hundreds of dollars each to an amazing total of 539 new teachers.”

“In addition to the School Aids gift card, each teacher receives a goody bag with pencils, erasers, glue sticks, rulers and other classroom supplies. The value of each goody bag is typically about \$40-\$50. The most frequently used expression by teachers who have received Adopt-A-Teacher grants is ‘Blessing.’ To these new teachers, a few hundred dollars means the world to them.”

The Baton Rouge Area Society of Psychologists has been contributing to this project since its second year, twenty straight years now, Flicker explained. Also, several individual psychologists have contributed to the project every year. Because of BRASP’s long history of supporting Adopt-A-Teacher and the amount donated by BRASP and several individual psychologists, one new teacher each year is specifically recognized at the School Board meeting as being adopted by BRASP, Dr. Flicker said.

That decision is based on having at least two psychologists among the judges. Most often this is Dr. Flicker and Dr. Christine Angelloz. Whichever teacher ranks highest on the two psychologists’ ballots is the BRASP adoptee, he explained.

Dr. Flicker has been a member of the Exchange Club since 1976. After relocating to Baton Rouge, he formed the Exchange Club of Baton Rouge in 1996. He has served as chair of the Adopt-A-Teacher project since its third year in 1999.

Dr. Angela Breidenstine Appointed to Children’s Trust Fund Board

On December 12 the Governor announced that he appointed Angela S. Breidenstine, Ph.D., of New Orleans, to the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund Board. Breidenstine is a licensed clinical psychologist and Assistant Professor at Tulane University School of Medicine's Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Dr. Breidenstine will serve as a representative of the Louisiana Psychological Association.

In another press release on December 14, the Governor applauded the Fund recipients and the success of the first grantee meeting of the Trust Fund. Grantees attending the meeting from around the state were awarded a total of \$858,960 to be used for child abuse and neglect prevention throughout Louisiana over the next year, said the announcement.

During the 2017 legislative session, administration of the Children’s Trust Fund was transferred to the Governor’s Office through legislation sponsored by Sen. Regina Barrow. Grantees in attendance at the first meeting were awarded money in order to fulfill the mission of the Children’s Trust Fund—to prevent child abuse and neglect among Louisiana’s children and families through building strong cross-sector partnerships and through increased child safety public awareness, said the announcement.

“Protecting our most vulnerable children has been a priority for my wife Donna and I, so we are incredibly grateful for all of the work being done by community organizations around the state through the Louisiana Children’s Trust Fund grants,” said Gov. Edwards. “Sen. Regina Barrows’ legislation bringing the fund into my office will allow us to elevate this priority and continue the important work of preventing child abuse and neglect in Louisiana.”

In 1983, following a devastating child abuse fatality, the Louisiana Legislature unanimously passed the Louisiana Children’s Trust Fund Act to prioritize and separate funds for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Louisiana then became the 5th state in the United States of America to establish the Children’s Trust Fund.

The purpose of the Louisiana Children’s Trust Fund are:

1. Support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and coordinate initiatives, programs, and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect
2. Support the coordination of resources and activities to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect
3. Foster understanding, appreciation and knowledge of diverse populations in order to effectively prevent and treat child abuse and neglect



New baby at the GWC in Folsom. Photo courtesy of the GWC.

Global Wildlife Center in Folsom Announces New Baby Giraffe

A new baby giraffe was born December 14 at the Global Wildlife Center in Folsom, Louisiana. “We are thrilled to announce the birth of a new male Reticulated Giraffe at Global Wildlife Center! Our new precious calf was born on December 14th and first time mother, Kamira, is doing a wonderful job nursing and taking care of her new baby,” the announcement said.

The Center held a vote to name the baby, the choice “Ryder” winning 46 percent of the votes, posted on their Facebook page. “Benji” received 41 percent and “Simba” received 13 percent. The name Ryder was submitted by a little boy of the same name who shares the same birthday as the baby giraffe.

The Global Wildlife Center is the largest totally free-roaming wildlife preserve of its kind in the country home to over 4,000 exotic, endangered, and threatened animals from all over the world.

Gov. Establishes Criminal Justice Reform Oversight Council

Baton Rouge - Gov. John Bel Edwards has issued an executive order creating the Governor’s Justice Implementation Oversight Council as part of the bipartisan and comprehensive sentencing and corrections reforms he signed into law earlier this year.

“Now that Louisiana has started the critical and important process of reforming our criminal justice system to better protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, control costs and reinvest those savings to further improve the system, I want to make certain that the people of our state are served in the best way possible and that they have the utmost confidence in the work taking place,” said Gov. Edwards. “This oversight council will be responsible for reviewing the performance of the cost-effective and evidenced-based reforms, working with the Dept. of Corrections and stakeholders, as well as advising the best

use of reinvestment dollars and monitoring the use of those funds. We have an extraordinary opportunity, and this council will help ensure we are on the right path to achieving our goals and the reforms are producing the maximum results.”

The Council will be inter-branch and bipartisan, composed of eleven (11) at-large members, including representatives of criminal justice agencies and legislators, designated by the governor. Their duties will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Track and advise the Louisiana Dept. Corrections (LDOC) and other relevant state and local agencies on the implementation of policy changes required by the Justice Reinvestment legislation.
- Engage criminal justice stakeholders to

promote cross-agency, cross-sector communication and problem-solving.

- Receive and review performance metric data and make recommendations based on that data to further safely reduce the prison population.
- Make recommendations on the best uses for reinvestment dollars and monitor the use of those dollars.
- Publish an annual report on the implementation progress, performance metrics, recommendations and other relevant task force activities.

The Council will also be required to submit an annual report to the governor by December 31, 2018, and each subsequent year, outlining the review of the Justice Reinvestment Implementation plan created by LDOC.

Mediation Trainer James Stoval to Present at AFCC

The Louisiana Chapter of the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts will host mediation trainer, James Stoval, at its State Conference on January 26 and 27, to be held at the Paul Hebert Law Center on the Louisiana State University campus in Baton Rouge. The theme for the conference will be “Mediation, Money & Mental Health: Issues in Family Court.”

Stoval will conduct a three-hour discussion on reaching mediation clients. Mr. Stoval founded The Mediation Institute, which provides mediation services and training in family, governmental, and corporate arenas. He has conducted training workshops in Egypt, India, Indonesia, and 23 states in the U.S., and taught mediation and negotiation at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City University School of Law, and the University of Central Oklahoma.

The *Times* asked Mr. Stoval why is mediation such an important and useful service? “Too often children are the unintended victims in divorce and separation,” said Stoval. “Parents anger spills over on to the children and children feel torn between parents. In mediation, we are attempting to provide a safe atmosphere and empower parents by giving them opportunities for decision-making based upon their own values and priorities. In a high percentage of cases parents are able to reach an agreement that is satisfactory to both sides. They are able to put their own anger aside. They become willing to put their swords away for the sake of their children,” he explained.

Why do courts and others turn to mediators? “Many professionals—including many judges—have seen up close and personal what happens when parents attempt to battle it out in courts,” he said. “Courts are not well equipped to handle the feelings of anger and resentment that often escalate as a case moves through the courts. Quite often the adversarial system takes a bad situation and makes it worse.”

Other presentations for the conference include “Social Security Entitlements, Pension Set-offs, Health Care,” presented by Madison Field, MBA and Robert Woosley, CFP; “Hearing Officers: Use of Mental Health Professionals,” by Brandy Blanchard, JD, Jill deCourt, JD, and Lisa Matthews, JD; and “The Use of MHPs as Custody Case Managers,” will be presented by Hon. Pamela Baker and Cathy Austin, PhD, LPC.

Dr. Catherine Austin, said, “The conference is an excellent source of information for those who work within the legal community, and it presents a unique opportunity for networking with judges, hearing officers, family law practitioners, and mental health professionals.” Dr. Austin is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and Registered Play Therapist. She is in private practice in Covington, and a Qualified Domestic and Eldercare Mediator and a Parenting Coordinator.

Dr. Jennings to Lead Efforts in Rural and TeleHealth

Dr. Tiffany Jennings, licensed psychologist in Shreveport, and Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA) Rural Health Coordinator for the American Psychological Association, will chair the recently established Rural and TeleHealth Services Committee for LPA, according to the LPA news.

Jennings has previously served as a neuropsychologist at Overton Brooks Veterans Administration Medical Center in Shreveport and also neuropsychologist for the U.S. Army's Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic at Fort Polk in Leesville, Louisiana.

Dr. Jennings said that one of the goals of the committee will be to “develop an ongoing community where those in rural areas, or who serve rural populations, can collaborate with each other.” She said that sharing experiences as to how to set up various telehealth services and also to review current guidelines will be important goals of her committee.

“Another objective in mind is initiating and continuing the conversation regarding the opioid

crisis,” said Dr. Jennings. “... it's a major focus of concern.”

Dr Jennings is a Louisiana native who received her Masters of Arts in Psychology from Southeastern Louisiana University, her Masters of Arts in Clinical Psychology in 2003, and her Doctor of Psychology from Widener University in 2006.

She completed her Post Doctoral training at Child Mental Health in Wilmington, DE, and the Department of Neurosurgery, Hershey Medical Center, Hershey PA.

Dr. Jennings also completed her masters in Clinical Psychopharmacology in 2013. She has worked with a variety of clinical populations including both adults and children with Traumatic Brain Injury/Concussion, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Cancer, and auto-immune disorders such as MS and Sjogren's Syndrome, and other neuropsychiatric/psychiatric conditions.

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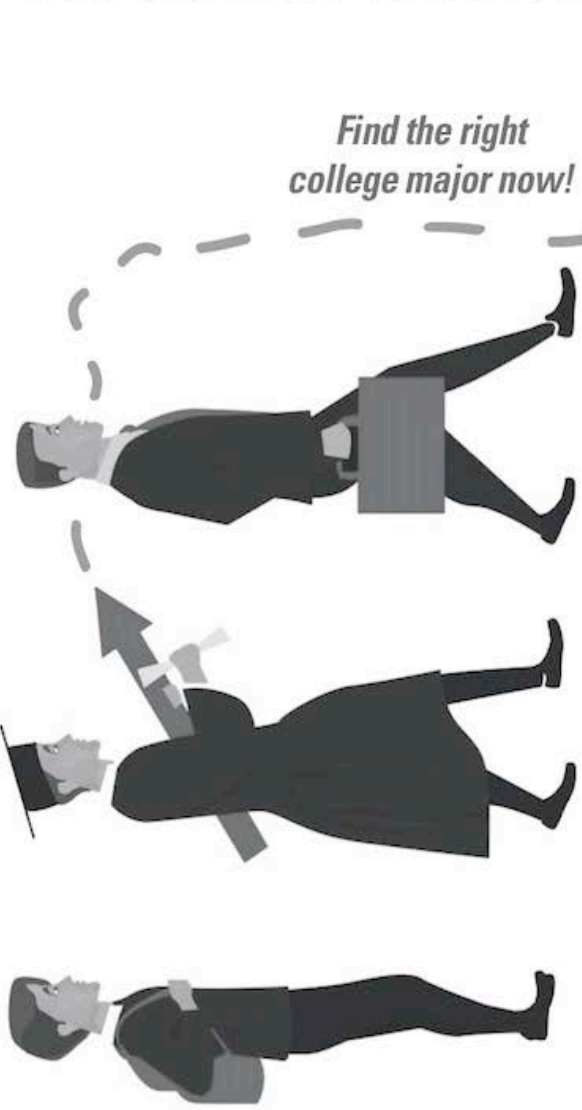
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DHH Posts Emergency Rule for Applied Behavior Analysis-Based Services An Emergency Rule addressed the adopted provisions to establish coverage and reimbursement for applied behavior analysis services under the Medicaid State Plan for Chisholm class members and other children.

Rogue One – A Review *Shrink at the Flicks*, by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

Upcoming: Assn for Family and Conciliation Courts; Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists; I-O psychology interest group; Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Southern Society for Philosophy & Psychology

FEBRUARY

Budget Bleak as Usual Governor Edwards outlined another bleak picture of Louisiana’s finances, telling legislators that he and his team have to deal with more shortfalls even before they are finished 2016 problems.

Dr. Frick Named Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology Louisiana State University Psychology Professor and international expert in child and adolescent psychopathology, Dr. Paul Frick, was named the Editor-in-Chief for the prestigious *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*.

Drs. Crouch, Schmitz Volunteer to Run for LSBEP Dr. Leah Crouch and Dr. William Schmitz, Jr., qualified for the election to the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LSBEP)

Texas Psychology Practice Act Appears Set for Overhaul after FTC and Serafine Two court decisions may have delivered a serious blow to the current psychology practice Act in Texas. The Texas Sunset Commission, in a January report, recommended reforms including narrowing the definition of the practice of psychology and consolidating the state’s boards dealing with behavioral health.

Meaningful Oversight Task Team Recommends Supervision for Boards A task force charged with studying the need for “meaningful oversight” recommended that the state create an oversight panel to review critical decisions by state boards, in particular those that involve anti-trust concerns.

Medical Board Gives Okay to Physicians to Sign Psychological Testing if Trained At the December 5, 2016 meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, the board members said that as long as physicians had training in the analysis of testing used to diagnosis dyslexia, he or she “may be qualified to sign off on such testing.”

Four New Members on LPC Board New appointees, Donna Mayeux, Ernest Airhia, Claude Guillotee, and Nakeisha Pierce joined the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners.

ADRA Discusses Opioid Abuse Prevention at January 20 Meeting The Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority discussed issues related to the Commission on Preventing Opioid Abuse, a discussion led by Deborah Thomas.

Tulane’s Dr. Lisa Settles Reaches Tier I Mid-Point in Autism FORCE Project Dr. Lisa Settles and her team at the Tulane Center for Autism and Related Disorders (TCARD), Tulane University School of Medicine, passed the mid-point of her Tier I project to understand how to engage clients and community to help youngsters with autism. Dr. Settles is a clinical psychologist, Assistant Professor and clinical director and founder of TCARD.

Can a Single Stressful Event Cause Long-term Effects in the Brain? *Stress Solutions* by Susan Andrews, PhD

Southeastern University Industrial-Organizational Researchers to Study Louisiana Psychologists I-O psychologist Dr. William (Gig) Costelloe, Chair of the Industrial-Organization (I-O) & Consulting Psychology Committee for the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA), has teamed up with Southeastern Louisiana University assistant professor, Dr. Suzanne Booth-LeDoux, and her graduate students to

study the community of psychologists.

LSU’s Dr. Davis Part of International Team to Study One-Session Treatments for Children One of the few experts in the world on one session treatments for children with phobias, Dr. Thompson E. Davis, III, PhD, was named to an international team to study the topic.

Mind Over Matter: A Review of Split *Shrink at the Flicks*, by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

Industrial-Organizational Psychology Interest Group Meets in New Orleans Psychologists, psychology professors, management and human resources consultants, and graduate students met for a organizing meeting in New Orleans. The group is a freestanding industrial-organizational psychology interest group.

Upcoming: Southeastern Psychological Association in Atlanta in March; South-western Psychological Association in Texas in April; Russian Professor Gluzman in New Orleans; Association of Psychological Science in Boston in May; Louisiana Psychological Association in Kenner in June.

Dr. Sandoz at Mindfulness Day Dr. Sandoz is a clinical psychologist and Associate Professor at the Psychology Department, University of Louisiana, Lafayette. She is an expert in ACT, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, said organizer Dr. John Pickering has announced that the Annual Mindfulness Day will be held Saturday, April 1, at the Temple in Baton Rouge. Dr. Emily Sandoz and Mr. Corey Porche will be presenters for this year’s seminar, along with Thay Dao Quang. Dr. Sandoz is a clinical psychologist and Associate Professor at the Psychology Department, University of Louisiana, Lafayette. She is an expert in ACT, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy.

MARCH

Special Session Whittles Budget Governor Edwards called a special session for February 13 through 22 to address operating expenses for Fiscal Year 2016–2017, using funds from the Rainy

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ALTRUISM
Beth and Dr. Rafael Salcedo

The simple truth is that there is no one close to the determination and self-sacrifice of the Salcedos when it comes to pure altruism, and the effort they pour into saving the most heart-wrenching children of our time, sex-trafficked girls. This year we saw their efforts at consciousness-raising emerge in a variety of efforts around the state, in Dr. Salcedo being named Distinguished Psychologist, and his being named to the Advisory board. Together Beth and Rafael are changing the world. Our hats remain off and over our hearts on this one. (Below: Dr. Salcedo at Free Indeed Home.)



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Day supply and paring down expenditures by over \$300 million.

Louisiana Researchers Present at SEPA in Atlanta Researchers for the Southeastern Psychological Association included Daniella Cash, Dr. Megan Papesh, Kina Acklin, Laura Heisick, Juan Pino, and Amelia Kate Johnson from Louisiana State University, Dr. Kim Ernst from Loyola University, LaJae Coleman and Dr. Darlyne Nemeth from Neuropsychology Center of Louisiana, Dr. Janet Ruscher and S. Compton from Tulane University, Dr. Lillian Range and Brittany Burke-Scafidel from University of Holy Cross, and Dr. Marsha Redden. From Xavier were K. Cusimano, E. Riewestahl, and W. Ludwikowski.

“The Hoffman Report” Defamation Suit Filed Against APA and David Hoffman Attorneys for retired Colonels and psychologists Morgan Banks, Debra Dunivin and Larry James, and also two psychologists who are former employees of the American Psychological Association, Drs. Stephen Behnke and Russ Newman, filed a defamation lawsuit against the Chicago attorney David Hoffman, his law firm, and APA, alleging reckless disregard for the truth and false statements in a 2015 report called the Hoffman Report.

Is the Licensure of Psychologists in Texas Unconstitutional? Issues in Texas are reviewed by James P. Thompson, Ph.D.

Medical Board Amends Telemedicine Rule The state Medical Board published changes to the Rules governing the use of telemedicine and patients who are located in Louisiana.

Medicaid Enrollment Increases to 400K+ State officials reported that Medicaid Expansion enrollment in Louisiana has reached 400,635 new members enrolled. Based on a recent Gallup report, the uninsured rate in Louisiana decreased from 21.7 percent in 2013 to 12.5 percent in 2016.

Psychologists’ CE Reports Loaded with Errors Dr. Jesse Lambert of the state psychology board reported that there was a coding error or other error in reporting for “almost every report that was audited,” in the new continuing professional development program for psychologists.

Researchers at Neuropsychological Society Traci Oliver, PsyD, Julia Hussey, B.S., Kortney Wooten, B.S., and LaJae Coleman, B.S., and Darlyne Nemeth, PhD, presented work from the the Neuropsychology Center of Louisiana at the International Neuropsychology Society in New Orleans.

Dr. Kelley Presents on Multiperson Systems Dr. Anna Kelley, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, presented for the Grand Rounds Lecture at Tulane University School of Medicine.

University of Louisiana Lafayette (ULL) Researchers Present at Society for Personality & Social Psychology Members of the Sexual Violence Research Lab at ULL, Sara Gibson, Melanie Schanke and Director Dr. Amy Brown presented research at the annual convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

Bookshelf – The Practical Guide to Cognitive Rehabilitation: Overcoming Cognitive Neurological Impairments Kimberly S. Hutchinson, PhD, and Lawrence S. Dilks, PhD authors. *Cognitive Rehabilitation of Executive Functions* Lawrence S. Dilks, PhD, and Kimberly S. Hutchinson, PhD, authors.

John Wick Chapter 2 Shrink at the Flicks, by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

LSSP Asking for LSBEP Opinion on “School Agency” The committee of the Licensed Specialists in School Psychology LSSP the committee members requested clarification regarding provision of services through Early Steps to those in postsecondary educational settings.

Upcoming: Health Disparities Conference at Xavier, Tulane Hosts Dr. Howard Stevens; SWPA in San Antonio; APS in Boston.

APRIL

SB 37 – Psychology Board Proposes Bill to Remove One-Year Time Limit on Investigations The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists proposed legislation, Senate Bill 37, authored by Senator Daniel Martiny to remove the present wording in the psychology practice act that limits the board to one-year for complaints investigations. The measure would also allow 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. Current law allows fees only for formal hearings.

SB 38 Proposed by Counselors and MFTs to Remove Wording Requiring Consult for Medical Board Professionals and Rx Senator J.P. Morrell proposed a measure to remove language requiring that counselors and marriage and family therapists to consult and collaborate with physicians, psychiatrists, medical psychologists, or certain psychiatric nurses, when treating or assessing individuals with “serious mental illness.”

Dr. Tracey Rizzuto Talks BRAVE on Capitol Hill Dr. Tracey Rizzuto, Associate Director, School of Human Resource Education & Workforce Development, spoke about the differences made for the community by her work in the Baton Rouge Area Violence Elimination (BRAVE) on Capitol Hill.

Dr. Crouch First in LSBEP Board Election Dr. Leah Crouch received 58 percent and Dr. William Schmitz a close 42 percent, of the votes cast in the election for the board position.

Psychological Scientists Study Hazards of Distracted Driving In an interview and feature with Dr. Scott Smith, author of *Cell Phone Distraction, Human Factors, and Litigation*, current issues are highlighted—National Safety Council (NSC) estimates that up to 40,000 people died in auto accidents in 2016, marking a 14 percent increase from 2014, the most dramatic increase in 53 years. Dr. Smith is Assistant Professor at University of Louisiana Lafayette where he teaches several courses, including a graduate level course in professional ethics.

Measure Proposes to Remove Value-Added Model from Teacher Evaluations A

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Tracey Rizzuto



Dr. Rizzuto (L) and DOJ Sr. Policy Advisor Aissa Huntoon on Capitol Hill in DC.
(Courtesy photo.)

Dr. Tracey Rizzuto seems to always be out in the community making things happen. From her continuing work in violence prevention at BRAVE to her helping build a partnership with the Centre for Counter Intelligence in Denmark where they have a jihadi re-entry program very similar to the BRAVE program, to being selected by the Department of Justice to participate in the Office of Justice Programs Diagnostic Center, to helping those in the hardest hit storm affected areas to rebuild the local business communities, by linking up with two Divisions of the American Psychological Association, Dr. Rizzuto is at the center of the community. Amazing.

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bill seeks to remove requirements for the use of a value-added assessment model, a program developed in part by LSU professor and school psychologist Dr. George Noell for the Board of Regents.

HB31 to Expand Options for Retired School Psychologists A bill for some in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to return to work as a school psychologist in a critical shortage area without reduction of retirement benefits was filed.

Senator Mills Seeks to Add Consumer to Boards Senator Fred Mills who called for the creation of a "Task Force on Meaningful Oversight" and who said that the 25 healthcare boards under the department of health have virtually no detectable oversight, says he wants a consumer on boards.

Supreme Court Decides on Death Penalty/IQ Texas Case A Supreme Court decision rejected Texas' approach to deciding which intellectually impaired individuals can be spared the death sentence.

Senator Tarver Seeks to Add Physicians' Assistants for PEC Present law authorizes any physician, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, or psychologist to execute an emergency certificate after an actual examination. Senator Tarver proposed to expand this authority to physician assistants.

Psych Board Publishes New Rules: Ethics, Fees, Supervision The board proposed Rule changes to Chapter 13 for "Ethical Standards of Psychologists," removing specific reference to the American Psychological Association Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct.

4th Legislative Forum Held The Fourth Annual Mental Health Legislative Forum was held, co-hosted by Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and Louisiana Counseling Association. Chairs were Howie Brownell and Dr. Mary Feduccia.

School Psychological Assn Encourages School Climate Assessment in ESSA Plans The Louisiana School Psychological Association proposed to officials and various community organizations that school climate be a consideration and variable to measure, as the implementation plans for ESSA move forward.

Seriously Short, Easy Meditation Stress Solutions by Susan Andrews, PhD.

LSU's Dr. Beck Looks at Distracted Driving Cognitive

psychologist and Louisiana State University Associate Professor, Dr. Melissa Beck and her team of researchers are working to uncover the "inattention blindness" that impacts automobile drivers. She directs the Beck Visual Cognition Lab at Louisiana State University Psychology Department.

Manchester by the Sea Shrink at the Flicks, by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

What's Behind Door No. SB 37? by J. Nelson. The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists sprung the news on the community that it was crafting legislation for the 2017 session after saying in November that it would not be proposing new legislation. The report looks at some of the possible reasons that the board is advancing new legislation.

Anti-Trafficking Board Proposed Senator Johns proposed a measure to create the Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission and Advisory Board in the office of the governor.

Annual Mindfulness Day Draws a Wealth of Psychologists Dr. John Pickering, organizer of the Baton Rouge based Mindfulness Day workshop declared a large turnout of psychologists. Attendees included Drs. Christiane Creveling-Benefield, Gail Gillespie, Charles Burchell, Sumer Ledet, David Weibel, Jeanne George, Richard Flicker, Randy Lemoine, John Brun and presenter Dr. Emily Sandoz.

MAY

SB75 Poised for Sweeping Changes to State Boards If passed, Senator Fred Mills' proposal will bring sweeping changes to Louisiana healthcare boards, fueled in part by the 2015 anti-trust decision of the Supreme Court, and Mills' own views that boards have "virtually no detectable oversight."

SB38 Passes Senate H&W Unanimously Senator J.P. Morrell's bill to delete language requiring counselors to consult with someone under the medical board or nursing board, who prescribes psychiatric medications when treating individuals with serious mental conditions, passed unanimously out of the Senate Health and Welfare committee.

LSBEP Measure Amended, Moves to Senate Floor Next The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists' proposed legislation, Senate Bill 37, to delete a one-year time limit from the psychology practice act, was heard and amended in the Senate Committee.



For Distracted Driving Awareness Month we reported on Dr. Melissa Beck from LSU and Dr. Theodore S. Smith from U. of Louisiana Lafayette and their research on distracting driving, which is linked to auto deaths across the nation. Above, Dr. Beck explains the driving simulator and the computer images that she uses to better understand "inattention blindness" that impacts drivers.

Dr. Tucker to Represent Dept of Corrections on Prevention Systems Committee Dr. Susan Tucker will represent the Department of Corrections on the Prevention Systems Committee. The Committee is a state level advisory committee of the Drug Policy Board, a group that make recommendations regarding effective programs, policies and practices in prevention across the state.

Collaboration Clause Put In Physician Assistant PEC Bill A measure introduced by Senator Tarver to authorize physician assistants to execute an emergency certificate, was amended in Committee to include the language "in collaboration with their supervising physician."

Senate Oversight Rejects Emergency Rule Eliminating Psychosocial Rehab Services A rule by the Louisiana Department of Health, eliminating services due to a budget shortfall in the Medicaid Program was rejected by the Senate Oversight committee.

Twists and Turns Over Turf Between Psychologists and Counselors by J. Nelson SB 38 appears to be triggering some old turf issues between the counseling and at least some segments of licensed psychology. Over the last decades these turf issues have included diagnosis of the more serious disorders and psychological testing.

Dr. Thompson Davis Named LSU Distinguished Faculty Dr. Thompson (Tom) Davis, III, has been named Distinguished

Faculty and was recognized at the awards presentation at Louisiana State University.

Professor Janna Glozman Brings Alexander Luria to Life at UMCNO by Susan Andrews, PhD Professor Alexander Luria's Successor, Professor Janna Glozman, spoke to a group of neuropsychologists.

Get Out: A Review Shrink at the Flicks, by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

JUNE

Judge Says Psychology Board Procedures Unconstitutional On May 2, Judge R. Michael Caldwell of the 19th Judicial District Court in Baton Rouge, said that the procedures leading to the suspension of Dr. Eric Cerwonka's psychology license included so many Constitutional violations that the decision could not stand.

At The Bottom Louisiana ranked last in this year's "Best States" by *U.S. News & World Report*. The well-respected measure is driven by a composite score with factors of health care, education, crime and corrections, infrastructure, opportunity, economy and government. The article reviews the state's rankings: health care 45th; education 46th; crime & corrections 50th; and opportunity 49th.

Counselors Bill Advances After Being Amended After some negotiations between

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the counselors and psychologists, a bill to remove language requiring that counselors and marriage and family therapists consult and collaborate with physicians, psychiatrists, medical psychologists advanced.

SB 37–Bill to Allow LSBEP to Charge Fees for Informal Hearings Up for Vote in House A measure to remove the current one-year time limit for disciplinary investigations at the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, and allow certain charges for the complaints subcommittee, is set for a vote today on the House Floor.

Memorial Day Rerun: Our WWII Fathers For Memorial Day we are reprinting the first place feature written Dr. Susan Andrews, Dr. Julie Nelson, and Dr. John Magee.

Hazards of Mindfulness: A New Study *Stress Solutions* by Susan Andrews, PhD

Take Me Home...Almost Heaven: A Review of *Alien: Covenant Shrink at the Flicks*, by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

Louisiana Psychological Association Kicks Off Annual Convention: Features Naglieri, Davis, Tucker, Dohanich, & others Louisiana Psychological Association's Annual Conference held its 69th Annual Convention and showcased Dr. Jack Naglieri, Dr. Susan Tucker, Dr. Gary Dohanich and Dr. Tom Davis. Also presenting were Dr. Chris Leonhard, Dr. Marc Zimmermann, Dr. Alan Taylor, Dr. Sean Ranson, Dr. Thomas Maestri, Dr. Erin Reuther, Dr. Janet Matthews, Dr. Julia Lott, Dr. Christopher Parkinson, Dr. Courtland Chaney, Dr. William Costelloe, Dr. ValaRay Irvin, Dr. Rafael Salcedo,

JULY

Legislature Wraps Up Financial issues dominated the legislative session while 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.

Judge Caldwell Stands Firm on LSBEP Ruling District Judge Michael Caldwell finalized his ruling that the psychology board's investigation and complaints subcommittee violated a defendants' constitutional rights of Due Process.

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.

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, was named the 2017 Distinguished Psychologist by the Louisiana Psychological Association. 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.

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.

Louisiana Researchers Present at SEPA and SWPA Psychologists and researchers presented their work and chaired symposiums at the regional conferences of the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA) and the Southwestern Psychological Association (SWPA). SEPA participants included Drs. Janet Ruscher, Lillian Range, Darlyne Nemeth, Megan Papesch and others. Included at SWPA were Yong Dai from LSU Shreveport, Daniella Cash, Samantha Knotts, Lillian Foster, and Dr. Sean Lane from LSU Baton Rouge, Melanie Schanke and Dr. Amy Brown from U. of Louisiana Lafayette. Also from ULL were Blake LeBlanc, tracy Protti and Cheryl Lynch. From LaTech presenters included Nathalie Campsen, Andrea Moreno, Stephen Shockey, Wade Williams, Michael Saunders and Dr. Walter Buboltz, Maria Padilla and Dr. Evan Zucker from Loyola, and also Erin Dupuis. From Southeastern Louisiana U. was Drs. Suzanne Booth-LeDoux and Jared LeDoux. Dr. Dena Matzenbacher, Linda Branno and Bianca Augustine from McNeese presented.

Researchers composing the free-standing Lake Charles Research Group presented numerous projects, and included Drs. Larry Dilks, Kimberly Hutchinson, and Burton Ashworth. Billie Clare Myers, Kelsi McIntyre, Ethel Jacko, Karlee Huff, Taryn Sanders, Anthony Jenkins, Kaitlyn Solice, D'Shawn Etienne, Candice Rousso, Katlyn Brown, and Tierra Nelson. Lindsey Robbins, Keir Cormier, Christopher Wade, Kia Sparks and Mi Pham also presented.

One Way to Calculate Your Daily Stress Level *Stress Solutions* by Susan Andrews, PhD

Richard, Savoy Grab Firsts In LPA Scientific Poster Session Philip Richard III, of Louisiana State University, and

graduate student of George Noell, PhD, was named the first place winner in the graduate research poster competition at the 2017 Annual Conference of the Louisiana Psychological Association. Undergraduate first place was earned by Scout Savoy from Southeastern Louisiana University with co-authors Anna Crawford, Olivia Moreno, and Susan Coats, PhD.

Dr. Chaney Speaks to Psych Seniors at LSU on "Thinking about Thinking" Dr. Courtland Chaney spoke to Dr. Robert Mathew's upper-division psychology class, Psychology of Thinking and Decision Making at LSU.

LSU Students Named Discover Scholars Bryanna Fields, a 2017 graduate in psychology at Louisiana State University, 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.

Dr. George Hebert to Serve on LSSP The state psychology board selected George W. Hebert, PhD, to serve on the Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Advisory Committee. Dr. Hebert is 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. Bucker's Researchers Present at Anxiety & Depression Assn of Am Kimberlye Dean and Katherine Walukevich, students of Dr. Julia Buckner, Associate Professor and Director of 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.

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

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INNOVATION

Dr. Chris Leonhard

When a health psychologist puts his mind to inventing an exercise device and does the research to show the cognitive and health benefits, it is called innovation. Dr. Chris Leonhard has worked out numerous bugs in both the design and the production. Not at all typical, but fabulous! Congrats Dr. Leonhard. We're ordering ours.



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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.

Wonder Woman Redux *Shrink at the Flicks*, by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

Drs. Tucker, Irvin, Brockhoeft, Chaney New Officers in LPA Dr. Susan Tucker has been named the new President-Elect of the Louisiana Psychological Association. 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.

AUGUST

Dr. Constance Patterson Beloved Leader in Psych Community Dies Constance Kindrick Patterson passed away on July 8 after a battle with renal cancer. She was a leader in the psychology community who touched many lives as colleague, supervisor, mentor and friend. She embraced her community and the people in it with integrity, wisdom and a genuine caring for others and dedication to excellence in the profession.

LSBEP to Appeal Judge's Decision The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LSBEP) will appeal a recent decision by District Court Judge Michael Caldwell, who ruled that the board's process violated the Constitutional rights of a psychologist.

Louisiana Presenters at APA this Week The American Psychological Association held it Annual Convention in Washington, DC, with keynote speaker is Dr. Daniel Kahneman, Nobel Prize winner, distinguished psychologist, author of *Thinking, Fast and Slow*, and ground-breaking research theorist in behavioral economics. Presenters from Louisiana included Drs. Thomandra Sam, Emily Elliot, Daniel Shanahan, and Catherine Lemieux. Also presenting were Drs. Gregory Gormanous, Warren Lowe, Jennifer Hughes, Melanie Lantz, Guler Boyraz, and Darlyne Nemeth. Drs. Julie Arseneau, Charles Figley, Stacy Overstreet, Sarah Gray, Courtney Baker, Bonnie Nastasi, Mkey Bonner, Janelle McDaniel, Krista Nelson, Karen Kopera-Frye, and Sonia Rubens also presented along with many others.

Governor Appoints Dr. Leah Crouch to Psychology Board The Governor has appointed Leah Crouch, PsyD, to serve on the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

Texas Psychologists File Lawsuit Against the Their Licensing Board by J. Nelson and James Thompson. The President of the Texas Psychological Association told members that the state association will pursue legal actions to try and stop the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists from going forward with plans to allow Licensed Psychological Associates to practice independently.

Dr. Salcedo to Serve on Human Trafficking Prevention Board The psychology board named Dr. Rafael Salcedo to serve on the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory Board.

Defendants in Hoffman Defamation Suit Cite Freedom of Speech The defendants in a defamation suit, attorney David Hoffman and the American Psychological Association, filed a Motion to Stay, arguing that a stay would add to efficiency and protect the defendants' free speech.

Times Honored with 13 Awards from Press Association *The Psychology Times* brought home 13 awards from the 137th Annual Louisiana Press Association Convention.

Dr. Marc Zimmermann Appointed to Workers' Compensation Council Marc Zimmermann, Ph.D., MP, of Prairieville, was appointed to the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council. Zimmermann is a psychologist and medical psychologist in private practice and will serve as a representative of the Louisiana Psychological Association.

Assn for Psychological Science Hosts La. Researchers Psychology researchers presented their work at the 29th Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science. Melissa Kohberger and Ethan Rice from Centenary; Daniella Cash from LSU; Victoria Felix, Mallory Garza and Michael Garza, Mercedes Gremillion, Frank Igou, Mary Iseral, Michael Sanders, all from La Tech; Erin Dupuis from Loyola; Lisa Chinn, Emily Lewis, Aaron Moss from Tulane; Raven Douglas, Nadia Khansa, Hung-Chu Lin, Robert Michael, Melanie Schanke presented from ULL, Bill McCown from U. of Louisiana Monroe; Jennifer Gibson, Michael Poggioli, and John Witry from Xavier, presented.

Why Stress Causes Us to Overeat *Stress Solutions* by Susan Andrews, PhD

Rorschach Institute Holds Inaugural Meeting The Rorschach Institute held its inaugural meeting, said organizer and founder Dr. Christopher Garner. The Institute was established last year to promote competence with the Rorschach itself with concern for integration with other measures.

Dr. Melissa Dufrene Named Early Career Psychologist Dr. Melissa Dufrene was named the 2017 Early Career Psychologist by the Louisiana Psychological Association. Dufrene is a licensed clinical psychologist with numerous community and professional involvements.

War for the Planet of the Apes *Shrink at the Flicks*, by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

Upcoming -- APA Division 39 To Meet in New Orleans for 2018 The Division of Psychoanalysis, Division 39 of the American Psychological Association, will hold its spring meeting April 18–22 in New Orleans at the Intercontinental Hotel. The theme is *Generations: Ghosts & Guardians*. Louisiana clinical psychologist Dr. Stephen Anen is this year's conference co- chair.

Gulf Coast ABA Conference The Louisiana Behavior Analysis Association will hold the annual Gulf Coast ABA Conference, October 6-7 in New Orleans.

Louisiana Group Psychotherapy Society Fall Institute The Louisiana Group Psychotherapy Society will hold its 2017 Fall Institute in Baton Rouge, October 28.

La Counseling Assn Conference In Baton Rouge The Louisiana Counseling Association will present "Mentoring" Enriching, and Empowering Relationships," for the Annual Conference, to be held October at the Baton Rouge Crown Hotel.

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The year 2017 was packed full of science with presenters and attendees at all the regional and state conferences. Here, psychologists and students attended the Louisiana Psychological Association's fall "Science Café" where they listened to Dr. Robert Newton, Jr., Assistant Professor at Pennington Biomedical (on right) describe his research on exercise and health.

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SEPTEMBER

Hurricanes – Louisiana Dodges Most of Harvey While Louisiana appears to have been mostly spared, President approved Gov. Edwards' Federal Emergency Declaration request for Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, and Vermillion Parishes and ordered Federal assistance to supplement state, tribal and local response efforts for Tropical Storm Harvey.

Psych Board Debt to Reach \$400K for 2018 According to Boards and Commission budget tracking for the Louisiana Board of Examiners of Psychologists, the psychology board is projecting a fund balance of minus \$400,595 for 2018. This comes after several years of over budget spending that appears to be due in large part to legal fees.

Dr. Chafetz Invited Speaker at Swedish Neuropsychological Society in Stockholm, Sweden Dr. Michael Chafetz was invited speaker for the Swedish Neuropsychological Society in Stockholm, and presented his research and other scientific advancements in the area of disability assessment and malingering. He also presented his work at the Karolinska Institute.

Psychology Board Issues Two Opinions Supporting Requests of Specialists' Practice The Psychology Board reviewed information and requests by the Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Committee and voted favorably on two Opinions:

provision of educational services to students in Postsecondary Education; and a provision of school psychology services through Early Steps.

Dr. Seymour to Serve on Medicaid Task Force Dr. Lacey Seymour was named by the Louisiana Psychological Association to serve on the Medicaid Integrated Assessment Task Force, a task force created by Representative Barbara Norton and others, with the goal to "make a thorough study and evaluation of Louisiana's current statewide system of healthcare delivery for Medicaid enrollees with serious mental illness."

International Group Meets to Discuss Louisiana's Efforts to Help Victims of Human Trafficking State Representative Valarie Hodges, met with international visitors from Afghanistan, Germany, Hong Kong S.A.R., India, Japan, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, and Thailand to study how to combat human trafficking.

The Bookshelf Some Readings for Hurricane Season *Lifespan Perspectives on Natural Disasters: Coping with Katrina, Rita, and Other Storms* and *Traumatic Stress and LongTerm Recovery: Coping with Disasters and Other Negative Life Events* both by Dr. Cherry, Editor; *Living in an Environmentally Traumatized World* by Darlyne Nemeth, PhD Robert Hamilton, PhD Judy Kuriansky, PhD; *Colorful Emotions: A Workbook to Help Children Express Their Feelings* by Michelle Moore, PsyD; *Helping Kids Cope with Traumatic Events*, Anna Long, PhD, LSU Speakers; *We Do Not Die Alone; Psychology Today Blog* by Marilyn Mendoza, PhD.

Tulane's Dr. Cunningham Honored for Inspiring Young Leaders in Science Tulane psychology Professor, and Associate Provost at Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, African and African Diaspora Studies Program, Dr. Michael Cunningham, was

named as one of the national winners of the 2017 Inspiring Leaders in STEM.

The Traumatic Stress of Harvey Can Have Unrecognized Long-Term Consequences *Stress Solutions* by Susan Andrews, PhD

Dunkirk: It's About Time Shrink at the Flicks, by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

Dr. Sonnier-Hillis to Help Guide Career Fair at BCRR for Mental Health Awareness Week Dr. Bridget Sonnier-Hillis, interim department chair for Social Sciences and History and a member of Baton Rouge Community College's Behavioral Intervention Team, is helping coordinate resources to bring together people for mental health awareness in Louisiana, and hosting the Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) Mental Health and Social Services Career Information Fair in October.

Upcoming – LPA to Host Drs. Lewis and Mitchell at Fall Workshop Dr. Marva Lewis, Associate Professor at Tulane University, Dr. Tyree Mitchell, Assistant Professor in industrial-organization psychology at the Louisiana Human Resource Education & Workforce Development, College of Human Sciences & Education, Dr. Jason Harman, and licensed psychologists Drs. Kathryn Kirkhard, Kim VanGeffen, Michael Chafetz, and Rafael Salcedo will present.

OCTOBER

Suit Filed Against LSBEP Claims Civil Rights Violations On August 31, Dr. Eric Cerwonka filed suit in the United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, stating that his Constitutional Rights were violated by the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LSBEP).

Inside the Opioid Crisis by J. Nelson A report of flawed decisions in the medical/pharma industrial complex, and how over-prescribing has catapulted overdose deaths, outpacing peak years for auto fatalities, HIV or gun deaths.

Dr. Rizzuto Leads Rebuilding Project Dr. Tracey Rizzuto and colleagues are helping those in the hardest hit storm affected areas to rebuild the local business communities, through a group composed of leadership and members of the Society for Industrial-Organizational Psychology and the Society of Consulting Psychology, two Divisions of the American Psychological Association.

Dr. Leonhard Meets with Medicaid Task Force to Support Innovations Dr. Christoph Leonhard, PhD, ABPP, Professor in the clinical PsyD program of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology at Xavier University of Louisiana, met with the Medicaid Integrated Assessment Task Force, a group created by Representative Barbara Norton and others, to study and evaluate Louisiana's current system of healthcare delivery for Medicaid enrollees with serious mental illness.

Governor and First Lady Launch First Statewide Symposium on Trafficking Gov. Edwards and First Lady Donna Edwards participated in the first statewide symposium aimed at bringing together key leaders and stakeholders to end human trafficking in Louisiana.



The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists had more than its share of problems in 2017, after ramifications of procedures at a hearing in January were found by a District Judge to be in violation of Due Process. The board has appealed, but also has been sued by the psychologist on Constitutional grounds. Above, members of the board wait as attorneys prepare for testimony at the January hearing.

Year In Review

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Gov. Appoints Dr. Rafael Salcedo Trafficking Board The Governor appointed Rafael F. Salcedo, Ph.D., of Folsom, to the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory Board. Salcedo is a clinical psychologist in private practice. As required by statute, he will serve as a licensed psychologist with experience related to exploitation. Also appointed was Dr. Reshelle Marino, program coordinator for the Graduate Counseling Program at Southeastern.

Louisiana Department of Health Files Suit Against Opioid Manufacturers The Louisiana Department of Health announced a law suit filed against several leading opioid manufacturers for their role in escalating the opioid crisis in Louisiana.

Dr. Boudloche Appointed to LBAB, Killam Reappointed Governor Edwards appointed Lloyd J. Boudloche, EdD of West Monroe, to the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board. Boudloche is a licensed professional counselor and a licensed behavior analyst and the owner of Behavioral Development Services, LLC.

Dr. Dawley’s Film The Lost Homecoming **Airs on PBS** Dr. Harold Dawley’s documentary, *The Lost Homecoming—When Our Vietnam Veterans Came Home*, aired on the New Orleans PBS channel WYES following the Ken Burns segment on the Vietnam War. *The Lost Homecoming* tells the story of the Vietnam Veterans returning home to an apathetic or sometimes even hostile nation.

Stress Comes of Age *Stress Solutions* by Susan Andrews, PhD

It: Chapter One **A Movie Review** *Shrink at the Flicks*, by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

Upcoming – LSU’s Dr. Harman to Describe Decision Science at LPA Workshop Louisiana State University Psychology Assistant Professor, Dr. Jason Harman will discuss perspective of conflict from a cognitive, judgment, and decision-making framework at the fall workshop of the Louisiana Psychological Association.

La School Psychological Association to Hold Annual Conference Nov 8 to 10 The Louisiana School Psychological Association (LSPA) will hold its 37th Annual Convention Wednesday, November 8 through Friday, November 10 at the Doubletree by Hilton, 1521 West Pinhook Road, Lafayette, Louisiana. This year’s theme is “Supporting Schools: Tools You Can Use.”

NOVEMBER

Prison Reforms Launched Key parts of the “Justice Reinvestment Initiative,” a package of reform measures passed by the 2017 Legislature, began and certain inmates in Louisiana who are currently serving a sentence for non-violent, non-sex offenses, as defined by Louisiana law, were released an average 60- 90 days early. This is an effort to reduce the state’s incarceration rate, the highest in the nation, a pledge the Governor made in taking office.

Psychology Laboratory Directors Discuss Research at “Science Café” Psychological scientists from laboratories around the state shared their work at the first “Science Café,” hosted by the Louisiana Psychological Association in New Orleans. Researchers from the University of New Orleans, Pennington Biomedical, and the University of Louisiana Lafayette discussed current advancements with licensed psychologists.

What Moved Dr. Dawley to Tell the Story of Vietnam Vets, Lost Homecoming? During his career as a psychologist at the New Orleans VA Medical Center, Dr. Harold Dawley had an experience with a Vietnam veteran that led to his writing, co-directing, and producing the documentary *The Lost Homecoming – When Our Vietnam Veterans Came Home*.

Invisible Wounds of War: Moral Injury in our Nation’s Veterans John Magee, PhD takes us through the concept of moral injury, to better understand the invisible wounds of our Veterans.

The Doctors Thrasher The psychology community has exceptional psychologists in its midst, that together have served both the country and those who protect it. Dr. Fay Thrasher, her brother Dr. Andrew Thrasher, and his son, Dr. Andrew J. Thrasher, III, who returned recently from Afghanistan, are all highlighted in this special feature.

Gov. Edwards Appoints Dr. Steele Gov. Edwards reappointed Kathryn A. Steele, PhD, of Metairie, to the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners. Steele is a licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, and professor of counseling at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

APA Finds Political Stress Significant The American Psychological Association (APA) conducted its annual “Stress in America” survey to examine how Americans feel and how much stress they are experiencing and why. Of those surveyed, 63% said that the future of the nation is a significant source of stress, 62% indicated that money stresses are significant, and 61% said that work was a significant source of stress, according to the news release.

LBAB Board and Psych Board Looking at Dual Licensing Issues The Psychology Board continued to discuss an issue presented it at its September meeting about psychologists who have both a license as a psychologist and applied behavior analyst. The LSBEP September minutes noted: “Inquiry from the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board regarding dual licensing – The Board reviewed this inquiry and approved Dr. Boggs and Ms. Monic collaborate on a draft to the LBAB, outlining the Board’s opinion of the scope of a psychologist engaging in behavior analysis.”

Psych Board Approves Opinion For Specialist in School Psychology Subcommittee The psychology board members reviewed and approved an Opinion regarding graduate equivalency, developed by the Licensed Specialist in School Psychology subcommittee.

Psychologists’ Renewals at 654 Director Ms. Jaime Monic reported that 654 psychologists had renewed their licenses in psychology at a full-time practice level and 57 had a renewed as retired, part-time.

LSU Alum, Dr. Hill, Named for Early Achievement by National Academy of Neuropsychology Dr. Ben Hill, a graduate of the Louisiana State University Clinical Psychology Program and currently a faculty member at the University of South Alabama, was named with the Early Career Award by the National Academy of Neuropsychology.

APA Awards LSU’s Juan Ventura Scholarship The American Psychological Association awarded Juan Ventura, an LSU Cognitive and Brain Sciences doctoral student, the APA Travel Award and the American Psychological Foundation (APF) Ungerleider/Zimbardo Travel Scholarship.

Blade Runner 2049 *Shrink at the Flicks*, by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

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The Psychology Times 2017 COMMUNITY AWARD INVOLVEMENT Dr. Michael Cunningham

Adding to his already impressive list for involving, helping, and providing leadership for others, Tulane Professor and Provost in the African and African Diaspora Studies Program, Dr. Michael Cunningham worked diligently to mentor and inspire young people to move into science careers. His efforts were acknowledged when he was named a national winner and one of the “Inspiring Leaders,” by *Insight into Diversity*, for his mentoring, teaching, and successful programs and initiatives. He will also help the community as the Diversity Delegate to the American Psychological Association. Thank you Dr. C. for your leadership!

Year In Review

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The Bookshelf *Cognitive Behavioral Psychopharmacology The Clinical Practice of Evidence-Based Biopsychosocial Integration* by Mark Muse, editor.

Upcoming – Annual Convention of the Louisiana School Psychological Association Nov 8 to 10 in Lafayette, “Supporting Schools” with Dr. Phillip Saigh, Anna Pardue, Dr. Carmen Broussard, Dr. Chris Abilgaard, Michelle Antle, Dr. Katherine Wickstrom, Dr. Brad Mason, Dr. Jeanne Carriere, Dr. Meagan Medley, Dr. Evan Dart, Dr. George Hebert, Dr. Colleen Arceneaux, Dr. Steve Kanne, Dr. Anna Laakman, Amber Boykin, Flint Smith and others.

National Academy of Neuropsychology to Hold 2018 Convention in New Orleans The National Academy of Neuropsychology will hold its 38th annual conference in New Orleans in October 2018.

DECEMBER

ASPPB Limits Choice, Doubles Price of Psych Licensing Exam The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards has announced that its previous plan for a voluntary, “Step 2” section to the national exam for psychologists is no longer going to be optional. The new test will be combined with the existing test, which means that additions will be mandatory. The price will increase to \$1200, up from the current \$600.

Dr. Gormanous Sole Candidate for LSBEP The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists opened self-nominations at their Long Range Planning Meeting held in Baton Rouge on November 17 and found that Dr. Greg Gormanous was the only qualified candidate for the upcoming election. Dr. Gormanous is the retired Chair of the Psychology Department at Louisiana State University at Alexandria, and served briefly in 2015 as the LSBEP’s Executive Director.

Medicaid Contracts Rejected at Budget Committee Meeting The Legislative Committee on the Budget declined to approve five Medicaid contracts with managed care companies, when House Republicans balked, reported O’Donoghue of the *Times-Picayune*.

Gov. Edwards Makes Appointments the Governor reappointed Claude A. Guillotte, of Hammond, to the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners. He appointed Ayn W. Stehr, of Baton Rouge, to the Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board. And he appointed a number of individuals to the Advisory Board of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, including Darrell L. Renfro, PhD, of Kenner, LPC.

LPA Healthcare Innovations Committee Works with Medicaid Task Force Members of the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA) Healthcare Innovations Task Force worked to help with discovering innovations that could help the state Medicaid programs. Members included Chair Dr. Lacey Seymour, Dr.

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Dr. Harold Dawley



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Chris Leonhard, Dr. Deborah Palmer-Seal, Dr. Erin Reuther, and Dr. Michele Larzelere.

Governor Hosting Series of Human Trafficking Summits Gov. Edwards and the Governor’s Office Human Trafficking Prevention Commission announced a series of regional summits on human trafficking.

Psych Board Planning on “Emeritus” Status The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists plans on creating the category of Emeritus Status Psychologists, said Chair Dr. Phillip Griffin.

Behavior Analyst Board Publishes New CE Rule Behavior Analyst Board updated it Rules for Continuing Education published in the November 2017 issue of the *Louisiana Register*, available online.

Dr. Coulter Named to Bullying Prevention Task Force for HR 208 The Louisiana Psychological Association designated W. Alan Coulter, PhD, as representative to the Louisiana Bullying Awareness and Treatment Task Force. Dr. Coulter is a licensed psychologist, Chair of the School Psychology Committee for LPA, and Director of Program Area for the School of Allied Health Professions, Human Development Center, at LSU Health Sciences Center.

CBT Researchers Present Cutting Edge Studies at National Conference Researchers from the Dr. Julia Buckner’s Anxiety & Addictive Behaviors Research Laboratory at Louisiana State University Psychology Department presented work at the 51st Annual Convention of the Association of Cognitive and Behavioral Therapies.

Americans Are Officially Freaking Out *Stress Solutions* by Susan Andrews, PhD

Psychology Times Holiday Gift Guide CDs, books, and exercise machines — Drs. Rick Adams, Chris Leonhard, Michelle Moore, Susan Glanville along with other ideas and donations to the Free Indeed Home, all suggestions for Christmas giving.

LPA Nominates Tulane’s Dr. Cunningham as Diversity Delegate to Am Psych Assn The Louisiana Psychological Association nominated Dr. Michael Cunningham, Tulane Professor, for the state association’s Diversity Delegate to the American Psychological Association for 2018.

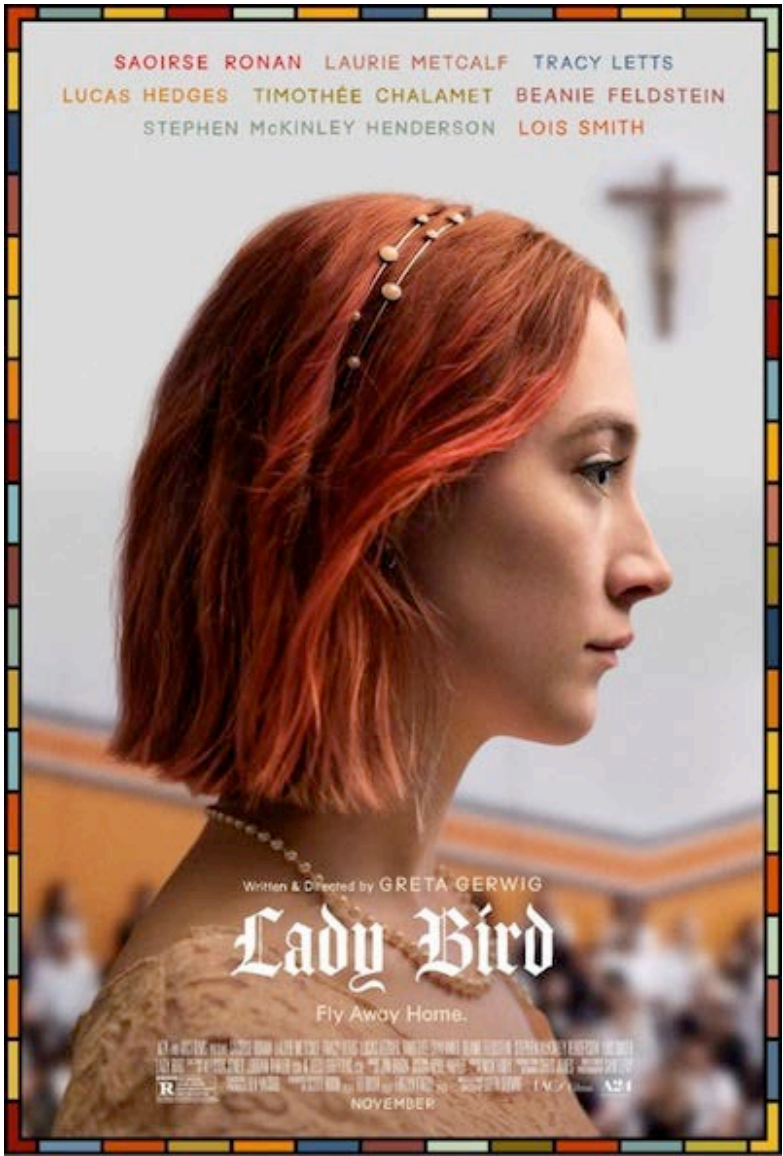
Dr. Cunningham is Professor of Psychology at Tulane University, and holds a Joint Appointment as Provost in the African and African Diaspora Studies Program at Tulane.

Dr. Glanville Visits Southern States with New Book Series, “Journey to The Power of T.E.A.® Book Series,” by Dr. Glanville describing her book publishing and travels around the South.

Murder on the Orient Express: Movie Review *Shrink at the Flicks*, by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

The Christmas Bookshelf Psychologists review current favorites that they recommend for holiday reading or gifts. Drs. Randall Lemoine, Michael Chafetz, Penelope Dralle, Judith Steward, Kim VanGeffen, Deborah Palmer, John Fanning, and Marilyn Mendoza contribute this year.

Upcoming – Div. of Psychoanalysis Meet to Meet in New Orleans The Division of Psychoanalysis, Division 39 of the American Psychological Association, will hold its spring meeting April 18–22, 2018, in New Orleans. The theme is *Generations: Ghosts & Guardians*. Louisiana clinical psychologist, Dr. Stephen Anen is this year’s conference co-chair. LA Chapter of AFCC to Hold Conference Jan 26 and 27 The Louisiana Chapter of the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts will hold its State Conference on January 26 and 27 at the Paul Hebert Law Center on the Louisiana State University campus in Baton Rouge. Tulane Brain & Behavior Tulane University School of Medicine, the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and the Tulane Center for Continuing Education presented the 2017 Brain & Behavior conference.



Lady Bird: A Review

by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

Lady Bird is a coming of age story, a bildungsroman. We follow its protagonist, a teen-ager discontent with herself and her situation, beset with a vague yearning to change her life and herself, as she struggles to free herself from what she feels confining her. The film opens with an epigraph displayed on the screen: *Anybody who talks about California hedonism has never spent a Christmas in Sacramento*. That is where Lady Bird lives, and, moreover, on the wrong side of the tracks. Living with her are her father who is unsuccessful in fending off unemployment, her critical and controlling mother who works double shifts as she scrabbles to make ends meet, a brother, who is tattooed and decked with body piercings, and the brother’s live-in girlfriend.

Lady Bird dreams of becoming *someone*, leaving home, going to an Ivy League college. Her grades, alas, are

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.

A Shrink at the Flicks

mediocre and its financial demands overwhelming. She steals looks at a classmate’s paper during a math exam and hooks the instructor’s grade book so that she can finagle a B in the class. She lies to classmates about where she lives, representing her home as being in an upscale neighborhood. She steals fashion magazines that she cannot afford to buy.

The film is a brilliant debut effort by Greta Gerwig, who wrote the story and directed the film. Gerwig leavens the grimness of *Lady Bird*’s struggle with genuinely comic elements. The director makes the young girl sympathetic—no, loveable—because of her wit, her self-awareness, and the universal and urgent nature of her adolescent struggles with self-esteem.

The film opens with Lady Bird riding with her mother in an auto while they listen to a recording of *The Grapes of Wrath*, an elegant bit of foreshadowing. That book ends with the mother of the Oakie family shooing the men away and supporting her daughter, whose infant child has just died, to nurse—literally—an elderly starving man. The novel ends with a reference to the daughter’s “mysterious smile.”

Lady Bird and her mother both weep as the reading ends, but begin to squabble when Lady Bird wants to move on to another tape. The fighting escalates, and the daughter jumps out of the moving car, breaking her arm.

A 1989 publication by the SUNY Freud Museum, *Sigmund Freud and Art*, cataloguing and describing Freud’s collection, contains a chapter by Ellen Handler Spitz, *Psychoanalysis and the Legacy of Antiquities*. Spitz draws our attention to the head of Demeter owned by Freud, and reminds us of the story of Demeter, the goddess of harvest and of the cycle of birth and death, and her daughter Persephone. In the Greek myth, Persephone is kidnapped into marriage by the king of the underworld. Demeter, distraught, searches for her lost daughter. When, after much effort, she finds her, only to learn that during her captivity Persephone has swallowed six pomegranate seeds, and thus can only spend half of each year with her mother, returning to the underworld for the other half.

Spitz suggests this tale is as figural for psychoanalysis as is the more famous one of Oedipus, the latter with its emphasis on the tension between fathers and sons. Spitz explores various interpretations of the Demeter myth and argues for its potential to counterbalance the patriarchal focus in psychoanalytic practice and theory. At a minimum, she sees the Demeter myth as central in directing our attention to mother-daughter relationships, especially as they relate to issues of birth and loss, and of separation and reunion.

Lady Bird ultimately leaves home and mother. Do they find each other again? Yes and no. You will have to see the film to decide.

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