

Psychologists, Researchers to Present at APA Convention

A group of psychologists, professors, and research scientists from across the state will present their ideas and findings at the 2018 Convention of the American Psychological Association, to be held in San Francisco, California, from August 9 to 12.

Jeanne Donaldson, PhD, of Louisiana State University, will present the Invited Address: B.F. Skinner Foundation New Researcher Award for Applied Research. Dr. Donaldson will present, "Overused and Understudied: Time-Out from

Positive Reinforcement and Token Reinforcement Systems."

Raymond P. Tucker, PhD, also from Louisiana State University will present the Invited Address—2018 APA Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to an Outstanding Graduate Student. He will present "Transgender Veteran Suicide: Prevalence, Prevention, and Implications of Current Policy." Dr. Tucker's presentation is sponsored by APA and the APA board of professional affairs.

Michelle Moore, PsyD, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, will preside as Chair for the Symposium: *Interprofessional Education in Psychology—Integrating with Medicine*. Participating will be Howard J. Osofsky, MD, PhD,

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Governor Edwards expressing himself after finally getting a workable budget.

Moody's Rates Louisiana "Stable" Lawmakers Finally Make a Budget Deal

After a total of seven special sessions since 2016, and three special sessions this year, Governor Edwards and legislators finally wrestled the budget into some type of order by the passage of an extra .45 percent sales tax, in down to the wire negotiations that ended last week. The move sidesteps drastic cuts to public health and higher education and provides several years of stability.

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Consumer Member to be Added to Psychology Board *New Legislation Brings Change to State Boards*

In his effort that has been ongoing for three years, Senator Fred Mills' measure was signed into law as Act 515, requiring boards such as the state psychology board to make several changes, including adding a consumer member.

Act 515 transfers the healthcare professional licensing agencies, boards, commissions, and like

entities to the La. Department of Health (LDH) and deletes repealed and obsolete citations and references.

The new law adds at least one consumer member to each healthcare professional licensing board that did not previously have one and provides standardized

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Focus is on Prevention as Suicide Continues to Rise

One of the measures that flew through the House (85 to 0) and then with amendments, through the Senate (32 to 0), in the regular 2018 Legislative session, was Representative Reid Falconer's "Louisiana Suicide Prevention Act."

An ambitious plan, Act 450 directs the Office of Behavioral Health to ensure that administrators of all healthcare facilities licensed by state and all licensed healthcare professionals have access to informational resources and technical assistance necessary for implementation of the zero suicide initiative. The initiative carried a price tag of nearly \$800,000. Because of the state's financial picture, an

amendment was added requiring that implementation had to be contingent on obtaining grant money.

The authors of Act 450 note that according to the 2016 America's Health Rankings report, the number of deaths due to suicide per one hundred thousand people in the United States rose steadily from 2012 through 2016, and Louisiana's rate of deaths from suicide is nearly ten percent higher than the national average.

The Center for Disease Control continues to rank suicide as the 10th leading cause of death in the US. The most recent year of data (2015) placed suicide deaths at 44,193, nationwide, more than the number killed in automobile



Dr. April Foreman, expert in suicide prevention, spoke to psychologists recently. (Courtesy photo.)

accidents, which was 37,757, or homicides, 17,793, for that same year.

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Editorials and Opinions

Three Things Psychology Can Do to Help Us Be All We Can Be

by Times publisher, J. Nelson

Archimedes and I are waiting for a friend to die.

The friend, Walter, is Archimedes' swim-team comrade and coffee drinking buddy. The two of them have been friends and hanging out together for 15 years, two or three mornings a week after the masters swimmers finish their laps at the local university pool.

A few months ago Walter went in for some minor surgery and came out of the hospital with MRSA, one of those horrible superbugs being cultivated in hospitals these days. The physicians have tried to beat it down over the last months, but have been unsuccessful. Barring a miracle, Walter will be dying of the hospital-bred infection soon.

The third reason for death in the U.S. is unintended outcomes of medical treatment.

A study by Martin Makary, MD, a professor of surgery at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, found that medical errors—unintended acts, omissions, commissions, failures to achieve the desired outcomes that are unrelated to the original illness or injury—comprise the third leading cause of death in the U.S. This amounts to 251,000 deaths nationwide, surpassed only by heart disease and cancer.

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

And guess what? Medical error is not included on death certificates or in rankings, Makary noted. Whistleblower Makary authored *Unaccountable: What Hospitals Won't Tell You and How Transparency Can Revolutionize Health Care*.

We already know this issue from all types of examples: When the specialists go on vacation the mortality drops; for the one out of 1,000 women saved by mammography, two to 10 healthy women will be treated needlessly and 250 to 500 will get a false alarm and half of those biopsied needlessly; a third of FDA approved drugs have been found to later have safety issues.

The United States is the sickest of all the wealthy countries. *Bloomberg* reported that the United States ranks 50th out of 55 countries, dubbing the U.S. the “least-efficient” health-care system in the world.

In a comparison of age- adjusted deaths from all causes, the World Health Organization ranks the United States last in similar countries. And, Louisiana ranks 50 of all the states, according to the Louisiana Department of Health.

“*Health* is a misnomer, because most activity involves illness. *Health care* and *medical care* are not synonymous,” said authors of “The Anatomy of Health Care in the United States” in November 2013, *JAMA*.

While medical costs are driven by chronic disease, it is not due to an aging population, an often cited cause. The *JAMA* authors show that about 80 percent of the total health care cost is accounted for by those under 65.

“*Prevention*,” they say, “requires tools that are often unfamiliar because educational, behavioral, and social interventions, not usually considered to be part of medicine, may be most effective for many diseases.”

So we psychologists (and a whole lot of other people) know all this. But changing a system from inside is nearly impossible. Even so, that is where psychology usually finds itself—inside the medical, big pharma, or governmental systems. Not a good place to try and intervene in an on-going process/social system.

Where do we start? Trained psychologists have some pretty powerful tools at our disposal. I especially like Scott Lilienfeld's words: “... trained psychologists are virtually unparalleled among rival professions in one crucial respect: our ability to apply scientific reasoning and rigorous methodology to assessing, evaluating, and alleviating human problems, ...”

So here's my short list:

- 1) Define our job as scientist-practitioners who solve complex, multiple-level, social and behavioral problems. Know what we're about and not about. Stop trying to do the job beneath us or someone else's job. Tell the scientific truth. Sometimes we might have to play the child in the *Emperor's New Clothes* fable.
- 2) Reconnect our practice with our science and bite the bullet to police ourselves and make sure our competence is up to snuff. Our mean competence level (group competence) must fall at a level that predicts good outcomes in our patients/customers. Measure everything. Separate science from politics.
- 3) Work on branding—Step up to the mic, write that book, consult with that policy-maker. Communicate the vision and solutions.

Have a wonderful July 4th holiday.
Every day is precious.

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Budget

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The new tax will raise an estimated \$463 million to plug holes in the budget that if left unresolved, had threatened to bring dramatic cuts in health care services and what the Governor called “a catastrophic cut” to higher education.

The new sales tax, a partial renewal of an expiring one percent sales tax, is said to give the lawmakers some respite from the yearly battles with the budget. The .45 brings the state sales tax to 4.45.

“The fiscal cliff is now gone and we have predictability ahead of us,” the Governor said after the agreement passed in this year’s third special session.

In the special sessions lawmakers were attempting to deal with the state’s budget crisis when more than \$1 billion in taxes would expire on June 30, 2018. The two earlier special sessions floundered after the House repeatedly rejected increased taxes. The House passed a budget that made dramatic cuts to TOPs, universities and state agencies, and then that was vetoed by the Governor.

Allowing the new arrangements, this week Moody’s Investors Service changed Louisiana’s rating to “stable.”

Gov. John Bel Edwards said, “Today’s action by Moody’s validates what we’ve been saying about the need for budget stability,” said Gov. Edwards.

“Thanks to the bipartisan compromise achieved during the last special session, Louisiana is no longer on the negative watch list. By working together, for the first time in a long time, Louisiana’s budget will have the kind of stability and predictability we need to bring new business opportunities to our state and grow our economy. As a result, not only are the credit rating agencies taking notice, but we are positioned to generate greater savings for our state that will enable us to continue on our path toward prosperity.”

Fanning and Cathey Reappointed by Governor

On June 1, the Governor reappointed John T. Fanning, Ph.D., of Jefferson, to the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Advisory Board. Fanning is a clinical neuropsychologist in private practice. The Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Advisory Board provides services in a flexible, individualized manner to Louisiana citizens with traumatic head or traumatic spinal cord injuries. The board administers a program which enables individuals to return to a reasonable level of functioning and independent living in their communities.

On June 27, the Governor reappointed Ronald D. Cathey, of Simsboro, to the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners



Senators in the state Legislature relaxing between discussions in a previous session. Senator Fred Mills is on the right side, middle. He pushed for changes to boards again this year.

Gov. Edwards Announces Initial Results of State’s Criminal Justice Reform Efforts

In a June Press release the Governor announced, “Louisiana recently hit an important milestone: we no longer have the highest imprisonment rate in the nation,” said Gov. Edwards. “In addition, the reform measures now in place have resulted in fewer prison admissions for drug crimes, smaller probation and parole caseloads and enhanced training for officers, and millions of dollars in savings are now available for reinvestment in community programs designed to help offenders who have served their time learn a different way of life, one that will enable them to become productive members of society. While these results are early, they are promising and should give everyone hope that we are reforming our criminal justice system for the better when it comes to our citizens, communities and state.”

The Governor was joined by Dept. of Corrections Sec. Jimmy LeBlanc, West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff Mike Cazes and Judge Rusty Knight of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative Oversight Council.

The first annual JRI Performance Report released by the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE), demonstrates that the state is making progress toward reaching these goals.

The state is imprisoning fewer nonviolent offenders in costly prison beds: according to the preliminary data the prison population has declined by 7.6% as of March 31, driven by a

reduction in the number of people imprisoned for nonviolent offenses, which dropped by 20 percent, according to the announcement.

The state is also Increasing the use of alternatives to incarceration for less serious offenses: admissions to prison for drug offenses decreased by 3%, while probation intakes for this same group increased 13%.

Reducing sentence lengths for drug and property crimes (which have decreased by 10% and 4%, respectively) allowing the state to focus prison resources on violent offenders. “We are pleased with the direction Louisiana is headed,” said Sec. LeBlanc. “We’re thankful for the Governor’s leadership and commitment to changing what wasn’t working in Louisiana. While we are excited by the changes we are seeing, and the improvements, we understand the work is far from over. In fact, it has just begun.”

The report also notes that Louisiana is improving the effectiveness of community supervision by focusing on the first months of supervision, when people are at the greatest risk of reoffending, and giving probation and parole staff new tools for incentivizing compliance with supervision conditions. As a result, the most current data shows the community supervision population has dropped by eight (8) percent and the caseload has dropped from 143 to 129.

Numerous initiatives are helping the state clear away barriers to successful re-entry: the Louisiana Prisoner Reentry Initiative continues to aim at cutting the recidivism rate of the state’s higher-risk returning citizens by half, and Louisiana residents who have criminal convictions now face fewer barriers to obtaining occupational licenses because of the reform legislation.

Counselors Board of Examiners. Cathey is a licensed marriage and family therapist and the Director of Counseling and Career Services at Louisiana Tech University. As required by statute, Cathey was nominated by the Louisiana Association of Marriage and Family Therapy and will serve as a licensed marriage and family therapist on the Board.

Changes to Boards continued

eligibility criteria for such consumer members.

The new law also requires the governor to ensure that his appointments to healthcare professional licensing boards demonstrate diversity with respect to race, gender, ethnicity, and geography.

New law also authorizes all licensing boards and commissions created and provided for in prior law to develop a process to issue a license, permit, or certificate outside the national examination for those individuals with a disorder which is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

An effort to take professional associations out of the direct loop for board nominations was amended out of Senator Mills’ measure.

Some of the intent by Senator Mills’ efforts found its way to Act 623, the Occupational Board Compliance Act, authored by Representative Connick. The goal is to help boards use the least restrictive regulation necessary, in regard to market competition and other factors, in their efforts to protect consumers from present, significant, and substantiated harms that threaten public health and safety.

Act 623 creates the Occupational Licensing Review Commission, comprised of the governor, secretary of state, commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of insurance, and the state treasurer, or their respective designees., who are responsible for active supervision of state executive branch occupational licensing boards.

In a related measure, Act 655 allows that a person who has a disciplinary action brought against him or her by the La. State Bd. of Dentistry or the La. Auctioneers Licensing Bd. to elect to have the matter moved to the division of administrative law for a disciplinary adjudication by an administrative law judge. The measure also directs boards to develop process for different exams for those with disabilities, and submit quarterly reports to the legislative oversight committee about complaints regarding board actions.

Medical Board Back Under Knife

The state medical board once again found itself in the hot seat over its investigatory processes, with Act 599 being passed into law in the 2018 Regular Session

The new law stipulates that the duration of any preliminary review of a licensee initiated in accordance with proposed law shall be no greater than 90 days unless extended by the board. The board, in conducting such a preliminary review, may obtain all files and records related to the complaint and to the complainant, and may obtain no more than 20 additional files or records in connection with the review unless authorized by the board.

Act 599 requires that prior to the board conducting any site visit or requesting medical records from an individual licensed by the board who is not subject to an active investigation, the executive director of the board shall request approval of the board through a duly adopted motion by two-thirds vote of the board, meeting in executive session, to conduct the site visit or records request.

And the law requires that prior to offering a consent order to a person licensed by the board, the board shall make available to the person all files and records which pertain to the case against him before the board, and which are not required by law to remain confidential or which are not otherwise privileged.

Proposed law requires that prior to offering a consent order to a person the board shall make available to the person all files and records which pertain to the case against him before the board, and which are not required by law to remain confidential or which are not otherwise privileged.

This is not the first pass for the Medical Board. They have been in front of the legislators several times now, beginning in 2015 when the Louisiana Medical Society worked to make key changes in the way the state medical board manages investigations, pushing for the Rules changes, including a limit on preliminary investigations to one, rather than three years.

Government affairs consultant and spokesperson for the Louisiana State Medical Society, Ms. Jennifer Marusak explained to the *Times* that the need for major changes came after years of complaints about how physicians were treated by the investigations staff at the state medical board.

“There were no limits, no structures, no definitions,” Marusak said. “A complaint of having a poor bedside manner could open up the door so that the investigators could go in and investigate everything in that physician’s office.”

Please welcome
Heather Pedersen, PhD
to the community!

Dr. Pedersen is a clinical neuropsychologist with experience assessing memory disorders, dementia, multiple sclerosis, and other neurocognitive problems. She will be joining us at Algiers Neurobehavioral Resource, LLC in May 2018 when she moves here from Arizona.



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Act 696 Allows Behavioral Health Providers to See Clients at School

Act 696 by Representative Pierre, allows a behavioral health provider to provide behavioral health services to a student at school during school hours if requested by the student's parent or legal guardian.

The Act defines "Behavioral health provider" as a provider who is licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health or a health profession licensing board including but not limited to a psychiatrist, psychologist, medical psychologist, licensed specialist in school psychology, marriage and family therapist, professional counselor, clinical social worker, or a behavioral health provider organization licensed to provide behavioral health services in Louisiana.

According to the digest of the bill, services include individual psychotherapy, family psychotherapy, psychotropic medication management, community psychiatric support and treatment, and crisis intervention. Also, "Evaluator" shall mean a licensed psychiatrist, psychologist, medical psychologist, licensed specialist in school

psychology, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, or clinical social worker who is certified by the respective board of examiners in Louisiana to provide necessary evaluations and who is not an employee of the public school governing authority or the state Department of Education.

Behavioral health services shall be permitted during school hours if the student's parent or legal guardian presents a behavioral health evaluation performed by an evaluator chosen by the parent or legal guardian and the evaluation indicates that the services are necessary during school hours to assist the student with behavioral health impairments that the evaluator determines are interfering with the student's ability to thrive in the educational setting.

The Act says that a behavioral health evaluation presented by the parent or legal guardian of a student shall not be construed as an independent educational evaluation for purposes of determining if a student meets the criteria established for eligibility for special education and related services.

The cost of all behavioral health services provided to a student shall be the sole responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

The parent or legal guardian of a student receiving services from a behavioral service provider shall be required to execute a "consent to release information form" between the provider and the public school governing authority. And a public school governing authority shall not enter into a contract or an exclusive agreement with a behavioral health provider that prohibits the parent or legal guardian from choosing the behavioral health provider for the student

Act 498 Sets Up Change in State's Abortion Law

Senator John Milkovich's SB 181 will make it unlawful for a physician to perform an abortion after 15 weeks gestational age.

According to the text, the new law will become effective upon final decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit upholding the Act that originated as House Bill 1510 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature, which decision would thereby provide the authority for a state within the jurisdiction of that court of appeals to restrict abortion past 15 weeks of gestational age.

New law provides that certain provisions are repealed in favor of the provisions of R.S. 40:1061 (health provisions: abortion), immediately upon and to the extent that the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the authority of states to prohibit elective abortions on demand or by the adoption of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would restore the state's authority to prohibit elective abortions.

The new law retains prior law stating that it is not unlawful for a physician to perform an abortion if physician terminates the pregnancy in order to preserve the life or health of the unborn

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Online Reporting of Child Abuse Set Forth in Rep. Chaney's Act 207

Act 207 by Representative Chaney amends the Children's Code so to provide for additional means by which permitted and mandatory reporters may report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect to the Dept. of Children and Family Services.

Present law provides that permitted reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect shall report such cases by phone through the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) designated child protection reporting hotline. The new law adds reporting in person at any DCFS child welfare office as a means for permitted reporters to report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect.

The new law provides that mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect shall report such cases through the DCFS designated child protection reporting hotline, via the DCFS Mandated Reporter Portal online, or in person at any child welfare office.

The new law stipulates that making a report of suspected child abuse or neglect to DCFS by facsimile does not relieve the reporter of his duty to report in accordance with present law and proposed law.

Present law provides that if a mandatory reporter's initial report of suspected child abuse or neglect was in oral form, then it shall be followed by a written report made within five days to the local child protection unit of DCFS. The new law revises present law to provide that if a mandatory reporter's initial report was in oral form, then it shall be followed by a written report made within five days via the online DCFS Mandated Reporter Portal or by mail to the DCFS centralized intake unit.



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Governor Signs More Laws

The Governor signed a steady stream of measures into law from 2018 Regular Legislative Session. Below are more highlights.

ACT 375 – SB 306 Relates to involuntary **outpatient services**. Prior law provided that only the director of an emergency receiving center may file a petition for involuntary outpatient treatment. New law expands that to include the administrator of the facility and the treating physician.

Act 409 – SB207 Extends the **Louisiana Obesity Prevention and Management Commission**. New law removes two members from community-based groups and provides the commission with the authority to encourage representation from multi-sector partners.

ACT 497 – HB 918 Creates the **Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies Advisory Council**.

ACT 523 – SB 178 Allows students to wear **bulletproof backpacks**. Prior law prohibited the wearing or possessing of body armor on school property, at school-sponsored functions, or in firearm-free zones. New law retains prior law and provides an exception allowing students to carry, wear, or possess bullet-resistant backpacks on school property or a school bus.

ACT 532 – SB 411 Provides relative to **persons found not guilty by reason of insanity**. Prior law (C.Cr.P. Art. 655) provided that when the superintendent of a mental institution is of the opinion that a person committed pursuant to prior law can be discharged or can be released on probation, without danger to others or to himself, he is to recommend the discharge or release of the person in a report to a review panel comprised of the person's treating physician, the clinical director of the facility to which the person is committed, and a physician, medical psychologist, or psychologist who served on the sanity commission that recommended commitment of the person. New law retains prior law and adds that a recommendation that the person be discharged or released on probation requires a unanimous vote of the panel. New law further provides that the panel must render specific findings of fact in support of its recommendation. New law allows the person to petition for restoration of firearm rights.

ACT 547 – HB 387 Revises the **Parents' Bill of Rights for Public Schools**. Present law provides that the parents of public school children shall have a number of rights. New law retains present law but limits applicability of such rights to parents of public school children who have not reached the age of majority. New law further provides for parents' rights to receive a copy of the school records at no cost or a reasonable cost including records associated with a student's screening for learning challenges, exceptionalities, an Individualized

Education Program, or Individual Accommodation Plan.

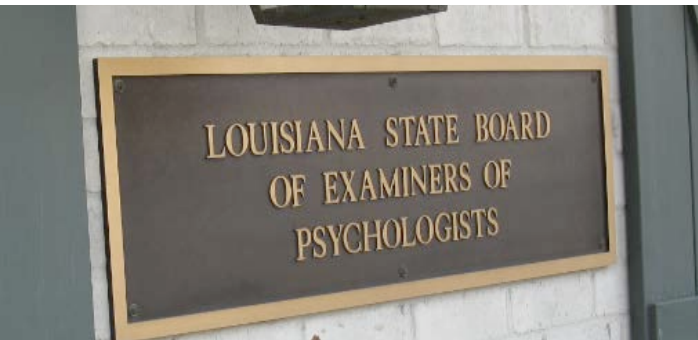
ACT 581 – SB 561 **Creates the Empowering Families to Live Well Louisiana Act**, to assist and empower struggling families throughout La., a council will be established within the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) which will have the goal of pursuing programs and policies which reduce deprivation and hardship, while promoting the well-being and health of all Louisianians. Council will seek private sector funding to be used with public funds to support evidence-based, innovative solutions to poverty, and solicit guidance from in-state and national experts, among other tasks.

ACT 582 – SB 564 Prior law provided for **licensing of behavioral health services providers** by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and requires that such providers be licensed in order to receive Medicaid reimbursement. New law retains prior law and provides relative to specialized behavioral health services providers that furnish community psychiatric support and treatment (CPST) services or psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR) services.

ACT 600 – SB 465 Provides relative to student discipline. Prior law established the **Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline** to provide advice and guidance to the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Dept. of Education regarding best practices. New law increases the council's membership from 24 to 29 and adds the president of the Louisiana Psychological Association or his designee. New law terminates the advisory council on February 15, 2019.

ACT 613 – HB 13 Relates to the **reemployment of retirees** of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. Present law authorizes a retiree to return to work with earnings capped at 25% of his benefit amount. New law retains present law and adds presenter of professional development and tutor to the list of positions that a retiree may return to, subject to a 25% earnings limitation. Present law provides that in certain circumstances a retiree may return to work in a critical shortage position without reduction of benefits. Such positions include returning as an educational diagnostician, school social worker, school counselor, or school psychologist.

ACT 626 – HB 445 For the **Louisiana Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners** revises the name of the professional association which supplies the list of candidates for the board from "La. Association of Rehabilitation Professionals" to "International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals-La" and adds a new member and one consumer member.



From the Minutes

Selected Items from May Discussions of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Administrative Assistant Position – Ms. Monic requested, with the current financial status of the board being stable and with renewals approaching, that the board approve the expenditure of funds to hire a part-time secretary or part-time student worker for \$12/hour to assist in the office during renewals. [The motion passed by unanimous vote.]

Executive Director Report – Ms. Monic reported that renewals will begin July 1, 2018 with approximately 798 licensed psychologists who will be eligible to renew. There are approximately 189 psychologists who are 65+ and may be eligible for a reduced fee if they are currently retired. Notices will go out the end of May 2018.

Complaints Committee: - Ms. Monic provided the following update: Within this Fiscal Year to date there have been 15 Requests for Investigation, 4 Requests for Investigation are pending review by a Complaints Coordinator, 3 matters have been closed, 8 cases are still open, 1 case remains open from 2016-17, 1 case remains open from 2015-16.

Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards Report – Dr. Griffin reported that he, Courtney Newton, Ms. Monic, and Dr. Henke would be presenting on behalf of the LSBEP, at the Louisiana Psychological Association on Saturday May 19, 2018.

Dr. Boggs reported that Kenneth Bell, a Board Member in Wyoming had contacted the LSBEP seeking information concerning Louisiana's position on Psypact. Dr. Boggs reported that she shared the previously discussed position of the Board as not being in favor of the Psypact due to concerns that the La. Attorney General issued an opinion that compacts were not constitutional, that the LSBEP could not delegate authority to ASPPB, and that it would put additional requirements on states to regulate the actions of out-of-state psychologists without additional funding.

Change in State's Abortion Law

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child or to remove a stillborn child, or for the express purpose of saving the life, preventing the permanent impairment of a life sustaining organ or organs, or to prevent a substantial risk of death of the mother.

Act 498, authored by Representative Frank Hoffman, revised present law for the prohibition on using public funding for abortion providers shall apply to state funds, federal funds, and any other public funds administered by the La. Department of Health (LDH) through a Medicaid provider agreement. The new law revises present law to prohibit LDH from entering into a Medicaid provider agreement with any healthcare provider, entity, or organization that performs abortions in this state.

Governor Signs More Laws, continued

ACT 629 – HB 602 Provides relative to the **carrying of a concealed handgun** at a school. Existing law provides for a crime which prohibits the carrying of a firearm or dangerous weapon by a student or nonstudent on school property, at school-sponsored functions, etc. New law adds an exception to the existing law crime for any person who has a valid concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to existing law who carries a concealed handgun within one thousand feet of any school campus.

ACT 639 – HB 676 **Creates the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission** and pilot programs for community early childhood care and education networks. The measure requires the commission to collect data, consider research and current practices, determine a sustainable infrastructure, identify opportunities for collaboration, and determine a time frame and necessary funding to achieve affordable access to quality care and education for all children from birth through age four.

ACT 641 – HB 895 Provides for **instruction on threats to school safety in public schools** and public postsecondary education institutions. New law requires public schools and public postsecondary education institutions to offer information on recognizing and reporting potential threats to school safety that are posted on the internet

ACT 663 – SB 335 Provides for penalties for **persons convicted for soliciting prostitutes and underage children**. New law retains prior law but increases the fines for the purchase of commercial sexual activity and increases fines to \$3,000 and \$5,000 when the offender knows the victim is underage, aimed at reducing human trafficking. New law provides that, in addition to a fine or jail term, the court will order the offender to complete the Buyer Beware Program to educate offenders about the harms, exploitation, and negative effects of prostitution, especially with children.

ACT 666 – SB 364 Provides relative to **free expression on college campuses** and that expressive activities at a public postsecondary

education institution are protected. Requires the postsecondary education management boards, in consultation with the Board of Regents, to develop and adopt policies on free expression that support express.

ACT 674 – SB 534 Defines **feticide as "crimes of violence"**. New law prohibits coerced abortion and defines the term to mean when any person intentionally engages in the use or threatened use of physical force against the person of a pregnant woman, with the intent to compel the

pregnant woman to undergo an abortion against her will.

ACT 703 – HB 830 Requires age and work status verification prior to work in a **sexually oriented business** to prevent child trafficking. Requires that an operator of a sexually oriented business verify the age and employment status of each potential employee through the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services E-Verify program or the completion of Form I-9.

ACT 716 – HB 898 Provides relative to **threats of violence or terrorism at elementary**

and secondary schools, including investigation and reporting thereof and required mental health evaluations. Requires any school employee who learns of a threat of violence or terrorism immediately report the threat. If the person reported to law enforcement is a student, he shall not be permitted to return to school until undergoing a formal mental health evaluation. Requires the law enforcement agency to file a petition with the appropriate judicial district court for medical, psychological, and psychiatric evaluation.


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Times Sweeps Investigative Reporting at Press Assn

For the fourth time in five years, *The Psychology Times* swept 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards in its Division, for Best Investigative Reporting, announced at the awards ceremony of the joint Louisiana and Mississippi Press Convention held June 14-16 in New Orleans.

The Times also earned the prestigious Gibbs Adams Award, a special honor given to investigative reporters. The award is named in memory of legendary *State Times-Morning Advocate* investigative reporter Gibbs Adams.

The Times was named first place in Best Website, a joint effort by *Times* technical consultant, Ms. Susan Brown, video designer Jake Nelson-Dooley, and columnists Dr. Alvin Burstein and Dr. Susan Andrews. Dr. Burstein writes the movie review column, *Shrink at the Flicks*, and Dr. Andrews writes *Stress Solutions*.

The Times also won second in Best Special Section, for its Year-in-Review Community Awards for 2017.

In the *Times*' Division, General Excellence went to *Central City News*, 1st, *Slidell Independent*, 2nd, and *Forum News*, 3rd. Newspapers of the Year went to *The*

Advocate, *Daily Comet*, *Livingston Parish News*, and the *St. Charles Herald-Guide*.

The Louisiana Press Association, undergoing cutbacks, reduced divisions and categories. No awards were given for Best News Coverage, Continuing Coverage, Community Service, or Editorial Cartoon, or others.

The Advocate (Baton Rouge), the *Daily Comet* (Thibodaux), *The Livingston Parish News* (Denham Springs), and *The St. Charles Herald-Guide* (Boutte) earned Newspaper of the Year honors in their respective divisions. *The Advocate* was named this year's Louisiana Press Association Freedom of Information Award.

The coveted Freedom of Information award originally came from an idea that Gordon Nelson, long-time member of the Press Association and publisher of the *Coushatta Citizen*, and Bob Holeman, current *Psychology Times* journalism consultant, presented to the Louisiana Press Association in the 1980s.

The late Gordon and Lynn Nelson owned and operated the *Coushatta Citizen*, and are parents of Julie Nelson. The *Citizen* won the first Freedom of Information (FOI) award more than three decades ago.

Dr. Fred Davis Dies June 30

The *Times* received word just before press time, that Dr. Fred E. Davis passed away on June 30, 2018. He was age 80. He was a cherished colleague to many in the state but primarily to those in the New Orleans area.

Dr. Davis had served as director of the Tulane University counseling center for a decade and after that was in private practice in New Orleans and also served as a professor on the faculty of the Tulane School of Social Work. Dr. Davis also served on the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

He was a long standing member of the Louisiana Psychological Association and served on the continuing education committee.

Family and friends have set A Celebration of Life service for Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 2 PM at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home in New Orleans. Interment will be private.

A memorial article is to follow.



Dr. Van Geffen Receives Award for Distinguished Service

The Louisiana Psychological Association has honored Dr. Kim VanGeffen for Distinguished Service at their recent convention. Dr. VanGeffen is a clinical and neuropsychologist, leader in the psychology community, and humanitarian in the New Orleans area where she resides. She has served the association as President Elect, President, and Past President during the 1990s and has also served for the last eight years. She currently served as Director on the LPA Executive Council and is Chair of the Professional Affairs Committee.

VanGeffen is also a past president of the New Orleans Neuropsychological Society and has served on the Women in Leadership Committee of the National Academy of Neuropsychology. She has worked in the New Orleans volunteer mental health community for the last 20 years, serving as Vice President, President, and Past President of VIA LINK, a nonprofit social service that serves ten parishes. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Thomas/McMahan Foundation in New Orleans, a nonprofit organization established in the memory of two New Orleans physicians who died of cancer.

Dr. Cherry Leading Resilience Project

Dr. Katie Cherry, a Louisiana State University psychology professor and Executive Director of the LSU Life Course and Aging Center, is leading the "LSU Disaster Resilience and Recovery Project: The Great Flood of 2016." Dr. Cherry is working with Dr. Matt Calamia and Dr. Emily Elliott also from LSU, to understand how disaster stress impacts peoples lives and health. The researchers are looking for individuals who moved to the Baton Rouge area in 2005 or after because of property damage in hurricanes Katrina or Rita, and for individuals who flooded in 2016 and who also had catastrophic damage in the 2005 hurricane. Participants must be 18 years or older and live in East Baton Rouge, Livingston, or Ascension Parish.

Cherry recently presented some of her work at the Science Café, held as part of the Louisiana Psychological Association's recent convention. The Café, Co-Chaired by Dr. T. Scott Smith and Dr. Bridget Sonnier-Hillis.



Dr. Kaite Cherry (L) with Dr. Bridget Sonnier-Hillis at a recent convention where Dr. Cherry described her research in disaster resilience to psychologists.

Focus on Prevention as Suicide Continues to Rise, continued

Representative Falconer wrote “While suicide occurs among persons of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, and income levels, it is an especially troubling problem among youth in Louisiana, with suicide ranking as the second-leading cause of death in this state for persons between the ages of ten and twenty-four in 2014, the most recent year for which complete data are available.”

Suicide is a pronounced public health concern among military veterans nationwide and in Louisiana particularly, as Louisiana's veteran suicide rate is over ten percent higher than that of the nation and of the southern region, write the authors. And, more than half of the people who died by suicide did not have unknown mental health condition, reports the CDC.

The rising rates of suicide has been at the front of the news for some psychologists in the field, and motivated the Louisiana Psychological Association to host suicide prevention expert Dr. April Foreman at their recent state convention.

Foreman is a licensed psychologist serving Veterans as Suicide Prevention Coordinator for Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System. She also serves as Suicide Prevention Lead for Veterans Integrated Service Network 16, a region of Veterans Affairs. She is on the Executive Committee for the Board of the American Association of Suicidology.

Dr. Foreman presented “Suicide Risk Assessment,” at the Louisiana Psychological Association Convention recently, providing an overview of basics of suicide risk assessment, risk levels, and acute vs. chronic risk. She covered the use of safety planning as a follow up to risk assessment, current research innovations pertaining assessment of risk and actual



Dr. April Foreman at recent convention of the state psychological association, speaking about risk assessment in suicide prevention



Dr. William “Bill” Schmitz, Jr., expert in suicide prevention speaking with Carmen Weisner, LCSW, Ex Director at that time for the National Assn of Social Workers, La Chapter, where Dr. Schmitz was speaking.

prediction of suicide attempts/deaths, and possible ways this may impact clinical work in the upcoming years.

Dr. Foreman has been working toward this goal for some time. In 2014, Foreman supported Senator Ben Nevers’ effort to ensure that mental health professionals were adequately trained, SB 539. While the mandate was removed, the effort drew attention to the problem.

“This is a public health issue that is squarely in psychology’s wheelhouse,” said Foreman in a previous interview. “Only 9 to 10 percent of mental health professionals can pass a competency exam,” in this topic, said Foreman. “This is a big training deficit.”

Dr. William “Bill” Schmitz, Jr., a licensed clinical psychologist in Baton Rouge, working primarily with the nation's veterans, and who has served as President of the American Association for Suicidology previously explained the importance. “It is the number one emergency in mental health and the most lethal situation a professional will encounter. But, no one is required to have training,” he said.

Schmitz co-authored a white paper, “Preventing Suicide through Improved Training in Suicide Risk Assessment and Care,” a report of the American Association of Suicidology Task Force, which Schmitz chaired. In the report, authors noted that training for suicide prevention is inconsistent at best. The majority of mental health professionals receive very little, if any formal training in suicide prevention. The exceptions are the psychiatrists; 94 percent have received some training. However, even in this group, only about a quarter of these receive skill development training.

“An hour of didactic training may increase knowledge,” Schmitz explained to the *Times*, “but it doesn’t do anything to actually change competency.”

Dr. Foreman has also looked carefully into the competency problem. “When the state of Georgia was asking these same questions in 2005,” she said, “they assessed a sample of mental health professionals, and the competency rate was 9 percent. A few hours of training raised the rate to 83 percent,” she said. “That’s a huge difference.”

The rising rates of suicide are a concern. “There are several theories regarding this trend, though a specific and definitive explanation has not emerged,” Schmitz noted. “We do know that suicide attempts, across the lifespan, tend to become more lethal,” explaining that the ratio of suicide attempts to death is 100-200 to one for adolescents and young adults, but for those over 65 the ratio is four to one.

“Coupled with this,” Schmitz said, “I would also add that help-seeking and mental health treatment remain very stigmatized among the older adult populations. There is lingering doubt and fears

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Focus on Prevention as Suicide Continues to Rise, continued

associated with institutionalization, asylums, and being 'locked up' if one divulges any thought of suicide," he explained. "This is very disconcerting given the clear evidence that even people determined to be at high risk for suicide have been shown to respond to intensive outpatient therapy.

In a previous interview with the *Times*, Dr. Frank Campbell, a clinical social worker and expert from Lacombe, Louisiana, former Executive Director of the Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center, and also Past-President of and American Association for Suicidology, said, "It is important to accept that suicide is a very complex and paradoxical cause of death to develop clear understandings from. It is an N of 1 and by that I mean each suicide is unique." Dr. Campbell's work has been featured in a documentary for the Discovery Channel.

"For me the most comprehensive micro or individual answer to any death by suicide," he said, "is that it happens as a result of a self-defined crisis where the individual's ability to cope with the precipitating event which brings on the crisis response—decline in coping and possible increase in maladaptive coping—was unable to keep that person safe from suicide," Dr. Campbell said.

"Data is helpful in awareness but each death impacts the community in ways that are unique and little research has been conducted on the impact suicide has on generating additional causalities both in the short term or long term for a community."

"The macro response would include considering the impact of social and economic changes in the past 10 years," Campbell said, "because economic conditions have historically correlated with upward trends in suicide."

Also, "... a growing number of citizens who are veterans of military service—mostly men—which are estimated to equal one out of each five deaths by suicide," he said.

Dr. Schmitz pointed out that there is growing evidence supporting various approaches that help those at risk.

"There are treatments that work, there are warning signs and basic skills of suicide assessment and management that should be core clinical competencies," said Schmitz.

"Unfortunately, the majority of mental health professionals do not obtain this training in either their graduate studies or continuing education," he said.

"Providers that are not engaging their patients in active discussions about means restriction and crisis response planning really terrify me," he said.

Dr. Campbell said, "Managing transitions in life if not easy and when health and loneliness are isolating factors along breakdown geographically of the family and health care challenges it is a lot to manage. Generational expectations are not always shared or expressed clearly to family who might be wanting to help but just don't know how."

"My thought is that if we had the number of folks who die by suicide each year drowning then we would train more lifeguards to stand by those in the water.

"The river of suicide is large in this country and it is up to all of us in our communities to become trained as lifeguards. One such training that is for all care givers is the two-day ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) that helps anyone help another at risk from the river to safety for now."

This article is not intended to provide help in a crisis. If you are feeling suicidal or need help for yourself or someone you know, please consult IASP's Suicide Prevention Resources to find a crisis center anywhere in the world. In the US, call toll-free 1-800-273-TALK (8255) for a free suicide prevention service or visit SuicidePreventionLifeLine.org.



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The LSU Lakes

Dr. Tom Stigall - Photography

Editors Note: For our July 4th holiday issue we decided to share again the photography of Dr. Tom Stigall. He has embraced photography in his retirement and he also served as the president of the Louisiana Photographic Society and a photographic artist. He has had work accepted for a national competition hosted at LSU. “My work is eclectic as to subject matter,” he said. “It is the product of a desire to preserve images that will be experienced by the viewer as meaningful: esthetically pleasing, sympathetic and nurturing, awe-inspiring or arresting.”

These delightful views of the LSU University Lakes and the interesting inhabitants in our state earned him and the *Times* a first place from the Louisiana Press Association for Best Photo Package in 2013.

All photos by Dr. Tom Stigall.



A Shrink at the Flicks

Hereditary: A Review

by Alvin G. Burstein, PhD

It may have been Stephen King—and who would be better qualified—who distinguished among terror, horror and shock. Stories evoking these strong unpleasant feelings, paradoxically, can find an avid audience, a fact on which King has capitalized. The distinction is that terror implies a sense of personal fearful involvement; horror is a more distant, almost pornographic, viewing of a fearful situation. Shock, in contrast, generates revulsion along with fear. Along those lines, last month's review of *A Quiet Place* noted the terror it evoked. This month's film, *Hereditary*, is a shocker.

In some ways the film seems a mix of Heironymous Bosch and Salvador Dali, giving us repugnant details woven into a surreal mesh that generates uncertainty about the nature of reality.

As the film's title suggests, the tale is multi-generational, dealing with a quirky, just deceased grandmother at the time of her funeral, her troubled daughter, Annie, baffled son-in-law, Steve, and her two grandchildren, a pre-teen girl, Charlie and older grandson, Peter. It may be more of a teaser than a spoiler to point out that the grandchildren's names are an allusion to the role that maleness will play in the movie's denouement. That kind of allusiveness abounds in the film—for example, a scene of a walnuts being chopped for a dessert precedes, without explicit linkage, a later anaphylactic attack—contributing to the surreal quality.

The surreal quality emerges early in another way. Annie is an artist who creates tiny miniature rooms. As the film opens, she uses magnifying lenses and special tools to create a bedroom that morphs into Peter's actual bedroom as his father, Steve, enters to rouse his son for



the grandmother's funeral. And then there are the use of peripheral events, things seen out of the corner of the eye—a figure floating in the corner of the room—or heard in the background—Charlie's occasional tongue click.

At the funeral Annie describes her fraught relationship with her mother. At a grief group she attends later, she enlarges on the dysfunction of other family members, a schizophrenic brother who committed suicide and a depressed father who starved himself to death. These catastrophes are both a counterpoint to and a motivation for her creation of tiny, controlled simulacra of reality.

The psychoanalyst Adam Phillips sees the family as the place where one learns to deal with conflict. He has in mind the paradox of the family as a source of necessary grounding but, at the same time the font of inevitable conflicts of interests and ambivalences. That kind of drama is painfully expressed when Annie describes her guilt about her troubled past and when she reveals to Peter that she didn't want to be a mother and had tried to abort his birth.

To detail the repugnant elements would take us into spoiler territory. But few early examples: Charlie beheads a bird. And she gets smeared with chocolate at a party that Peter takes her to.

And there are lots of insects.

I did not find *Hereditary* frightening. Like Bosch and Dali, it was disturbing in fascinating ways. It was a shocker. But I knew it wasn't real—luckily.

Guest Columnist,
Dr. Alvin Burstein

Burstein, a psychologist and psychoanalyst, is a professor emeritus at the University of Tennessee and a former faculty member of the New Orleans-Birmingham Psychoanalytic Center with numerous scholarly works to his credit.



He is also a member of Inklings, a Mandeville critique group that meets weekly to review its members' imaginative writings. Burstein has published flash fiction and autobiographical pieces in e-zines; *The Owl*, his first novelette, is available at Amazon. He is, in addition to being a movie fan, a committed Francophile, unsurprisingly a lover of fine cheese and wine, and an unrepentant cruciverbalist.

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Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, who will present, “Collaborative Partners Within Psychiatry Departments: Playing Multiple Roles.”

Bonnie Nastasi, PhD, will be Chair for the *Tulane University Symposium: Participatory Consultation for Culturally and Contextually Relevant School Discipline Programming.*

Researchers from Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System, Grambling State University, Louisiana State University, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Louisiana Tech University, Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, Tulane, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of New Orleans, Xavier, and individuals will present.

Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System

For the *Symposium: Relational-Cultural Theory—Clinical Applications With Diverse Populations*, Thomandra Sam, PhD, of Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System, Jackson, Louisiana, will present, “RCT Fostering #BlackGirlMagic: sse of Relational-Cultural Theory in Black Women’s Group Therapy.”

Grambling State University

“Stereotype Threat, Career Intentions, and STEM Self-Efficacy: The Moderating Role of Racial Identity,” will be presented by Stacey Duhon, PhD, Grambling State University and others

Louisiana State University

For Invited Address: B.F. Skinner Foundation New Researcher Award for Applied Research, Jeanne Donaldson, PhD, of Louisiana State University, will speak on, “Overused and Understudied: Time-Out from Positive Reinforcement and Token Reinforcement Systems.”

For the Invited Address— 2018 APA Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to an Outstanding Graduate Student, Raymond P. Tucker, PhD, from Louisiana State University, will present, “Transgender Veterans Suicide: Prevalence, Prevention, and Implications of Current Policy.” The talk is sponsored by APA, APA Board of Professional Affairs, and APAGS.

For the *Symposium: Understanding Risk and Resilience for Suicidal Ideation and Attempts in Transgender Veterans*, Raymond P. Tucker, PhD, Louisiana State University, will present, “Transition-Related Medical Interventions and Suicidal Ideation in Transgender Veterans.”

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

Michelle B. Moore, PsyD, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, will Chair the *Symposium: Interprofessional Education in Psychology—Integrating With Medicine* Howard J. Osofsky, MD, PhD, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, will participate with, “Collaborative Partners Within Psychiatry Departments: Playing Multiple Roles.”

Christina Ledbetter, PhD, of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, will co-present poster research on, “Multidisciplinary Intervention for Mild Cognitive Impairment: MRI and Neuropsychological Outcomes.”

For the Poster Session: Current Research on Autism Spectrum Disorder, Michelle M. Yetman, PhD, Adam T. Blancher, PhD, and Clifton Frilot, PhD, MBA, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, will present “Factors Influencing Early Autism Spectrum Disorder Diagnosis.”

Louisiana Tech University

For Poster Session: Research Methods, Measurement, and Evaluation, Melanie M. Lantz, PhD, Louisiana Tech University; Michael M. Gale, PhD, University of Hartford; Kristin L. McLaughlin, PhD, Austen Riggs Center, Stockbridge, MA; and TaShara D. Williams, MA, Lindsey Shamp, MA, Terrill O. Taylor, BS, and Christopher P. Monceaux, MS, Louisiana Tech University, will present, “Development and Initial Validation of a Multicultural Training Questionnaire.”

For the *Symposium: Preparing Psychology Students for Action as Social Justice Advocates*, Melanie M. Lantz, PhD, of Louisiana Tech University, will present, “Infusing Social Justice in Graduate Education: Inspiring Action.”

Melanie M. Lantz, PhD, Louisiana Tech University, will present, “Multicultural Orientation As Foundational to Good Clinical Supervision,” in the *Symposium: Multicultural Orientation— Research, Training, Practice, and Future Directions.*

For the Conversation Hour: Making Psychology More Inclusive of SES and Students and Professionals of Lower-SES Backgrounds, Melanie M. Lantz, PhD, Louisiana Tech University, will present, “Class as a Lens Through Which We See Everything from Student-Led Advocacy to Student Loan Debt.”

For the Poster Session: Multicultural, Social Justice, International, and Advocacy Issues, “The Scope, Effects, and Perceptions of College Student Food Insecurity on a Campus in the Deep South,” will be presented by Emily Burish, BA, Melanie M. Lantz, PhD, Camille N. Baker, MA, Danielle N. Franks, BA, Sarah A. McConnell, MS, Terrill O. Taylor, BS, Christopher P. Monceaux, MS, and Lindsey Shamp, MA, Louisiana Tech University.

“Stereotype Threat, Career Intentions, and STEM Self-Efficacy: The Moderating Role of Racial Identity,” will be presented by Eric Deemer, PhD, Purdue University; Stacey Duhon, PhD, Grambling State University; Pedro Derosa, PhD, Louisiana Tech University; and others.

Dena M. Abbott, PhD, Louisiana Tech University, will participate in the *Symposium: Critical Issues in Counseling Psychology Section*



Dr. Michelle Moore (L to R), Dr. Sarah Gray, and Dr. Courtney Lewis on a previous panel discussion about early career psychologists. Dr. Moore and Dr. Gray will be presenting at APA in August.

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Roundtables, and, Section for the Advancement of Women #metoo: Sexual Harassment in Academic Settings.

In the Poster Session: Psychotherapy—Science, Practice, and Advances, “Personality and Impulsivity As Predictors of Differentiation of Self,” will be presented by Keoshia Harris, BA, Jessica Hawkins, BA, Mallory Bonnette, MA, and Michael V. Garza, MA, Louisiana Tech University.

For Poster Session: Mental Health and Well-Being, Brandon Waits, PhD, Louisiana Tech University, will present, “Social Support Moderates the Effect of an Optimism Intervention on Subjective Well-Being,” with Guler Boyraz, PhD.

For Poster Session: Interpersonal and Intergroup Relations, Mallory B. Garza, MA, Keoshia Harris, BA, Michael V. Garza, MA, and Jessica Hawkins, BA, Louisiana Tech University, will present, “The Relationship Among Body Image Psychological Inflexibility, Personality, and Self-Esteem.”

“Cultural Humility in Psychological Research and Pedagogy,” will be presented in a poster by Dena M. Abbott, PhD, Louisiana Tech University.

In a Poster Session on Career Development and Educational Training, Yixun Zhu, MA, Louisiana Tech University; with Guler Boyraz, PhD; and Samantha Aarstad-Martin, MS, Megan L. Cherry, MA, Eric Blankenship, MS, and J. Brandon Waits, PhD, Louisiana Tech University, will present, “Posttraumatic Stress and Academic Success in College: The Role of Locus of Control.”

“Psychological Inflexibility: An Exploratory Study,” will be presented by Keoshia Harris, BA, Jessica Hawkins, BA, Michael V. Garza, MA, and Mallory B. Garza, MA, Louisiana Tech University.

Mallory B. Garza, MA, Keoshia Harris, BA, Jessica Hawkins, BA, and Michael V. Garza, MA, Louisiana Tech University, will present, “Self-Efficacy, Personality, and Achievement: Examining Predictors.”

For Poster Session: IV—Education, Development, and Experiences of People of Color, the topic, of “Racial Campus Climate Study: The Role of Racial Privilege Awareness,” will be presented by Danielle N. Franks, BA, Melanie M. Lantz, PhD, Marcus A. Cherry, MS, Taylor D. Poland, and TaShara D. Williams, MA, Louisiana Tech University.

Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System

For Symposium: *Sexism and Sexual Harassment in Clinical Training*, Julie R. Arseneau, PhD, Southeast

Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, New Orleans, will present, “Sexual Harassment in a Male-Dominated Environment of Care.”

Tulane University

For the Symposium: *Narrating School—How Stories Told Shape Students, Teachers, Principals, and Policy*, Debbie Kim, PhD, Tulane University, will present, “Analyzing Contradictions in Political Party Discourse on Education and Accountability, 1952-2012.”

For Poster Session: Assessment and Intervention to Improve Mental Health and Behavior Across Contexts, Stephanie A. Moberg, BA, and Courtney N. Baker, PhD, Tulane University, will present, “The ABCs of ACEs: Addressing Adversity and Adversity Buffers in Preschool Children.”

And, “The Moderating Role of Teacher–Student Relationships on Victimization and School Safety,” will be presented by Whitney T. Davis, MA, Kathryn Simon, MEd, MS, and Stacy Overstreet, PhD, Tulane University.

“Social Support Buffers the Impact of Maternal Violence Exposure on Children’s Externalizing Behavior,” will be presented by Virginia I. Hatch, MS, Hannah Swerbenski, BS, Victoria Parker, Justin T. Carreras, MS, and Sarah A.O. Gray, PhD, Tulane University.

For Poster Session: I—Diversity and Intersectionality in Women’s Experiences and Well-Being Across the Lifespan. Ashlee K. Yates, MA, Haley Peele, MA, Veronica L. Coriano, MS, BA, Lea Petrovic, BA, Elsie Obus, BA, Sydney Wing, BS, and Whitney T. Davis, MA, Tulane University, will present, “An

Analysis of Female Slave Narratives: Themes of Trauma and Policing of Black Bodies Close to Home.”

Poster Session: II includes “Parental Emotion Regulation: Relations With Sensitive Parenting and Psychological Distress,” by Justin T. Carreras, MS, Tulane University and Sarah A.O. Gray, PhD, Tulane University, with others.

Bonnie K. Nastasi, PhD, will be Chair for the Tulane University Symposium: *Participatory Consultation for Culturally and Contextually Relevant School Discipline Programming*

Participants: Laura Cornell, MS, MEd, Tulane University. “Introduction: Engaging Stakeholders as Partners to Establish Responsive Discipline Practices.”

Raquel Gutierrez, BS, and Jarrad Hodge, BS, Tulane University. “Formative Research Through Learning the Culture and Forming School Partnerships.”

Paige Goodman, and Laura Cornell, MS, MEd, Tulane University. “Evaluating Social-Emotional Programming as Formative Research in Participatory Consultation.”

Haley Peele, MA, Tulane University. “Using Schoolwide Discipline Data in Participatory Action Research and Consultation.”

Sydney Wing, BS, Tulane University. “Participatory Consultation for Sustainable School-Based Universal Mental Health Screening.”

For a Paper Reading Session: How Uncertainty Drives Consumer Decisions, Joon H. Ro, BA, Tulane University with others will present, “Using Twitter in Times of Casual Uncertainty: The Role of Abstract Language in Communication Effectiveness.”

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Dr. Stacey Overstreet speaking to school psychology professionals at a conference. She will be presenting information at the upcoming American Psychological Association Convention.

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Evolutionary Psychology & Ethics

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For this special event we will also have Dr. Jack Palmer, from U. of Louisiana Monroe, author of *Evolutionary Psychology: The Ultimate Origins of Human Behavior*, and Dr. Matthew Rossano, from Southeastern Louisiana University, and author of *Supernatural Selection: How Religion Evolved*. And, in applications we'll have Dr. Michael Chafetz who has done extensive work in malingering research, and Dr. Denise Newman, chair of the Psychotherapy Interest Area and a psychoanalytic psychologist.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, November 9, 2018
The Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans

Up Coming Events

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University of Louisiana at Lafayette

For the Symposium: *Samples, Contexts, and Reproducibility*, Manyu Li, PhD, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, will present, “Considering Cultural Contexts in Immigration Studies: From Cross-Cultural Survey to Social Media Data.”

For Poster Session: Early Career Research and Innovation, Manyu Li, PhD, Andre Rodriquez, Donaka Autry, Christie Charles, PhD, and Amber Knezek, from University of Louisiana at Lafayette, will present, “Immigrants’ Community Network and Experiences of Cultural Identity Conflict.”

University of New Orleans

Sonia Rubens, PhD, University of New Orleans, will participate in the Symposium: *Walk a Mile—Understanding Challenges Faced by Families Struggling to Find Assessment and Treatment*.

For Poster Session: Latest Research on Mechanisms, Characterization, and Prediction of Psychopathology in Children and Adolescents, Sonia Rubens, PhD, Santa Clara University (previous UNO); and Megan A. Zeringue, MS, and Molly A. Miller, MS, University of New Orleans, will present, “Trauma Exposure, Social Support, and Internalizing Symptoms in At-Risk Adolescents.”

Xavier University of Louisiana

Invited Address. Sponsors: APA Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools, 2, APA Board of Educational Affairs, APA Committee on Associate and Baccalaureate Education, Psi Beta, Psi Chi.

Participant: Elliott D. Hammer, PhD, Xavier University of Louisiana. “Leveling the Field: Fostering Identification with School in All Our Students.” Chair: Kristin H. Whitlock, MEd, Davis High School, Kaysville, UT

Poster Session for “Professional Website Creation As a Course Assignment and Career Decision-Making Self-Efficacy,” presented by Wyndolyn Ludwikowski, PhD, and Tatyana Smith, Xavier University of Louisiana.

Poster Session: Psychotherapy and Interventions, for “How Do Personal Values Influence Psychological Help-Seeking?” to be presented by Wyndolyn Ludwikowski, PhD, and others.

“The Role of Grit and Self-Affirmation in a Social Cognitive Model of Academic Adjustment,” will be presented by Wyndolyn Ludwikowski, PhD, and Helena Barber, Xavier University of Louisiana.

Individuals

For a Paper Reading Session: Hypnosis in Clinical Action! –Joseph Tramontana, PhD, Independent Practice, New Orleans, will present, “Hypnotically Enhanced Psychotherapy: Five Successful Cases with Spontaneous Long-Term Feedback.”

Summer Symposium in Marksville, July 18–20

Dr. John Simoneaux and Professional Training Resources will present this year’s Summer Symposium from July 18 to 20 at the Paragon Casino Resorts, 711 Paragon Place, Marksville, La.

Highlighted this year are Dr. Simoneaux who will present “The Influence of Bias and Stereotypes.” This presentation will explain how inherent and unrecognized biases influence assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental health problems in children and adults

Also highlighted is Dr. Naomi Friedberg who will present “Stress and our Brains: Eating, Exercising and Sleeping our way to Mental Health. Dr. Byron Simoneaux will present on “Diagnostic Decisions,” and Nicole Siegfried, Ph.D., will present, “Digesting Eating Disorders: Intervention and Treatment. Misty Wainwright, MA, will present, “Non-Traditional Families.”

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