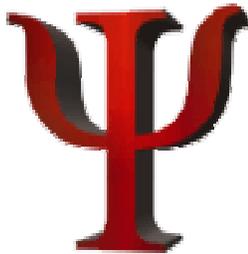


June 2011



Clinical Psychology of Women Newsletter

President's Column



Colleagues,

Thank you for electing me Section IV President for the year 2011. I am humble and proud to serve and to have a voice about women in psychology.

With the support of countless members the Section has been in a position to address issues and concerns.

This trend has changed due to the large number of women who are now entering the field of psychology. As they enter the profession, they also are taking on leadership positions.

I believe the actualization of this vision of our future will require : (1) continued outreach to women who are interested and bring value to the Section, (2) educate APA and Division 12 about the value of the Section, and (3) provide opportunities for research, networking and mentoring surrounding issues of women.

Women have shaped the history of our profession.

They are outstanding, researchers, clinicians, leaders, and teachers. They are nationally and internationally known. Some of these achievers are members of Section IV of Division 12. They are utilizing technology to develop their work to communicate and to share their work. Considering the major increase of women in the profession, it is anticipated that conversations about women will increase causing the expansion of alliances, projects and models.

The early career women psychologists look to us for leadership, direction, stories, challenging opportunities, and strategies for achievement, accomplishment, influence and excellence. They want to know what path we took to get to where we are and plan to go. We need to be there for them, just as some were there for us. In order to provide this support, we need your presence as you build on your heritage, and give of your time. We want you to share your inspiring

stories about your experience in the profession of psychology, your obstacles and your accomplishments.

It will be the beginning of the development of a tool kit intended to help other psychologists understand who we are and the value we bring to the Division and the Association.

Join us as we raise our voice and address these important issues at the APA Convention in August; women and war, sexual assault, incest, and child abuse and mentoring early psychologists.

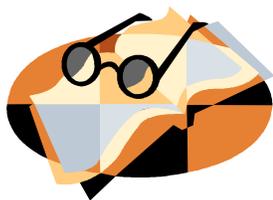
Dorothy M. Tucker, Ph.D.

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Make sure to find us on LinkedIn to connect, create and continue dialogues about important issues.



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Minutes of APA Division 12, Section IV

Dated: April 2011, Alliant University, Alhambra, CA

Attendees: Elaine Burke, Dorothy Tucker, Cristina Magalhaes, Theodore Barnes, Anna Karas, Kalyani Gopal

Introductions

-Inclusion of board members into Linked In

-ListServe: Cristina and Theodore will work on getting the ListServe and website up and running.

Committee Reports

AWARDS: Dorothy will send Cristina a description of the awards and the awardees and Faith Ann will need to give her the list of prior winners; Discussion regarding expanding the number of awards; Possibility of adding an outstanding contribution award; Decision regarding no monetary compensation for future awards.

MEMBERSHIP: Cristina and colleagues will work on the set up of a website for Sec. IV; Theodore will send out emails to members regarding membership; Discussion of adding #4 stickers to name tags at the APA conference; A list of members with outstanding dues will be sent to Theodore by Dorothy; Suggestion of creating a membership committee

ELECTION: Discussions of including a member to aid in book reviews; Kumea Shorter-Gooden was suggested; The next book to be reviewed is "The Supportive Foster Parent" by Kalyani Gopal; Elaine will select a reviewer for the June newsletter

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking Account: \$3, 113.81

Savings: \$ 5,868.72

Total: 8,982.53

Savings: Dorothy will send Cristina the information and transferred the duties to Cristina during this board meeting.

CD: \$4000.00

No financial reimbursement for Awards for next year.

Newsletter: Information for the newsletter is due in June and will include a mentoring awards summary, bio from Dr. Beth Rom-Rymer, Minutes from Kalyani, Division Rep summary from Elaine; Information for an online journal that Kalyani will begin, and dialogue about new feminism with an email sent to the listserve to reply via survey

APA Convention:

Symposium Topics: Trauma; Sex Trafficking;- challenging of balancing work and home life in women; Intergenerational caretaking - the sandwiched generation. Follow-up during APA Convention was suggested.

Submitted by,

Kalyani Gopal, PhD, HSPP

Secretary, Section IV, Division 12

Treasurer's Report:**Account Summary as of May 15, 2011**

Assets	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	\$1,113.81
Savings	\$7,807.12
Total Assets	\$8,920.93
Liabilities and Equities	
Liabilities	\$0
Equities	\$8,920.93
Total Equities and Liabilities	\$8,920.93



*Stay tuned for
the launch of the
new Section IV*

Cristina Magalhaes, Ph.D., Treasurer

website!

Membership Updates

Dear Member of Section IV Division 12:

As the current membership Chair for the Clinical Psychology of Women Section, we would like to thank you for joining Section IV in Division 12 of the American Psychological Association. If you have yet to join and are interested, we hope you'll consider joining our dynamic professional community.

This Section was established for clinical psychologists dedicated to increasing scientific understanding of those aspects of clinical psychology that pertain to women; to promoting the development of models for the delivery of service to women; to increasing the quality of educational and training opportunities for women in clinical psychology; to advocating on behalf of women clinical psychologists with respect to formation of policies of the Division; and to the development of the specialty of clinical psychology.

In the past, articles in our newsletter and convention programming have addressed issues such as the following:

****Controversies in Clinical Psychology: Should there be a Diagnosis for Batters? Towards a Multidimensional Model**

****Women of a Certain Age: Developmental Issues and Clinical Considerations for Psychotherapy with Women in Their Later Years**

****Gender, Culture, and Clinical Assessment: Celebrating Best Practices**

****The Psychology of Men: Future Directions in the Study of Men and Gender**

****Sex Role Biases, Diagnosis and Treatment of Women**

****Women as Victims (in rape, incest, substance abuse, and battering)**

****Ethnic Minority Women**

****Sexual Misconduct in Psychotherapy**

****Mental Health Needs of Underserved Women**

****Training of Women as Clinicians**

****Issues of Women Internationally and Immigrant Women**

Some of the benefits of membership are:

****Section Newsletters with up-to-date articles, book reviews, and job**

announcements

****Opportunities to serve as officers and committee members of Section IV**

****Convention programming opportunities and social/conversation hours**

****Mentoring, career information and networking opportunities from/with established psychologists with expertise in Women's Issues**

****Eligibility to nominate your faculty, students and Section members for Section IV Awards**

****Continuing Education Programs which will earn you CE Credits**

****Entry into APA governance**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (626) 270-3381 or tburnes@alliant.edu

****Membership renewals and new applications will soon be processed online through the section's website. As a member, you will be contacted with information regarding the website.**

Theo Burnes, Ph.D,
Membership Coordinator

The executive team is working to put together a website with all membership information and section information.

Section IV Report

Section IV Report

Dated: June 13, 2011 (CST)

The year 2011 began with the announcement of our mentorship award and student research awards. Our **2011 Student Research Award** winner is Ms. Keren Lehavot from the University of Washington for her study entitled, "The Impact of Minority Stress on Mental Health and Substance Use Among Sexual Minority Women." Our **2011 Mentoring Award** winner is Dr. Joanne Davis from the University of Tulsa. Congratulations to these amazing women!

We had plenty to thank for this first half of the year. We are very pleased to have new additions to our executive team this year. Dr. Beth Rom-Rymer joined our executive team as a Member at Large in January, followed by Dr. Cristina Magalhaes as our able Treasurer, Dr. Theodore Burnes as Membership Chair, and Anna Karas who has taken over as our Newsletter Editor.

The executive team headed by Dr. Magalhaes and Dr. Burnes are working tirelessly to put up a website with all the much needed forms for application, membership information, member roster, and informa-

tion about events and activities pertaining to Section IV. If you wish to make an announcement, advertise for a position, or contribute to our website, please contact the membership chair, website management or any of us. We also have a LinkedIn group – Section IV, Clinical Psychology of Women on LinkedIn. **APA Section IV, Division 12: Clinical Psychology of Women.** We encourage all members to join. We hope you will encourage colleagues to join online and pay dues online as well!

With regard to our meetings, mid-winter meeting in January was rescheduled to April 2011. Treasurer's duties were transferred from the current president, Dr. Dorothy Tucker to Dr. Cristina Magalhaes. We also have the beginnings of next year's APA Convention topics which include sex trafficking, trauma treatment, and Intergenerational Caretaking Issues.

During this year's APA Convention, we will be sponsoring two workshops on Saturday, August 6, 2011 between 10 am-1 pm. Please attend these information packed symposium's on: "The Do's and Don'ts of Expert Testimony in Sexual Abuse Cases: Ethical Issues in seeking justice

for women and children." with panelists Dr. Beth Rom-Rymer and Dr. Robert Geffner from 10-11 am chaired by Dr. Kalyani Gopal. And, from 11am to 1 pm Dr. Elaine Burke will be chairing our second symposium for the day, Women and the military: The experience, clinical concerns and implications for treatment.

We will be starting an online journal for Section IV. Submissions need to be sent to Dr. Kalyani Gopal at kgopalphd@gmail.com. Also, during the APA 2011 Convention, we will like to invite all section members to attend the Division 12 Social Hour from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Renaissance Washington Hotel in Congressional Hall A. We will all be there and hope to see you too! We would love to chat and hear your ideas. See you there!

Submitted by:
Dr. Kalyani Gopal, Dr. Elaine Burke, Dr. Dorothy Tucker

Dialogue: New Feminism

In 20-40 words describe how you view and/or define New Feminism.

Responses will be included in the fall newsletter.

Please email your responses to Anna Karas: akaras@alliant.edu

Old or New Feminism. The only Feminism worth fighting for is equality between women and men in all aspects of life.

-Judith S. Antrobus, Ph.D.

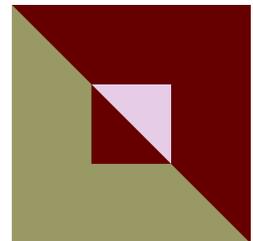
Founder, Division of Women’s Issues of the NYS Psychological Association

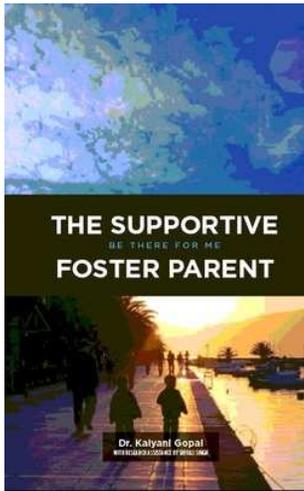
Thoughts on the New Feminism

The term “feminist” became popular in the 1960’s and that time period was another major wave for women’s liberation. During that time (and by a number of people afterward) the term feminist had a very negative connotation and these women were seen as man-haters. Even today, if you ask some women if they are “feminists”, they will say no and state that they do not hate men. However, they will state that they are in favor of women’s rights and equality, A review of women’s issues from the sixties and women’s issues today are surprisingly similar. There have been some improvements, but how much have things really changed? In order to understand the new feminism of today, we need to consider the role of culture as well as gender. The new feminism involves an understanding of the multiple forms of oppression (as well as the privileges) that women can experience based upon their multiple identities.

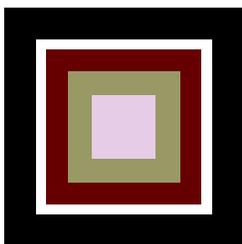
Where are we going? How can women of various cultural backgrounds work together in a way that benefits them as a group? How can we work together to eliminate our own internalized sexism that limits us individually and causes us to be an agent that oppresses other women? These are all issues that we need to explore as we define the new feminism.

-Elaine A. Burke, Psy.D.





The Supportive Foster Parent will be on the APA exhibits at the convention in Washington, D.C.



Book Review: *The Supportive Foster Parent*

As a special educator who has worked with special needs foster children, I found *The Supportive Foster Parent* to be an excellent, practical source of information and advice for potential and experienced foster parents. Foster parents seeking to improve their personal knowledge will be able to easily read and digest this well-organized and concise text. Professionals who work with foster parents will find the text invaluable as a tool for training and on-going support.

Dr. Kalyani Gopal, a clinical psychologist whose years of experience working with foster children and their families is clearly apparent in the text, takes the reader through the life cycle of fostering. The text begins with a list of quotes from foster children so realistic and thought-provoking that one can nearly sense the children's physical presence.

What will their emotional futures be? How can I, as a foster parent, turn the tide of despair for these children? From here, the reader is guided through stages of fostering: Motivational; Planning;

Welcoming; Adapting; Educational; Empowering; and Letting Go. Readers are asked to think about themselves (e.g., intentions, desires, behaviors) in relation to being a good foster parent; given factual information about what to expect from children put into foster care (e.g., examples of typical behavior from children who have been neglected or abused); and provided with sensible advice for coping with difficulties (e.g., ways to help the anxious child/teen). An especially good section of the text is on school-oriented issues where Dr. Gopal explains conditions that often result in the foster's child need for special education services. Individualized education programs are addressed and a variety of mental health and learning disorders are explained with suggested parenting strategies.

Throughout the text, there is a juxtaposition of troubling facts about outcomes for children in foster care and proactive strategies to improve success. Dr. Gopal makes the point that one-third of foster parents

give up fostering due to children's disruptive behavior but follows up with a list of evidence-based therapeutic parent management programs that foster parents can pursue and that professionals should be aware of. Similarly, the fact that 3 of 10 homeless adults were raised as foster children is addressed by a variety of strategies for supporting transition to independent life. Overall, the text leaves the reader with a realistic but hopeful view of fostering that makes one consider the powerful and positive influence of a supportive foster parent.

Rita Brusca-Vega, Ed.D.
School of Education
Purdue University Calumet,
Hammond IN

For more information about *The Supportive Foster Parent* please feel free to contact Dr. Gopal at kgopalphd@gmail.com and visit the website at www.thesupportivefosterparent.com/blog.html

Member Profile

Dr. Beth Rom-Rymer, Member-at-Large

Dr. Rom-Rymer received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Princeton University in 1973, as a member of the first class of women at Princeton. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from The University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, with an emphasis on community organization and gerontology. Her dissertation was titled, "Aging in a Community's Nursing Homes: A Clinical Intervention." Dr. Rom-Rymer conducted her internship training at The Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee, where she did rotations in the transsexual diagnostic surgical center as well as with the Metropolitan Police Department, working with adult and child survivors of sexual assault. Dr. Rom-Rymer's first professional position was as Director, Victim-Witness Assistance Unit, State Attorney's Office, Tallahassee, Florida, 1977 – 1979. During this period, she co-founded Refuge House, a shelter for battered women and their children (which celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2008); organized a statewide network of Victim-Witness Assistance Directors; trained police officers throughout the state of Florida on the process of conducting victim sensitive interviews of child and adult victims of violent crimes; was very much involved in raising awareness of victim issues in the local and state media; and was integrally involved with the prosecution of the Ted Bundy serial murder case.

Dr. Rom-Rymer currently has a national consulting practice in forensics, working as a forensic expert witness in civil litigation in which there are allegations of sexual abuse and physical abuse, sexual and physical harassment, and other forms of violence: in nursing homes, in the context of child custody litigation, in the

workplace, and on pleasure cruises. She has helped to create the field of forensic geriatrics and has published articles in this area, including: "Evaluating the Psychological Sequelae of Elder Abuse," in Alan Goldstein's 2007 *Forensic Psychology: Emerging Topics and Expanding Roles*, published by Wiley, and "Demonstrating Trauma: Effects of Sexual Abuse on the Elderly" in *Nursing Home Litigation: Pretrial Practice and Trials* edited by Ruben Krisztal, Esq., 2001. Dr. Rom-Rymer is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma*. She has recently been appointed co-chair of the Division 56 (Trauma) Interdivisional Task Force on Ethical Practice with Traumatized Populations in Forensic Cases.

Dr. Rom-Rymer is President-elect of the Illinois Psychological Association. Dr. Rom-Rymer's presidential initiatives include: broadening diversity training for psychologists and increasingly diversifying Association membership; greater involvement with community LGBT issues; greater involvement with community anti-violence initiatives; working to achieve prescriptive authority privileges for Illinois psychologists. Dr. Rom-Rymer is also a past president of the American Psychological Association's (APA) Division 55 (American Society for the Advancement of Pharmacotherapy), Council Representative from Division 55 on the APA governing council, Treasurer of APA Division 56 (Division of Trauma), a Member-at-Large for Division 12, Section IV (Clinical Psychology, Women's Section), a member of APA's Finance Committee and Secretary of APA's Women's Caucus. Dr. Rom-Rymer is a candidate for President of APA's Division 56 and a candidate for Treasurer of APA's

Division 42 (Independent Practice). Dr. Rom-Rymer had been Chief Psychologist (1990 – 1992) at the private psychiatric hospital, Charter Barclay Hospital (in Chicago), and co-Director of the Child Unit (1990 – 1991) at Chicago Lakeshore Hospital (a private psychiatric hospital). Dr. Rom-Rymer had been adjunct faculty at The University of Chicago Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry (1988 – 2001) and the Chicago Medical School (1999) and a faculty lecturer at The Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology (2002 – 2007). She currently guest lectures at the Northwestern University Medical Center in the Department of Psychiatry.

One of Dr. Rom-Rymer's passions is expanding the scope of practice for psychologists. She is currently, working, nationally, to create training and practice opportunities for prescribing psychologists in public service venues: state hospital systems, federal and state prisons, military bases, and Indian reservations. Dr. Rom-Rymer was co-chair of a mini-conference at APA San Diego 2010 on August 14th in which the partnership between Prescribing Medical Psychologists and the Indian Health Service was celebrated with symposia and a cultural hour of tribal performance. She continues to work with Indian tribal representatives and the Federal Indian Health Service (IHS) to expand mental health services for Native Americans and to provide broader opportunities for practice for psychologists.



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Division Representative News: January Meeting Summary

The Board of Director's Meeting was held on January, 7-8, 2011 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Prior to the meeting, a number of initiatives regarding the sections were sent to all division representatives for their input. The Section IV executive board had met via telephone to discuss these initiatives.

The division was concerned about a number of issues including: (1) if smaller sections should be maintained, (2) if there should be a minimum number of members to constitute a section, and (3) if section members should be required to join Division 12.

The section representatives met with Dr. Wedding (President of the Division) as well as separately to discuss these issues. During the meeting of the section representatives, it was decided that sections should be maintained regardless of size, there should be no minimum numbers to constitute a section, and there should be no requirement to join Division 12.

The representative for the largest section spoke during the meeting and voiced the consensus of the group. The leadership of the division understood the perspectives of the division representatives and decided not to enforce these initiatives. The impetus for the initiatives was based upon budgetary concerns and a desire to increase membership in the division. It was decided that other options would be explored in order to increase the budget and increase membership.

The division will have a June conference call. There may be a Fall conference depending upon the budget. There will be a board meeting on Sunday afternoon during the APA conference in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Wedding (President) has an initiative of focusing on international psychology with the goal of having the division become more involved internationally.

The president-elect's initiative is to evaluate the evidence-based training in doctoral programs in psychology. She will develop a subcommittee that will collect the best practices from graduate schools and disseminate on the division website.

The treasurer stated that membership is declining. During the membership committee report, it was discussed that it is difficult to join after indicating on the APA invoice that an individual would like to join Division 12. The development of focus groups and the need to appeal to younger career professionals was discussed. The possibility of a job fair at the convention was discussed. Other ideas to increase membership were discussed.

There will be no section awards during the Division 12 awards ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine A. Burke, Psy.D.
Section IV Division Representative



Section IV APA Convention Events

Join Section 4 in attending the Division 12 Events (listed below). We hope to see you there and connect!

Renaissance Washington
Congressional Hall A

Division 12 Social Hour
8/5 Friday 6-6:50

Renaissance Washington

Division 12 Conversation Hour and Awards
8/5 Friday 5-5:50

Congressional Hall A

Our section (Section IV of Division 12) is offering two presentations at APA this year. See below. Please come for the presentations and say hello!



Program Title:
The Do's and Don'ts of Expert Testimony in Sexual Abuse Cases: Ethical issues in seeking justice for women and children

Time: Saturday August 6th from 10:00am to 10:50 am in Convention Center Room 209B

List of Participants:

Chair: Kalyani Gopal, Ph.D. HSPP, Professional Affiliation: Mid-America Psychological and Counseling Services

Discussants: Kalyani Gopal, Ph.D., HSPP and Lynn Collins, Ph.D, Professional Affiliation: La Salle University

Panelists:

Beth N. Rom-Rymer, Ph.D., FICPP, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, President, Rom-Rymer and Associates

Robert Geffner, Ph.D., ABPP, ABN, Fellow APA President, Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute, President, Institute on Violence, Abuse & Trauma at Alliant International Univer-

sity, Clinical research Professor of Psychology at Alliant

Summary of Presentation

The area of sex offender evaluation and research is fraught with deep controversies and misdirection with regard to what constitutes ethical and comprehensive forensic evaluations of sex offenders. Abused children and women therefore often do not receive justice. The need for exploration of this very critical area is heightened by the glaring lack of agreement amongst experts in this field leading to confusion amongst those who comply with the court orders and attempt to produce a viable forensic evaluation that holds up to judicial scrutiny. Dr. Beth Rom-Rymer and Dr. Bob Geffner will be tackling those very sensitive and difficult issues involved in forensic evaluations. What components are involved in a sex offender evaluation? How do

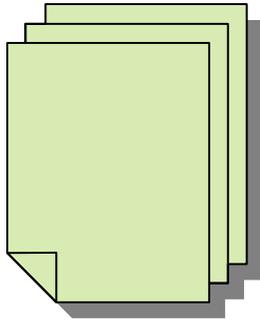
you predict risk in sex offenders? The role of the forensic psychologist is crucial in judgments of sex related offenses. What are the specific skills required in testifying against sex offenders? These and other vital questions will be addressed during this symposium. With their vast experience and expertise in their areas of specialization will demystify erroneous beliefs and shed light on the do's and don'ts of sex offender evaluations with the goal of educating young and experienced clinicians in order to increase their ability to assist women and their families in this incredibly complex and problematic area of forensic work.

(Please see page 10 for description of the second presentation.)

Join Section IV in attending the Division 12 events! Let's connect at conversation hour, social hour and through presentations.

APA Program Events Continued

Program Title: Women and the Military: The experience, clinical concerns and implications for treatment



“If clinical psychologists are able to achieve a greater understanding, then they will be more able to offer empathy toward clients...”

Time: Saturday August 6, 2011 from 11:00am to 12:50pm in the Washington Conventions Center Room 208

Chair: Elaine A. Burke, Psy.D., Alliant International University

General Summary: In recent years, the United States military has been involved in a number of ongoing encounters (particularly Afghanistan and Iraq) which have often resulted in extended tours and a number of deployments. There has been an increasing awareness of the mental health needs of male soldiers (including PTSD and post-head injury syndrome), but there has been much less focus on the unique mental health concerns of women. Women can be impacted by the military experience directly (as soldiers) or indirectly or as wives, mothers, or other relatives of those individuals who are serving in the armed

forces. Clinical psychologists may encounter female clients who have been in the active military or who have had loved ones who have been deployed. This symposium will address three important areas concerning women in the military: 1) sexual assaults toward women while in the military, 2) issues of women in a military culture (who may be multiply oppressed), and 3) the experiences of women in combat. If clinical psychologists are able to achieve a greater understanding of the experience, then they will be more able to offer more empathy toward clients, they have an increased ability to identify potential issues, and subsequently they will be able to provide better treatment for women who have been impacted by the military experience.

Panelists

Presenter 1: Felisa Gaffney, MFT Alliant International University-San Francisco

Title of Presentation: Sexual Assault Toward Women in the Military

Presenter 2: Ruth A. Roa-Navarrete, Psy.D., M.S. Clinical Psychopharmacology, United States Air Force

Title Presentation: Minority and Disadvantaged in the Military: Issues Affecting Women and their Children

Presenter 3: Heidi Squier Kraft, Ph.D.

Title of Presentation: Women in Combat: Unique Successes and Challenges

Discussant: Erin Shae Johns, Ph.D. CPT, USA

2011 Student Research Award Recipient: Keren Lehavot

Please join us in congratulating Keren Lehavot for receiving the 2011 Student Research Award! The award was created to acknowledge an outstanding graduate student whose research efforts are devoted to the study of the clinical psychology of women.

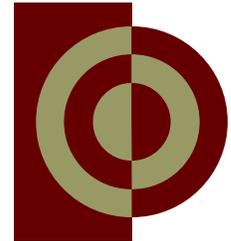
Keren Lehavot is currently a Psychology Intern at the VA Puget Sound, Seattle Division, and will be receiving her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Washington (UW) in 2011. Her academic pursuits are guided by a commitment to reducing health disparities among vulnerable populations, with an emphasis on women. To date, her research interests have centered on identifying and examining structural, cultural, behavioral, and psychosocial barriers to improving the health of women and sexual minorities. As an undergraduate double major in psychology and women and gender studies, she has had a longstanding interest in women's health. Early in graduate school, Ms. Lehavot served as a research assistant on Dr. Jane Simoni's NIMH-funded RCT with HIV-positive men and women, which was recently classified as one of the few evidence-based HIV medication adherence interventions by the CDC. She undertook addi-

tional research projects that largely focused on the health of ethnic and sexual minority women. Her master's thesis examined the impact of early and later-life trauma on mental and physical health outcomes among lesbian, bisexual, and two-spirit American Indian women, who experience disproportionate levels of both abuse and health problems. Continuing her work with vulnerable populations and health, she received funding from the National Science Foundation in 2007 to spend two months in New Zealand, where she worked with investigators at the University of Auckland to study gender, sexuality and health among the indigenous Maori people. Finally, her collaborations with other investigators produced a series of publications in the areas of trauma and health among vulnerable populations.

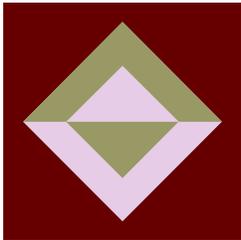
Ms. Lehavot was awarded the 2001 Clinical Psychology of Women Student Research Award for her dissertation study, *The Impact of Minority Stress on Mental Health and Substance Use among Sexual Minority Women*, recently published in *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*. The study, funded by a grant from the CDC as well as by Division 44 of APA and the National Women's Studies Association, examined the influence of gender expression, minority stress, and social-psychological resources on

mental health and substance use among a large, national sample ($N = 1,381$) of sexual minority women. Results indicated significant effects of minority stress on health outcomes via social-psychological resources, as well as direct links between some stressors and substance use. These findings improve understanding of the distinct role of various minority stressors and their mechanisms on health outcomes, and indicate the need for health care professionals to assess for minority stress and focus on mobilizing resources with this underserved population.

In Fall 2011, Ms. Lehavot will begin a Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC) postdoctoral fellowship at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System. She plans on conducting research on issues relating to access to care and determinants of health among women Veterans, a population growing in number with unique health needs.



“Her academic pursuits are guided by a commitment to reducing health disparities among vulnerable populations, with an emphasis on women.”



Congratulations to
Joanne Davis,
Ph.D. for receiving
the Mentoring
Award.

2011 Mentor Award Recipient: Dr. Joanne Davis

Please join us in congratulating Joanne Davis, Ph.D. for receiving the 2011 Mentor Award. The Mentoring Award acknowledges the importance of mentors to female psychologists. The award goes to a male or female psychologist who has been instrumental in aiding women in clinical psychology to succeed in their careers. The role of mentor is an important one in the field of psychology and we thank Dr. Davis for her work and guidance.

Joanne Davis, Ph.D., received her doctorate in clinical psychology in 1999 from the University of Arkansas. Dr. Davis completed an internship at the Medical University of South Carolina. She also completed a postdoctoral

fellowship at the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center in Charleston, South Carolina. Dr. Davis is currently an associate professor of psychology at the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Part of her role is overseeing the Trauma Research: Assessment, Prevention and Treatment Center. She is also the Co-Director of the Tulsa Institute for Trauma, Abuse and Neglect. From a scientist-practitioner perspective, Dr. Davis focuses on the identification of cognitive, behavioral and emotional aspects related to traumatic experiences and applies evidenced-based treatments to difficulties experienced by the victims of trauma. She developed a treatment for trauma-related nightmares and wrote a book about the treatment titled *Treating Post Trauma*

Nightmares: A Cognitive Behavioral Approach. Dr. Davis conducts ongoing research in the area of nightmares and sleep problems in trauma-exposed persons. Her professional affiliations include the American Psychological Society, Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies and the Oklahoma Psychological Association. Joanne Davis, Ph.D., was awarded the 2011 mentoring award from Division 12, Section IV of APA, Clinical Psychology

News, Announcements, Advertisements

Dear Members,

Please send submissions for the biannual newsletter to Anna Karas at akaras@alliant.edu. Articles, announcements, and advertisements are welcome. Feel free to contact us for rates on advertisements. Submissions may include letters to the editor, comments on past newsletters, job announcements, research announcements and other articles.

Also, please contact us if you have suggestions for books to be reviewed.

Thank you,

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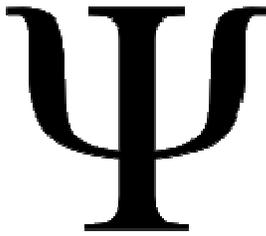


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Dear Members,

I would like to introduce myself as the new editor of the Clinical Women of Psychology Newsletter. I hope that you enjoy this edition. I would like to thank Helen Pratt, previous newsletter editor, for assisting during the transition. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions regarding the newsletter please feel free to contact me at akaras@alliant.edu. I look forward to receiving your submissions. Have a wonderful summer.

Thank you,

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