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President's Column

Moving Forward with Interdivisional Collaboration Building

Marsha E. Bates

In my first presidential column, I presented a four-step approach to accomplish Division 50's dual goals of best serving our profession and our members. These steps involved increasing division involvement and activity through: (1) improved practice-research relations, (2) interdivisional collaboration building, (3) promotion of early career psychologists, and (4) increased enthusiasm for holding office on the division's Board of Directors. In this second column, I'd like to follow-up in detail with some exciting news about our new initiatives and activities in the area of **Interdivisional Collaboration Building**. Division 50 has joined forces with clinical neuropsychologists (Division 40), cognitive rehabilitation experts (Division 22) and psychopharmacologists (Division 28) to identify and promote evidence-based addiction treatments and rehabilitation for clients with cognitive and neuropsychological impairments.



Marsha E. Bates

Last August, Division 50 took the lead on submitting an application entitled "Promoting Effective Treatment for Men and Women with Substance Use Disorders and Cognitive Impairment" together with Divisions 22, 28, and 40, in response to the Committee of Division/APA Relations (CODAPAR) call for proposals for the 2005 Interdivisional Grant Programs. In

the substance abuse area, there is a growing appreciation that cognitive impairments are prevalent and may interfere with mechanisms of behavioral change and outcome in addiction treatment; in the clinical neuropsychology and rehabilitation areas, there is parallel recognition that many brain-injured persons have addiction problems that interfere with cognitive recovery and compensation. Thus, we joined forces with Divisions 22, 28 and 40

to address the cross-cutting need to promote development of evidence-based treatments for clients with co-occurring substance abuse and neurocognitive problems. Our divisions represent psychologists with a broad range of unique and complementary expertise, spanning the science and practice of clinical neuropsychology, cognitive rehabilitation, psychopharmacology, and addiction psychology. Merging the collective talents of these psychologists to focus on individuals diagnosed with substance abuse and neurocognitive problems is an ideal way to take advantage of an existing APA mechanism for forging and strengthening cross-divisional collaborations. Moreover, working together, these psychologists can help push forward issues that are especially beneficial to addictions research and practice.

In January, we found out that our grant application was successful! Of course, now we have a lot of work to do. We have six goals: (1) To identify Division 22, 28, 40,

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and 50 researchers and practitioners with relevant cross-cutting interests in addiction treatment, neurocognitive impairment, and cognitive rehabilitation; (2) To provide an infrastructure to network these individuals; (3) To gain more informed definition of the nature and scope of the problem; (4) To identify methods that could enhance treatment efficacy for cognitively impaired clients with substance use disorders (e.g., adding neurocognitive rehabilitation or compensation training components to addiction treatment, modifying cognitive behavioral or brief motivational therapy to increase efficacy for impaired clients); (5) To engage external share-holders; and (6) To disseminate the outcomes of these activities discipline-wide. A longer-term goal is to form researcher/practitioner collaborations to promote external grant seeking to (a) provide empirical support for promising treatments that blend evidence-based addiction treatment and cognitive rehabilitation approaches, and (b) pursue innovative science to practice translation research in this area.

Our initial aims include identifying and contacting members with relevant cross-cutting research and/or practice interests, identifying any existing research projects and addiction treatment approaches related to our aims, and identifying external stakeholders who may be interested in helping to address this problem. We have some formal methods to accomplishing these activities, such as cross-tabbing the four APA division membership lists and searching NIH funded project databases.

Editor's Corner

Nancy A. Haug
University of California, San Francisco

Greetings from the Editor's Corner, and welcome to the Spring 2006 issue of the *The Addictions Newsletter (TAN)*. You will notice this issue is a slight departure from the norm. We do not feature any original contributions other than our regular columns, division news and business of the board and committees. We also do not have any abstracts to showcase the research of

However, I would like to use this opportunity to call on members who have interest in this area, who do research in this area, or who have ideas about potentially interested/relevant external shareholders. Please contact me directly (mebates@rutgers.edu) so that we can find out who you are and how best to involve you in this initiative.

Interdivisional participants, Doug Johnson-Greene, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Efrat Aharonovich, Columbia University & The New York State Psychiatric Institute, John Corrigan, Ohio State University, Kerry Grohman, The Research Institute on Addictions and The University at Buffalo, Kim Kirby, Treatment Research Institute, and Ken Adams, University of Michigan Medical Center, have been involved in this project since the planning stages. Please consider joining this illustrious list of scientists and practitioners. In line with the goals of APA and Division 50, we are also particularly interested in including minority and early career psychologists at all phases of the project and encourage such individuals to contact me.

The interdivisional participants and I also recently received the good news that the Interdivisional Cross-Cutting Symposia Proposal that we submitted for presentation at the 2006 Annual APA Meeting in New Orleans was accepted. This proposal grew out of our interdivisional planning as we prepared the CODAPAR Grant. The four Division Presidents (50, 22, 28, 40) and the interdivisional participants agreed that this topic is of sufficient importance to our divisions, and to psychology as a

whole, to pursue dissemination of our initiative in a cross-cutting symposium. Our symposium, "Promoting Integrated Treatment: The intersection of addiction, neuropsychology, and rehabilitation," aims to define the problems of, and identify the best leads on how to treat, the dually affected and underserved population of persons with substance use disorders and cognitive impairment. Our symposium addresses the common missions of the collaborating Divisions to identify vulnerable persons in need of treatment, determine appropriate stages of acute and long-term care, identify factors that impede care, and to actively bring together research and practice psychologists to further science to practice translation. The symposium will highlight issues in problem definition from both neurocognitive and substance abuse perspectives, and discuss the role of neuropsychological assessment in determining treatment. Moreover, innovative translational research that uses neuroimaging to understand factors affecting treatment retention, novel interventions designed to increase treatment participation, and computer facilitated rehabilitation to improve outcomes will be presented.

In line with the goals of our interdivisional grant, we also plan to organize a meeting and reception at the 2006 Convention for Division 50, 40, 28, and 22 members, as well as other shareholders, who are involved in, or who are interested in learning more about, the area of neurocognitive impairment, alcohol and other drug use disorders, and addiction treatment. We hope to speak with all of you in New Orleans! ☺

division members. Why is this issue limited in scope? Simple, we did not receive any contributions from members. Although we are not a peer-reviewed publication such as a journal, we have a wide readership, and we provide a friendly forum to share ideas and interests in the field of addictions. That said, I would like to try something new in *TAN*. I am requesting brief *TAN* articles describing some aspect of your work that might interest members: clinical, research, teaching, policy or other. I think it will be

fascinating to see the range of professional activities of our members. We will publish these submissions in the next *TAN*. The guidelines for submitting this article to *TAN* are as follows: APA-Style, single-spaced 600 words or less (not including references). I hope you take an interest in my proposition. We also accept Letters to the Editor and proposals for longer articles if you have feedback or ideas. The address is: TAN_Editor@comcast.net.

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Of particular note in this edition is the Federal Update section by **Vivian Faden**, which outlines NIAAA's response and strategy for combating the increased rates of underage drinking in our society. We complemented Vivian's article with factoids provided by the Marin Institute. In addition, our president **Marsha Bates** tells us of some great advances in interdivisional collaboration building. It turns out some people are getting grants funded. Congratulations Marsha! We have a report from our president-elect **Kim Fromme** on the recent APA Leadership conference. I am thrilled that we have such fine leaders in our division as Kim, Marsha and others. We also have new student representatives who introduce themselves in the Student Perspectives column. Welcome aboard **Amee Patel** and **Alicia Wendler**.

After this issue everyone should be up to speed on the conditions in New Orleans. **Tammy Chung** and **Tammy Wall** present an update on the APA Convention 2006. Their hard work and perseverance is inspiring. Most people have no idea what

it entails to put a program together for the convention. Tammy and Tammy were able to create a fabulous program for our division, which includes a wide range of topics and collaborations with other divisions and federal agencies. **Sandra Brown**, our outgoing APA Council Representative, offers relevant information from the winter meeting. Once again we hear that APA is in good shape financially. Thank you Sandy for your dedication to the division. Finally we have a CAPP update from representative **Fred Rotgers**. His enthusiasm for this advocacy position shines through in his article.

The theme that emerged for me the most in this issue is the high quality leadership we have in Division 50. Our division leaders accomplish set objectives and direct the organization in a way that makes it stronger and more cohesive. They carry out division goals by applying their leadership attributes, such as beliefs, values, ethics, character, knowledge and skills. Our Board members and committee representatives should be commended for their selfless

service to Division 50 and its mission, which is why I am delighted to share with you Candidate Statements for the upcoming election of Division 50 Officers. **Ron Kadden** did a wonderful job of organizing this process. These offices are a very important to the functionality of our division. We recently separated the Secretary-Treasurer position into 2 separate positions to support the needs of our growing division. I urge you to read the candidate statements and to vote!

At this halfway point in my tenureship as Editor, I am still learning a great deal. So far I have gained a deep appreciation of the work of an editor (and their assistants). In my spare time I read newsletter and magazine editorials to obtain different Editors perspectives. Good editors are always learning, and I've heard the best learning is that which engages the learner's heart. What I love most about my job as TAN Editor is the genuinely kind people who comprise our Division. They have taught me the art and science of leadership, which I believe will be conveyed in this issue of *TAN*. ☺

2007 APA SCIENTIFIC AWARDS PROGRAM: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The APA Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA) invites nominations for its 2007 scientific awards program. The **Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award** honors psychologists who have made distinguished theoretical or empirical contributions to basic research in psychology. The **Distinguished Scientific Award for the Applications of Psychology** honors psychologists who have made distinguished theoretical or empirical advances in psychology leading to the understanding or amelioration of important practical problems.

To submit a nomination for the Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award and the Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award for the Applications of Psychology, you should provide a letter of nomination; the nominee's current vita with list of publications; the names and addresses of several scientists who are familiar with the nominee's work; and a list of ten most significant and representative publications, and at least five reprints representative of the nominee's contribution (preferably in electronic form).

The **Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution to Psychology** recognizes excellent young psychologists. For the 2007 program, nominations of persons who received doctoral degrees during and since 1997 are being sought in the areas of:

- applied research (e.g., treatment and prevention research, industrial/organizational research, educational research)
- behavioral and cognitive neuroscience
- individual differences (e.g., personality, psychometrics, mental ability, behavioral genetics)
- perception, motor performance
- social

To submit a nomination for the Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution to Psychology, you should provide a letter of nomination, the nominee's current vita with list of publications, and up to five representative reprints (preferably in electronic form).

To obtain nomination forms and more information, you can go to the Science Directorate web page (www.apa.org/science/sciaward.html) or you can contact Jennifer Webb, Science Directorate, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242; by phone, (202) 336-6000; by fax, (202) 336-5953; or by E-mail, jwebb@apa.org.

The deadline for all award nominations is June 1, 2006.

IN FOCUS: DIVISION 50 CANDIDATES

Nominations for Division Officers closed on January 31. The following slate of candidates was confirmed by the Division 50 Board of Directors:

President-Elect: Nancy Piotrowski and Harry Wexler

Secretary: Angela Bethea

Treasurer: Jennifer Buckman

Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee: Joel Grube and Sara Jo Nixon

Division Representative to APA Council: Douglas Marlowe and Jalie Tucker

Thanks to all who participated in the nominations process, both as candidates and as voters. Once again, the use of periodic status reports on the Division 50 listserv stimulated greater interest and participation in the nominations process.

The candidates have provided personal statements, which follow. Please review them and cast your ballot when you receive it from APA in mid-April.

The breakup of the former Secretary/Treasurer position into two separate positions was approved by a special membership election early in January.

Division 50 provides a forum for psychologists working in the addictions field, and represents our interests to APA. As such, it is of considerable value to clinicians and researchers alike. I therefore urge all division members to vote in the upcoming election, and to consider participating in Division affairs.

Ron Kadden

Division 50 Nominations and Elections Chair

Candidates for President-Elect

Nancy A. Piotrowski, PhD

I am a licensed psychologist serving as Core Faculty in Addiction Psychology at Capella University, as teacher for Chemical Dependency Counseling at UC Berkeley Extension, and as a dissertation supervisor at Alliant International University, where I worked to establish a masters program in clinical psychology in Tokyo and networked with addictions professionals in Japan. I received my PhD in Clinical Psychology from University of Houston in 1992, completed a NIDA Fellowship at UCSF and an NIAAA Fellowship at UC Berkeley, and published more than 100 edited and commissioned works, letters, abstracts, book chapters, and articles.



Nancy A. Piotrowski

I have been a Division 50 member for over 12 years. In 1998, I served as Division 28 APA Convention Chair and, working with the Division 50 Chair, coordinated an NIAAA mini-convention. From 2001–2004, I served as Member-At-Large, contributing to efforts bringing *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors* to APA journal status. I also served: as Liaison to the APA Monitor; by reviewing APA and other policy documents for commentary; assisting with division communications; reviewing convention program materials; and constructing symposia. Since 2004, I formed and chaired the Division 50 Committee on Evidence-Based Practice in Addictions, and recently agreed to be liaison to the Education and Training Committee.

Thank you for the honor of a nomination for the office of President-Elect of Division 50.

I accept this nomination as part of a deep commitment to insure that Division 50 proactively remains at the table for key decisions and opinions provided by APA related to addictive behavior and its treatment. The qualities I bring are enthusiasm, a passion for organizing, and a desire to collaborate with others to underscore the need to make addiction issues a national priority within psychology training, treatment, research, advocacy, and policy. This role involves a three year commitment to the Division, and I will take each year very seriously. I want to encourage participation, action, recognition of the diversity of professionals and peoples in the Division, the contexts in which they work, and those they serve. We have many opportunities to be and influence decisions-makers—and I want to see us take full advantage of those opportunities. I welcome the opportunity to work with you in these capacities and look forward to our division thriving.

Harry K. Wexler, PhD

I am honored by your nomination for the role of Division 50 President-Elect. As a 40-year member of APA I have been active in the Division since its inception. The relationship of research and public policy and the advancement evidence-based practices are my guiding professional interests. Some of my more important work contributed to prison reform and helped gain acceptance for prison drug treatment and aftercare. Recently, I co-founded the Center on Evidence Based Interventions for Crime and Addictions dedicated to inviting practitioners to join with researchers to further the understanding implementation and dissemination of evidence-based practices in clinical environments.



Harry K. Wexler

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I recently served as the Co-Chair for the CSAT Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP 44) "Substance Abuse Treatment for Adults in the Criminal Justice System" released in 2005. I am a Senior Principal Investigator in the Center for the Integration of Research & Practice at the National Developmental Institutes, Inc. (NDRI) where I have leadership roles in major projects including the Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Studies (CJ-DATS), a NIDA funded multi-site cooperative research program to test treatment models for individuals with substance use disorders in the criminal justice system. Over the years, I have divided my time between research, clinical practice, training, and policy development while being active in professional organizations. I have also held university appointments and been in active clinical practice since 1975.

Division 50 has been a special home for me. I was one of the founders of the Division, and I have served two terms as Member-at-Large. I have regularly organized and participated in Division symposiums and paper sessions. Currently I serve as co-chair of the Division's Evidence-based Intervention Guidelines committee and as an advisor to the Membership committee.

If elected, I will continue the excellent work of our past presidents including improving and refining Division 50 operational structures, attending to relationships between our diverse membership and other APA divisions, and supporting younger psychologists whose work will contribute to the future. In addition, I will focus on reaching psychologists who have felt their needs were not met and have either not joined or have left the Division. Finally, I will attend to the increasingly difficult federal and state funding environments and bring together experienced researchers and federal officials with newer researchers to share the experience and guidance necessary to be successful.

Candidate for Secretary

Angela R. Bethea, PhD

Greetings Division 50! My name is Angela R. Bethea, and it is my honor and pleasure to accept the nomination for Secretary of Division 50. It is exciting to be a part of a Division that continues to flourish with leadership that is committed to sustaining tradition, while being open to new ideas and new directions for Division growth.



Angela R. Bethea,

I am a recent graduate of the Counseling Psychology Program at Lehigh University, and I am currently completing a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Addictions Psychology at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, in New York, NY. As a Fellow, my primary areas of focus are clinical research with substance abusers who desire to be candidates for liver or renal transplant, and substance abuse treatment. As I transition into the early phase of my career, I am grateful to be anchored in Division 50. Division members have been critical in helping me shape my professional interests in substance abuse research and practice.

I have been actively involved with Division 50 since August 2004, when I was chosen to be a Graduate Student Representative. Here, I assisted with Membership Committee initiatives to increase student membership and retention in the Division. I shared ideas about how Division 50 could be a resource for graduate students who struggle to receive sufficient addictions training in graduate psychology programs. To that end, I helped construct student-focused APA convention programming that assembled leaders in addictions research and practice to offer advice to students about how they can pursue a career in addictions. I also represented Division 50 in the APAGS Division Student Representative Network, where I joined other APA Division student representatives to discuss common issues in helping APA Divisions be visible and attractive to graduate students. Recently,

I transitioned from Graduate Student Representative to Membership Committee Co-Chair, where I continue my efforts to increase membership among graduate students and early career psychologists and develop programming that centers on establishing a career in addictions.

If I am elected Secretary, I will bring my strong communication and documentation skills to the position. The Division Secretary has such a critical role in bridging the various constituents of Division 50 with thorough and reliable dissemination of information. I certainly welcome the opportunity to continue my service to Division 50.

Candidate for Treasurer

Jennifer Buckman, PhD, MBA

I am pleased to accept the nomination for Treasurer of APA's Division 50. Although relatively new to the division, I have been working as a researcher in the field of addictions for over 10 years. I earned a PhD in Behavioral Neuroscience from Oregon Health and Science University, where I studied the neurochemical basis of alcohol withdrawal severity using genetically modified mouse models. After a post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Pharmacology at University of Pittsburgh, I joined the Center of Alcohol Studies at Rutgers



Jennifer Buckman

University, where, as an Assistant Research Professor, I am able to integrate my background in neurobiology with my interests in psychology. I collaborate with the current President of Division 50, Marsha Bates, on projects aimed at understanding the neurocognitive precursors and consequences of alcohol and other drug use disorders, the relationship of familial alcoholism to volumetric changes in the brain, and individual differences in reactivity to emotional and alcohol-related cues. More recently, I have begun exploring genetic strategies for understanding the neurobiological basis of

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Treasurer

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risk factors that can bring about patterns of escalating alcohol use and the development of problematic drinking behaviors. I also have experience in small business financial management and accounting, which makes me ideally suited for the Treasurer position of Division 50. This background in business culminated in an MBA, which I recently obtained from the Rutgers Graduate School of Management. Using the skills I have acquired, I look forward to the opportunity to promote the mission of the Division.

Candidates for Member-at-Large

Joel Grube, PhD

I am very pleased to accept this nomination as Member-at-Large to serve as liaison between Division 50, other APA research Divisions, and the Science Directorate. I am a social psychologist by training and received my doctorate in 1979 from Washington State University. I am currently a Senior Research Scientist and Director of the Prevention Research Center, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) in Berkeley, CA. I have been a member of APA since 1979 and an active researcher in the field of addictions since the early 1980s. My research primarily focuses on adolescents and the etiology and prevention of alcohol use and alcohol-related problems. Much of my research is applied in nature and takes a policy and environmental focus. I was a member of the Institute of Medicine/National Research Council Committee on Developing a Strategy to Reduce and Prevent Underage Drinking for the National Academies of Science. I am currently a member of the National Academies of Science/National Research Council Transportation Research Board Committee on Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Transportation. I am accepting this nomination because I am committed to bridging the gap between



Joel Grube,

science and practice in the area of addictions. In particular, I believe Division 50 should play a major role in fostering the translation of science and research into the best possible policy, preventive, and clinical applications. Given the current unfavorable climate, Division 50 should also be leading the effort to secure the funding base for applied and basic addictions research, especially as it relates to the National Institutes of Health. My experiences as an applied and basic researcher working in multi-disciplinary settings gives me a unique background that will serve me well in representing Division 50 to other APA research divisions and to the Science Directorate.

Sara Jo Nixon, PhD

I am delighted to be nominated for candidacy as Member-at-Large for Division 50, and I accept this nomination. I first became a member of APA as a student affiliate in 1987 with the beginning of postdoctoral training in the neurobiological correlates of addiction. In the years prior to my postdoctoral training, I was engaged in a community psychology program, I served as a state social worker in the areas of child abuse and neglect, and I served in a university administrative position where I had the opportunity to work with student code violations on a large Midwestern campus. This real-world experience foreshadowed my research efforts in the areas of alcoholism and other substance abuse. My administrative experience proved invaluable as I witnessed the impact of substance abuse at many levels and later applied this knowledge to the development and implementation of my research program on neurocognitive and psychosocial concomitants of substance abuse, first at the University of Oklahoma and now at the University of Kentucky.

I have mentored graduate and post-graduate trainees throughout the years. Mentorship is one of the most essential responsibilities we have as professionals, regardless of the specific form of it takes. Given the nature of our work, Division 50 members have an especially critical role



Sara Jo Nixon

as mentors, and we must further develop resource bases to support this role.

At the local level, I have worked with statewide groups in both Oklahoma and Kentucky and with legislative bodies to secure funding for specific training programs (e.g., Summer Institutes). At the national level, I have served as a Board Member and the Chair of the Government Affairs and Advocacy Committee for the Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA). I continue to serve on a variety of IRGs and review panels for NIAAA, NIDA, NCRR, and the VA. I also review for a wide array of professional journals ranging from

Psychological Bulletin to *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research* and serve on the editorial boards for two leading substance abuse journals.

I am honored to have had these opportunities. However, with the end of my terms on these various committees approaching, I have given careful consideration regarding the “next step”. I am seeking broader opportunities within the area of Addictions and serving as the Member-at-Large for Division 50 would surely meet those objectives. Thank you for your consideration.

Candidates for Council Representative

Douglas B. Marlowe, JD, PhD

I am honored to accept this nomination for Division 50 Representative to the APA Governing Council. For the past several years, I have served on the Board of Directors of nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving practice and policy for substance abuse and addiction. In these capacities, I have become familiar with the governance of professional organizations, and this experience will serve Division 50 well in ensuring its interests are appropriately represented to APA Council. My interest in APA governance dates back to the 1980s when I was a graduate student and law student. Several of my mentors were active in APA, including the Council of Representatives and Board of Directors as well as several of APA’s key initiatives, including the Insurance Trust (APAIT) and

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the Committee on Legal Issues (COLI). I also completed a pre-doctoral practicum at the APA Practice Directorate in 1986, during which I contributed to one of APA's antitrust suits alleging unfair trade practices against psychologists by medical psychoanalysts. I am confident this intimate knowledge of the inner workings of APA will enable me to serve Division 50 effectively from the outset of my tenure.

Currently, I am the Director of the Division of Law & Ethics Research at the Treatment Research Institute (TRI) and an Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania School



Douglas B. Marlowe

of Medicine. I am a Fellow of APA Divisions 50 and 28 (Psychopharmacology & Substance Abuse) and have a *Certificate of Proficiency in the Treatment of Alcohol and Other Psychoactive Substance Use Disorders* from APA. I have published over seventy articles and chapters on topics related to crime and drug abuse and serve on the editorial boards of the *Drug Court Review* and *Criminal Justice & Behavior*. I have received several research grants to investigate the role of coercion in drug abuse treatment, the effects of drug courts and

other diversion programs for drug offenders, and contingency-management interventions. Under my direction, our research group is the first to accomplish randomized, experimental studies within specialty courts for drug abusers. We have titrated the dosage of judicial status hearings and augmented schedules of contingent sanctions and rewards for drug offenders. I look forward to combining this substantive knowledge of the addictions with my knowledge of nonprofit governance to serve Division 50 as Representative to APA Council.


Jalie A. Tucker, PhD, MPH

I welcome the nomination for Division 50's seat on the APA Council of Representatives, a position I held previously (1998–2003). Council is APA's governing body devoted to advancing psychology in its entirety, and the Representative serves as a vital link between the division and APA governance. My experience in Division 50 and APA governance and my background in clinical psychology and public health provide perspective and connections that I offer as qualifications for the position.



Jalie A. Tucker

I served as Division 50's President shortly after its inception (1993–1994) and promoted an inclusive organization that spanned practice, science, and education and involved our diverse membership. I remain committed to this objective within APA as a whole. I later served two terms on Council and was elected by Council to the APA Board of Professional Affairs (2002–2004). I served as BPA Chair in 2004 and helped articulate psychology's position on evidence-based practice, which included testifying at an Institute of Medicine Committee hearing concerned with adapting IOM health care guidelines to cover mental health and addictive disorders. I have been a member of several APA task forces and journal editorial boards, including serving as Associate Editor for *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors* (1987–1993).

Promoting the interface of science and practice and the implications thereof for education and public policy has been a constant in my career and one I will pursue as Council Representative. Educated as a clinical psychologist (Vanderbilt University, 1979), I have maintained a funded alcohol research program investigating help-seeking patterns and successful change processes, including natural resolutions. Because public health approaches are vital to increasing access to and utilization of substance abuse services, in 1998 I obtained a MPH in health care organization and policy from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. This led to my current position as Professor in the UAB School of Public Health. 



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TAN Factoid

More than 1,700 college students in the U.S. are killed each year—about 4.65 a day—as a result of alcohol-related injuries.

Magnitude of Alcohol-Related Mortality and Morbidity Among U.S. College Students Ages 18–24: Changes from 1998 to 2001; Ralph Hingson, Timothy Heeren, Michael Winter, Henry Wechsler; *Annual Review of Public Health*, April 2005, Vol. 26: pp. 259–279.

FEDERAL UPDATE

Report on NIAAA Initiative on Underage Drinking for Division 50

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National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Alcohol is the drug of choice among youth. Data from the 2005 Monitoring the Future (MTF), an annual survey of U.S. youth, show that more than three-fourths of 12th graders, nearly two-thirds of 10th graders, and more than two-fifths of 8th graders have consumed alcohol at some point in their lives. And when youth drink, they tend to drink heavily. Underage drinkers consume on average four to five drinks per occasion about five times a month. By comparison, adult drinkers ages 26 and older consume on average two to three drinks per occasion about nine times a month. A particularly worrisome aspect of underage drinking is the high prevalence of heavy episodic drinking, defined as drinking five or more drinks in a row in the past two weeks. MTF data show that more than 10 percent of 8th graders, 20 percent of 10th graders, and 25 percent of 12th graders engage in heavy episodic drinking. Underage drinking can result in a range of adverse short-and long-term consequences, including academic and/or social problems; physical problems such as hangovers or illnesses; unwanted, unintended, and unprotected sexual activity; physical and sexual assault; memory problems; increased risk of suicide and homicide; alcohol-related car crashes and other unintentional injuries such as burns, falls, and drownings; and death from alcohol poisoning.

Recognizing that underage drinking is such a serious public health problem for our youth, NIAAA has made it a research priority for the Institute and has intensified its research, evaluation, and outreach efforts. In its landmark report, *Reducing Underage Drinking: A Collective Responsibility*, the Institute of Medicine also highlights the issue and calls for strategies to ameliorate the problem. An important impetus for NIAAA's initiative were epi-

demologic findings that indicate that the kind of serious drinking problems previously associated with middle adulthood (including what has been called alcoholism) often begin to emerge during adolescence and young adulthood. Furthermore, neurobiological research suggests that adolescence may be a period of particular vulnerability to the effects of alcohol. These findings and other results enhanced our understanding of alcohol consumption during adolescence, leading to a reconceptualization of alcohol dependence. We now believe that investigating alcohol-related problems in a developmental context is key to the advance of addiction research.

Significant changes occur in the body during adolescence, including rapid hormonal alterations and the formation of new neural networks in the brain. Adolescence is also a time for trying new experiences and activities that emphasize socializing with peers and conforming to peer-group standards. These new activities may place young people at particular risk for initiating and continuing alcohol consumption. We now know that the brain continues to develop into the third decade of life and exposing it to alcohol during this period may interfere with important developmental processes and possibly result in short-and/or long-term cognitive impairment. It may also increase the risk for alcohol dependence. In NIAAA's National Longitudinal Alcohol Epidemiologic Survey, a nationally representative general population survey, people who reported drinking before the age of 15 were four times more likely to also report meeting the DSM criteria for dependence at some point in their lives. Additionally, information from NIAAA's National Epidemiologic Survey of Alcohol Related Conditions, indicates that the prevalence of alcohol dependence peaks between the ages of 18 and 25.

It is not clear whether starting to drink at an early age actually causes alcohol dependence or whether it simply indicates an existing vulnerability to alcohol use disorders. Some evidence indicates that genetic,

physiologic, and psychiatric factors may contribute to the relationship between early drinking and subsequent alcoholism. Environmental factors may also be involved, especially in alcoholic families, where children may start drinking earlier because of easier access to alcohol at home, family acceptance of drinking, and lack of parental monitoring.

Clearly a developmental approach is necessary to elucidate fully the scientific basis of these phenomena, and to prevent and treat successfully the causes, problems, and consequences associated with underage drinking. NIAAA's Initiative on Underage Drinking is multi-faceted and involves the integration of expertise and knowledge across a wide range of scientific domains. NIAAA has formed a steering committee that includes both scientists and policy and communication experts. The former chairman of the IOM committee on underage drinking is a member, as are two of the approximately 60 current and former governors' spouses leading a national NIAAA-sponsored prevention campaign, *The Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free*. A number of steering Committee meetings have been held to discuss the science and to advise the Institute as it develops research priorities in this area. In addition, NIAAA sits on the Interagency Committee on Prevention of Underage Drinking. This Committee cuts across agencies, from research to service, including the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in a major coordination of effort.

A recent issue of *Alcohol Research & Health* represents an initial step in NIAAA's amplified efforts in the area of underage drinking. In this special issue, the many domains shown by research to interface with alcohol consumption by youth are reviewed and the latest research findings in each of these domains evaluated. Because a developmental perspective has yet to be fully integrated with research on alcohol and youth, this review of existing research was necessarily limited

in this regard. For this reason, NIAAA scientists are at work with NIAAA's steering committee of developmental and other scientists to produce a "next generation" report that will explicitly address how developmental science can inform both (a) understanding of the origins of underage drinking and (b) strategic planning to reduce the adverse outcomes that result from underage drinking. This next report will explicitly consider the issues involved with drinking by youth as a function of age and developmental stage. NIAAA anticipates this follow-up report will be available in the spring/summer of 2006.

NIAAA's initiative is also reaching out to health-care systems and communities. One area in critical need of attention is the response of health care systems to underage drinking. NIAAA's initiative is beginning to address this need with a project called *Underage Drinking: Building Health Care System Responses*. As part of a two-phase program, NIAAA plans to fund several studies that will stimulate the primary care

health delivery system in rural and small urban areas in the United States to address the critical public health issue of underage drinking. The purpose of these grants is to enhance alcohol research expertise and promote infrastructure development in rural primary health delivery systems to facilitate participation in community-based empirical research on underage drinking.

NIAAA's underage drinking initiative continues to address risky drinking on college campuses as well. Substantial expansion recently occurred in the Institute's Rapid Response program, part of the NIAAA's continuing effort to provide the research base needed to change the culture of drinking at U.S. colleges. Nine grants were added to the six ongoing projects in this program focused on college drinking. The program pairs established NIAAA grantees with partners in colleges and universities to promote research on innovative interventions to prevent or reduce college students' alcohol-related problems.

Grantees are examining multiple approaches to reduce high-risk student drinking, including: alcohol-free alternative activities, peer-led strategies for freshman women, group and individual interventions, better enforcement of university rules about drinking, special outreach to freshman students, skills training to improve resistance to high risk campus and community drinking contexts, alcohol screening and brief interventions in a college clinic, and a freshman parent-student initiative to prevent alcohol abuse. College administrators, established researchers and NIAAA staff collaborators jointly design, implement and evaluate these campus-specific intervention projects. The goal is to develop effective strategies that other colleges and universities can adopt to prevent and reduce alcohol-related problems among their students.

For more information on this initiative, please visit: www.niaaa.nih.gov/AboutNIAAA/NIAAASponsoredPrograms/underage.htm 

2006 Division Leadership Conference

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As President-Elect of Division 50, I attended the 2006 APA Leadership Conference, which was sponsored by the Committee of Division/APA Relations (CODAPAR) and held in Washington, DC on January 20–22. CODAPAR is "generally concerned with the mutual involvement of divisions and APA in fostering psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means of promoting human welfare" (CODAPAR Mission Statement). The three-day conference was an opportunity for incoming division presidents to meet leaders in APA and interact with other division presidents. Specific objectives of the conference included: (1) providing participants with information on how to bring division leadership and influence into APA, (2) fostering interdivisional collaborative ventures, and (3) fostering long-range and strategic planning within divisions.

Gerald Koocher, APA President, gave the welcoming address in which he outlined

his 2006 presidential initiatives and discussed how divisions might address the overall decline in membership currently confronting APA. Division 50 is among a handful of divisions maintaining their membership, while most are declining. The Executive Directors of the Practice, Public Interest, Education, and Science Directorates held smaller group sessions in which conference participants were invited to share their concerns and visions for advancing the goals of their divisions through interactions with the various directorates.

Especially informative was an address by Norman Anderson, the APA Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Anderson explained the detailed process APA went through to determine whether to go forward with New Orleans as the site of the 2006 convention following the Katrina tragedy. A careful analysis, including a site visit by a team of APA leaders, was conducted to evaluate safety (e.g., air quality), amenities (e.g., hotel renovations, restaurant availability), and transportation (e.g., airline and taxi operation). Based on this detailed evalu-

ation, APA determined that New Orleans will be a safe, enjoyable venue for the 2006 APA Convention. Approximately 16,000 members are expected to attend, which is down slightly over previous conference attendance.

The Leadership Conference was an opportunity for me to begin to build and strengthen relations with other divisions who share similar interests to Division 50, including 28 (Psychopharmacology and Substance Abuse), 38 (Health Psychology), 40 (Clinical Neuropsychology), 47 (Exercise and Sport Psychology), and 17 (Counseling Psychology). I look forward to working collaboratively with these and other divisions to strengthen our voice in APA, as well as bring together cross-cutting projects and conference presentations. 

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

Introducing Your New Graduate Student Representatives

Amee B. Patel and Alicia Wendler Graduate Student Representatives

Greetings from your recently appointed Graduate Student Representatives to the Division 50 Board! We are excited to represent our fellow students in this dynamic area of psychology. This article will serve as an introduction and outline our goals over the next couple of years.

Amee Patel, doctoral student in Clinical Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin - amee@mail.utexas.edu

I began my work in addictive behaviors as an undergraduate and have been involved with research, counseling, and public policy for the past eight years. My experience in these diverse environments has informed my current research and future goals. During the past four years, I developed a program of research investigating the mechanisms that underlie social and individual influences to use substances. My career goals include continuing to examine the factors related to the onset and maintenance of substance use and creating empirically-based treatments for addicted individuals.



Amee B. Patel

Alicia Wendler, doctoral candidate in Counseling Psychology at the University of Missouri-Kansas City - wendlera@umkc.edu

My six-years in the addictions field have involved working with both adolescents and adults in various settings. During my upcoming internship year, I hope to enhance my skills in a specific area of interest: treatment for women with co-occurring disorders. My research interests center on workforce development and training issues, and my dissertation involves the validation of a scale to measure addiction



Alicia Wendler

counselors' self-efficacy beliefs. I have also held a four-year position with the Addiction Technology Transfer Center network, an addiction-education grant funded through CSAT. An aspiring scientist-practitioner, my career goals include both research and practice.

Goals for Division 50 Student Membership

Following the pioneering efforts of Membership Co-Chairs Keith Morgen and Angela Bethea (former Graduate Student Representative), a main priority during our tenure is increasing student membership and involvement. To that end, we hope to capitalize on the capacity of internet technology to distribute electronic information to our peers and develop an online membership application. With many avenues for recruitment, we plan to begin by contacting non-member student authors of presentations submitted to Divisions 28 and 50. We will also be heavily involved in the upcoming convention programming for students and look forward to seeing everyone there!

Meeting Student Needs

Another objective for our tenure is the development of programs to further meet student needs. Because students interested in entering the addictions field have limited resources available within their core coursework and faculty, we hope to increase the dialogue among student and senior Division 50 members and advance the mentorship process. Discussion groups will be held at this year's convention to invite student feedback and elicit ideas about future programming. Communication with fellow students should not begin and end at the annual convention, so we have aspirations to establish a listserv/online forum to facilitate support and discussion between junior and senior graduate students. We also intend to create a members-only job search database

to facilitate early career movement.

In closing, we are both honored and pleased to be among this esteemed group of professionals and trust that our passion and dedication to the field will provide for fruitful future collaboration. Division 50 plays an exclusive role as a hub for students from all disciplines involved with addictive behaviors. The field of addictions is far-reaching and diverse, encompassing practice, research, education, policy, and advocacy. The interdisciplinary focus and existing structure of the Division present rich and varied opportunities for professional identity development. We are enthusiastically looking forward to working with everyone in the division, and we invite your ideas about student membership and student-oriented programming, as well as your questions about joining Division 50. ☺

Call for Awards Nominations

Division 50 (Addictions) seeks nominations for its 2006 awards, which will be announced at APA's 2006 Annual Convention. Awards for 2006 include (a) Distinguished Scientific Early Career Contributions, (b) Distinguished Scientific Contributions to the Application of Psychology, (c) Distinguished Scientific Contributions to Public Interest, and (d) Outstanding Contributions to Advancing the Understanding of Addictions. Information on award qualifications and nominations can be found on Division 50's web site at <http://www.apa.org/about/division/div50.html>. **The deadline for receipt of all award nominations and relevant materials is May 1, 2006.**

Nominations and related materials should be sent to the Fellows and Awards Committee at the following address:

Fellows and Awards Committee
c/o Kathleen M. Carroll, Chair
Yale University School of Medicine
Division of Substance Abuse
950 Campbell Avenue (151D)
West Haven CT 06516

For further information, please contact kathleen.carroll@yale.edu

Come to the “Big Easy” This Summer: 2006 APA Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana

*Tammy Chung and Tammy Wall, 2006
APA Convention Program Co-Chairs*

The 2006 APA convention will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 10–13. Despite initial concerns about New Orleans’s readiness to host the APA convention following Hurricane Katrina, APA’s December 2005 site visit and continued monitoring of the city’s recovery determined that New Orleans can provide the health, safety, and convention services needed to successfully host the convention. APA’s decision to keep the convention in New Orleans provides a unique opportunity for the organization and its members to fulfill APA’s mission by directly supporting the revitalization of this historic and beautiful city, including opportunities for members to volunteer in the community during the convention.

Thanks to the large number of high quality member initiated program proposals and invited symposia that the Division received, the 2006 divisional program looks stronger and more varied than recent years. This year’s program features events of tremendous interest to the full spectrum of Division 50 members: clinicians, researchers, students, and early career investigators. Division sponsored symposia and poster presentations cover a broad range of addictive behaviors especially problematic use of alcohol, nicotine, and other drugs, as well as disorders involving gambling, eating, and sexual behavior.

Division 50 is sponsoring 18 symposia representing basic and applied research in the addictions. Some of the division’s programming highlights include a panel on NIAAA’s COMBINE Study of Behavioral and Pharmacological Treatments for Alcoholism, and NIAAA’s Underage Drinking Initiative. NIDA convened three symposia, which feature presentations on the effects of Hurricane Katrina on drug abuse and coping, “Commonalities between Addiction and Obesity,” and the epidemiology of HIV/AIDS risks among non-injecting drug users. Of particular interest to clinicians are two

programs developed by the Division’s committees on Evidence-Based Treatment, “Implementation Issues in Evidence Based Practice in Addictions Treatment,” and the Education and Training Committee, “Practitioner Training Issues and Certification Opportunities in Substance Abuse Treatment.” Member-initiated programs include cutting-edge research on motivational interventions for addictive behaviors, substance abuse treatment for legal offenders, and gender-specific risk factors for adolescent smoking.

As one of Division 50’s invited addresses, our President, Marsha Bates, will present on “Individualizing addiction treatment: Why study how comorbidity affects change mechanisms.” Marsha also is chair of an APA interdivisional cross-cutting symposium, “Promoting integrated treatment: The intersection of addiction, neuropsychology, and rehabilitation,” which she coordinated with Divisions 22 (Rehabilitation Psychology), 28 (Psychopharmacology and Substance Abuse), and 40 (Clinical Neuropsychology). In addition, new Division 50 Fellow Sara Jo Nixon is co-chair, with Ralph Tarter, of the invited symposium, “Role of neurocognition and substance abuse in risk and outcome.”

Special divisional events for students and early career investigators include a social hour on career pathways in addictions, coordinated by Keith Morgen and Angela Bethea. Division 50 also is sponsoring the “Meet the NIH” event this year, which includes a chance for members to meet with staff from NIMH, NIDA, and NIAAA to discuss federal funding opportunities.

Division 50 collaborated closely with Division 28 in developing this year’s programming. The Divisions are pleased to present the invited symposium, “Integration of Behavioral and Brain Sciences: Research on the Nature of Addiction,” which was coordinated by Division 28 President Alan Budney. This jointly sponsored symposium includes presentations by NIDA Director, Nora

Volkow, as well as prominent researchers Robert Schuster, Antoine Bechara, and Warren Bickel. In addition, we will have a combined Divisions 28 and 50 poster session, and an Early Career Investigator Poster Session and Social Hour sponsored by NIAAA and NIDA. These joint ventures will provide an excellent opportunity for networking, especially for students and early career investigators. Our Divisions have been fortunate to receive substantial federal funding for invited speakers and travel awards from NIAAA and NIDA.

We would like thank this year’s reviewers, who helped to develop a strong program of outstanding events through their careful reviews and thoughtful feedback: **Marsha Bates, John Baer, Angela Bethea, Kate Carey, Ronda Dearing, Mark Ilgen, Kristie Jackson, Christopher Kahler, Jon Kassel, Steve Maisto, Chris Martin, Ralph Tarter, and Maria Testa.** We greatly appreciate their hard work and consultation on the Division’s 2006 program.

A detailed listing of Division 50 sponsored presentations, days, times, and locations of events will be included in the TAN Summer issue. We are proud of the proactive stance APA has taken to revitalize and support a historic community. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans! ☺



APA Council Report: Winter 2006 Meeting

Sandra A. Brown

Division 50 Council Representative

The winter meeting of the APA Council of Representatives was held in Washington, DC, February 17 to February 19, 2006. This meeting covered several important issues relevant to Division 50 members and provided an update on preparations being made for the Annual APA Convention in New Orleans this August.

Financial Update

It is important for Division 50 members to know that APA is in good financial standing. With an annual budget of over \$100 million, the year of 2005 ended with approximately a 5.5 million dollar surplus in funds and assets, including two buildings with over 90% of the office space leased. Fifteen million dollars was added to the APA budget through publications of journals, books and other print and electronic materials. For the fiscal year of 2006, an additional surplus of approximately \$600,000 is expected. Council voted to allocate money for task forces in areas of: psychopharmacology curricula; state licensure of psychology; promotion plans for quantitative psychology; sexualization of girls; socioeconomic status; guidelines for the assessment and treatment of persons with disabilities; and gender identity, gender variance and intersex conditions.

Administrative Changes

Dr. Norman Anderson reported that individuals were hired into two new Executive Director positions, previously approved by Council. Dr. Gwendolyn Keita is now on board as a very active Executive Director for Public Interest. Additionally, Dan Horsey was recently hired as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for APA. The CIO is charged with the task of crafting a strategic plan for AA information technology activities with a priority of upgrading the website for our organization.

Licensure Requirements

While Council reaffirmed the doctorate as the minimum educational requirement for entry into professional practice as a psychologist, a major policy change for admission to licensure as psychologist was approved. Specifically, the licen-

sure requirement was amended to read, "applicants demonstrate that they have completed a sequential, organized, supervised professional experience equivalent to two years of full-time training. For those psychologists in health care delivery, one of these years shall include a predoctoral internship and the other shall be of supervised professional training prior or subsequent to the granting of the doctoral degree." This alters the current policy requirement of a full-time postdoctoral year of training prior to eligibility for licensure. This change will impact a number of aspects of graduate and post graduate training as well as service delivery.

New Division

Two new divisions were proposed for APA at the Council meeting: Division of Trauma Psychology and Society of Human-Animal Studies. Council unanimously approved the former, which focuses on research, prevention, treatment, and public education related to traumatic stress. The latter, concerned with the human experience of nonhuman animals and the mutual interaction and influence between human and nonhuman animals, was encouraged to establish a section within a division of APA prior to consideration as an independent Division.

Readiness of New Orleans for Our Convention

An update on the readiness of the city of New Orleans for our convention yielded some interesting facts. Clean up following the hurricanes is nearly finished in the convention center and surrounding areas. Particulate pollution and ozone levels are currently recorded in the "good" range and drinking water status is also considered good. Mold continues to be a problem in metropolitan New Orleans but not in the convention region. Ten of 13 airlines previously servicing New Orleans are operational at this time with approximately 75% of flights re-established by this summer. Over 90% of pre Katrina hotel rooms are currently available and all of the hotel rooms contracted by APA for the convention will be available. Of note, APA negotiated lower rates for convention rooms as an incentive for APA members to attend the convention. Over 1000 restau-

rants in New Orleans have reopened at this time and transportation is improving. The ever-popular French quarter and Garden District trolleys are already on line and taxi service is at 50% of its prior capacity. The programmatic REBIRTH efforts of the city of New Orleans have emphasized tourist attractions. Consequently, many of the sites and activities we have long enjoyed in New Orleans (e.g., French Quarter, River Walk, Carriage Rides, Casinos, etc.) are up and running and ready for Division 50 members to enjoy. ☺

Subscribe to Division 50 Listserv

Looking for a forum to join with others interested in a dialogue about Addiction issues?

To subscribe to the Division's listserv, send an e-mail to:

listserv@csd.uwm.edu

In the subject line, type **subscribe**.

In the message section, type **subscribe APADiv50-Forum (your full name)**.

TAN Factoid

Every day, on average, 11,318 American youth (12 to 20 years of age) try alcohol for the first time, compared with 6,488 for marijuana; 2,786 for cocaine; and 386 for heroin.

Data reported by Jill Schmittlein, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse, Feb 13, 1998. The data were extrapolated from Preliminary Estimates from the 1996 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 1997.

NIH Makes Major Changes to its Grant Application Process

Beginning in February 2007, all competing research grant programs (mechanisms, such as R01, R03, etc.) will transition from paper submission of the PHS 398 to electronic submission through Grants.gov using the Standard Form 424 Research (SF424) and Research and Related (R&R). Applicants should take careful note of the transition schedule (timeline) to ensure they are using the appropriate mode of application transmission and application form. Applications for the transition submission date of a mechanism (even if submitted in advance of the date) and thereafter must use the SF424 (R&R) form and be submitted electronically through Grants.gov. Once a mechanism transitions, the change applies to all subsequent Requests for Applications and Program Announcements. No paper applications will be accepted for transitioned mechanisms.

Principal Investigators (PIs) do not have to register with Grants.gov. However, the individual designated as the PI on the application must be registered in the eRA Commons. Key points posted by Megan Colum-

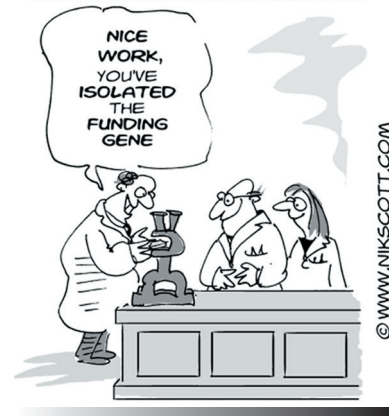
bus, NIH Program Manager for Electronic Receipt of Grant Applications:

- The registration process can take several weeks, especially when close to submission dates when registration volume peaks. Start early to avoid delays! NIH recommends starting four weeks ahead of your target submission date.
- An organization official or their delegate who is already registered in the ERA Commons must do PI registration.
- The PI must hold a PI account and be affiliated with the applicant organization in the eRA Commons.
- Registered Internet Assisted Review (IAR) users should check with their business office to ensure the IAR account is affiliated with their institution.
- Both the Principal Investigator (PI) and Signing Official (SO) need separate accounts in eRA Commons since both need to verify the application. If you

are the SO for your organization as well as a PI of the grant, you will need two separate accounts with different user names—one with SO authority and one with PI authority.

For more information: NIH is using the Electronic Submission website, <http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/>, as the primary tool for communications. ☞

GREAT MOMENTS IN SCIENCE



Web Junkie, Cartoons about Virtual Addiction by Nik Scott. Available from www.lulu.com/nikscott

Award for Distinguished Service to Psychological Science

The APA Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA) is soliciting nominations for the Award for Distinguished Service to Psychological Science. This Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to psychological science through their commitment to a culture of service. Award recipients will receive an honorarium of \$1,000. The deadline for nominations is May 15, 2006.

Nominees will have demonstrated their service to the discipline by aiding in association governance; serving on boards, committees and various psychological associations; editing journals; reviewing grant proposals; mentoring students and colleagues; advocating for psychological science's best interests with state and federal lawmakers; and promoting the value of psychological science in the public eye. Nominees may be involved in one service area, many of the areas, or all of the service areas noted above. An individual's service to the discipline and not a person's scholarly achievements are the focus of this award.

Additional information and instructions on submitting applications can be found at: http://www.apa.org/science/serv_award.html.

Departmental Award for Culture of Service in the Psychological Sciences

The APA Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA) is soliciting nominations for the Departmental Award for Culture of Service in the Psychological Sciences. This Award recognizes departments that demonstrate a commitment to service in the psychological sciences. Departments selected for this award will show a pattern of support for service from faculty at all levels, including a demonstration that service to the discipline is rewarded in faculty tenure and promotion. Successful Departments will also demonstrate that service to the profession is an integral part of training and mentoring. Each Department selected will receive an award of \$5,000 to be used for departmental activities. The deadline for nominations is May 15, 2006.

Service to the discipline includes such activities as departmental release time for serving on boards and committees of psychological associations; editing journals; serving on a review panel; or chairing an IRB. Other culture of service activities that a department would encourage include mentoring students and colleagues; advocating for psychological science's best interests with state and federal lawmakers; and promoting the value of psychological science in the public eye. The focus of this award is a department's faculty service to the discipline and not their scholarly achievements. Both Undergraduate and Graduate Departments of Psychology are eligible. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Additional information and instructions on submitting applications can be found at: http://www.apa.org/science/dept_award.html.


NIH Pathway to Independence (PI) Award (K99/ROO)

This initiative will develop and implement a new Pathway to Independence Award Program (PI) designed to facilitate receiving an R01 award earlier in an investigator's research career. The primary, long-term goal of the PI Award Program is to increase and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented, NIH-supported independent investigators. The program will provide a unique opportunity for highly promising postdoctoral scientists to obtain two forms of support from a single NIH award. The support is interconnected and combines an initial mentored research phase followed by the scientist's first independent research support.

The Pathway to Independence Award will provide up to five years of support consisting of two phases. The initial phase will provide 1–2 years of mentored support for highly promising, postdoctoral research scientists. This phase will be followed by up to 3 years of independent support contingent on securing an independent research position. Award recipients will be expected to compete successfully for independent R01 support from the NIH during the career transition award period. The PI Award is limited to postdoctoral trainees who propose research relevant to the mission of one or more of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. The Pathway to Independence Award is a pilot initiative that will augment, but not replace, existing NIH programs that provide mentored research and career development experiences for new investigators. Every NIH Institute and Center is contributing to the support of this program. It is anticipated that 150 to 200 PI Awards will be issued for this program in the initial year.


The initial application submission date for the PI Award is April 7, 2006. Thereafter, the same standard submission dates for research career development awards will be used:

New applications: June 1, October 1, February 1. Revised application: July 1, November 1, and March 1

The posting announcement is at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-133.html> 

Request for Input on Evidence-Based Practice

Nancy A. Piotrowski
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The Division 50 Committee on Evidence-Based Practice (EBPs) in Addictions reports that the *National Quality Forum (NQF)* is working to foster best practices in many areas and including treatment of substance use disorders. The NQF substance use treatment project, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, seeks consensus on practices for substance use disorders treatment. *Given that NQF members include well over 250 stakeholder organizations and companies, it seemed important to bring this call to your attention so that your ideas and input may inform the NQF activities.* The call represents an effort to gather data on EBPs in substance use treatment. The information may be about programs, practices, or anything else that has an evidence base in substance use treatment. Something as broad as a program or as molecular as charting practices would be appropriate to suggest; it is really about evidence-based practice in the broadest sense. And though there are varying opinions and pros and cons on collections of such practice lists, the breadth of the stakeholders interested in this NQF effort is impressive and so this appears to merit our input and continued monitoring. A call announcement is on the main webpage for NQF at www.qualityforum.org and the submission form is embedded in the announcement. Due date for submissions is 03/13/06. *Note:* Contributors are asked to not rely on electronic mail; hard copy submissions are encouraged. **Should you submit items to NQF, please also send a copy to Nancy. Piotrowski@Capella.edu so that the EBP committee may track suggestions from our members and contact you for any relevant follow up.** 

NEW ADDICTIONS JOURNAL

The Haworth Press, Inc., is pleased to announce the publication of the first peer-reviewed group therapy journal to address both the addiction and the mental health needs of clients. *The Journal of Groups in Addiction & Recovery* is an important forum for treatment providers, clinicians, educators, and researchers who serve addictions groups, presenting up-to-date clinical, research, and training articles that examine a broad range of addictions and compulsive behaviors. Edited by Dr. Jeffrey D. Roth, this new quarterly journal provides a unique opportunity for group therapists and addictions treatment professionals—as well as academics, researchers, and other health care practitioners—to learn about the latest developments in this specialized form of addictions treatment. *The Journal of Groups in Addiction & Recovery* examines the vital issues facing treatment providers, including alcoholism, chemical dependence, eating disorders, and sexual and money compulsivity, and looks at inpatient and outpatient treatment, therapeutic communities, interpersonal and cognitive-behavioral therapy, mutual help groups, and dual diagnosis groups. In addition, each issue of the journal features a consultation section where a panel of group therapists addresses a clinical question, a transcript of group therapy that's analyzed by several experts with different theoretical orientations, and book reviews that survey recent developments in addiction and recovery. *The Journal of Groups in Addiction & Recovery* will be published in print format and electronically, Spring 2006. <http://www.HaworthPress.com/store/product.asp?sku=J384>.

Announcements

UPCOMING MEETINGS

American Society for Addiction Medicine 37th Annual Medical-Scientific Conference • May 4–7, 2006 • San Diego, California • Website: www.asam.org

College on Problems of Drug Dependence 68th Annual Meeting • June 17–22, 2006 • Scottsdale, AZ • Late-breaking Research Abstract submission date: April 15, 2006 • Website: www.cpdd.vcu.edu

Research Society on Alcoholism 29th Annual Scientific Meeting • June 24–28, 2006 • Baltimore, Maryland • Contacts: 512-454-0022 or DebbyRSA@sbcglobal.net • Website: www.rsoa.org

National Conference on Women, Addiction and Recovery: News You Can Use • Sponsored by SAMHSA, NIAAA and NIDA • July 12–14, 2005 • Anaheim, California • Contact: Cathy Crowley at 240-645-4142 • Website: womensconference.jbs.biz

4th Biennial International Meaning Conference on Addiction, Meaning and Spirituality • July 20–23, 2006 • Vancouver, BC, Canada • Deadline for abstracts: April 30, 2006 • E-mail: g-thom@shaw.ca or ptpwong@shaw.ca • Website: www.meaning.ca

CALL FOR TREATMENT MANUALS

United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime Resource Network

UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs has recently been awarded a contract from the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime to lead a training consortium for a network of 20 UNODC-sponsored Substance Abuse Treatment Resource Centers worldwide (sort of like a world wide ATTC). As one part of our work on the UNODC project, we are planning to do a collection of all English language substance abuse treatment manuals. This will include, but not be limited to NIDA, NIAAA, SAMHSA products, WHO products, etc. We are aware that many of the people associated with Division 50 have manuals they use in their treatment programs and may have used as treatment protocols in research studies.

We are hoping to use some of the manuals in the UNODC training efforts (with permission and credit given) and write an article on the results of this manual collection effort. If you have a substance abuse treatment manual(s) that is/are used in treatment programs you are affiliated with or have used in research studies and you would be willing to share with this UNODC effort, we would appreciate receiving a copy of this/these manuals. If you have a manual you would like to share in this effort, please contact Rick Rawson via e-mail at rrowson@mednet.ucla.edu

NEW BOOK

Treating Alcohol and Drug Problems in Psychotherapy Practice: Doing What Works by Arnold M. Washton and Joan E. Zweben. Written specifically for the office-based psychotherapist, this practical guide describes how to detect, assess, diagnose, and treat clients presenting with a range of alcohol and drug problems. Detailed is an integrated, flexible psychotherapeutic approach that emphasizes building a strong therapeutic relationship, engaging clients “where they are,” and addressing substance use within the larger context of clients’ lives. The authors describe in very pragmatic terms how to use a combination of motivational, cognitive-behavioral, 12-step, and psychodynamic techniques with clients at different stages of change. Techniques are brought to life with numerous case vignettes, and appendices include reproducible client forms and handouts.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Postdoctoral Program in Drug Abuse Treatment and Services Research at the University of California, San Francisco Traineeships in drug abuse treatment and services research are available in the Department of Psychiatry, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), in a large, active, multidisciplinary research environment that is supported by multiple research projects and center grants. Scholars work with a preceptor to design and implement studies. The focus is on treatment and services research in drug dependence, including tobacco dependence. Scholars also select an area of focus for independent research. Current research

interests of faculty include trials of efficacy and effectiveness of psychosocial and pharmacologic treatment of drug abuse, including tobacco dependence; innovative methodology including internet based studies; treatment of complex patients in non-traditional settings; research on treatment tailored for HIV-positive drug abusers and drug abusers with psychiatric and medical disorders; research on provision of services to drug abusing populations; human genetics and nicotine; instrument development in drug abuse; and diagnostic techniques. Many successful applicants are psychologists with strong scientific backgrounds. The program has also included scholars with backgrounds in epidemiology, methodology, nursing, psychiatry, health policy, pharmacology, public health, and social work; and welcomes basic scientists who wish to learn the skills needed to translate their work to treatment and clinical issues. Stipends are funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Preceptors are encouraged to supplement stipends from non-NIH sources. A priority of the department is the training of women and minorities for academic research careers. The application period is open until filled. Sharon Hall, PhD, Barbara Havassy, PhD, James Sorensen, PhD, and Connie Weisner, Dr.P.H. are Co-Directors. Please see our website at www.ucsf.edu/sftrc or contact Lorel Hiramoto at lhiramoto@lppi.ucsf.edu or 415-476-7673 for a program brochure. Website: www.ucsf.edu/sftrc

TAN Factoid

Young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcoholism than those who begin drinking at 21.

Grant, B., and Dawson, D. Age at onset of alcohol use and its association with DSM-IV alcohol abuse and dependence: Results from the National Longitudinal Alcohol Epidemiologic Survey. *Journal of Substance Abuse*, Vol. 9, Jan. 1998. pp. 103–110.

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