Greetings from the President

Linda Bodie, PsyD

As I write my first report as President, Division 18, I look forward to a busy, exciting year with the Division. It was great seeing so many of you at the APA Convention in Washington, DC this past August. If you weren’t one of the 13,000 who attended, you really missed an exceptional Convention. Thanks to Dr. Jacquie Wall for planning and organizing an outstanding Division 18 program. In addition, Jacquie worked hard to promote the variety of Division 18 events. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to introduce the sessions and to give a short “plug” for Division 18. The Division 18 Suite was the host of several other activities, which were well attended and generated very positive feedback. I enjoyed attending all of the Section Meetings. Congratulations to the new Section Chairs and other officers:

Criminal Justice: Femina Vargese, Ph.D.
Police & Public Safety: Susan Saxe-Clifford, Ph.D.
Psychologists in Indian Country: Jacque Gray, Ph.D.

Jim Regan, Ph.D. continues as Chair, Community & State Hospital and Anne Klee, Ph.D. continues as Chair, VA Section. Lorraine W. Greene, Ph.D. continues as APA Council Representative and Dolly Sadow, Ph.D. was elected as our new APA Council Representative. Chris Romani was elected as the APAGS Representative and Mary Jansen, Ph.D. is serving as the Interim Chair, Seriously Mentally Ill Section, which is in the developmental process. Can you believe that it is time to think about next year’s Convention in Orlando, Fl August 2-5, 2012? We hope to have a grand turnout of Division 18 members and a lot of submissions for proposals/symposia, etc. The deadline for submitting a proposal is December 1, 2011. It will be here before you know it!

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This will be my first newsletter as Past President, a role to which I am looking forward! The recent APA convention was a great experience and a huge success. For individuals who have not attended an APA convention, I would encourage you to put next year’s convention on your list.

APA is not perfect, the convention is not perfect. I am well aware of the critiques of the convention but I thought I would offer some reasons why attending the convention is a good idea.

The convention is first and foremost an opportunity to learn. Between CEU workshops, CEU sessions sponsored by Division 18, and a myriad of other sessions, the educational potential is significant. While CEU workshops do require a financial cost, the Division CEU sessions are a low-cost and easy method to earn licensure CEU. Additionally, the CEU offerings through the Division are often directly relevant to one’s workplace; as we all know finding relevant CEU trainings can be difficult for our unique workplace requirements. The breadth of sessions at APA, really cannot be matched. If you want to learn about an area of psychology which is just an interest area but not a primary work area, there are many opportunities.

The convention provides an opportunity to participate in the workings of APA and the workings of the Division. Decisions are made and future directions are determined, which can have an impact on practice and research. Division 18, as do other Divisions, makes significant attempts to keep members informed and to solicit members input, throughout the year. The reality is though, that decisions are often made at the convention and those members who attend have an easier path to make their opinions known. Division 18 encourages that input and welcomes your participation.

Finally, the convention offers Division members and all attendees an opportunity to meet with colleagues whom you may only see at convention. Those meetings give folks a chance to catch up with personal and professional lives of friends and colleagues, which is important in our fast-paced world. And this meeting provides the platform to develop research and programmatic projects, which are also vitally important to our profession and Division.

All in all, convention is a great experience and opportunity, I hope you will all make it a point to attend!

As I head into this year, a couple of tasks. The first is to continue to seek an Advertising Coordinator for the Division newsletter, any volunteers, please let me know. Other tasks include, continue to encourage CEU offerings for Division members; continue work on Division By-Laws; and to prepare to honor Division members through elections and awards. Each Division member should be thinking now about who you believe deserves recognition for their work and effort, via a Division 18 award. Each member should also be thinking about Division elections, who do you think should be leading the Division? The answer might frankly be you!

Some great tasks and I look forward to the work. I continue to be thankful for the opportunity, which has been afforded to me by Division 18.
I am excited to write my first column as President-Elect of Division 18. I am pleased and honored to have been given this opportunity. However, I am just a little anxious to step into this role. My anxiety subsided some as I began to reflect on all the wonderful members of the Division who have always stepped up to the plate to help. So I am writing encourage those of you who have participated in the past to continue to do so and to ask others to consider the benefits they may enjoy by increasing their activities in Division 18. I am therefore, going to mention some of the opportunities, many of which are highlighted in this newsletter.

I’d first like to discuss the advantages of attending the convention. The 120th annual meeting of the American Psychological Association will be held on August 2nd – 5th, 2012 in Orlando, FL. I’m hoping that you are considering attending the meeting. Our division programming will be organized by Drs. Jay Supnick and Howard Steinberg, who are already busy organizing a stellar program. Others though, are needed to help with program development and implementation – submit your work for presentation, serve as a reviewer of submissions, and respond to the program co-chairs requests for help.

You may also be interested in assisting with the development of the new section within the Division. Established, in part, through the efforts of Dr. Mary Jansen, a section has been formed that will address the needs of persons who have Serious Mental Illness and Severe Emotional Disturbance (SMI/SED). The Section will serve many purposes, which focus on promoting understanding of SMI/SED among both psychologists and the general public and advocacy for inclusion of training on SMI/SED for psychologists. These purposes will be achieved by providing forums for the exchange of information, the development of psychological knowledge related to SMI/SED, the development and dissemination of communications to enhance services for persons with SMI/SED, and the development of standards that will enhance treatment of persons with SMI/SED. This section is still being organized so there will be roles for many to play. Please support the section.

I’d also like to mention the journal, Psychological Services. I am pleased to assume a more active role conferring with those responsible for the development and management of the Division journal. It is a great read and provides a valuable benefit to those working in public sector settings. I encourage you to read the journal, to submit your work for publication, and to make sure that your institution’s library has an active subscription! The journal supports and is supported by our Division, and is something of which we all should be proud.

I’d like to mention the newsletter. This publication, edited by Drs. Marcia Baruch and Victor Wolski, is a tremendous asset of the Division. Updates on Division and Section activities, informal reviews of books and media, and articles of member interest are included. Contact Marcia or Victor and consider sending your work to this periodical.

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We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Howard Steinberg has agreed to serve with Dr. Jay Supnick as 2012 APA Convention Co-Chair. Under the leadership of the new Program Chairs, I am confident that the programming will again be stimulating and interesting. APA is making an effort to engage younger psychologists and those who may have small children. The Board of Convention Affairs and the Committee on Early Career Psychologists collaborated to design a family area and provide child-friendly activities for the Convention in DC. As a result, there were a record number of families and younger psychologists. I expect this trend to continue, especially since the Convention will be in family-friendly Orlando. This fits nicely with one of my initiatives for this year, which includes increasing our membership of Early Career Psychologists. We are in the process of brainstorming ideas for the future, including providing incentives for students and early career psychologists to attend the APA Convention. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let me know. I hope that you will plan to attend APA in Orlando and bring the kids!

I am happy to announce the Executive Committee approved the renewal of the publishing services contract with APA for our journal, Psychological Services. The journal has proven to be very successful, well respected and financially solvent. The Division will receive significant royalty payments for journal operations and is expected to enjoy a very promising future. Our sincere thanks to the Editor, Dr. Patrick DeLeon and the Associate Editors, Drs. Michi Fu, Leon Green, Lisa K. Kearney, Philip R. Magaletta, and Morgan T. Sammons for their commitment to excellence in publishing relevant, stimulating and high quality articles. We invite you to submit your manuscripts supporting evidenced-based treatment outcomes, program evaluations, theoretical papers, empirical studies, etc.

Dr. Robert Goldberg, Chair Fellowship Committee, is encouraging submissions of nominations for fellowship status. Contact Bob at Robert.goldberg2@va.gov with your nomination. Self-nominations are welcome. On November 1, 2011, the 2011 apportionment ballot to determine the composition of the Council of Representatives for the 2013 legislative year will be mailed to all members. Each eligible voter is allowed ten votes that may be allocated to any division, state, provincial or territorial association. We need you to give all 10 of your votes to Division 18 to enable us to maintain a voice in APA. Remember, 10 for 18!

Our Webmaster, Dr. Kellie Condon, is working diligently with APA in a migration process for our Division 18 Website. This appears to be a complex process, but the end result will be a vast improvement in our Website – stay tuned! And thank Kellie for her commitment to this important project!

One of my Presidential initiatives is to raise the awareness of Division 18 members of the importance of addressing tobacco use in your professional practice. Whether you are in academia, state or community hospitals, VHA, criminal justice, or working with the seriously mentally ill population, tobacco use cuts across all domains. Quitting tobacco is the single best thing a person can do for his/her health. It is up to us, as psychologists, to help our patients with this deadly addiction. Have you asked your clients/patients/Veterans about their tobacco use today?

Happy Fall to all!
Reports

APA Council of Representatives

Representative Dolly Sadow and I attended the Council of Representatives meeting in August. This was the first time that we met on Friday and not on Sunday at the close of the convention. As always, the agenda was full and included a variety of issues that resulted in lively debates.

One of the most important agenda items was a proposed change to the eligibility requirements for the life status category of membership. The change would result in a change in life status from 65 to 69 years of age and 29 years of membership. Most important is that the step down process would be eliminated. Such a change will require amendments to the Association Bylaws and will therefore be put to a vote of the membership November 1. There was a debate as to whether to send an explanation and council members finally agreed to send a pro/con statements. It is important that you carefully read the pro and con statements and vote November 1.

Other important agenda items included a change to the annual convention. In March of 2010 a task force was appointed to examine the scheduling conflicts in terms of similar presentations and governance responsibilities. The council approved reducing the overall size of the convention while increasing programming hours focused on cross-cutting themes. This will require more collaboration between divisions to obtain cutting edge themes across disciplines. There will be no changes to the number of convention program hours in 2012 and 2013. In 2014 the change will begin with a reduction of no more than 30%, a reduction of 35% in 2015 and 40% in 2016. The result of this change will require the Division 18 Sections to closely examine themes and develop presentations that cut across our areas of specialization. It will also require the Division to determine cutting edge themes and build strong collaborative alliances with other divisions.

Council approved funding seven initiatives to begin the implementation of APA’s new strategic plan. Council also approved plans to streamline programming during the annual meeting and ensure that APA reports and policy statements are grounded in the best available science.

The seven initiatives are designed to support and advance three strategic goals: maximizing organizational effectiveness, expanding psychology’s role in advancing health, and increasing the recognition of psychology as a science.

The seven projects are:
- Improve APA business models, member communications and the convention to increase member engagement.
- Analyze the psychology work force to meet national needs.
- Continue to develop treatment guidelines to promote the translation of psychological science into health interventions.
- Continue to expand the APA public education campaign to include the entire discipline of psychology.
- Expand opportunities for graduate education and continued professional development for psychologists and psychology students in order to advance the discipline’s participation in interdisciplinary health delivery and inter-

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I have been thinking about what to write for a few months now. As some of you may recall, in the last newsletter edition, I reinforced the concepts of evidenced based treatments and insuring the element of science as a guide for our work in the ever changing field of mental health. Here in New York it has been anything but business as usual, and to some degree the provision of care to the mentally ill is undergoing a fundamental change. It is now about Health Homes and care giving and, quite frankly, positioning to be included in the provision of care for the treatment of the mentally ill Medicaid population. Taking a step back to view the field, it appears to me to be a movement toward managed care packaged in an integrated, physical health and behavioral Health Home. The good news is that along with the managed care approach should come some freedom from burdensome regulations that might allow for more flexible treatment approaches and those approaches have as their goal, improved client outcomes. These new flexible approaches will permit more innovative treatment. Last newsletter, I referenced the recent article by Kazdin and Blase (Rebooting Psychotherapy Research and Practice to Reduce the Burden of Mental Illness), in the January 2011 issue of Perspectives on Psychological Science. They discuss and describe a number of different venues that have clinical value that are not the traditional, one on one or small group approaches. Under the technologies framework they discuss the use of the internet, telephone, and smart phone. Use of atypical settings (the most common being the general practitioners office) are considered. In addition they address the concept of self help as well as help from trained but not Doctorate level individuals. The message here is clear; we need to continuously look toward reaching the large number of individuals who are currently symptomatic as well as those who are at risk for mental illness. In seems evident to me that we need to broaden our view on how to best engage and treat.

This is always an interesting topic to chat about, feel free to contact me and continue our discussion.

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Lastly, I will mention advocacy and mentoring. Our work involves improving the lives of others. So when asked to post a letter to an elected official, to advocate for a case, a class or our profession, please consider supporting the effort. Talk about advocacy with those who are new to the field or are in training. Support our new professionals by having discussions about the value of our work and invite them to participate in our Division!

In sum, become more involved in Division 18. There are many more ways to participate than I have mentioned here (e.g., committees and task forces) and there is a need for persons with a range of skill sets. Send me a note (at jwall@uindy.edu) to learn more about the ways to contribute. I’m looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you next summer in Orlando.
Criminal Justice Column

Femina P. Varghese, PhD

First, I would like to thank Dr. Dawn Cisewski as well as the previous Criminal Justice (CJ) Section chairs (Dr. Jennifer Boothby, Dr. Robert Morgan, Dr. Steve Norton, and others). They have served this section well through their vision and hard work. Their leadership has also been recognized by the division as some have also served as past presidents for Division 18. Building on their work, I am honored to be given the baton to do my part to continue the development of the CJ section. I also look forward to serving alongside my colleague, Jon Mandracchia, Ph.D., who is the section secretary/treasurer.

It is a joy to serve under our current Division 18 President Linda Bodie, who I was able to formally meet at the CJ section business meeting at APA in August. The business meeting was energetic and we were able to discuss ideas such as expanding the current student representative program, attracting early career professionals, and offering CE credits to members. The meeting’s discussion was consistent with my goals for the term, which include 1) increasing membership; 2) developing community within our section; 3) fostering leadership development of younger members; 4) expanding member recognition; and 5) building on past efforts in offering CE credits to members.

To meet some of these goals I would like to announce the following:

1. I am looking for a student representative for this section. So if there are any students who would like to serve the section as well as work closely with the Division Student Representative (Chris Romani) in expanding student involvement throughout the Division, please email me (fvarghese@uca.edu) your CV and a cover letter expressing your interest. Each section of Division 18 is asked to find a student representative, and I hope to find one for our section soon. Feel free to invite students to apply if they are interested in this leadership opportunity.

2. I am in the process of forming an ad-hoc committee of early career members to work with me and Jon to generate and implement innovative ideas for the section’s benefit and growth. I believe such a team would foster professional development and find ways to reach early career psychologists, a group that we have had difficulty in attracting and recruiting. Therefore, those interested in serving in such a capacity, particularly early career colleagues, please send a CV and cover letter to me at fvarghese@uca.edu.

3. Finally, in evoking our shared interest in the CJ section, I am initiating what I call the E1 initiative (short for “Each One Reach One”). Basically, I am asking each member of our section to ask at least one other person to consider joining the CJ section. Our section has much to offer in terms of networking, mentoring, recognition, and opportunities for service, not to mention other tangible benefits like our journal. However, there has been a decline in membership in the past few years, not just in our section, but in the Division as a whole. I hope that together we can turn that around.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. Feel free to contact me at fvarghese@uca.edu if you have any questions or interest in becoming involved with the CJ section. I am always looking for interested volunteers, including students and senior members. I look forward to working with each of you.
On June 20, 2011, the VA Section held our second Quarterly Conversation featuring a Conversation on Leadership with Drs. Toni Zeiss, Steve Holliday and Steve McCutcheon. Over 120 people participated in the call. All three speakers have graciously agreed to summarize the thoughts they shared for those who could not call in that day. These summaries will be featured in the Division 18 Winter Newsletter. Our next Quarterly Conversation is scheduled for Thursday, November 17th from 3-4 pm EST with Drs. Diane Elmore and Randy Phelps from APA. They will update us on what is going on at APA regarding Veterans issues and will talk about the roles and ways VA psychologists can get involved as advocates. Please join us on the 17th by dialing 1(800) 767-1750 code 34219.

It was wonderful to see many of you at APA this summer. Thank you to Linda Bodie, Tim Carmody and Dave Pilkey for helping with logistics and refreshments. We had a great turnout at our VA Section Meeting and heard an update from APA staffers Drs. Diane Elmore and Heather Kelly, a summary from Dr. Lisa Kearney on the VA Psychology Leadership Conference and had a meaningful discussion on recruitment and retention of early career psychologists. At APA, we also proudly honored our own. The awards committee--under the leadership of Dr. Dan Kivlahan and comprised of Drs. Karen Grantz, Lisa Kearney, Camilla Madden, Carey Pawlowski, Dolly Sadow and Melissa Wattener--selected several deserving colleagues for VA Section awards. Thank you to our awards committee for all your hard work. Thank you also to many VA psychologists for nominating your colleagues. Please join us in congratulating:

Outstanding Researcher – Miles E. McFall, Ph.D.
Outstanding Administrator – Kathleen M. Lysell, Psy.D.
Outstanding Director of Training – R. Keith Shaw, Ph.D.
Outstanding Director of Training – Anna Okonek, Ph.D.
Outstanding Supervisor or Mentor – Linda R. Mona, Ph.D.
Outstanding Contributions in Psychosocial Rehabilitation – Jay L. Cohen, Ph.D.
Outstanding Psychology Trainee – Jennifer M. Craft, M.A.
James Besyner Lifetime Achievement – James K. Besyner, Ph.D., ABPP

The awards committee renamed the Lifetime Achievement Award the James Besyner Lifetime Achievement Award in memory of our dear friend, colleague and former awards committee member Jim Besyner. Dr. Jody Rubensteing accepted the award on behalf of the Besyner Family and shared some memories of Jim. Division 18 also honored two VA psychologists at APA for their accomplishments and contributions to public psychology. Dr. Dolly Sadow received the Michael S. Neale Award and Dr. Russell Lemle received the Harold Hildreth Award.

Last, as a result of our discussion on early career psychology at APA, Dr. Allison Aosved is developing a survey that will be used to create a new mentoring committee designed to match early career psychologists with mentors based on interests and characteristics that are of importance to the person. If anyone is interested in getting involved with the new mentoring committee or our recruitment committee chaired by Drs. Monica Roy and Ed Padin, please contact me at anne.klee@va.gov.
Congratulations to the following recipients of the Division Awards received at APA:

Harold Hildreth Award – Russell B. Lemle, Ph.D.
Distinguished Career Award – Susan P. Limber, Ph.D.
Mike Neale Award – Dolly C. Sadow, Ph.D., ABPP
Early Career Achievement Award – Bret A. Moore, Psy.D., ABPP
Outstanding Student Award – Jill D. McLeigh, M.S.
My name is Chris Romani, and I am the new Student Representative for Division 18. I am a fourth year graduate student from Tech Texas University, under the mentorship of former Division 18 president Dr. Robert Morgan. Although my primary affiliation is with the Criminal Justice Section, I am looking forward to improving the experience for all students in the Division. I believe that as students we have a responsibility to contribute to the Division, and I will continue to work on programs developed by former student representative Abigail Bernett, such as the mentoring program, in addition to instituting two new initiatives, highlighted below.

Social media is becoming an important part of daily life for graduate students as well as for psychologists. My first initiative is to give Division 18 a presence in social media networks. Abigail Bernett and I have already developed a Facebook page for Division 18. The Facebook page currently has about 125 followers, and this number has been continuously increasing, a trend I hope to continue. To access the page, one simply has to search for Division 18 on Facebook. Within the past few weeks, I have also created a Twitter account, the handle is “APADiv18PubServ” (i.e., follow @APADiv18PubServ). I hope that both of these social media outlets can allow us to pass along important information quickly and allow our members to get to know each other.

My other initiative is to develop roles for students within the Division. Currently, I am filling positions for each section to have a Student Section Representative. This student will act as a liaison between myself and each section and from section chairs to the students in that section. I am hoping these students are viewed as leaders within the section and through leadership, Section Chairs will continue to give these students increasing responsibility in the future. Similarly, I hope to increase student participation in event planning for the APA 2012 Convention. Although it is likely that this student role may begin small, my hope is that through leadership and hard work, student’s roles in this endeavor will increase yearly. Finally, fellow student member Shannon Griswold and myself are working to develop a student representative program at graduate schools around the United States. Shannon and I worked together on this initiative as part of the Ad-hoc committee on membership for the Criminal Justice Section. Now that we have laid the foundations of this program, we are attempting to increase the role of student representatives to include all sections of Division 18 as well as find new schools that need representatives. If you are interested in any of these programs mentioned above, please feel free to contact me at cjromani@gmail.com.

Finally, I wanted to take a moment to wish you all a great year as you continue on your way towards your professional career. For those of you who are new, I hope you find Division 18 a great source to receive the mentorship and support that you need.
Call for Nominations for Awards for Year 2012
Deadline: February 15, 2012

The Society for General Psychology, Division One of the American Psychological Association is conducting its Year 2012 awards competition, including the William James Book Award for a recent book that serves to integrate material across psychological subfields or to provide coherence to the diverse subject matter of psychology, the Ernest R. Hilgard Award for a Lifetime Career Contribution to General Psychology, the George A. Miller Award for an Outstanding Recent Article on General Psychology, and the Arthur W. Staats Lecture for Unifying Psychology, which is an American Psychological Foundation Award managed by the Society for General Psychology.

In addition, there are two student awards: The Anne Anastasi Student Poster Award for the best poster presented in the Division One poster session, and the Anne Anastasi General Psychology Graduate Student Award, based on the student’s past performance and proposed research.

All nominations and supporting materials for each award must be received on or before February 15, 2012.

There are no restrictions on nominees, and self-nominations as well as nominations by others are encouraged for these awards.

The Society for General Psychology encourages the integration of knowledge across the subfields of psychology and the incorporation of contributions from other disciplines. The Society is looking for creative synthesis, the building of novel conceptual approaches, and a reach for new, integrated wholes. A match between the goals of the Society and the nominated work or person will be an important evaluation criterion. Consequently, for all of these awards, the focus is on the quality of the contribution and the linkages made between diverse fields of psychological theory and research.

Winners of the William James Book Award, the Ernest R. Hilgard Award, and the George A. Miller Award will be announced at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association the year of submission. They will be expected to give an invited presentation at the subsequent APA convention and also to provide a copy of the award presentation for inclusion in the newsletter of the Society (The General Psychologist). They will receive a certificate and a cash prize of $1000 to help defray travel expenses for that convention.

I. For the William James Book Award, nominations materials should include: a) three copies of the book (dated post-2006 and available in print; b) the vitae of the author(s); and c) a one-page statement that explains the strengths of the submission as an integrative work and how it meets criteria established by the Society. Specific criteria can be found on the Society’s website (http://www.apa.org/divisions/div1/awards.html). Textbooks, analytic reviews, biographies, and examples of applications are generally discouraged. Nomination letters and supporting materials should be sent to Wade Pickren, PhD, Dept of Psychology, Pace University, 41 Park Row, New York, NY 10038. (wpickren@pace.edu).

II. For the Ernest R. Hilgard Award, nominations packets should include the candidate's vitae along with a detailed statement indicating why the nominee is a worthy candidate for the award and supporting letters from others who endorse the nomination. Nomination letters and supporting materials should be sent electronically to Nancy Russo, PhD (nancy.russo@asu.edu).
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Public service psychologists are practitioners, researchers, university professors, legislators, program developers, clinical coordinators, managers, administrators, and more. Their clients include consumers of mental health services, managers, administrators, policy makers, elected officials, and the public. They work in a variety of settings, including state hospitals, community mental health systems, VA medical centers, criminal justice systems, police and public safety settings, state legislatures, and in academic institutions. In general, the services they provide are as varied as the persons they serve and the places they work.

Members of Division 18 help train more than half the clinical and counseling psychologists in the nation by providing the internship sites and administering the internship programs. Its members develop and implement mental health treatment programs for millions of persons in inpatient and outpatient settings, as well as community support systems. Through the work of its members, Division 18 has the potential to directly or indirectly touch the lives of most people living in the United States.

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