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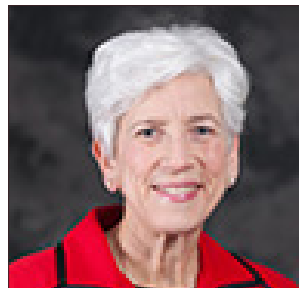
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New Division 31 Initiatives Highlighted



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I am
excited to
tell you
about sev-
eral new

Division 31 initiatives. An Ethics listserv has been created to provide an opportunity for broad discussion of ethical topics relevant to SPTAs, including changes to the APA Ethics Code. The list is for broad and general topics of interest, and sharing articles or educational materials about ethics, although it is not for the discussion of specific cases. This listserv is for members of SPTAs interested in ethical issues including ethics committee chairs, SPTA Executive Directors and members of Division 31 interested in ethical issues. You will be receiv-

ing information soon about how to join this listserv.

Another development is the new role of "Division 31- SPTA Advocacy Coordinator," defined as a person chosen by their SPTA to facilitate a 'fast track' of information between the Division and SPTA on issues of importance. An example of an immediately pressing issue will be the bylaws ballot initiative. Every SPTA is asked to designate an Advocacy Coordinator as soon as possible.

There is also a new Integrated Care Task Force chaired by Dr. Kathleen Ashton. This task force will keep Division 31 members apprised of opportunities in integrated care including participating in the grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and updating Division 31 members with re-

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Cast 10 For Your State...

Cast 10 votes for your state on the upcoming APA Apportionment Ballot.

When your apportionment ballot arrives from APA, Division 31 strongly urges you to cast all 10 votes for your State, Provincial or Territorial Association and to contact your colleagues and tell them to do the same. This gives your state, and all states, a strong voice in the governance of APA. This determines how many votes the states have in the APA Council of Representatives and we need to increase our voice.....we need your votes!

Intriguing Issues to Be Addressed



**Pat DeLeon,
PhD
Former APA
President**

September is *Suicide Prevention Month*. All of our State Psychological Associations

have members who currently serve in the military, are Veterans, or members of military families. VA Secretary David Shulkin: “We know that in 2014, an average of 20 Veterans a day died in this country from suicide, which is 20 too many. This is a national public health crisis requiring a national public health approach. When it comes to preventing Veteran suicide, VA can’t – and should not – do this alone.” In 2005, over 12 years ago, Psychologist Barbara Van Dahlen founded Give an Hour which has since provided free mental health care to those who serve, our Veterans, and their families. Collectively, generous volunteer mental health professionals have donated over 124,000 hours of free care and support, valued at nearly \$23 million. Most recently, this impressive organization has partnered with the Red Cross to respond to the unprecedented devastation on the Gulf Coast as a result of Hurricane Harvey and Irma. Their model has been proven and is being expanded to now address the mental health concerns of other populations in need -- including at risk teens, at risk seniors, survivors of gun violence, and victims of human trafficking. Has your State Association partnered with Give an Hour and more importantly, have **you** volunteered?

Scope of Practice Issues -- The Times They Are A-Changin’: Those who attended the exciting 125th annual APA Convention may have been exposed to several far-reaching policy discussions (including on the floor of Council) regarding telehealth and what psychology’s position should be on the increasingly expanding role of master’s trained mental health clinicians. Members of the Education and Practice Directorate and the Board of Directors coordinated a recent Masters Summit, sponsored by the APA Minority Fellowship Program, during which 32 members of the APA governance actively participated. Those in attendance represented practice, education and training, public and private sector psychology, the VA and other hospital settings; as well as additional identifiable stakeholders, including other disciplines. President Tony Puente’s overview: “The Council addressed a complicated issue that has eluded successful resolution by the discipline of psychology over more than 70 years, agreeing by acclamation that ‘current issues and developments have risen to the level that APA should take a position on master’s level training and/or practice...’ Further action is expected on this issue in February.”

From a broader policy perspective, 22 states and the District of Columbia now have enacted full practice authority for their advanced practice nurses. Pursuant to Congressional direction, in the near future, the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs will be exploring the training and utilization of Physician Assistants (PAs), specially trained in mental health. Those colleagues working within

integrated care models, especially where visionary leaders from Colleges of Pharmacy have been involved, will appreciate that there are an increasing number of Clinical Pharmacists who are specializing in the appropriate utilization of psychotropic medications, as well as the psychosocial-economic-cultural gradient of “quality care.” Addressing efforts to “repeal and replace Obamacare,” the former White House Director of Economic Policy under President George H.W. Bush recently proffered: “State governments should give greater authority to nurse practitioners and physician assistants to open their own practices and encourage walk-in clinics.” Has your State Association partnered with your local State Pharmacy, Nursing, or Physician Assistant Associations in developing joint CE programming? “The future ain’t what it used to be.”

Aloha

Div. 31 Endorses...

The Board of Division 31 has voted to endorse Rosie Phillips Bingham for President-Elect of APA.

She is the only candidate that Division 31 will be endorsing this year.

To learn more about Rosie Phillips Bingham, please visit her website at www.RosieBinghamforAPA-President.com.

Please give Rosie Phillips Bingham your #1 vote in the election later this year.

SPTA and Diversity Updates



**Jennifer
Kelly, PhD**

Georgia

It's been an exciting year for the Diversity Directorate!

We worked hard to focus on relevant issues dealing with today's social climate. We continued our "Diversity Dialogues" series with an event exploring Islamophobia. We recognized the importance of involving young people in culturally-informed conversations so we provided a space for parents to begin engaging their children in age-appropriate discussions about diversity and multiculturalism through two movie events - "Zootopia" and "Hidden Figures." Our seminal event, the Diversity Brunch was a great success and fostered a spirit of collaboration and networking. We are beginning our new year with an exciting change in leadership. The Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs will be chaired by Dr. Sheshal Walker and the Committee on Women and Girls will be chaired by Dr. Adriana Flores. We welcome the energy and new ideas that these leaders will bring.

Indiana

In 2017, the IPA Diversity Committee continued to gain momentum. Last year, we were able to develop a formal mission statement for our committee to guide our work. Additionally, a diversity webpage with a resource guide was created as a link on the IPA website. In 2017, our committee built

on these accomplishments by creating a survey that was disseminated to the IPA membership. The intent of the survey was to determine the current needs of the membership as it relates to diversity and to also identify members who have self-identified expertise in various areas of diversity. The committee will be analyzing the results of the survey to guide future goals and to develop a directory for the membership of psychologists who can be contacted with questions on specific areas of diversity. The IPA Diversity Committee continues to maintain a relationship with graduate students at a local hospital. They provide monthly article reviews on topics of diversity that are shared through IPA's weekly PsychBytes, which is produced through IPA's Communications Committee. The Diversity Committee continues to have a representative participate in the IPA Continuing Education (CE) Committee meetings to help bring ideas of how to include diversity in CE events, and accommodations statements.

Michigan

Culturally Informed Clinical Practice: This conference will bring together clinicians and representatives of the Tribal Nations community in Northern Michigan to provide a unique and valuable cultural and clinical training with diversity CE's for psychologists and CEU's for social workers and professional counselors. More than ever, psychologists are called to understand diversity factors in order to provide appropriate and effective psychological services and also meet pro-

fessional licensing requirements. Yet many of us did not benefit from comprehensive diversity classes or other diversity experiences while in training. Recognizing and supporting clients' sociocultural identity and understanding the historic, intergenerational, socioeconomic and political factors that impact their lives can be challenging for clinicians while also essential for effective service provision. This conference will address the overall importance of culturally informed practice, intergenerational trauma, religion as cultural diversity, clinical innovations and best practices, challenges for clinicians and clients, and culturally informed practice in integrated care settings and among specific, underserved populations. In collaboration with community elders from the Tribal Nations, the day-long event will include experiential and cultural components specific to Native American communities in Michigan as well as the more traditional teaching components of a clinical training event.

Missouri

Since 2013, the Missouri Psychological Association's Diversity Committee has been taking active roles in helping citizens and professionals become more sensitive as they address difficult diversity issues affecting them and develop linkages to existing mental health services that can assist them in coping with concerns. The MOPA Diversity Committee advanced efforts on the following committee objective this year: Identify and develop work-

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Div. 31 Fellows Named; Will YOU Be Next?



**Donald
McAleer,
PsyD, ABPP
Div. 31
Fellows
Chair**

It's true that Division 31 welcomed three new Fellows this year!

After a lengthy application and review process,



Dr. Kevin Arnold



Dr. Joseph Coyne



*Dr. Peter
Oppenheimer*

psychology beyond a local, state or regional level.

Please join me in congratulating our newest awardees!

Did you hear the news?

The **Online Fellows Application Portal is now open** at: <http://www.apa.org/membership/fellows/index.aspx>.

Two years ago, we had one new fellow. This year there were three. What will next year bring? Are you the next Fellow of Division 31?

The process has been streamlined and is described at the link above. The entire process is completed online. The APA Fellows page has a number of resources for Fellow applicants and endorsers. **One of the new resources is a sample endorsement letter that can be used by endorsers or Division Fellows Chairs as a model** of the type of information the APA Fellows Committee looks for when evaluating Fellow applications. There are also helpful in-

structions for applicants.

So what does it take to be a Fellow? **Are you** a member of APA and your State, Provincial or Territorial Psychological Association (SPTPA)? **Are you** a member of Division 31? **Do you** believe that you have made unusual and outstanding contributions in one or more of the following areas: development of exemplary programs; leadership in organized psychology; publication or dissemination of information; and national policy development or political action? You can find the Division 31 specific criteria at: <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/membership/fellows/index.aspx>. The Division deadline for completing the application for this cycle is November 15, 2017. Please contact the Division Fellows Chair, Donald McAleer Psy.D., ABPP (donpsy@aol.com) with any questions.

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shops or presentations that enhance multicultural awareness and competence. There was a successful continuing education workshop in September 2016 and March 2017 on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services conducted by a diversity committee member and past president of MOPA. In addition, the 2017 Missouri Psychological Association Conference infused diversity and inclusion through its theme – “Many Hands, Many Voices, One MOPA”. Presenters from a variety of backgrounds (race,

ethnicity, religion, gender identification, and sexual orientation) provided clinical education on numerous topics (racial/ ethnic group oppression, social class, age, gender, sexuality, race, and ethnicity). As a result of enthusiasm generated through this diversity-informed conference and our four successful Mingle with MOPA social hour events (currently in three major cities in the state), there has been new and renewed interest generated through early career professionals, students, as well as seasoned professionals in MOPA participation.

Call for Division 31 Award Nominations by Dec. 31, 2017



**D i n e -
lia Rosa,
PhD, Div.
31 Awards
Chair**

Nominations are invited for Division 31 Annual Awards to be presented at the 2018 Practice Leadership Conference.

Please visit website for award descriptions at <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/awards/index.aspx>

- State, Provincial and Territorial Psychological Association Diversity Award
- State, Provincial and Territorial Psychological Association Executive of the Year Award
- State, Provincial, and

Territorial Psychological Association Early Career Psychologist Program of the Year Award

- Outstanding State, Provincial, or Territorial Psychological Association of the Year Award
- Nominations and supporting materials should be sent to Division 31 Awards Chair: Dinelia Rosa at Rosa@tc.columbia.edu by December 31, 2017

National Register Wellner Award Given to Barnett

We are pleased to inform you that Jeffrey Barnett, PsyD, ABPP was just presented with the National Register's Wellner Lifetime Achievement Award. Given his af-

filiation with Division 31 as a Fellow, we would appreciate it if you would share this information with any interested parties. The press release is available through the fol-

lowing link:

<https://www.nationalregister.org/press-releases/jeffrey-e-barnett-psyd-abpp-named-2017-alfred-m-wellner-lifetime-achievement-award-winner/>

Sally R. Cameron Awarded 2017 APA Presidential Citation

Sally R. Cameron was awarded a Presidential Citation for being an exemplar of innovation, collaborative leadership, coalition building and genuine caring for her fellow human beings.

Since 1981, in her role as executive director of the North Carolina Psychological Association (NCPA), Cameron has served with distinction at NCPA, APA, with psychological practitioners and consumers of psychological health care services. She has been a mentor to many and a collaborator to all.

Cameron has been a true innovator in her collaboration with volunteer leadership at NCPA. Among

her many accomplishments is the creation of an insurance SWAT team of psychologists and other professionals who respond rapidly to problems with reimbursement encountered by members. The joint professional insurance task force is made of psychologists, psychiatrists, clinical social workers, and mental health nurses and clearly demonstrates Cameron's skill in coalition building. The North Carolina Psychological Foundation, of which she is also executive director and founder, has implemented a number of initiatives including leading the efforts of the North Carolina Disaster Response Network,

and a first-of-its-kind undergraduate psychology conference. Cameron is respected throughout the state for her expertise in public policy surrounding professional practice and behavioral health services. Her reputation among state officials and legislators is impeccable, and she is trusted to give them the straight story. Cameron supports the work of volunteers, but really, she has been a mentor to many who have been leaders at the state and national levels in advocacy for the profession. Please read the rest of this article on Dr. Cameron on the APA website at: <http://www.apa.org/about/governance/president/citation/sally-r-cameron.aspx>.

Spotlight on FPA President Dr. Nekeshia Hammond



**by Eric Russ,
PhD
APA
Committee
on ECPs**

APA convention was just a few weeks ago and I'm still energized from meeting with and hearing from ECPs across the country. At the State Leadership Forum, we had a fantastic discussion of how SPTAs can take a stand on important social issues. Many of these conversations are led by groups of ECPs in their respective SPTAs. Through these discussions, I realized the impact of the growing number of ECPs leading their SPTAs. This quarter, we highlight one of the ECP leaders, Nekeshia Hammond, Psy.D.



Dr. Hammond is current president of the Florida Psychological Association. I first met Dr. Hammond at the Practice Leadership Conference several years ago. She is a fantastic leader and Florida is lucky to have her! Dr. Hammond reports from Florida:

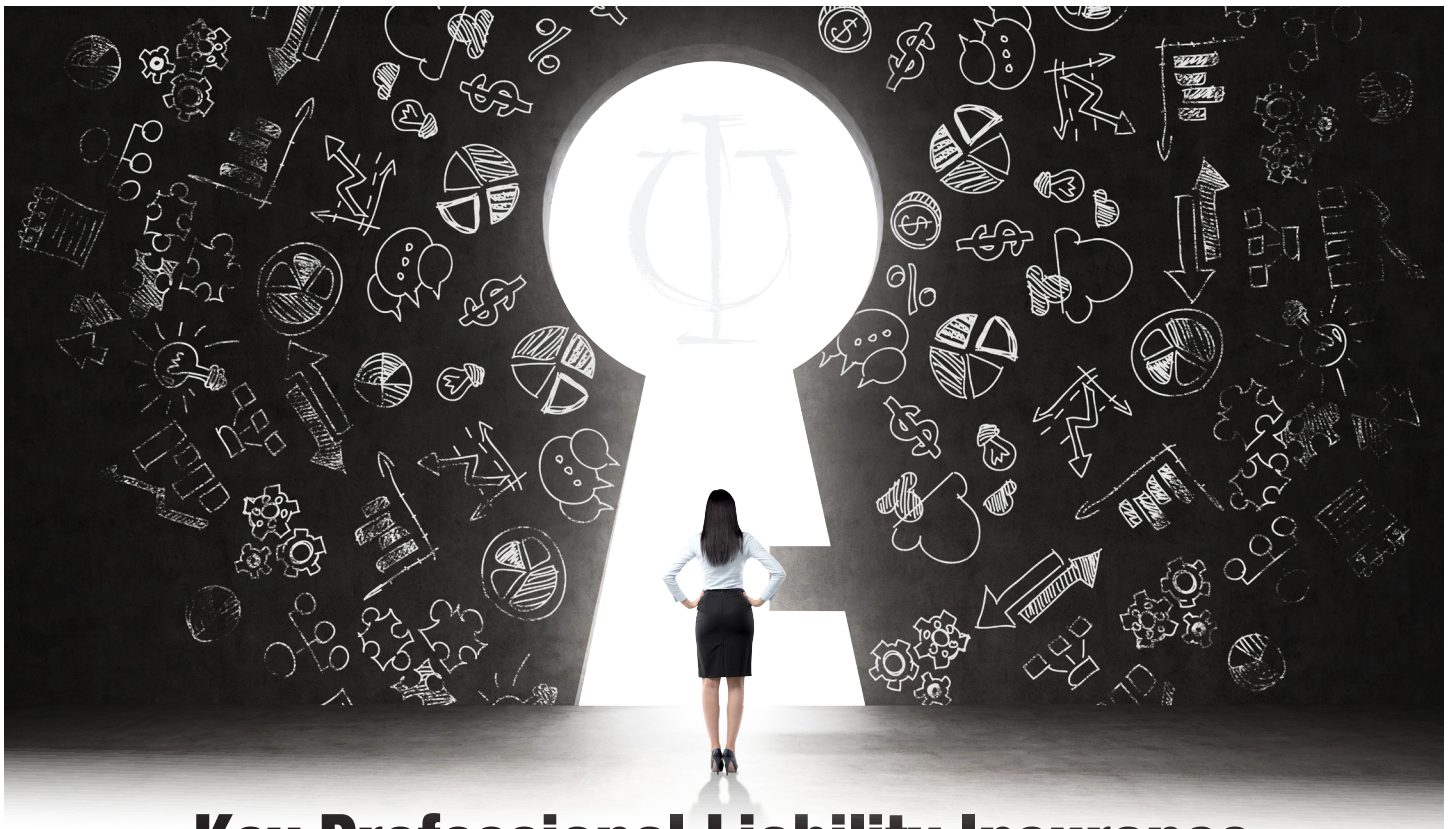
"Over the past couple of years, Florida Psychological Association (FPA) has grown the services for ECPs. When I was FPA ECP chair back in 2015, we began to work on having ECP chairs throughout the state in each chapter. Since our state is so large, we have 13 chapters spread out throughout the state with its own set of chapter leaders, along with our executive board and Board of Directors at the state level. After we established more ECP chairs, we began initiatives to increase ECP activities, such as more networking activities and a page on our website to help ECPs. We also changed our definition of an ECP to follow APA's model of 10 year post doctorate degree (as opposed to our original 7 years post licensure). In this manner, we allowed more individuals to identify as ECP to help more members. This year, I was excited that our leadership approved having the statewide ECP chair serve on the Board of Direc-

tors to offer recommendations and pertinent information for ECPs.

"A new initiative that the membership chair, ECP chair, and I began this year is having virtual social hours for ECPs. We had our first ECP virtual social hour in August, and the feedback was the group would like to have more opportunities to communicate on a statewide level. We utilize the Zoom platform, which allows for video and teleconferencing. We are thrilled to begin bimonthly virtual social hours to discuss relevant topics to ECPs, such as the business of private practice, navigating employment, balancing work and family, and how to network efficiently."

I really appreciate Dr. Hammond sharing the exciting opportunities for ECPs in Florida. We appreciate all the work that Florida ECPs put into their state association and look forward to more great things in the future!

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Division 31 Presents Awards During the APA Convention



Above, Dr. Ray Michael Droby received the Excellence in Rural Health Award from Committee on Rural Health Chair Dr. Emily Selby-Nelson.

Above right, Psychologist of the Year Dr. Peter Oppenheimer is honored by Division 31 President Dr. Linda Knauss.

Right, Dr. Nan Klein of the Utah Psychological Association was recognized by President Knauss for the association's success in passing legislation to become part of PSYPACT.



Division 31 Presents Awards During the APA Convention



Left, Dr. Lisa Linning, on behalf of the Nevada Psychological Association, was recognized for Nevada's successes in passing legislation to become part of PSYPACT, for achieving Medicaid reimbursement for services provided by doctoral interns, and for successfully changing the corporate practice law to allow psychologists to partner with physicians for integrated health care practices.

Below, Dr. Susan Farber and Dr. V. Page Haviland were recognized on behalf of the Idaho Psychological Association for achieving prescription privileges.



Division 31 Activities During the 2017 APA Convention



From board meetings to social time to Heiser Award winners and other honorees, Division 31 made a significant impression at the APA Convention!



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lated ideas from APAPO and CAPP.

Two very important votes are coming soon. The bylaws amendment ballot and apportionment ballot are coming on November 1, 2017. The bylaws amendment will ensure each SPTA and Division has one seat at Council. It is also important for members to give as many of their apportionment votes as possible to states so states gain additional seats on Council. So please be sure to vote when your ballot arrives.

Division 31 had a strong presence at the 2017 APA Annual Convention in Washington, DC. We had a very productive Board of Directors meeting, a well attended social hour, seven Heiser awardees and many informative convention programs. At the Board meeting, the Board of Directors voted to endorse

Dr. Rosie Phillips Bingham for APA President-elect. She is the only candidate endorsed by Division 31 this year. Dr. Bingham indicated that she will listen to members of Division 31 and actively support Division 31 in efforts to advocate for SPTAs.

The Board continued to discuss the issue of master's level licensure. The APA Council of Representatives voted that current issues and developments have risen to the level that APA should take a position on master's level training and/or practice and that staff and governance should identify and explore options for APA to pursue. Dr. Oppenheimer, the Division 31 Council Representative, has organized a working group to respond to requests for information and questions related to the master's issue. This group will provide input to the APA president.

Sally Cameron, our CESPPA Representative, shared information from a recent meeting of SPTA Executive Directors. One pressing concern has been the changing criteria used to accredit CE providers. This has created a hardship especially for SPTA's, many of whom are considering forgoing APA approval in favor of their state accreditation. CESPPA has recently sent a letter to the CE Committee of APA expressing its concerns. In addition, several guests from APA attended our meeting including Dr. Kathy Grus from the Education Directorate, Dr. Elena Eisman from the Practice Directorate and Drs. Abrahamson and Lazaroff from the State Advocacy Office. They provided updates on their activities and projects.

The Division 31 social hour honored the Psychologist of the Year, Dr. Peter Oppenheimer, and introduced the new Division 31 Fellows, Drs. Kevin Arnold, Joseph Coyne and Peter Oppenheimer. Dr. Ray Michael Droby received the Excellence in Rural Health Award from the Committee on Rural Health. Idaho was recognized for achieving prescription privileges, Utah and Nevada were recognized for passing legislation to become part of PSYPACT and Nevada was recognized for achieving Medicaid reimbursement for services provided by doctoral interns, and for successfully changing the corporate practice law to allow psychologists to partner with physicians for integrated health care practices.

It has been an exciting year for Division 31. Please visit the Division 31 website for updated information, read our blogs, discuss concerns on the list serve, and follow us on twitter.

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