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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

**Stephanie D. Block, PhD**

President

As a developmental psychologist, parent, and citizen I am frustrated by the number of legal and policy decisions with tremendous impact on children and families that fail to reflect scientific evidence. Because of this, my presidency has been focused on a Call to Action, in an effort to increase our collective ability to use psychological evidence for the public good. Our Division continues hosting virtual “Coffee & A Call to Action” talks. Save the Date for September 8, 2023, when Dr. Paula Fite and Dr. Yo Jackson will speak about how to apply research to advocacy. Dr. Marilyn Sampilo will give a talk in November on advocacy to address health disparities. Stay tuned for announcements on the listserv and social media for our future coffee talks!

As part of our campaign to encourage our members to share the ways in which you are engaged in advocacy, we have also launched a kudoboard (<https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/DLXiApDF>). Please continue to use the kudoboard to post examples of ways that you have engaged in advocacy in recent years. It can be at the federal, state, or local level, within government or with other agencies or community partners. We look forward to engaging with our members and hearing what you all have been up to! We hope to inspire each other through these posts, and we will organize this information into tip sheets to share on our website.

The *Call to Action* culminates in advocacy training that will take place the Wednesday before the APA Convention on August 2. This workshop will especially focus on skills to use with local lawmakers and on social media. I will update the membership on this workshop in my post-convention article.

A special thanks to our APA Program Chair, Evan McCracken who has done a tremendous job with programming. My Presidential Symposium will feature Bruce Lesley, President of First Focus on Children Thursday, August 3, 1:00pm-1:50pm at the Washington Convention

Center, Level 2, Room 204C. Mr. Lesley has over 30 years of public policy experience at all levels of government and a demonstrated commitment to improving the lives and well-being of children. This session will discuss current policy and legislation related to children and families and will address how to add advocacy to the work we do so that we can lift up the voices of the children and families we serve and study.

I hope many of you can join us for updates at our Division Business meeting on Saturday, August 5 from 11-11:50 a.m. at Convention Level 1, East Salon F, immediately followed in the same room by our esteemed award winners speaking about how their work has made a difference to children and families on Saturday, August 5 from 12-12:50 p.m. We are honored to have Nicholas Hobbs Award winner, Mary Ann McCabe and Distinguished Contribution to Child Advocacy Award winner, Stacey Patton present about their phenomenal work advocating for children.

Please review our other outstanding programming (see the brochure in this issue for details and additional CE opportunities), like our highly regarded, CE-eligible Walk-A-Mile program (this year focused on how youth and families seek trauma informed care) on Thursday from 3-3:50 p.m. in Convention Level 1, Room 144A. Please also visit our division poster session in the convention center on Friday, August 4 from 11-11:50 a.m., from which we will select three poster-award winners for the division. Section President Maggie Stevenson invited APA President Dr. Thema Bryant to speak Saturday, 9:00am-9:50am at Washington Convention Center Level 2, Room 207A.

We hope to catch up with you all at our various social events! Division 37 is once again partnering with APA's Committee on Children, Youth, and Families to host a catered **Mega-Social Hour** for professionals committed to the welfare of children, youth, and families, including: Division 7 (Developmental Psychology), Division 16 (School Psychology), Division 43 (Society for Couple and Family Psychology), and Division 54 (Society of Pediatric Psychology). This will be a great opportunity to network and recognize our annual awardees. Please join us starting from 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 3 in the Marriott Marquis, Level 2, Marquis Salon 3. Please see the detailed convention programming and be sure to remind students to attend our annual student breakfast. We will also be hosting our annual ECP social hour to network and socialize.

In other Division news, in my last article, I reported that we were focused on expanding our membership and creating more opportunities to connect. I challenged each of you to invite two colleagues to join our Division's efforts. I am happy to report that since our last report we have over 200 new members!! Thank you to graduate student representative Rayna Enriquez for helping the membership committee organize this effort. Thank you all for your continued support of Division 37 and please continue to invite your students and colleagues to join our efforts.

Division 37 member Jason Cantone submitted legislation to APA (in his position as Council rep for Division 41) against the use of solitary confinement/involuntary isolation for juveniles. The legislation was based on the report of an earlier APA task force that included Division 37 members. Our Executive Committee unanimously voted to support this legislation. We continue to support these efforts and will keep membership posted on this important

legislation.

This year Division 37 continues its sponsorship of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine's Forum for Children's Well-being. Division member Christy Olezeski served as an invited speaker at the Forum's Spring Workshop entitled *Supporting the Health and Well-being of Gender Diverse Youth: A Workshop*. For those who missed the workshop, the proceedings in brief and a video recording of the workshop can be accessed [here](#). In addition, Division member, Christin Ogle, currently serves as the Division representative on the Forum. The Forum is in the process of planning the Fall workshop which will focus on the science of engaging with lived experience in child well-being research, practice, and policy. If you have expertise in this area and would like to be considered as a guest speaker, please feel free to email me.

Also, as part of the Children's Forum, Division 37 Past-President Jennifer Kaminski and 2017 Distinguished Contribution to Child Advocacy Awardee Kelly Kelleher co-authored a series of ***NAM Perspectives papers*** proposing a standardized set of core metrics that can support health systems in promoting the well-being of children throughout their developmental journey. The four metrics assess the physical, cognitive, and socio-emotional health of children across different developmental stages: Infant Mortality, School Readiness, Chronic Absenteeism, and High School Graduation.

Finally, I am excited to report that our Division has been approved by APA to offer Continuing Education credits by APA! A special thanks to Joaquin Borrego for spear-heading that effort alongside Christina Rodriguez. We look forward to offering Division members more CE opportunities.

Please email me ([stephanie\\_block@uml.edu](mailto:stephanie_block@uml.edu)) anytime to get more involved in our efforts or just to introduce yourself. It is crucial that we collaborate in our efforts in this call to action to serve children and their families. Get in touch so we can start the conversation.

Stephanie D. Block, Ph.D.

2023 President of the Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice, Division 37

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## ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

**Christina M. Rodriguez, PhD**

Past President

I am excited to announce the winners of the recent elections for our three open positions in the Division (these offices begin in 2024).

**President-Elect (2024)/President (2025)/Past-President (2026)**

The duties of the President include setting the priorities of the division for the year, presiding at all meetings of the division, serving as chair of the Executive Committee, supervising the affairs of the division, and coordinating the activities of the division with those of other divisions and APA.

**Jodi Quas, PhD**

**Professor, University of California at Irvine**

**Division 37 Fellow, 2018 Nicholas Hobbs Award Winner**

As a developmental psychologist whose work falls at the interface of science, policy, and practice, I have devoted my career to finding ways of improving identification of and outcomes for vulnerable children and adolescents. I have studied methods of enhancing the accuracy of children's eyewitness accounts and abuse disclosures. I have identified consequences of maltreatment and legal involvement, and tested methods of reducing some of those consequences. Most recently, I have turned my attention toward other victim populations, including adolescent victims, particularly those who have been commercially sexually exploited. I have been documenting challenges that arise when these victims are interviewed and strategies to overcome these challenges, which can facilitate intervention, service delivery, and prosecution of perpetrators. To pursue this research, I have partner with governmental agencies and private foundations, whose knowledge helps shape the research's design, execution, and interpretation. These partnerships are crucial to effective dissemination of findings to professionals who serve vulnerable populations.

My hope is to use the skills that I have acquired forming and maintaining these partnerships in my role as President of Division 37. I will be able to continue to promote collaborative projects that address the needs of children and youth. I have served in multiple other leaderships role for the APA (e.g., Division 37 Member-At-Large; Member and then Chair of the APA Committee on Child, Youth, and Families) and worked with several past executive committee members of Division 37, but also with Division 7 and 41, on important interdivisional initiatives. Finally, I am very familiar with the Section on Child Maltreatment and its important activities that also serve the broader mission of Division 37 and thus would be thrilled to work with the Section on ongoing and new projects. Overall, I am honored to become President of Division 37 and excited to work with others to effect change that improves the lives of vulnerable children, youth, and families.

**Treasurer (2024-2026)**

The duties of the treasurer involve collection, disbursement, and investment of Division funds, budget oversight, interfacing with banking entities, and coordination with APA on annual tax filings.

**Yoojin Chae, PhD**

**Associate Professor, Texas Tech University**

I would be deeply honored to serve as Treasurer for APA Division 37. I am Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Sciences at Texas Tech University. I earned my PhD in Human Development from Cornell University and completed postdoctoral training at

the University of California, Davis. I have been devoted to a wide range of research on child development. My research emphasis and educational background primarily concern children's eyewitness ability, emotion and memory, trauma and memory, attachment, parent-child reminiscing, suggestibility, and child forensic interviewing.

In addition to my research activities, I have held several prior leadership positions on the Executive Committee of Division 37's Section on Child Maltreatment, including Member-at-Large (2016-2018) and Treasurer (2019-2022). Also, I am currently having a second term as Treasurer for Division 7 (Developmental Psychology). Through these leadership experiences, I have had the opportunities to collaborate with colleagues on applying developmental science to policies and practices that facilitate positive development of children and families. In particular, my experiences as Treasurer have strengthened my skills related to financial management. It was my privilege to be on the executive committee of Division 37's Section of Child Maltreatment and I am excited about the possibility of serving at the Division level as well. I would love to apply the extent of my knowledge, experience, and energy to further the goals of Division 37 in contributing to social policy on behalf of children and families and enhancing education and networking. I am enthusiastic about providing scientific evidence for professionals who work with children and families and partnering with policy makers.

#### **Member-at-Large for Communications and Technology (2024-2026)**

The duties of this member-at-large is to oversee the Division webpage and listservs; to coordinate with the Social Media Chair; and otherwise improve communications among Division members.

#### **Jennifer B. Blossom, PhD Assistant Professor, University of Maine**

I am a Clinical Child Psychologist, an Assistant Professor, and a member of the Clinical Faculty in the Department of Psychology at the University of Maine. I received my PhD in Clinical Child Psychology from the University of Kansas and completed my predoctoral internship and postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of Washington School of Medicine and Seattle Children's Hospital. My program of research employs an implementation science approach to improve community capacity to identify and intervene for youth with mental health problems, including enhancing service delivery, efficiency, access, and engagement. Specifically, my research evaluates the effectiveness and implementation of evidence-based interventions (EBIs) within pediatric primary care and community settings with the goal of realizing a public health impact of EBIs for common youth mental health concerns, including anxiety, depression, and suicide prevention.

It would be a privilege to serve as Division 37's Member-at-Large for Communications and Technology. Increasingly, central themes of my research and professional roles reflect the intersection of public policy and systems that youth and families often encounter when attempting to access or engage in mental health services. To that end, my professional values and efforts mirror those of Division 37, namely, "[a commitment] to the application of psychological knowledge to advocacy, social justice, service delivery and public policies affecting children, youth, and families in a diverse and inclusive society." Central to this mission is facilitating active, consistent discussion among Division members regarding

resources, opportunities, and initiatives relevant to our shared goal.

## 2023 AWARD RESULTS

**Christina M. Rodriguez, PhD**

Past President

I am thrilled to announce the winners of the recent awards review for our ECPs and students for 2023:

**Mark Chaffin Div. 37 Early Career Psychologist Research Grant** funds an ECP research project. This year's award goes to Dr. Erika Luz Gustafson, currently at University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Psychiatry for her project on a Community Health Worker intervention for Latinx parents.

**Division 37 Early Career Psychologist Service Award** is awarded to an ECP who engages in community engagement. This year's award goes to Dr. Radosveta Dimitrova at Stockholm University, Sweden, for her multiple contributions ranging from advocacy and attention to issues surrounding disabilities, emergency aid to those affected by disaster and war, and the pandemic, among many worth causes.

**NEW! Graduate Student Research Grant:** We were amazed by the large number of very strong applicants. This inaugural award goes to Jenna Russo at Mississippi State University for her dissertation project, "Handle with Care: School-Community Partnership for Children's Equity in Education" a community engaged research project linking first-responders and schools in support of potentially traumatized children and families.

**Outstanding Dissertation Award** is awarded to a recently completed doctoral dissertation concerning issues of social policy, service delivery, welfare, and/or advocacy for children, youth, and families. This year's award goes to Dr. Aitana Gomes Pomares from the Jaime I University in Spain for her dissertation, "Minors at risk: Adverse childhood experiences and youth offending."

## EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS

**Cynthia Brown, PhD**

Member at Large – Early Career Professionals

I'm delighted to share that we have formed a committee for Early Career Professionals to help guide ECP programming efforts. We have two updates for you.

First, there will be a Happy Hour for ECPs at the APA Convention. It will be 5PM Friday August 4 at the City Tap House - Penn Quarter Location, located just a few blocks away from the convention center. We invite you to come and meet other ECPs and connect with other Division 37 members. Some snacks and small plates will be covered by the Division.

Second, please keep an eye out for invitations for **ECP Coffee Talks** launching this Fall.

Coffee Talks are informal discussions moderated by the ECP committee members with Division members who have expertise in topics related to professional development, research, and policy work. They will be virtual via Zoom. Several members representing a range of professional backgrounds have contacted us to share their interest in presenting. We hope that you will keep your eyes peeled for invitations as we finalize the schedule.

## FEATURED ARTICLE

### Ensuring that Divisions 37's Voice is Heard within APA

**Jason A. Cantone, J.D., PhD**

Member, APA Division 37

APA Council Representative for APA Division 41(American Psychology-Law Society)

**Note:** *This article is adapted from a similar article by this author published in the APA Division 18 newsletter.*

The Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice (APA Division 37) will retain its one representative APA's Council of Representatives (Council) at least through 2024. But what is Council and how is its composition determined? This article answers these questions alongside recent APA data about Division 37.

**What is Council?** Council is the policymaking body of APA and consists of members from divisions, SPTAs, and ethnic minority psychological associations, and the APA Board of Directors. Of note, Dr. Cindy Miller-Perrin currently represents Division 37 on Council and Division 37 member Dr. Mary Ann McCabe currently sits on the APA Board of Directors. As examples of the types of items before Council, at its February 2023 meeting Council passed an offer of apology to the First Peoples of the United States, the *Resolution on Confidentiality and Reproductive Health*, *APA Principles for Quality Undergraduate Education in Psychology*, *Educational Guidelines for Equitable and Respectful Treatment of Students in Graduate Psychology Training Programs*, and the *Resolution on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in Quality Continuing Education and Professional Development*. Council also regularly passes psychology practice guidelines, including the *APA Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations in Family Law Proceedings*. More information about Council, as well as all Council meeting minutes since 2010, is available here: <https://www.apa.org/about/governance/council/>. Having active Division 37 representation ensures that APA and APA Council consider the child and family issues that matter to Division 37.

**How is the composition of Council determined?** Each fall, APA sends an apportionment ballot electronically to all APA members. Results from this ballot determine the composition of Council. Each voter allocates ten votes across divisions or state, provincial or territorial associations (SPTAs) of their choice. For example, you can give all ten of your votes to Division 37 or spread them across divisions and SPTAs. APA then tabulates the number and percentage of votes each division and SPTA receives and allocates Council representation accordingly. Put simply, the higher percentage of votes that Division 37 receives, the more representation Division 37 has on Council.

**What does the APA apportionment data show?** In December 2022, APA released the most recent apportionment ballot results. Divisions 9 (Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues), 17 (Counseling Psychology), and 32 (Humanistic Psychology) each lost a seat on Council, while Divisions 2 (Teaching), 5 (Quantitative and Qualitative Methods), and 14 (Industrial and Organizational Psychology) each gained a seat.

Division 37 will maintain its one Council representative for the 2024 term but, as shown in Table 1 below, received fewer votes in 2022 than in the prior five years of apportionment ballots (2017-2021).



Table 1. Apportionment Votes Allocated to Division 37 as Percentage of Total Votes (2017-2022).

However, it's not only Division 37 receiving fewer apportionment votes. An examination of the data for all divisions and SPTAs shows a decrease in overall votes in 2022. Although the number of Division 37 votes in 2022 were at a six-year low (see Table 1), Division 37 actually matched its six-year high in the percentage of all APA votes apportioned to Division 37. Still, there is room for improvement. The percentage of APA member votes for Division 37 has been consistently low the past six years, ranging from 0.48% of all votes (in 2017) to 0.59% of all votes (in both 2021 and 2022). The APA data also reveals that very few members allocate all ten of their votes to Division 37, ranging from only 10 (in 2017 and 2022) to 16 (in 2018).

With the next apportionment ballot coming this fall, these data should inspire Division 37 to further educate members about why the apportionment ballot matters, what Council does, and what Council offers Division 37. It should also encourage members to vote for Division 37. More votes for Division 37 on the apportionment ballot and further representation on

Council could result in expanded APA action on matters related to child and family policy and practice.

# STUDENT UPDATE

## Voice for the Students

**Rayna Enriquez, MA**

Graduate Student Representative

This past year, the graduate student representative and incoming graduate student representative collaborated together with the graduate student board to increase the connectivity and communication amongst student members. The roles and duties of each person on the Division 37 board were explicitly spelled out further during our Board meeting in February. This allowed for further discussion between the graduate student representative and graduate student delegate to surmise a list of duties that should be accomplished before the transfer of roles, including planning a graduate student-mentor meeting for the 2023 APA Convention, meet with Division student members to structure and organize the roles of each student, revise and update the student manual, and coordinate a joint webinar between the graduate student members of Division 37, Division 53, and Division 54.

A primary goal for Division 37's graduate student committee this year is to increase student engagement and connectivity for members. The 2023 APA Convention in Washington D.C. this year will be a great opportunity for members to interact with one another. Division 37 will be hosting several events to give members the chance to network, including a student-mentor breakfast that will be held at a nearby restaurant called Busboys and Poets. This breakfast will give students the opportunity to connect with other members, mentors, and esteemed fellows and exchange ideas. More information about the breakfast will be provided soon. Don't forget to RSVP!

Lastly, Division 37, Division 53, and Division 54 will be holding a joint webinar event on professional development including topics of techniques for preparing application materials, job interview techniques, and negotiations. This webinar has become a traditional event held annually with the collaboration of these subdivisions of APA. The graduate student representatives of these three subdivisions chose to hold this webinar to assist students and trainees in preparing for professional development, expanding their networks, and hearing directly from a panel of current administrators about important qualities that employers look for in an applicant. This event will be free and will be held online to ensure that students across the country can join to learn about these important skills. We are excited to see the ideas of the students flourish over the year and are eager to share more updates in the next issue of *The Advocate*. Follow us on social media for more updates and opportunities for members to stay engaged.

Advocacy is very important to members of Division 37, so here are some helpful links to current advocacy initiatives or resources for more information:

- [Advocating for equal treatment of graduate students in student debt relief programs](#)
- [Psychology workforce training and education programs get funding boosts with sustained advocacy](#)

- [APA Government Relations](#)
- [Children & Families at the Center: Policy Ideas for Communities, States and the New Administration](#)

# SECTION ON CHILD MALTREATMENT

## President's Column

**Margaret C. Stevenson, PhD**

Section President

As the summer is now in full swing, the APA convention is right around the corner. We look forward to hearing from our featured speaker during the Section's Presidential Symposium -- Dr. Thema Bryant. Current APA President, Dr. Thema Bryant is professor of psychology at Pepperdine University. She will share her clinical and research expertise, which lies within the intersection of interpersonal trauma -- particularly child abuse -- and cultural oppression. In her presentation, Dr. Bryant will highlight implications for child maltreatment researchers, therapists, and policy-makers by drawing from her psychological expertise at the intersection of child abuse, trauma, cultural oppression, and racism. This event will take place on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-9:50am at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2 rm 207B. Please mark these event details in your calendar -- we hope to see you there!

### **Section on Child Maltreatment Award Winners!**

We also encourage everyone to attend the Committee for Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) Social Hour at the APA convention on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the Marriot Marquis, Level 2, Marquis Salon 3. There, we will honor several awardees for the following Section on Child Maltreatment Awards:

#### **Dissertation Grant Award**

Jorge Cuartas

Ph.D. Candidate,

Harvard Graduate School of Education

**Dissertation:** "Piloting a Universal Parenting Violence Prevention Program for Families With Young Children in Columbia (Apapacho)"

This year we are pleased to announce two winners of the Karen Saywitz Early Career Award for Outstanding Research/Practice!

#### **Karen Saywitz Early Career Award for Outstanding Research/Practice**

Monica Lawson, PhD,

Assistant Professor of Psychology,

The University of Texas at San Antonio

### **Karen Saywitz Early Career Award for Outstanding Research/Practice**

Angela Narayan, PhD

Associate Professor of Psychology,  
University of Denver

### **Mid-Career Award for Outstanding Work in Child Maltreatment**

Cynthia Najdowski, PhD

Associate Professor of Psychology  
Social/Personality Psychology Area Head  
University at Albany, State University of New York

Congratulations to these amazing scholars and practitioners who have made significant and important contributions to the field of child maltreatment. We sincerely hope you will join us at APA to congratulate these most deserving awardees during the CYF social!

### **New Developments in the Section on Child Maltreatment**

In other news, we are pleased to welcome Ilana Berman, PhD (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), our newly appointed Early Career Professional co-chair who will join forces with current ECP co-chair Toria Herd to develop resources, programs, and events that support ECP Section members. If you are an early career professional interested in getting more involved in the Section on Child Maltreatment and networking with other ECPs, please reach out to our [ECP co-chairs](#).

The Section's new task force, spearheaded by Cynthia Najdowski, Section MAL for diversity, has met and developed a plan to identify, articulate, and act on the section's goals and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Task force members have discussed the development of a new Section Award that honors and promotes important and necessary scholarship at the intersection of child maltreatment and diversity. They have also begun the process of developing a statement to articulate its goals and commitment to these important issues as well as concrete action toward pursuing this commitment.

### **Becoming Involved in the Section on Child Maltreatment**

The Section on Child Maltreatment remains committed to its efforts to engage and recruit members, disseminate information via social media, and highlight policy updates and current issues pertaining to child maltreatment in the [Section's newsletters](#). We encourage you to follow the Section's LinkedIn page and Twitter account (@Div37ChildMaltx) to meet and engage with child maltreatment scholars and practitioners. There you can also learn about relevant news, awards, jobs, and conference information. Students interested in becoming more involved in the Section on Child Maltreatment should join ([membership is free to students!](#)), reach out to our [Section on Child Maltreatment Student Executive Committee](#), and follow the Section's Student group on twitter (@Div37ChMaltxSAB). There are many ways students can become involved in the Student Committee for the Section on Child Maltreatment and we welcome their contributions.

Importantly, please feel free to [contact me](#) and share your questions about becoming involved in the Section on Child Maltreatment. The Section remains devoted to advancing science,

practice, and advocacy in the field of child maltreatment and prevention. We would love to involve you in advancing our important mission, to learn about your work in the field of child maltreatment, and to support your efforts toward improving the lives of children through research, practice, and advocacy!

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# Division 37 Convention Program

**WASHINGTON DC** **Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice**  
**AUGUST 3-5**



Division 37 invites you to join us for #APA2023 in Washington, DC and virtually!

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## Division 37 at APA 2023

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Information is subject to change; for the most up-to-date information, please see the full 2023 convention program on APA's mobile app: <https://convention.apa.org/agenda/agenda-at-a-glance>.

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**AUGUST 3-5**

## Division Themes

- Prevention of violence against children
- The impact of trauma on children and families and our role as psychologists
- Reproductive Health Policies and their impact on health equity
- Interconnections among practice, policy, and research
- Diversity challenges and opportunities for children, youth, and families

## Selected Highlights

### **“Children at a Crossroads”** (Invited Presidential Address)

Thurs Aug 3, 1:00pm-1:50pm | Washington Convention Center, Level 2, Room 204C

Division President: Stephanie Block, PhD

Presenter: Bruce Lesley, First Focus on Children

### **“Racial Disparities in Physical Abuse in Context: Implications for Practice and Policy”** (Symposium 2.0)

Fri Aug 4, 12:00pm-12:50pm | Washington Convention Center Level 1, Room 144B

Chair: Christina M. Rodriguez, PhD

### **“Division 37 Section on Child Maltreatment’s Presidential Symposium”** (Symposium 2.0)

Sat Aug 5, 9:00am-9:50am | Washington Convention Center Level 2, Room 207A

Section President: Margaret Stevenson, PhD

Presenter: Thema Bryant-Davis, PhD



## Continuing Education (CE) Credits

WASHINGTON DC

AUGUST 3-5

Division 37 is proud to announce 5 sessions  
offering **live in-person CE credit**:

**“Building Empathy on the Road to Social Justice: Multi-Media Resources for Families”** (Skill Building)

Thurs Aug 3, 12:00pm-12:50pm | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 144A

**“Community Violence Exposure Walk-a-Mile Experience: Youth & Families Seeking Trauma Informed Care”** (Symposium 2.0)

Thurs Aug 3, 3:00pm-3:50pm | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 144A

**“Adverse Childhood Experiences: Informing Practice in Pediatric Health Care”** (Skill Building)

Fri Aug 4, 10:00am-10:50am | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 144A

**“Racial Disparities in Physical Child Abuse in Context: Implications for Practice and Policy”**  
(Symposium 2.0)

Fri Aug 4, 12:00pm-12:50pm | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 144B

**“Enhancing Parental Empathy to Reduce Violence against Children: Strategies from CPC-CBT”**  
(Skill Building)

Fri Aug 4, 4:00pm-4:50pm | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 144C

\*\*Sessions offering CE credits have been reviewed and approved by the American Psychological Association Office of Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP) and the Continuing Education Committee (CEC) to offer CE credits for psychologists. The CEP Office and the CEC maintain responsibility for the delivery of the programs.



## Social Hours at the Convention

**WASHINGTON DC**

**AUGUST 3-5**

### **Committee for Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Social Hour**

Thurs Aug 3, 6:00pm - | Marriot Marquis, Level 2, Marquis Salon 3

Please join APA's Committee for Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) and Divisions 7, 16, 37, 43, and 54 for its annual social hour. Food/beverages will be provided.

*Note:* The following two social hours are being coordinated internally by Division 37 and are not being advertised in the full APA schedule:

### **Student-Mentor Breakfast**

Thurs Aug 3, 8:00am-9:00am | [Busboys and Poets](#), 450 K St NW

Students affiliated with Division 37 are invited to network and socialize at Busboys and Poets (<5- walk from the Convention Center)

### **Early Career Professional (ECP) Social Hour**

Fri Aug 4, 5:00pm-5:50pm | [City Tap House – Penn Quarter](#), 901 9<sup>th</sup> St NW

Early career professionals are warmly welcomed to socialize, network, and enjoy some tasty snacks at City Tap House (<5-minute walk) starting at happy hour at 5pm.



## Division 37 Programs

### Thursday, August 3, 2023

**WASHINGTON DC**

**AUGUST 3-5**

#### **“Building Empathy on the Road to Social Justice: Multi-Media Resources for Families” (Skill Building)**

12:00pm-12:50pm | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 144A

**\*Live in-person CE credit available**

**Chair:** Ann Hazard, PhD

**Description:** Clinicians can expand their role as community educators and advocates by utilizing multimedia resources to promote empathy and social justice with families. The presenter will review innovative resources developed by psychologically and culturally informed organizations and discuss strategies for utilization in therapeutic and community contexts.

#### **“Children at a Crossroads” (Invited Presidential Address by Bruce Lesley, First Focus on Children)**

**\*Division 37 Highlight**

1:00pm-1:50pm | Washington Convention Center, Level 2, Room 204C

**Division President:** Stephanie Block, PhD

**Description:** In 2020 we were at the lowest level of federal spending on children and in 2022 we are at the highest level of spending. Congress is saying we should take the appropriations bills back to the 2020 levels. We will either continue to make investments in children or we will not. We need to keep making improvements in terms of funding and attention to children or we are going to go backwards. This session will address current policy and legislation related to children and families and will address how to add advocacy to the work we do so that we can be a voice for the children and families we serve and study.

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## Division 37 Programs

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### **“Community Violence Exposure Walk-a-Mile Experience: Youth & Families Seeking Trauma Informed Care” (Symposium 2.0)**

3:00pm-3:50pm | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 144A

**\*Live in-person CE credit available**

**Chair:** Mirian E. Ofonedu, PhD

**Description:** The APA 131st Annual Convention is an opportune time to bring awareness to the impact of community violence and need for trauma informed care and renew our commitment to advocating for policies and practices that promote the health and well-being of underserved, marginalized and vulnerable children, youth and families.

### **Committee for Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Social Hour**

6:00pm - | Marriot Marquis, Level 2, Marquis Salon 3

Please join APA's Committee for Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) and Divisions 7, 16, 37, 43, and 54 for its annual social hour.



## Division 37 Programs

### Friday, August 4, 2023

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#### **“Adverse Childhood Experiences: Informing Practice in Pediatric Health Care” (Skill Building)**

10:00am-10:50am | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 144A

*\*Live in-person CE credit available*

**Chair:** Kimberly M. Burkhart, PhD

**Description:** Childhood adversity is a public health crisis. Health care settings are recognized as key venues to identify and mitigate the impact of ACEs. Participants will be provided with a toolkit for choosing universal screening options and other prevention-based practices and models.

#### **Division 37 Poster Session 1**

11:00am-11:50am | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2: Halls D and E

Division 37 is proud to feature 27 posters by students as well as professionals which will be presented live.

*\*Division 37 is also offering a Virtual Poster Session that can be viewed online. See page 13 for details.*



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### **“Racial Disparities in Physical Child Abuse in Context: Implications for Practice and Policy”** (Symposium 2.0)

12:00pm-12:50pm | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 144B

**\*Live in-person CE credit available & Division 37 Highlight**

**Chair:** Christina M. Rodriguez, PhD

**Description:** Multiple reasons may account for why Black parents appear at risk for child maltreatment that arise from inequities within the system. After presenting empirical work to understand what motivates these risk factors and what may be protective, this symposium will consider practice and policy implications.

### **“Addressing the Impact of Climate Change on Early Childhood Mental Health”** (Symposium 2.0)

3:00pm-3:50pm | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 147A

**Chair:** Walter Gilliam, PhD

**Description:** Young children -- prenatal through age 8 -- are uniquely vulnerable to the psychological effects of climate change. This session will explore the impacts of climate change on young children's mental health, and responsive strategies policymakers and practitioners can utilize.



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### **“Enhancing Parental Empathy to Reduce Violence against Children: Strategies from CPC-CBT” (Skill Building)**

4:00pm-4:50pm | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 144C

*\*Live in-person CE credit available*

**Chairs:** Kristin Dean, PhD & Michele R. Moser, PhD

**Description:** Combined Parent-Child Cognitive Behavioral Therapy reduces child physical abuse and coercive parenting practices in part by increasing caregiver empathy towards their children. This session will teach participants how to enhance caregiver empathy through a brief review of the literature, modeling via role play, and practice in dyads.

### **Early Career Professional (ECP) Social Hour**

5:00pm-5:50pm | [City Tap House – Penn Quarter](#)

Early career professionals are warmly welcomed to socialize, network, and enjoy some tasty snacks at City Tap House (<5-minute walk) starting at happy hour at 5pm.



## Division 37 Programs

### Saturday, August 5, 2023

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#### **“Integrating voices of caregivers from underserved families in research, policy, and practice”** (Critical Conversations)

8:00am-8:50am | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 151B

**Chairs:** Mary Haskett, PhD & Janette Herbers, PhD

**Description:** This session will explore challenges and opportunities involved in integrating underserved caregivers' perspectives in practice, policy, and research applications. Researchers from North Carolina State and Villanova Universities will present strengths, barriers and recommendations and support participants to develop action plans to increase family involvement in their own organizations.

#### **Division 37 Section on Child Maltreatment's Presidential Symposium (Symposium 2.0)**

9:00am-9:50am | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2: Room 207A

**\*Division 37 Highlight**

**Chair:** Margaret Stevenson, PhD

**Description:** Division 37's Section on Child Maltreatment president highlights section activities which promote scientific inquiry, training, professional practice, and advocacy in child maltreatment. The section welcomes honored speaker, APA president Dr. Thema Bryant to discuss cultural oppression within child maltreatment and section past-president presents the Section on Child Maltreatment 2023 Awards.

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### Division 37 Business Meeting

11:00am-11:50am | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: East Salon F  
Learn more about the division's activities and future plans: all are welcome to join.

### Invited Address: Nicholas Hobbs Award and Distinguished Contribution to Child Advocacy Award

12:00pm-12:50pm | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: East Salon F

Nicholas Hobbs Award: Mary Ann McCabe, PhD; "Kids are all in the same storm but not in the same boat"

Distinguished Contribution to Child Advocacy Award: Stacey Patton, PhD; "How Psychologists Taught Me to Be a Better Advocate for Children"

### Permission Granted: Training Graduate Students in Political Advocacy (Critical Conversations)

1:00pm-1:50pm | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2: Room 208

**Chairs:** Teresa Collins-Jones, PhD & Lance Garrison, PhD

**Description:** After completing a Social Justice Advocacy Seminar Series, doctoral students in a Clinical Psychology (PsyD) program participated in grassroots advocacy efforts to communicate with elected representatives about mental health issues.



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### **“The HHS Roadmap for Behavioral Health Integration: Building Resilience in Children and Youth”** (Critical Conversations)

3:00pm-3:50pm | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 156

**Chair:** Alayna Schreier, PhD

**Description:** Children's mental health is in crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic. This critical conversation will discuss the HHS Roadmap for Behavioral Health Integration's commitment to expanding the evidence base for promotion and prevention programs from early childhood to young adulthood, focused on implementation and scaling of evidence-based programs that build resilience.

### **Division 37 Virtual Poster Session 1**

\*Sun Aug 6, 8:00am-8:50am | Virtual Poster Room

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