

Division 44 Newsletter A newsletter of Div. 44

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APA 2024 Convention News

Division Fundraising Dinner Back!

President's Column – Gregory Sarlo, PsyD



Hello Division 44 members! I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. It's been going well here in Chicago.

I know that the APA registration has been open since April. I just wanted to provide you with a couple bits of information. Dr. El McCabe and the Awards Committee have been really working hard to honor those experts in our areas who have contributed to the community and the profession. These awards are listed separately in this edition of the *Newsletter*.

We were told by APA no one can offer programming within a Suite at this convention. What they have done is provide us with meeting rooms in which we will offer all the programming that was previously provided in a Division suite. We will offer copies of the books and Division 44 materials there for your interests: **Sheraton Grand Seattle, University Room, Fourth Floor - Union Street Tower.**

Exciting news!!! We have had a line item for several years now since COVID shutdown regarding the “Annual Dinner Fundraising” event for the Division. I inquired at the Mid-Winter Meeting if we should continue this line item. I, for several years, chaired this event for the Division. It was asked if we could explore this again, which I approved. So, it's going to be happening! **SAVE THE DATE for the Saturday of the convention August 10th!** I have signed contracts and there will be special entertainment and fun to be had by all. More details will follow. The name of the event is **“Celebrating Us, While Fundraising for” A percentage of the dinner ticket price will go to a local Seattle organization of need in our community.** So, a portion will go toward the cost of the plate and the rest to assist a group or entity in our community that the Executive Board (EB) will choose and agree upon each year.

Student sponsorship is more than welcome like in the past, or just a donation to the division is always welcome. **So please reserve the date. Space will be limited. Please reserve ASAP to: Dr. Bernie Bishop [dr.berniebishop@gmail.com]. If you would like to sponsor a student, please indicate so when you register.**

Also, we will, of course, be having a Division Social which you will see on the APA programming as well as a combined ECP and Past-Presidents Brunch!

More good news!! We received a 20% increase in our Journal royalties. **The total from the Journal came to \$103,500 from the royalties alone.** Which means we have over 1/2 million dollars in our account.

There is one more topic which we addressed in the EB meeting. In January someone asked why we were on a calendar different from the APA calendar year. I was charged with doing some research, and what those who have been in the division a long time said was it mostly had to do with the academic calendar. Many of our members were involved in academia and still are. We discussed it and gathered thoughts together about what direction we will go regarding this topic. We were asking whether we should just leave it as is or change it to the January calendar. Much discussion is needed to see what makes more sense in the history of Division 44 going forward.

It's been a very exciting year! We have much to celebrate and be grateful for in our community. We need to all get together and celebrate the accomplishments and also continue to work very, very hard at the challenges facing our community. So, we have much to do going forward; but for the weekend of the convention let's all get together and support each other in celebration. Many have worked so hard this year and Division 44 is a place I always feel at HOME. Please come and join us!

Thank you,
Gregory, President Division 44

2024 Convention Highlights

See you in Seattle!

Division 44 Highlights:

Symposium

A Psychotherapy Open Clinical Trial with Two Spirit, Transgender, and Nonbinary People of Color

Symposium

Synthesis on Diverse LGBTQ+ Individuals' Well-being and Resilience

Symposium

Trans Authenticity: Challenging Media Narratives and Anti-Trans Discourses

Informal Program Room (in place of Division Suite for programming)

Thursday, August 8 – Saturday, August 10

Sheraton Grand Seattle, University Room, Fourth Floor - Union Street Tower

Division Dinner & Celebration Saturday of the convention August 10th!

Space will be limited. Please reserve ASAP!

- Licensed Psychologist / Guest \$125.00
- ECP: \$100.00
- Student: \$50.00

Student sponsorship is more than welcome like in the past, or just a donation to the division is always welcome. If you would like to sponsor a student, please indicate so when you register.

Students: If you could like to attend but are in need of financial assistance, please let us know when you register so we can fund you as funds become available from sponsors.

Important: if you have dietary restriction please indicate when you reply. You can add it when you click on the links.

Where:

Hilton Motif Seattle (very close within a couple blocks of the Convention)

1415 5th Ave., Seattle, WA 98101; Event room name: "4th Ave Collective"

To reserve your place, please use the links. We have tried to make it very easy for you! **The final guarantee headcount is due Wednesday, August 1 at noon.**

RSVP YES

RSVP YES WITH GUEST

RSVP NO; WITH DONATION

RSVP REGRETS I CANNOT ATTEND

*if links do not work, simply email with your RSVP to: **Dr. Bernie Bishop***

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Division 44 Final 2024 Convention Schedule

	Thursday 8/8	Friday 8/9	Saturday 8/10	
8:00AM	No Programming	Symposium: Promoting Bi+ Joy: Exploring Strength in the Plurisexual Community	Skill Building: Gender-Affirming Surgery: Practical Advocacy Skills for Psychologists	
9:00AM	No Programming	Symposium: A Psychotherapy Open Clinical Trial with Two Spirit, Transgender, and Nonbinary People of Color	Symposium: Trans Authenticity: Challenging Media Narratives and Anti-Trans Discourses	
10:00AM	Critical Conversation: Navigating Gender Affirming Care in a Politically Contentious Landscape	No Programming	No Programming	
11:00AM	Skill Building: Trauma Informed Care for LGBTQ+ Youth	No Programming	No Programming	
12:00PM	Symposium: Historical and Cultural Implications in Gender Identity	Poster Session #1	No Programming	
1:00PM	Symposium: Intersectional Experiences of Black Queer Populations: Approaches to Cultivate Health and Wellbeing	Division 44 Executive Board Meeting	Poster Session #2	
2:00PM	No Programming	Division 44 Past President's Lunch with ECPs	Critical Conversation: Embodied Spirituality as Liberation: Enhancing Care for LGBTQ+ and BIPOC People of Diverse Faiths	
3:00PM	Symposium: Intersectionality and BDSM	Symposium: Unpacking the Role of Affirmative Support in the Thriving of LGBQ People across Cultures	Symposium: Synthesis on Diverse LGBTQ+ Individuals' Well-being and Resilience	
4:00PM	Symposium: From Struggle to Strength: Three New Measures of LGBTQ+ Minority Stress and Resilience	Symposium: Using Kink to Heal Past Trauma	Presidential Address (with Awards)	
5:00PM	No Programming	Fellows Address: Impacts on the Psychology of SOGD and 2SLGBTQ+ Lives		
6:00PM	Social Hour	No Programming	Division Dinner	
7:00PM				

BDSM Task Force is going strong

Two of our symposia proposals were accepted for the 2024 APA Convention

Richard Sprott, PhD

The Division 44 BDSM Task Force is going strong in its first year. We have identified several projects and created teams to work on Education / Training, FAQ Sheets, Awareness Campaign, Positions and Policy, and Clinical Guidelines.

We are happy that two of our symposia proposals were accepted for presentation at the 2024 APA Convention: “Intersectionality and BDSM” and “Using Kink to Heal from Past Trauma.” The symposium on intersectionality and BDSM will address how kink identities, relationships, and communities are affected by and shaped by identities around race, gender, and sexual orientation; the symposium will also discuss how intersectionality impacts clinical work with people involved in kink / BDSM. The symposium on kink and healing will discuss some of the latest research on how individuals have experienced personal growth and healing from past trauma in their BDSM practices and power-exchange or authority transfer relationships.

We are planning to offer webinars and online “Lunch and Learn” opportunities in order to help educate APA members about the psychology of kink / BDSM practices, identities and communities. The Task Force is working on creating clinical resources and information for psychologists, as well.

We invite people to join the Task Force, and be part of a fast-growing part of the field. Please contact the co-chairs, Richard Sprott [richard.sprott@csueastbay.edu] or Shveta Mittal [dr.shveta.mittal@gmail.com].

2024 Division 44 Awards

Congratulations to all winners

Eleanor (El) McCabe, PhD

Bisexual Foundation Award – Tonya Pavlenko

Bisexual Foundation Award – Nyrah Madon

Clarity Award – Dr. Chyna J. Parker

Distinguished Book Awards:

- *Handbook of CNM-Affirming Mental Health Practice*, edited by: Michelle D. Vaughn, PhD & Theodore R. Burnes, PhD
- *Trans Sex: Clinical Approaches to Trans Sexualities and Erotic Embodiments*, by Lucie

Fielding, PhD

- *LGBTQ+ Affirmative Psychological Interventions. A Latine/x Perspective*, edited by: Reynel Alexander Chapparo, PhD & Roberto L. Abreu, PhD
- *Desire: An Inclusive Guide to Navigating Libido Differences in Relationships*, by Lauren Fogel Mersy, PsyD & Jennifer A. Vencill, PhD, ABPP
- *Raising LGBTQ Allies: A Parent's Guide to Changing the Messages from the Playground*, by Chris Tompkins, LMFT

Distinguished Student Contribution Awards:

- Norik Kirakosian
- Benjamin F. Shepherd
- Jules P. Sostre
- Donovan Edward
- Cory Cascalheira
- Elliot Marrow

Transgender Research Award – Franny Parent

Bisexual Student Travel Award – Wilson Lazo-Salmeron

Mentoring Student Travel Award – Benjamin F. Shepherd



Dr. Mira C. Jourdan



Dr. Sarah Burgamy



Dr. David Rivera

Presidential Citation Award



Dr. Arlene Noriega

Armand Cerbone Distinguished Lifetime
Contribution Award



Dr. Em Matsuno

Distinguished Contribution to Education
and Training



Dr. Skyler Jackson

Distinguished Contribution to
Ethnic Minority Issues



Dr. Glenda Russell

Distinguished Contribution to
Public Policy Award



Dr. Heath Schechinger

Distinguished Professional Contribution



Dr. David Frost

Distinguished Scientific
Contribution Award

Division 44 Fellows Committee Update

Three 2023 Fellows to present at convention

Sharon G. Horne, PhD, ABPP

The Fellows Committee is thrilled to honor the immense contributions of Division 44 members who make significant national and/or international impacts in sexual orientation and gender diversity psychology and 2SLGBTQI+ communities!

Please check out the Division 44 webpage, [the Fellows Directory](#), for a list of current Fellows. We wish to make this directory as complete as possible so that future applicants have a list of all potential Division 44 writers for their letters of support. If you are a Fellow through Division 44 but do not see your name on this directory or you would like to include your website address and/or pronouns, please email Fellows Committee Co-chairs with your request.

If you are participating in the convention this year, please mark your schedule for the in-person Division 44 Fellows Addresses Symposium on **Friday, August 9, 5–5:50 pm** in **Skagit 1**. The following Division 44 Fellows of 2023 will share their journeys of impacting the field of the psychology of sexual orientation and gender diversity and LGBTQI+ communities: **Michele Schlehofer, Kim Skervern** and **Matthew Meyanas-Skinta**.

Application time for new Fellows is right around the corner and the deadline will be announced shortly after the Convention. Please encourage potential Fellows to apply! If there is someone you would like us to follow-up with, please email the co-chairs, Melissa Grey and Sharon Horne. We also aim to strengthen the Fellows Committee work by diversifying our Committee membership. Because of APA rules, we can only welcome Division 44 Fellows to join the committee. We appreciate your recommendations.

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[Kim Skervern](#) (she/her)

Division 44 Begins Oral History Project

Past-presidents are being interviewed for the Division archive

Richard Sprott, PhD & Doug Kimmel, PhD

A small ad hoc committee has been collecting oral histories of past Division 44 leaders for the division's archives and also for research about the history of LGBTQ+ psychology.

We have interviewed ten past-presidents of Division 44 by Zoom-recorded videos. All interviews have had at least two co-interviewers. One of us (DK) transcribed the text based on the Zoom transcription, adding links for clarification; and other members of the team checked the transcriptions against the recording for accuracy. The transcription was then sent to the respondent for correction of any errors; and they were invited to add photos or other materials to be stored with the transcript. All of this material will be in the Division 44 archive in the Cornell University Library where it is part of their extensive human sexuality collection [<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/html/docs/RMM07580.html>].

So far we have interviewed Kimberly Balsam (president 2016–2017), Armand Cerbone (president 1994–1995), Connie Chan (president 1991–1992), Oliva Espin (president 1993–1994), Terry Gock (president 2000–2001), Doug Haldeman (president 1996–1997), Kris Hancock (president 1985–1986), Steve James (president 1998–1999), Steve Morin (ad hoc president 1985) and Bonnie Strickland (president 2009–2011).

Members of the committee are Richard Sprott, Doug Kimmel, coordinators; Ryan Flynn, Nick Grant, Armanda Lappin, Juan Pantoja-Patiño, Tom Schlechter and Mia Semelman.

This is an on-going project for Division 44 and we expect to continue interviewing leaders as well as others who have played an important role in shaping the focus of the division over the past four decades as we prepare for the 40th anniversary of the founding of Division 44 in 2025!

We urge interested persons to contact Richard [richard.sprott@csueastbay.edu] or Doug [dougkimmel@tamarackplace.com] to volunteer to be co-interviewers or transcript checkers. Also, we urge members to review past issues of the Division 44 Newsletter which is now online from the first issue to the present at <https://www.apadivisions.org/division-44/publications/newsletters/division/index>.

From the Newsletter 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 & 35 Years Ago

Summer, 2019

The 7th annual LGBT Health Forum was held on July 9th in Washington, DC. This year, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of The Stonewall rebellion, panelists included Charles Silverstein, who began his 40-year career as a psychologist presenting before the American Psychiatric Association arguing

to eliminate homosexuality as a mental disorder, authoring numerous books and scientific papers on the topic.

Division 44 sponsored a pre-convention workshop at the campus of the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. It was organized by six APA Divisions (7, 9, 27, 37, 43 & 44) to create a Statement of Priorities and an Agenda for Psychology of LGBTQ Youth and Emerging Adults.

The Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (CoRED) sponsored and coordinated a Webinar, “Holding on to Audre: Self-Care for LGBTQ+ and POC Graduate Students,” that took place on April 26, 2019. The presenters were Arianne E. Miller, PhD, San Diego State University; and Jan E. Estrellado, PhD, Alliant International University.

The Bisexual Issues Committee reported that our annual symposium is titled “Positive Experiences of Bisexuals in Mixed-Orientation Relationships.” We have also once again collaborated with Division 35 on a roundtable session on “Affirmations and Intersections: Bisexuality, Gender, Relationships, and Representation.” Our annual conversation hour on bisexuality will be held in the hospitality suite.

Summer, 2014

Michael Hendricks, President, reported many changes for the Division: the resignation last fall of Chad Rummel, who had been our executive director; a planned migration of our website from our old server to the APA platform, a new format for the division’s *Newsletter* that would be entirely electronic; to give our students a vote on the executive board; creation of two fact sheets – one on Transgender and Gender Nonconforming (TGNC) children; the other on TGNC adolescents.

John Gonsiorek reported that the Division 44 journal, *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity* (PSOGD) was launched at the 2013 APA Convention in Honolulu. The first issue came out on time in March, 2014; the second issue is slated for an on-time late June release, and there are many fine manuscripts in the pipeline for future issues. Two special issues will be featured in 2015.

Vic Muñoz noted good progress in programming that brings LGBTQA work to the 2015 National Multicultural Conference and Summit (NMCS) from diverse perspectives. There will be a pre-conference program that continues the work begun in 2013 facilitated by Anneliese Singh, Lore M. Dickey, and Michael Hendricks – “Affirmative Counseling with Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Clients: From Genderqueer to Letter Writing.”

Michael Ramey was interviewed. He noted, “I got involved in Div. 44 because of my personal and professional interest in the mission of the division. I have enjoyed being a part of the Public Policy Committee as a means of keeping abreast of legislative initiatives that impact the LGBT community around the country.”

Summer, 2009

President Randy Georgemiller reported that the proposed by-laws amendment to change the name of Division 44 to “The Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues” was approved by 97% of voting members (254 Yes, 9 No) exceeding the necessary two-thirds majority.

Maryka Biaggio, Co-chair of the Education & Training Committee reported that the Committee has begun the process of applying for APA CE provider status. This status will enable the Division to

offer continuing education programming at APA and other venues.

Ron Fox, Co-chair of the Bisexual Committee, announced that Division 44 will sponsor two programs on bisexual issues at this year's APA Convention in Toronto. The first will be a symposium titled “New Directions in Research with Bisexual Populations,” chaired by Kimberly Balsam; the second will be a Bisexual Issues Discussion Hour in the Division 44 suite.

Francisco Sánchez reported that during the National Multicultural Conference & Summit in New Orleans on January 15–16, 2009, nearly 600 psychological scientists, practitioners, educators, and students focused on the role that social justice plays in multicultural psychology. In addition, many attendees took part in a community service project assisting areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Robert-Jay Green, J. Judd Harbin, James A. Peck, Stacey Prince, and Nathan Grant Smith described new roles for State Psychological Associations informing public policies that affect the mental health of LGBT citizens. Psychologists working at the state level have been actively involved in supporting policies to reduce minority stress experienced by LGBT citizens and promote their psychological well-being. This article highlights the public policy involvements of state psychological associations in Arkansas, California, Washington, and Michigan.

Summer, 2004

President Judith Glassgold noted the Division's efforts to support scientific researchers that had their government funding threatened by Congress and conservative groups. A special panel on this topic will be held at convention in place of the usual invited address.

She also noted that the diversity training at the midwinter meeting was conducted by Gayle Iwamasa seeking to make the Division more diverse and inclusive.

Shinobu Ogasawara reported that he defended his dissertation on “Asian American Transexuals” and has received his doctorate.

Randall Ehrbar contributed an article on “Cross-Cultural Examples of Gender Variance” and reviewed the book, *Transgender Emergence*, noting that Lev's book was eminently practical for clinicians and transgender clients.

The Transgender Task Force was made a standing Committee by the Division's Executive Committee.

The Report of the APA Task Force on Sexual Orientation and Military Service listed several recommendations and a proposed APA Policy Resolution, which would replace the current advertising ban. A working relationship was established between Divisions 44 and 19 (Military).

Summer, 1999

President Steven James noted how important reaching out and welcoming traditions are to the Division and the function the *Newsletter*, e-mail *listserv* and Web site serve for the Division. He reported on the European Conference on Gay and Lesbian Youth, Schools and Families, where Division 44 was regarded as an example of what other groups hope to be.

Barry Chung, *Newsletter* Editor, called attention to the fundraising dinner plans for the convention organized by Mason Sommers.

Nina Nabors, an African American lesbian psychologist with rehabilitation and neuropsychology interests, raised the question of where she should put her energy in the ongoing struggle for LGBT

psychologists of color. “Why is it so difficult for oppressed groups to empathize with each other?” she asked.

Ms. Nancy Nangeroni, a well-known transgender community organizer, will be the keynote speaker at the convention to be held in Boston. She produces and hosts a weekly radio talk show called “Gender Talk.”

Juli Konik and Greg Wells invited students to help staff the hospitality suite and stay in Division-sponsored rooms.

Sari Dworkin reported on her first APA Council of Representatives meeting and noted that “I actually enjoyed it.”

Davina Kotulski (Public Policy Committee) reported on her presentation of the psychological aspects of marriage during the annual California Psychological Association Convention, following the movie “The Right to Marry.” Much attention focused on the “Knight Initiative” to prevent recognition of same-sex marriages.

August, 1994

Terry Gock and Patricia RozEe, program chairs, reported that “this year's program celebrates the diversity within the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community by examining some of the emerging issues and current concerns.” They noted that the first Division 44 convention was in Los Angeles in 1985, so this year marks a return to LA.

Craig Kain, Editor, noted that this “special issue” devoted entirely to convention programming and events will be followed in the Fall with a regular full issue.

Dr. Walter Williams, anthropologist and Pulitzer Price nominee, will speak on “Cross Cultural Understanding of Male Homosexuality.” Dr. Lillian Faderman will speak on “The Social Construction of Lesbianism.”

For the second year, Division 44 will host a hospitality suite, sponsoring three evening parties. A fundraising dinner and dance is planned at the private home of a local psychologist in Hollywood Hills.

July, 1989

Instead of a Presidential Address by Adrienne Smith, “A Tribute to Alan Malyon: Speakers Whose Lives Alan Touched” will be held. Dr. Malyon was to serve as SPSLGI's president this year, but illness prevented him from serving his term.

April Martin will present an address titled “The Planned Gay and Lesbian Family: Parenthood and Children.”

Adrienne Smith, President, noted the twentieth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the fifth anniversary of Division 44. She reported that John Gonsirek and Beverly Greene will be co-authors of an annual series to last five years.

Armand Cerbone announced that the Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists (ALGP) will offer a leadership conference, “Organizing for Support and Change”; speakers include Florence Denmark, Steve Morin, Gregory Herek, and Armand Cerbone. ALGP will also host the hospitality suite at the New Orleans Hilton during the APA convention. The kick off party will be on Friday and ALGP's

annual fundraising dinner and award banquet will be on Monday at the former residence of Tennessee Williams.

“Ask Me About Division 44” buttons will be available for \$5.00. Donations will be contributed to the legal expenses of Karen Thompson, who has been denied the right to provide care to her disabled partner.

Clinton Anderson and William Bailey provided an update on the *Watkins v. U.S. Army* case, which was decided in favor of the gay black army sergeant Perry Watkins; the brief filed by APA was paid partially by the contributions of Division 44 members.

Dee Bridgewater, Editor, solicited nomination for a new editor of the *Newsletter*, beginning in November, 1990.

BOOK REVIEW

Feminist Philosophy of Mind

Citation: Maitra, K., & McWeeny, J. (Eds.). (2022). *Feminist philosophy of mind*. New York: Oxford University Press (408 pages).

Review Author: Devon Kardel

Feminist Philosophy of Mind, edited by Keya Maitra and Jennifer McWeeny, offers a comprehensive exploration of feminist theory from a multitude of perspectives. With its diverse array of topics and rigorous analysis, the book presents a valuable resource for scholars and students alike seeking to delve into the complexities of feminist thought. The collection is filled with rich content and a breadth of contemporary topics and each chapter offers unique insights and topics for reflection.

As a doctoral student, I was excited to get my hands on the book and engage with the material, but had difficulty grasping the ideas and concepts in some chapters due to the density of the language and material within them.

While some chapters may pose a challenge due to their dense language and complex theories, others are written in a more accessible, narrative style that is appealing to a broader audience. In particular, I think some of the chapters on feminism theories and ideals have particular accessibility issues. These difficulties may affect both professional and broader audiences and this academic language may restrict the degree to which the knowledge within the book is comprehended.

The overall high caliber of the book is a collective reflection of the editors' passion for their work and the depth of scholarship within feminist philosophy. Overall, *Feminist Philosophy of Mind* is a valuable resource for those willing to engage critically with its content and expand their understanding of gender theory, interdisciplinary approaches, and diversity through many facets. Overall readers will find themselves rewarded with a wealth of insightful perspectives and thought-provoking analyses.

