

Division 44 Newsletter
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IN MEMORIAM
Dr. Gregory Michael Sarlo 1964 – 2026
Past-President of Division 44

It is with deep sorrow that we note the passing of Dr. Gregory Michael Sarlo, who died in the early hours of June 17, 2026, following a courageous six-month battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 61 years old.

Gregory held the role of President of APA Division 44, the Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity, in 2023–2024. Before his role as President, Gregory organized the annual fundraising dinner for Division 44; it was held during the APA convention for a number of years before and after the COVID-19 lockdowns. He valued any opportunity for the members and friends of this division to come together and enjoy each others' company, and sought any opportunity to give back to the division, which had a special place in his heart.

Dr. Sarlo is also the recipient of the 2026 Division 44 Armand Cerbone Lifetime Contribution Award. The award recognizes individuals who have a long history of active contributions to the life of Division 44, providing exceptional service to our division.



Dr. Sarlo

[Photo credit: PsychologicalConsultations.com.]

An Illinois Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Sarlo was the Founder, Clinical Director, and Director of Training of Psychological Consultations, a group practice in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. He worked with LGBTQ communities since 1987 – a commitment that defined his career and shaped his enduring contributions to the field.

Gregory was recently honored by a resolution of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. The Board is the governing legislative body for Cook County, Illinois, the county where Chicago is located. “The Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize June 2026 as Dr. Gregory Sarlo Pride Month in honor of his legacy of integrity, advocacy, and care for all those he has worked with and served over the course of his lifetime; and be it further resolved that Dr. Sarlo's legacy of care and attention in psychology will live on through his loving husband Dr. Daniel Brewer.”

Dr. Sarlo's professional footprint was extraordinary in its breadth. He served as President of the Illinois Psychological Association (IPA) from 2008–2009 and again from 2010–2011. He was also Chief of Psychology and a member of the Medical Staff at Lutheran General Hospital, where he co-chaired the Ethics Committee.

His dedication to training the next generation of psychologists was among his most lasting legacies. As founding Clinical Director of IPAPIC — the IPA's internship consortium — he worked tirelessly to expand placement opportunities for psychology graduate students across Illinois. He was the recipient of the Jennifer Manfre, Psy.D. Award for Outstanding Service to Graduate Students in Illinois and the Distinguished Illinois Psychologist Award.

Beyond the consulting room and the classroom, Dr. Sarlo devoted himself to his community. For fifteen years he served on the Des Plaines Public Library Board of Trustees – thirteen of them as president – shepherding more than \$4 million in donations and overseeing significant expansions of the library's programs and facilities. Mayor Goczowski honored Gregory on Monday June 15th, 2026 by declaring Dr. Gregory Sarlo Recognition Day in Des Plaines at the City Council meeting at City Hall.

He is survived by his husband and longtime business partner, Dr. Danny Brewer.

Dr. Sarlo gave generously of his expertise, his time, and himself. Our field is richer for his life's work, and poorer for his absence. He will be deeply missed.

–The Executive Committee of Division 44

From the Div44 President Nic Rider

Welcome incoming President-Elect and Member-at-Large

June has arrived. A time when we recognize LGBTQ+ Pride Month, a month long period when many come together in celebration of LGBTQ+ histories, communities, and futures. Participation may come in many forms from quiet reflections to large festivals, and many experience a range or multiple emotions during this time.

Of course, Pride is not simply a single month. Pride can be carried, practiced, and honored throughout the year and in many ways including in our scholarship, our clinical work, our teaching, our advocacy, and how we show up for one another. Pride is about celebration and resistance, joy and struggle, and our ongoing collective liberation. Pride is also about remembering those who came before us who have shaped our field, science, and communities and who insisted on dignity and transformation in the face of systemic oppression. We also remain grounded in the realities of the current sociopolitical climate, where LGBTQ+ communities, particularly transgender and gender diverse and multiply marginalized people, continue to maintain hope in the face of harm and resistance.

I want to extend my gratitude to the members of Division 44. Your scholarship, practice, mentorship, and advocacy are vital to advancing the psychology of sexual and gender diversity. I am especially grateful for our Executive Committee and Executive Board. The care, thoughtfulness, and commitment you all bring make it possible for Division 44 to be responsive to the realities we find ourselves in. This work is not easy; it is the collective dedication of all of our members that make the work possible. I am so deeply thankful that I have been able to witness and work alongside many of you. Thank you.

As we prepare for the upcoming APA Convention, I can say that there is so much to be excited about. Division 44 will be hosting many kinds of programs, including formal presentations, socials, meetings, and other opportunities for meaningful connection and networking. We will also celebrate and congratulate all those who were nominated for and selected to receive Division 44 awards this year.

If you will be attending the convention, please come say hello; after all, connection remains at the heart of what we do.

Finally, I want to acknowledge and thank everyone who ran for an elected position within Division 44. Just participating in this process is meaningful and reflects

commitment to service and leadership. I am looking forward to the leadership and perspectives of Dr. Melissa Grey, Division 44 incoming President-Elect and Dr. Lex Pulice-Farrow, incoming Member-at-Large who will help us to continue to move our Division forward.

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Meet Our New President- Elect!

A portrait of Dr. Melissa J. Grey, a woman with curly brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a blue denim shirt. The photo is set within an oval frame with decorative starburst elements on the sides.

INTRODUCING DR. MELISSA J. GREY (SHE/HER)

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Meet Our New Member- at-Large!

A portrait of Dr. Lex Pulice-Farrow, a young man with dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a green jacket and is leaning on a wooden fence. The photo is set within an oval frame with decorative starburst elements on the sides.

INTRODUCING DR. LEX PULICE-FARROW
(HE/THEY)

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AUGUST 6-8 | WASHINGTON, DC + VIRTUAL

Division 44 Programming**LEAD THROUGH****ADVOCACY****Thursday, August 6, 2026**REGISTER: [CONVENTION.APA.ORG](https://convention.apa.org)

10:00 am 11:00 am	Division 44 Poster Session I Location: <u>Hall D, Solutions Center, Posters</u>	Symposium: Building TENNacity: Intersectional CBT for Southern Queer Men of Color Location: <u>208</u>
1:00 pm 2:00 pm	Critical Conversation: Sexuality and Kink in Higher Education: Practices and Recommendations Location: <u>146A</u>	
2:30 pm 3:30 pm	Symposium: These Dark Times: Queer Research in the Current U.S. Sociopolitical Climate Location: <u>146A</u>	
4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Symposium: Lessons Learned from a National Study of LGBTQ+ BIPOC Adolescents Location: <u>East Salon F</u>	Symposium: Intersectional Stress, Resistance, and Resilience in LGBTQ+ People of Color Location: <u>147A</u>
	Division 44 Presidential Address Location: <u>158AB</u>	

Friday, August 7, 2026REGISTER: [CONVENTION.APA.ORG](https://convention.apa.org)

8:30 am 9:30 am	Symposium: Advancements in the Study of Intersectional Phenomena with Queer and Trans Location: <u>201</u>
11:30 am 12:30 pm	Division 44 Poster Session II Location: <u>Hall D, Solutions Center, Posters</u>
1:00 pm 2:00 pm	Symposium: Systems That Harm, Communities That Hold: BIPOC TNGD Survival & Healing Location: <u>144A</u>
2:30 pm 3:30 pm	Symposium: Neurodiversity and gender diversity: New directions in research Location: <u>147B</u>
4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Division 44 Outgoing Executive Board Meeting Location: <u>154B</u>
5:30 pm 7:30 pm	Division 44 Social Hour Location: <u>Salon 07</u>

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Division 44 Programming

LEAD THROUGH IMPACT

Saturday, August 8, 2026		REGISTER: CONVENTION.APA.ORG
8:30 am 9:30 am	Skill Building: Beyond the Binary: Sex therapy with Trans and Gender Diverse Clients Location: <u>201</u>	
10:30 am 11:30 am	Symposium: Promoting Self-expression and Sexual Wellbeing in Bisexual+ Individuals Location: <u>152A</u>	
12:00 pm 1:00 pm	Symposium: New Frontiers in Trans and Gender Diversity Research Location: <u>East Salon C</u>	Critical Conversation: Approaches to Gender Diversity: From Training to Clinical Care and Research Location: <u>152B</u>
3:00 pm 4:00 pm	Division 44 Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony Location: <u>150A</u>	
4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Critical Conversation: It Takes Two: Bridging the gap between Gayasians (LGBTQ+) and their family Location: <u>147A</u>	
*Program subject to change. Confirm times and locations day of.		



Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity
APA Division 44

Walter E. Washington
Convention Center
801 Allen Y. Lew Place NW
Washington, DC 20001

Summer 2026 Fellows Committee Update

Our Division considers a wide breadth of contributions for Fellow status

Melissa Grey & Sharon Horne, Co-chairs

Is your Division 44 membership up to date for 2026? To apply for Initial Fellow status through Division 44, the member's status needs to be current, and the August Convention is the deadline to activate a 2026 Division 44 membership. Whether you might consider applying for Fellow status this coming cycle, please make sure you have paid your 2026 dues before August, 2026!

Applications for new Fellows are typically due in late fall or early winter. Watch for the date announcement in the fall *Division 44 Newsletter*. If you are not prepared to submit an application this year, it is always a good time to have a conversation about your interest in applying or to encourage someone else to apply. It is an honor for the Fellows Committee to celebrate Division 44 members and their significant contributions to sexual orientation and gender diversity in psychology and of 2-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Non-binary, Queer, and other sexual orientation and gender diverse (2SLGBTQ+) communities. Please feel free to contact us with your questions and recommendations.

What is the APA Fellows Program?

The Fellow distinction is a means by which APA recognizes members who have received a doctoral degree in psychology or a related field from a regionally accredited institution and demonstrate evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions to the discipline of psychology. Fellow status requires that an APA member's work has had a demonstrable impact on the discipline that is national or international in scope (<https://www.apa.org/members/your-membership/fellows>).

Division 44 requires members who receive Fellow status to have made outstanding contributions in research, practice, education, or policy/advocacy related to the lives and issues of 2SLGBTQ+ individuals and communities. It is important to underscore the breadth of contributions that our division will consider as criteria for Fellow status. Again, these contributions need to have had national or international impact.

There are two pathways by which Division 44 members can achieve Fellow status in Division 44. The *Initial Fellow* path is for members who are not Fellows in any other APA division. The *Current Fellow* path is for Division 44 members who are Fellows of another APA Division and wish to be considered Fellows of Division 44 as well.

If you have any questions about the process, or if you wish to discuss the question of whether to apply for Fellow status, please feel free to contact us at mgrey2@gmail.com and Sharon.Horne@umb.edu. Please also consider reaching out to the Division 44 Fellow Committee Members listed below. We are happy to talk with you about useful strategies for the application process. Also, if you know of Division 44 members who are not yet Fellows but should be, please suggest that they consider applying.

Thank you,

Your Division 44 Fellows Committee:

Rachel Farr (she/her)

M Paz Galupo (she/they)

Melissa Grey (she/her) Co-chair

Sharon Horne (she/they), Co-chair
Douglas Kimmel (he/him)
David Rivera (he/him)
Kim Skerven (she/her)
Laura Watson (she/her)
Leo Wilton (he/him)

The Division 44 Fellows Committee has grown and been sustained by generations of Division 44 leaders to recognize, celebrate, and share important accomplishments in 2SLGBTQI+ psychology. We express appreciation especially for immediate Past Chair, Glenda Russell, whose words and voice we continue to draw upon.

Public Policy Committee Update

Jared Boot-Haury & Katy Trotta, Co-chairs

The Division 44 Public Policy Committee is pleased to share several recent developments advancing LGBTQ+ advocacy, education, and policy engagement.

The Committee's webinar, "Voices of Change: APA Leaders on LGBTQ+ Policy and Advocacy," was held on April 17, 2026, and was a resounding success. More than 200 individuals registered, with nearly 100 attending live! The event brought together APA leaders across divisions and groups to highlight strategies for advancing LGBTQ+ rights and social justice through psychologist leadership. The webinar generated a lively and substantive discussion among participants. A recording of the webinar will be posted to the [Division's Advocacy and Resources webpage](#) once a pending website update is processed.

On the policy and educational fronts, the Committee is pleased to report meaningful progress on two collaborative initiatives. A draft fact sheet on asexual-affirmative clinical practice and a draft policy statement urging municipalities to adopt nondiscrimination ordinances explicitly inclusive of consensual non-monogamy, developed in collaboration with the Division 44 Committee on Consensual Non-Monogamy, have both been reviewed and approved by the Division 44 presidential trio and are currently under review by APA stakeholders. The fact sheet aims to increase awareness, reduce pathologization, and support culturally responsive care for asexual clients. The nondiscrimination ordinance policy statement reflects Division 44's broader commitment to addressing structural stigma and expanding legal protections for minoritized populations.

These developments reflect the Committee's continued commitment to advocacy, education, and collaboration in service of LGBTQ+ communities. Members interested in getting involved or learning more are encouraged to reach out.

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Congratulations to the Division 44 Award Winners

AWARD	RECIPIENT
Armand Cerbone Distinguished Lifetime Contribution Award	Dr. Gregory Sarlo
Clarity Award	National Center for Gender Health
	U.S. Professional Association for Transgender Health
Distinguished Book Award	Addressing Minority Stress and Enhancing Resilience with Diverse LGBTQ+ Clients
	Embracing the Complexity of Gender: An Inclusive, Feminist, and Developmental Exploration
Distinguished Contribution to Education and Training Award	Gregory Shrader, PhD
Distinguished Contribution to Ethnic Minority Issues Award	Ethan H. Mereish
	Moonkyung Min
Distinguished Contribution to Public Policy Award	M Valle Pease, M.S.
Distinguished Professional Contribution Award	Clinton W. Anderson, PhD
Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award	Leo Wilton, PhD
Distinguished Student Contribution Award	Manuel Teran Hernández
	Vardaan Dua
Evelyn Hooker Award for Distinguished Contribution by an Ally	Kate L. Jansen, PhD
Student and Early Career Psychologist Engagement Award	Jinxuan Guo
	Nuutari Grenier
	Taryn Henning
Fellows	Brandon L. Velez, PhD
	John W. Hall, PhD, ABPP
	Leticia Yolanda Flores, PhD
Bisexual Issues Committee Community Engagement and Advocacy Award	Mimi Hoang, PhD
Bisexual Issues Committee Early Career Psychologist Travel Award	Mia Semelman
Bisexual Issues Committee Student Travel Award	Isabel Benjamin
Bisexual Research Award	Kaitlyn Ryan
Malyn-Smith Scholarship Research Award	Banner Cook
	Jamie Taber
Malyn-Smith Honorable Mention	Ayla Winegar
Malyn-Smith Honorable Mention	Erick Carranza
Malyn-Smith Honorable Mention	Kelsey Kehoe
Mentoring Student Travel Award	Alex E. Keen
Dr. Richard A. Rodriguez Division 44 Student Travel Award	Phúc Phan
	Seungju Kim
Russell Stambaugh Memorial Travel Award	Lori B. Lentenbrink
Transgender Research Award	Kelsey Kehoe
Presidential Citation	Arlene Noriega
Presidential Citation	Nadine Nakamura

Still navigating through uncharted waters in radio silence: Is anyone there?

A long-time member's perspective on why we do this work

Leah Fygetakis

In today's modern world, some of us still cast about the waters with nothing but the moon, the stars, and our internal compass. We journey in solitude and radio silence. Passing another vessel is extremely rare, and if it happens, we wonder, are they friend

or foe? Do I show myself or pray to remain unseen?

In 2026, I will turn 70. My parents are deceased, and I have partially retired. I don't have to worry about bringing *ντροπή* [shame] to the family or tarnishing my father's *φιλότιμο* [pride]. Nor do I have to worry that the opinions I express here, might in some way compromise my professional opportunities and success. What is it that could cause such consequences? It is being a Greek-American lesbian.

While some things have improved, including the ability of Greek same-sex couples to marry, back here in the States, being a Greek-American lesbian still feels as if I am the never-to-be-seen unicorn. How many Greek-American lesbians do you personally know? How many of them are “out?” How many of them are out to other Greeks?

If your answer is none, one, or very few, you would be in the majority. I myself, have been in a perpetual search to find them. Why is this? The reason is that our lives and our stories are near non-existent in any of our Greek-American institutions, organizations, the media, literature, and other cultural/community spaces. The funny thing is, there are indeed others, and over the years, as they have stumbled over something that I published many years ago, they have managed to find me. They have ranged in ages, many in their 20s and up to 66.

Here are how these interactions go: They look to me and confess their anguish. Sometimes, they are struggling with being Greek Orthodox and whether there is a way to reconcile that with being a lesbian. They confess their fears over how their parents may react. They ask does it ever get better? Can you tell me how you navigated these waters? Do you know of any other Greek lesbians who might live in my area of the country? Do you have anything else that I can read that speaks to our lives in a positive way?

I silently muse. I feel as if they may have mistaken me as the Sacred Oracle of Delphi to which they have come to Pythia, the high priestess, for wise advice. I do my best to offer solace, friendship and hope. You have now met me, I say. I tell them that there are others who have sought me out as well. We do exist even though we see very little of us in literature, film, within our churches or Greek communities.

If I were to accentuate one over-riding message it would be that it is not only a shame for us (Greek-American lesbians) to be deprived of the joys that come from being able to identify each other and form small circles of good friendships as we Greeks often like to do with each other; but the larger Greek community is deprived from knowing us, too. We are among you.

Using myself as an example: I baptized our children – our priest documented both of us

as mothers on the baptismal certificate. I dragged them to “Greek School” as so many parents do. I took charge and provided the best good care I could muster for my ill and elderly parents. I have pilgrimed to different areas of Greece many times to spend time with my relatives and to experience the sense of home I feel in my bones while I am there.

In doing these things, I have had some hurtful and unwelcoming experiences because of my sexual orientation, but I have also had some good experiences where I was able to be myself. Unfortunately, the negative ones are more numerous than the good ones. At least, I have tried.

Most of the other Greek lesbians I’ve spoken with have said that they avoid trying to participate in their local Greek-American communities because they fear only hurt will come of it. Or, when they try to engage, they do so with some vigilance around keeping their sexual orientation hidden. These latter lesbians have been fully aware of the emotional cost they pay by being inauthentic to themselves each time they self-censor any reference to their lives that might reveal to others that they are not heterosexual.

There are so many ways that these omissions occur in everyday conversations. “What did you do this weekend?” gets answered with “Nothing” rather than to say, “I went to Gay Pride, and it was so much fun. Come with me next year!” Or, “Are you dating anyone?” is answered with “No” even though, indeed, one has been dating another woman in a wonderful relationship. This exchange is sometimes followed with persistence: “Well, why not? You are such a lovely girl. Any man would be lucky to have you!” Allowing silence to serve as the response is far more typical than saying, “I met this incredibly creative, caring woman who seems to adore me, and I feel the same way about her. I’d love for you to meet her. Let’s make that happen!”

These self-censoring, inauthentic interactions are painful. They nibble on the soul, a little piece at a time. After a period of time, those who have taken this self-censoring path have accumulated so many layers of such experiences that they come to recognize it as psychologically unhealthy for them. As a result, they lessen or completely discontinue their interactions with other Greek people. Most of them describe being out with at least a few non-Greek people; and others with the majority of non-Greek people. Thus, they know how nice it is when one feels welcomed and feels belonging among others of a group. Why go to places where one might feel unwelcomed? Even so, regardless of their avoiding other Greek people out of fear, or removing themselves after accumulated pain, all expressed their desire to be a part of a Greek community if only their sexual orientation would not be an issue.

So far, I have focused on describing what some Greek lesbians do when presented with choices to negate or disclose their sexual orientation in interactions with other Greeks.

But what of the instances where one is simply living her life and along the way, other Greek people recognize that she is a lesbian? No questions asked, no statements made, just going along in the moments that make up one's day.

To understand how these hurts occur, this time, I will illustrate from personal experience. When I have had negative experiences occur, the reactions have never been hostile; rather, it's been more like being whispered about and feeling like people are keeping somewhat of a wide berth between me and themselves. When I traveled to Symi, the birthplace of my father, total strangers knew of him and the Fygetakis family. In the course of casual conversations that either I or others struck up, as soon as they knew who I was, I was treated with great warmth, joy, stories and welcoming. The next time I went to Symi, 14 years later, with a partner and two children in tow, it was a very different experience. It was clear to everyone around us at the outdoor restaurants and the small shops that we must be lesbians as our young children were demanding the attention of both "mama" and "mommy." While I did try to engage in some conversation with others around my history with the island, how it had changed since my last visit, etc., I experienced more of a distanced politeness. In fact, after a couple of days, as we were crossing the street from one of the outdoor cafés, I took note that some of the people there seemed to be exchanging glances with each other, gazing in our direction, and that their voices had lowered in volume. I was glad that my sons were too young to pick up on this experience of being "othered."

This same distanced politeness occurred here in Boston, as I and other mothers would gather to wait for the end of Greek School to take our children home. Again, the other mothers all quickly learned that my children had two mothers as they innocently would make reference to their family, draw their pictures, etc. Politeness is merely tolerance. It is not welcoming.

I return to my original point – Greek-American lesbians wish to be included and to feel that we belong just as much as anyone else; and our Greek-American communities are losing out from the love and vibrancy we can add if they would only welcome us in.

Finally, in my process of writing this essay, I wondered if there might be anything new to read or know about since I last looked on the internet, so, on December 13, 2025, I did a Google search using the key words, "Greek-American Lesbians." To my surprise, Gemini AI's at-the-top summary begins with:

AI Overview

Greek-American lesbians navigate unique cultural challenges, balancing Hellenic traditions of honor, family, and church with their identities, often experiencing invisibility or conflict, as detailed in works like Leah Fygetakis's "Greek American Lesbians: Identity Odysseys," exploring difficult coming-out processes and integrating

cultural expectations with same-sex attraction, facing alienation within Greek communities despite broader LGBTQ+ visibility growth. Key themes involve reconciling deeply ingrained gender roles, overcoming internalized homophobia, and finding positive identity formation within an often-conservative cultural context... In essence, Greek-American lesbians often embark on challenging “identity odysseys,” striving to forge positive identities that honor both their Hellenic roots and their sexual orientation, a journey marked by cultural tension but also resilience.

It is both humbling and rewarding to see this AI summary appear at the top of the search. Humbling because in my soul, I still feel the modesty with which I was raised as a little Greek-American girl: be proud but be modest. I still tend to shy away from any limelight. Of course, it is rewarding to see that of all the Internet content that AI might have scraped together, and of all the summaries that it might have developed for those three key words, it is a summary of my work that appears. But I am also saddened and longing to see an AI summary of something other than a highlight of my publication, that in 2027, will be 30 years old. Where is the AI summary that reads: “There is a lot of information available on Greek-American lesbians. I can go deeper. Would you like me to focus on ancient or contemporary Greek-American lesbians? in literature or film? In politics and celebrities or something else?”

In the meantime, AI is still evolving and error-prone. In that same summary it describes Olympia Dukakis as being a well-known, Greek-American lesbian who had served as a positive role model for us. While I would love to claim her, it isn’t so! AI likely picked up on the fact that she happened to play a lesbian character in one of her films.

Regardless, I took a couple screenshots of the google page to keep so I can remind myself that perhaps, I actually did do something of some small significance for my people, the Greek communities I have loved with all my heart, and at the same time, to remind myself to laugh.

Editor’s Note: Leah Fygetakis is a psychologist-educator. She is a recipient of an award for Distinguished Contributions in Education and Training by Division 44 of the American Psychological Association, and a recipient of Harvard Medical School Dean’s Innovation Award for Diversity and Inclusion. An earlier version of this essay was published as: Fygetakis, Leah M. (2025, December). Still Navigating Through Uncharted Waters in Radio Silence: Is Anyone There? *Ergon: Greek/American & Diaspora Arts and Letters*.

Author’s Note: Thirty years ago, when I first wrote on this topic, that manuscript was selected as the Association for Women in Psychology’s Annual Best Unpublished Manuscript in Lesbian Psychologies Award. The following year it was published. Greek American Lesbians: Identity Odysseys of Honorable Good Greek Girls, in Green, B., (Ed.). 1997. Psychological perspectives on lesbian and gay issues: Vol. 3. Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Among Lesbians and Gay Men. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. Afterwards it crossed over to a Greek Ethnic Studies anthology. The reason I wrote the current article was to try and reach Greek people by publishing it in a Greek ethnic studies journal rather than a psychology one so that more Greek people can understand the psychological costs to their daughters, nieces, etc., and how they lose out when we censor our lives and keep them at a distance from truly knowing us. What is sad is that if you do a google Gemini AI search, more likely than not, you’ll see my original publication come up first with little following it – 30 years later! My culture won’t change without the efforts of educating Greek people about how we perpetuate this and that it costs all of us in our familial and extended families relationships. Any of us psychologists who work with any Greek lesbians who

strongly identify with their culture or their Greek Orthodox religion, would find it surprising that things are still difficult and challenging by way of being our authentic selves with families and in our Greek communities. That's the relevance for our 44 members.

From the Newsletter 5, 15, 20, 25, 35 and 40 Years Ago

Summer 2021

Div. 44 has issued statements in response to current events as well as compiled and distributed resources for psychologists during COVID-19.

The Division 44 program at APA's 2021 Virtual Convention features several high quality presentations including symposia, skill-building sessions, discussion hours, poster sessions and more. Most content will be on-demand on APA's virtual conference platform and will be available to attendees for 3 months! Division 44 will also host several live sessions in two Division 44 *Zoom* rooms on August 12–14. Live sessions include follow up discussions from symposiums, panels, committee meetings, social hours and more!

Mira Jourdan, President, commented: "We continue to live in a time of remarkable awareness and speaking out about all kinds of ills, including demands for justice for the victims of racism. A long overdue step, even if it can only be a part of the beginning of action, is the recognition of Juneteenth as a federal holiday."

Heath A. Schechinger, and Amy C. Moors, noted that we are now officially the *APA Division 44 Committee on Consensual Non-monogamy*! It is the first time a national scientific association has committed to formally recognize and support consensual multi-partner families and relationships.

Summer 2011

President Bonnie Strickland noted that this year the Division is celebrating its 25th anniversary. "I doubt that any of us could have foreseen the momentous changes in our Division and in our lives that have occurred over this last quarter of a century."

Convention programming included: Negotiating Transphobia: Community, Work, and Mental Health Challenges; Intersecting Identities: Perspectives on Black Lesbians, Gays, and Bisexuals; Borders and Margins: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Immigrant Experiences.

Francisco J. Sánchez, Lead Coordinator and the representative for Division 44, gave a report on the 2011 National Multicultural Conference & Summit: Bridging Psychological Science and Practice in the Public Interest.

The 2011 prestigious American Psychological Foundation Gold Medal Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Practice of Psychology will be given to Charles Silverstein, PhD., founder of a peer counseling center for gays and lesbians in 1971. *Multiple Minority Identities: Applications for Practice, Research, and Training*, edited by Reginald Nettles, PhD and Rochelle Balter, PhD, JD, has just been published by Springer Publishing Company.

Summer 2006

President Charlotte Patterson announced that she would present a Division 44 Presidential Citation to Diana Ossana and Larry McMurtry, who wrote the screenplay for *Brokeback Mountain*, as part of the 2006 APA Presidential Program at the New Orleans Convention.

The Division Task Force on Aging announced the publication by Columbia University Press of their edited book, *Research and Clinical Perspectives on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Aging*.

Chris Downs and Steven James wrote an article, “Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Foster Parents” in this issue.

Christopher Martell announced a new book in the Division 44 Book Series, *Sexual Orientation and Mental Health*, edited by Alan Omoto and Howard Kurtzman.

Fritz Klein, founder of the American Institute of Bisexuality, who developed the multi-dimensional Klein Sexual Orientation Grid, died at age 73.

Summer 2001

President Terry Gock reported the Division had completed a survey of the President Emeriti in order to solicit their input and seek their valuable experience as past leaders of our Division. Kris Hancock summarized the responses of this “Lavender Ribbon Panel” regarding future directions of the Division.

Representatives from Division 19 (Military Psychology) asked that the ban on military advertising in APA publications be lifted and it was expected that an informal meeting between Divisions 19 and 44 would be held at the convention.

Division 17 (Counseling Psychology) Section on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Awareness (SLGBA) invited Division 44 members to consider joining their Section.

The APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns prepared a sample letter in support of the elimination of “Footnote 4” to the Accreditation Guidelines that certain religiously-based professional psychology programs have used to justify policies that discriminate against LGB students and faculty.

July 1991

The Public Interest Directorate and Division 44 will sponsor a mini-convention entitled “Beyond Stigma: Homosexuality as a Social Issue” at the APA convention in San Francisco.

Division 44 sponsors a pre-convention workshop titled: “AIDS Dementia: Critical Issues in Managing the Environment.”

The Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists (ALGP) is sponsoring the Fourth Annual ALGP Empowerment Conference on social activism for lesbian and gay psychologists and our friends at APA’s convention on Thursday, August 15.

The APA Board of Directors passed a recommendation to APA Council clarifying APA policy in response to the U.S. military's request to advertise in APA publications in light of the Department of Defense policy of discrimination against lesbians and gay men.

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Alan Malyon reported that the Division 44 Task Force on Diagnostic Concerns, formed in March, met with the Work Group to Revise DSM-III on June 24. On June 27, 1986, the Board of Trustees of the American Psychiatric Association voted to recommend removal of "Ego-dystonic Homosexuality" from DSM-III-R. Thus, we are now close to having disabused the official diagnostic nomenclature of all references which link homosexuality, either explicitly or implicitly, with psychopathology.

The APA Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns Task Force to Develop Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbians and Gay Men has been meeting since January, 1985, and has received broad official support within APA governance. Data collection will begin this summer, representing the first empirical data ever gathered on professional practices in the delivery of psychological services to lesbians and gay men.

Linda Garnets reported that the APA Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns Task Force on Avoiding Heterosexual Bias: Guidelines for Ethical and Valid Research produced an excellent draft document, now being revised; and that the APA Insurance Trust is unwilling to eliminate the one-year waiting period for its "spouse-equivalents" coverage.

Armand Cerbone reported that a group of Midwest psychologists and students from four states met in Chicago to discuss common issues and to devise strategies for establishing a regional support system.

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Last minute News Flash – Tess Kilwein and David Rivera, Division 44 Council Representatives, are running for the APA Board of Directors. Congratulations Tess & David!