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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Clinical Reflection

Despite centuries of folk wisdom, personal introspections, therapeutic revelations, clinical manifestations, sociological studies and now decades of child developmental research, our society finds it exceedingly difficult to disseminate and implement a simple lesson; what happens to our children marks them for the rest of their lives in positive and negative aftermaths.

We are so strongly inclined to spend hundreds of millions of dollars each year to punish what is the end result of childhood neglect, abuse, impaired attachment environments, and abandonment within our child-rearing institutions rather than address the etiology of the matter. The data is overwhelming and consistent and yet our society marches on as if there is no knowledge about these matters and continues to engage in the legal fantasy of "choosing" to do bad.

As Dr. Stanley Greenspan, Child Psychiatrist and former Director, Clinical Infant Development Program, US National Institute of Mental Health, has stated, "If our society were truly to appreciate the significance of children's emotional ties throughout the first years of life, it would no longer tolerate children growing up, or parents having to struggle, in situations that cannot possibly nourish healthy growth."

Errol F Leifer, PhD
President

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education Report

It has been a very busy time for SJVPA continuing education! Many thanks to Dr. Amanda Adams, PhD, BCBC from the Central California Autism Center at California State University, Fresno for her very interesting updates on the treatment of Autism and the new and improved approach that is now being taken by ABA programs. Dr. Adams provided timely information regarding results from the National Autism Center's National Standards Project 2009. If you work with clients on the Autism Spectrum or have an interest in this increasingly diagnosed disorder, be sure to check out the National Standards Project's complete findings and conclusions regarding evidence-based practice guidelines at www.nationalautismcenter.org

Dr. Teague also put on an AMAZING presentation with regard to difficult to treat patients, specifically, schizophrenics and substance abusers. If you missed it, you missed something that was quite incredible. But, wait!! You have another opportunity to **catch Dr. Teague in action on September 24, 8:30 AM at Alliant University**. Dr. Teague will be presenting part II of Difficult to Treat patients. Please join us for another presentation by a truly gifted speaker!

Many apologies to Dr. Teague and members attempting to register online, we had a glitch in this new system... but it was only temporary!!! Please please please go online to register for any of our classes. Its easy and quick!

Also, our next general SJVPA meeting on **September 12**, will be with our very own, **Dr. Errol Leifer** who will be examining the **Birth of Brain Gender and Communication Styles/Biases**. The presentation will take place at the Daily Grill, corner of Palm and Nees (7855 N. Palm Ave.) Registration and mingling will start at 6:30 and presentation will begin at 7PM. Registration will be \$10 for one CE, all other participants will be free of charge.

Dr. Leifer will be examining the genetic, hormonal, structural and environmental factors of neurological differences between females and males with participants comprehending how these four factors contribute to gender based brain functions and how they express themselves. Please join us for another interesting and brain enhancing hour!

CONTINUING EDUCATION**Save The Date:**

Saturday, October 1, 2011! SJVPA, in collaboration with the Sullivan Center for Children, will offer a Continuing Education opportunity: **Errol Leifer, Ph.D., ABPP** presents **Psychological Manifestations of Early Environmental Factors on Brain Functional Capacities and Maturational Ability Outcomes**. Join Dr. Leifer in an exploration of emerging empirical data regarding theoretical implications of brain-structure functional analysis and early environmental impacts, seminal psychological concepts, and psychopathology. Learn how brain development interacts with environment, attachment, self-regulatory capacity, stress and its' consequences and early psychopathology. The cost for this six hour, six CE credit workshop is \$150 for registration prior to September 23, 2011, \$180 for late registration, and \$90 for students. Check the SJVPA Website for more information.

California Psychological Association is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. California Psychological Association maintains responsibility for these programs and their content.

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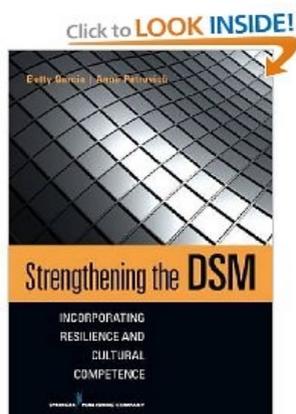
The Clinical PsyD Program at CSPP, in conjunction with SJVPA, is interested in locating "prestigious alumni/ae" and associated others who would be willing to do a presentation on their topic of expertise and their journey as an alumni or friend of CSPP. As interim program director, I will be polling our students about their areas of interest. We plan about 8 of these over the coming academic year. Please contact me if you are interested in joining us for a colloquium. It would help to have great role models from the local community for our students. If you would like to be involved in other ways, please do let me know.

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Anne Petrovich has co-authored a new book! It can be ordered at <http://www.springerpub.com/> and the ISBN is 9780-8261-1881-3.



(Book Description from Amazon.com)

As it stands, the DSM fails to address important sources of strength and resiliency that can significantly affect diagnosis and treatment. The authors of this transformative volume propose enhancements to the current diagnostic and classification system that encompass the biopsychosocial, cultural, and spiritual milieus of individuals and acknowledge the strengths originating from personal, family, and community resources. This proposed Axis VI addresses contextual and individual factors related to

diversity, equity, and resiliency, thereby enabling an understanding of the whole person and offering significant resources for treatment.

Within each chapter the authors demonstrate the use of strength-based multicultural diagnostic processes and application of Axis VI to specific disorders, including mood disorders, anxiety disorders, conduct disorders, oppositional/defiant disorder, dementia/Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia and other psychoses, and substance-related and co-occurring disorders. The text also reviews relevant etiology and evidence-based research for each disorder and highlights current strength-based and culturally competent approaches to diagnosis and treatment. For the utmost clarification, case vignettes for each disorder describe diagnosis with and without the use of Axis VI.

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Betty Garcia, PhD, LCSW is a professor at California State University at Fresno School of Social Work and a licensed clinical social worker. She has Chaired the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Tract on Cultural Competence and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) National Committee on Ethnic and Cultural Diversity (NCORED) and is on the CSWE Board of Directors. She is the author of two books on teaching diversity content and has several publications on diversity teaching, cultural competence, social work practice, substance abuse, and immigration. Betty has practiced in various settings that include community based mental health clinics and forensic mental health and teaches classes in public mental health, group work, and practice with couples and families.

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Excerpt from the California Psychological Associations's July 2011 MemberLink as sent by Jo Linder-Crow, PhD Executive Director.

We're excited to announce that Dr. Lonnie Barbach will be the opening keynote speaker at the CPA 2012 convention in Monterey, CA! Dr. Barbach is noted for her work on sexuality and she will talk about the intimacy of communication in couples' relationships.

Dr. John Briere will be our closing keynote speaker on Sunday and will talk about his work on the assessment of trauma and treatment options. His session yesterday here at APA was standing room only, so don't miss the chance to hear him on your own home turf.

We have negotiated a great rate of \$149 with the hotel (great for Spring in Monterey), the meeting space is great, and all of the sleeping rooms will be newly renovated long before we arrive. You can walk right out the front door to dozens of choices of restaurants and things to do--and a few changes in the format will give you some extra free time! The Call for Proposals is in the July/August issue of the California Psychologist and also on the website. Consider submitting a proposal. It's a great way to connect with your colleagues and share your work.

Are you looking for group health insurance with no health questions to answer? More and more CPA members are taking advantage of the Health Insurance now available at group rates (and new members are joining CPA because of it too). This is guarantee issue insurance; no health questions, and is proving to be of real benefit to many of our members (and new members). There are now 34 plans to choose from, and if you have a group practice and want to offer this to your employees you can receive a 20% discount (up from 15%). You can find information on the CPA website at <http://www.cpapsych.org>

Looking for a CE workshop in the fall? We have them! November 5th APAIT Risk Management Workshop in collaboration with our Marin Co. Chapter, **November 19th** APAIT Risk Management workshop in Riverside, CA; **November 4th**, Welcoming Patients with Chronic Pain into your Practice with **Steven Richeimer, MD, Faye Weinstein, PhD, and Susan Axtell, PsyD (in Los Angeles, Pepperdine University)**. Registration for all of the workshops is available on the CPA website.

Have you "liked" our new Facebook page? Check it out at www.facebook.com/cpapsych. You can also join the CPA LinkedIn group which now has more than 700 members, and you can follow me and CPA President Dr. Sallie Hildebrandt on Twitter. I'm @jlccpa and she is @sehphd. Follow us to see what we're doing at the APA convention the next couple of days, and join in the conversation!! You have choices--so connect with us your way--but be sure to connect!

ADVERTISEMENTS

Office Space

1,000 square feet suite in Fig Garden Village area, 1445 West Shaw Avenue. One office available for rent. The whole office was recently remodeled. New paint, new carpet and new furnishings. Fully stocked play room, kitchen, business area and bathroom in the suite. Quiet, professional location at the southwest corner of Fruit and Shaw Avenues. Part-time or full-time options.

If interested, call Rob Taylor at 222-2568 or email at rctphd56@sbcglobal.net

Professional Office to share on part-time basis in Fresno and/or Visalia. Both have separate waiting rooms.

Please contact Greg Hirokawa, Ph.D. @ 661 303-6883.

MEMBERSHIP PAGE

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Please send in advertisements, announcements, or articles of interest before the end of the preceding month to be included in the quarterly newsletter. Non-member fee for advertisements is \$25.

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The San Joaquin Valley Psychological Association (SJVPA) is a professional organization created by local Psychologists. It is a forum in which to discuss and present political, professional, and educational matters. SJVPA also has opportunities for professionals to earn continuing education units, an ethics board, and professional feedback opportunities. A disaster response team comprised of psychologists trained to respond to both natural and man-made disasters offers assistance to the community. SJVPA also recognizes and provides modest funds for worthy community services.