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San Francisco Awaits You

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Welcome to San Francisco for the AGLP Annual Meeting and Symposium. The Local Arrangements Committee has organized a wonderful series of events for you while here in the Bay Area, and we hope that you will take advantage of all that San Francisco has to offer. From local art museums, including the Asian Art Museum, the Museum of Modern Art, the DeYoung Museum and many others, to a vibrant club scene and world-class shopping, theater and dining options, San Francisco has something for everyone.

On Saturday, May 16, AGLP presents our Annual Symposium, titled "agLp: The L Word on Mental Health." Our distinguished faculty will discuss topics include boundary issues unique to lesbian physicians; management of addictions and chronic pain in lesbian patients; bisexual women's mental health; HIV, mental health and lesbians; the neurobiology of sex/gender-based attraction, adolescent LGBT treatment, and perspectives on female to male transgendered patients. A variety of educational programming will also occur at the AGLP Hospitality Suite, which will be open on Monday, May 18 from 8:00am to 7:00pm.

The AGLP Annual Meeting will involve a number of different social opportunities for networking with other AGLP members and colleagues, with activities ranging from the opening reception at the Vessel club to a Chinese closing banquet at Yank-Sing at the beautiful Rincon Center. A host of house parties and receptions will round out the meeting, with component events for women, international members, and early career psychiatrists. For a full listing of events, please refer to the schedule in this newsletter. We hope that you enjoy your time in our city!

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I'm very excited that San Francisco once again gets to host the Annual Meetings. Elsewhere in this addition of the *Newsletter* are the details of the many events that we hope you enjoy. It truly has been a group effort led by Mason Turner, 2009 Local Arrangements Committee Chair. Despite the fact that we have a large ground crew here, we've leaned on the larger membership for support. So the thanks for all the planning goes well beyond San Francisco. Particular mention should go to Roy Harker for his continuing stewardship. Roy is the paste that keeps us going. And to Kenn Ashley for his consistent willingness to pick up the ball when we have dropped it. And to do it with such aplomb. I'm sure that at times it felt like herding cats. Thank you to both of you.

In making plans for the Symposium this year many ideas were floated. I was very happy that the choice was to be focused on women and specifically lesbians. We all have the experience of being a member of a minority. Some of us are doubly or triply bless this way. Our organization tries to address the ways that the membership is marginalized in mental health and in the larger society.

At the same time we also have a duty to examine our own process to see ways that we marginalize people within the organization. While it is not possible for one minority to speak with authority for another, it is possible that we can make sure that there is room at the table. It is imperative that as an organization that we come to terms with the fact that an all too frequently invisible part of AGLP is our women members.

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Why are there so few women? Many answers are offered. A lack of outreach, a difference in priorities, an impression that the organization is run by gay men for gay men (and white, at that), or that a critical mass of women haven't coalesced to attract a substantial female membership.

I've talked to many women that have come to AGLP functions to get their views. They are easy to spot as they are often the only women in the room. Other than the usual suspects that have held positions with the organization these are the women that come to an event, find they are the only women there and don't return. This is a problem. And not an easy one to solve.

So what's to be done? Some of the ideas have a tradition at AGLP such as the Women's Reception at the Opening Reception or the Women's Dinner. The symposium is another idea to promote the professional and social networking that is required to develop the bond between members. It is this bonding that gets people involved and keeps them coming back.

Another idea brought forward some time ago by Mary Barber is an award to recognize a woman who has made a significant contribution to our goals. While the details of this continue to be discussed the easiest part was finding a name for it: The Barbara Gittings Award.

I was lucky to have gotten to spend a small patch of time with her in New York when she and Frank Kameny received the first AGLP endowed Fryer Award from the APA. She was sweet, feisty, and inspirational. This was

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President's Column

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Spring is back, and with it the restlessness that drives us, like orioles and hummingbirds, to migrate and congregate for our annual AGLP conference. This year the destination is San Francisco. The Spring Meeting is the key event in the life of our association, the major regular opportunity for members, young and old, junior and senior, to meet and enjoy one another's company, and at the same time discuss issues fundamental to us as LGBT individuals and mental health professionals.

Anticipating our gathering, only a few weeks away, I feel torn, both as AGLP President and as an individual, between idealism and hope on every level—global, national and personal. It is hard to resist pessimism in the face of the current worldwide economic difficulties, compounded by natural devastation, and the growing threat of another influenza epidemic. I write this column moments after watching television reports of the spread of swine flu within the US, and wonder whether to ask my patients next week to wear masks during session. Two weeks ago, as I prepared plans for the San Francisco meeting during a visit to my home town in Italy, aftershocks from the earthquake in L'Aquila, eighty miles away, dislodged fragments of my chimney. I remember, however, that during my previous visit to Italy I received news reports of the election of the United States' first African-American President, and felt we were entering a new era of hope. There is still much we can feel positive about in our community.

And there is still much we can feel positive about in AGLP. Two years ago, AGLP was in the red, losing members, and did not have even the funds for legally required tax audits. Roy Harker, our Executive Director, had at times little more than his own faith to rely on to keep AGLP going. This year, however, he has not had to fret about cash flow as much. Our membership is lower than in 2007, true, but I can say with pride that we have more young members than ever that are motivated, capable and full of hope, and also an increasing number of senior members who are deciding more and more frequently to upgrade the level of their contribution and presence in the organization. AGLP is growing vertically, not horizontally: the young work more meaningfully; the senior members support more deeply. Without minimizing the contributions of all our committees' members, I want to offer special thanks to our Resident

Notably, we have been able to continue while other major professional organizations have had to trim not only dead branches within their administration, but also green, vital sprouts they lack the resources to nurture. The APA may have to reduce its diversity matrix through a drastic reduction of minority group representation. This appears to be an inevitable reality, which the APA leadership is working to minimize, and AGLP will work with the APA to see that our concerns continue to be represented.

Representative, Karl Jeffries, who has injected hope in our membership development through an original and brilliantly creative series of growth strategies, and to Mary Barber and Alan Schwartz, who are working to have our journal—*The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*—accepted into the Olympus of academic publications, Medline. And the tensions provoked by edgy issues at the interface of spirituality, psychology and politics that caused so much internal tension during last year's meeting appear now less virulent. For all this I feel joyful and enthusiastic.

In May, AGLP will again present a splendid symposium—this year focusing on women—covering a vast array of topics related to LGBT mental health, which will be a valuable educational opportunity for all who attend. The symposium is still our own proprietary event, and we can be proud of this achievement. Notably, we have been able to continue while other major professional organizations have had to trim not only dead branches within their administration, but also green, vital sprouts they lack the resources to nurture. The APA may have to reduce its diversity

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I have two things on my mind as I write this column—the upcoming AGLP and APA events in San Francisco and New York, and marriage equality. I am thinking about the former because many of us have been working to come up with numerous interesting and exciting events for the upcoming meetings. I am thinking about the latter because of several recent events: at the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP) meeting last week the LGBT Committee focused on the issue of marriage equality; in New York, Governor Paterson proposed a bill to legalize gay marriage in the state; in Washington, D.C., the City Council voted in favor of legislation to recognize gay

marriages from other states; and at the Miss America Pageant the issue of gay marriage created a controversy.

I hope that many of you will be able to join us in San Francisco this May for the APA Annual Meeting, the AGLP Annual Symposium “agLp: the L Word on Mental Health,” and a host of other AGLP events—the Opening Reception, the Annual Awards Banquet, the Women’s Dinner, etc. I probably write this every year (but it is true!)—we have an excellent schedule. Please check out the website for the listing of events.

If you cannot make it to San Francisco in May, perhaps you will be in New York City in October for the APA Institutes on Psychiatric Services, where there will be several LGBT-themed presentations as well as the AGLP Fall Business meeting and other AGLP-related events. By this fall it will be interesting to see what is happening with the gay marriage bill recently proposed by New York Governor David Paterson.

In an effort to expand AGLP beyond the APA, we plan to add the schedule of psychiatric specialty meetings to the AGLP online calendar. We would also like to assist in coordinating LGBT events at the various meetings, such as social events and presentations. We will, however, need our members to work with us on such activities. Please contact us if you are interested in helping to realize these goals.

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President’s Column

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matrix through a drastic reduction of minority group representation. This appears to be an inevitable reality, which the APA leadership is working to minimize, and AGLP will work with the APA to see that our concerns continue to be represented.

I look forward to seeing all of you in San Francisco in a few weeks. Let’s appreciate our progress, and work together to find new ways to take on the challenges we face.

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International Psychiatric News

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AGLP was well represented at the World Psychiatric Association Congress in September 2008. We organized four workshops, which were well attended and received. Prior to our trip to Prague, many of us participated in a two-day conference on gay and lesbian psychiatric issues sponsored by the Charite Hospital, the main teaching hospital in Berlin. Since this meeting was jointly organized by AGLP, the first part was in English with presentations by British and American Psychiatrists.

The conference at Charite Hospital was particularly useful because it also helped the German psychiatrists organize for the upcoming annual conference of the DGPPN, their national psychiatric association in November 2008. AGLP organized a symposium on gay and lesbian issues at the DGPPN conference jointly with Udo Frank, a psychiatrist involved with BASG, the German Gay Health group. The symposium at the DGPPN was well attended, and we were able to meet many psychiatrists interested in being involved in a section. The DGPPN annual meeting attracts over 7,000 participants from Germany as well as Switzerland and Austria, making it probably the largest annual psychiatric meeting after the APA annual meeting.

The German psychiatrists arranged a private meeting with the president elect of the DGPPN to request his support for the creation of a formal gay and lesbian section. They invited me to join in their meeting, which was successful; the president elect appeared to quite supportive. A few months later their proposal was approved, and DGPPN now has the beginnings of a section on gay and lesbian issues.

The German group would like to have involvement of AGLP members willing to come to their meetings to present papers. The DGPPN conference www.dgppn.de always occurs in the fourth week of November in Berlin (usually the same time as Thanksgiving). The conference is mostly in German, but they have some English language sessions, and they do have a one day registration fee (250 euros) if you only want to register for the day that you are presenting. If you are interested in presenting at this conference in November of 2010, please let me know by the end of February 2010, which is when they will start to finalize plans for that year. If you would like to attend the 2009 conference, please let me know and I will put you in contact with the organizers.

The next WPA psychiatric congress which occurs every three years will be in Buenos Aires September 18-22, 2011, and the submissions will probably be due one year in advance in the early fall 2010. The next conference for which I will be organizing LGBT workshops will be the European Psychiatric Association Annual meeting in Munich in February 27-March 2, 2010 www.europsy.net. The submission deadline is May 12, 2009 so if you are interested in presenting on LGBT issues, please contact me by early May at GNakajima@aglp.org. During the APA annual meeting in 2009, we will have a reception for LGBT international psychiatrists visiting from other countries as well as minority psychiatrists. All AGLP members are welcome to the reception on Monday night (see the schedule for the details).

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Welcome to San Francisco
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AGLP Annual Meeting 2009

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May 15th to the 20th AGLP will welcome our members to San Francisco for our annual meetings held concurrently with the APA Convention. Once again, we have a full schedule of social, educational and networking events planned throughout the week. See the specific details elsewhere in this edition of the Newsletter. For those arriving early, a Welcome Reception is planned beginning at 5:00pm on Friday the 15th.

We kick off the formal events with the Annual AGLP Symposium on Saturday, May 16th, from 8:30 AM to 1 PM. This year we are excited to present "aglp: The L Word on Mental Health." This half day symposium will be hosted by UCSF/AIDS Health Project and be led by our Vice President, Kenn Ashley, MD. The program will include notable leaders in the field. Presenters include:

- Nanette Gartrell, MD, Associate Clinical Professor, Psychiatry, Center of Excellence in Women's Health, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- Penelope P. Ziegler, MD, FASAM, Medical Director Virginia Health Practitioners' Intervention Program, Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Medicine, Richmond, VA
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- Sally Herbert, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA.

You can register for this course by completing the form on page 15, or visiting our website at www.aglp.org. This Symposium is made possible through a generous grant from The Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights (BAPHR).

Later on Saturday, at 5:30 the Annual Women's Dinner will be hosted by Annabelle Chern and Ellen Haller at Zazie Restaurant. The group can then walk to Ellen's home a block away for dessert and a showing of "Last Call at Maud's," a documentary on the end of a legendary women's bar which was next door to Zazie's. RSVP for the dinner through the website <http://www.aglp.org> or email aglp@aglp.org.

Our Host Hotel is the Westin San Francisco Market Street. Discussion groups for Medical Students, Residents, and Early Career Psychiatrists, Psychiatrists of Color and International Psychiatrists, Women's Issues, round out the schedule with time for social interaction and networking. The complete schedule begins on page XX and is always available on the AGLP website. And for the tech-savvy among us, you can view an at-a-glance calendar of events through our website and even download the events you choose directly to your PDA!

The AGLP Annual Opening Reception will be at Vessel, 85 Campton Place, San Francisco (just off Stockton St. between Sutter and Post) starting at 6:30. The entire venue will be closed to the public this evening, reserving space for AGLP members, BAPHR members, and our friends. Cash Bar and passed hors d'ouvres will be provided. There is no cover — so bring a friend and enjoy the party! A pre-reception for AGLP women will begin there at 6:00.

The 23rd Annual Closing Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be Yank Sing, a Zagat- and Michelin-rated Chinese Restaurant of distinction in San Francisco. This year we will honor Jamison Green for the Distinguished Service Award, for his pioneering efforts and advocacy for transgender rights; Gene Nakajima for the Paulsen Award for his many contributions to AGLP over the past 20 years, and especially his leadership with international psychiatry and with psychiatrists of color; and the National Center for Lesbian Rights for the Stu Nichols Award due to its many years of advocacy for LGBT rights, including their work with the recent California Supreme Court marriage equality decision. RSVP today at www.aglp.org, or complete the form on page of this newsletter. Space is limited to 100 people, so get your RSVP in now!

And while you are at the Moscone Convention Center, plan to visit the AGLP Booth, Number 506, and please consider volunteering to staff the booth for an hour-long session. Sign-up sheets will be available at the booth and at the Hospitality Suite.

Continuing education, social interaction, important advocacy and networking, and leisure-time fun — all in the beautiful and gay-friendly city that is San Francisco. I hope to see you there!

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Money. Money. Money. Oh, Did I Forget To Mention Money?

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The first 100 days of the Obama administration are now almost complete. In many aspects of life, including the movement towards gay civil marriage, the change can be concretely seen. There is hope – a magical quality in these times. However, the economy has everyone still discussing money, jobs, stocks, bailouts, bonuses, and the great idea of getting cash for gold (as seen on TV).

AGLP, like many organizations, is dealing with the economic downturn. We have become more fiscally responsible, looking over the budget line by line at our fall meeting. This budgeting has allowed the organization to have a positive cash flow going into an expensive time of the year, the annual meeting. In the previous newsletter, Roy Harker had eloquently shown the increase in cash reserves as compared to 2008. As of April 1st, we have 21% more cash on hand (around \$5200) despite the fact that our membership keeps declining.

Much of this cash reserve comes from our organization's dedicated members who have increased their membership level or have given above and beyond their annual dues. For this, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You inspire hope in a similar way that Barack Obama has for America's recovery. AGLP has also tried to move much of our cash reserve to an interest bearing account in order to do more with the money on hand.

However, we can and should go further. Our development officers are working hard to write and secure grants for member-supported projects, including the newly formed award for best resident paper in the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*. Grant support has been hit hard by the stock market plunge, but the issues facing GLBT psychiatrists and our patients are only increasing. Please consider contacting your institutions or local philanthropic entities to see if a grant could be used by our organization. Roy Harker, Stephan Carlson, Rob Lopatin, and Mary Barber will help with the details but it is your responsibility to let us know specific grants are available. Our mission of education and advocacy depends on it!

Finally, we are reviewing operational and membership issues which may impede or promote the growth of our organization. We are discussing the possibility of rewards for referring new members, a behaviorist approach which has worked in other organizations. As well, we are trying to make it easier for people to consider putting AGLP in wills and other planned giving.

Come to the annual meeting and speak up at the business meeting about these issues and consider running for Treasurer. I am currently holding both the Secretary and Treasurer positions and would love to hand over one of them to a dedicated member. Nominations of members in good standing will be taken from the floor at the business meeting. You, too, can inspire hope for the next generation

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Residents' Column

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Karl Jeffries, MD

Spring in San Francisco is delightful! Usually the rains have stopped, the fog has yet to roll in and the wildflowers are in full bloom. You can even wear shorts on occasion. So I am thrilled that the annual meeting is going to be held here this year, and I look forward to welcoming all members of AGLP to our beautiful city.

Of course, as a Resident Representative to AGLP, I am especially looking forward to welcoming medical students, residents and early-career psychiatrists (MIT/ECP). We represent the future of this organization and I fully expect that we will work together over the years to develop our group to its fullest potential. Historically the entire queer movement has benefited tremendously from the work done right here within the psychiatric community, and the years to come will likely be no different.

As recent political events have reminded us, however, we will need to be united, coordinated and organized to maximize the fruits of our labor. The annual meeting affords us a tremendous opportunity to begin such an effort—to meet, greet, and to learn about and from one another in a setting that is sure to be a blast! We have a tremendous schedule lined up and I hope to see all of you there for many of the events.

In addition to the fabulous schedule that AGLP has put together for all members, there are a few agenda items specifically for the MIT/ECP cohort. First, we will be hosting a brunch at a private residence on Sunday morning from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Come sip mimosas in the warm Duboce Triangle with some of the hippest young psychiatrists you're likely to find at the entire annual meeting. It will be relaxing, tasty and will help to start off a day of events tailored to our interests. Please email me at KJeffries@aglp.org with your RSVP (to help with planning) or with any questions you have. If you forget to RSVP however, you can still just show up on the day of the event—the more the merrier!

Following the brunch, there will be the AGLP business meeting, which will be for all members, and MIT/ECP representation is needed there for our voices to be heard. Then, at 4:30 in the San Francisco Marriott, Marshall Forstein will be leading an AGLP session titled "Psychiatric Residency and Training Issues", which is sure to be titillating. Topics to be covered include erotic countertransference and coming out in training. I hope to see you all there, as Marshall is not to be missed!

Finally, the day almost wraps up with the Opening Reception at Vessel from 6:30 to 9:30. You will *SNAP* at this trendy hot-spot! Check it out at <http://www.vesselsf.com/>. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, and it is open to everyone! Bring a friend! Maybe afterwards we will have gotten to know a few others in our group and will want to go find somewhere to continue the fun. I have some suggestions, but you have to come to the brunch on Sunday morning to learn all about them?

I can't wait to welcome y'all. See you on May 16th.

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When Politics Distorts Science: A Psychiatrist Reports From the Trenches of the Culture Wars

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(Editor's Note: This column is an updated version of Dr. Drescher's presentation from last year's conference. A longer version is can be found in Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health. Dr. Drescher will be giving the Distinguished Psychiatrist Lecture at the APA on Tuesday, May 19, based on this material.)



Jack Drescher, M.D.

Scientific findings have evoked political responses throughout history, particularly when new discoveries challenge existing beliefs and political interests. Consider, for example, the 1632 publication of Galileo Galilei's *Dialogue Concerning the Two World Systems*, which took up the issue of whether the earth (geocentrism) or the sun (heliocentrism) was at the center of the other's orbit. The Roman Catholic Church supported the former idea and Galileo's astronomic findings supported the latter. Within a year of publication Catholic Church tried and condemned Galileo for heresy and forbade the publication of his past or future scientific works. He died under house arrest in 1642.

Yet, in the following centuries, as the weight of scientific evidence supported heliocentrism, Galileo's remains were eventually reburied in hallowed ground, the Church once again allowed his scientific work to be published and finally in 1992, 350 years after Galileo's death, Pope John Paul II expressed "regret" for the church's handling of the case. Better late than never.

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Fast forward to the present. In 2007 former Surgeon General, Richard Carmona MD, spoke before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. He revealed that partisan, political ideology within the Bush administration was so pervasive that even the Surgeon General was unable to do the traditional job of providing Americans with the latest in scientific understanding on a range of health issues. As Carmona put it: "Anything that doesn't fit into the political appointees' ideological, theological or political agenda is often ignored, marginalized or simply buried . . . The problem with this approach is that in public health, as in a democracy, there is nothing worse than ignoring science or marginalizing the voice of science for reasons driven by changing political winds."

What could Dr. Carmona not frankly discuss during his 2002-2006 tenure? The issues included the potential benefits of human stem cell; the limitations of

abstinence-only sex, making emergency contraception more accessible, the potential health hazards of global climate change, the need for increased prison mental health services, or the health risks of secondhand smoke.

This pastiche of politicized issues mirrored the influence of the last administration's political constituencies. For health care professionals who believe government should play a role in matters of public health, the influence of these special interests is cause for concern.

Of particular concern is the way these special interest groups can distort scientific findings to achieve their single-minded political or economic objectives. Why should this matter? Sound policy-making requires objective scientific data. The scientific methods that provide us with life-saving technologies and elevate our living standards require a shared set of operating assumptions. Yet distorting findings from one scientific field out of personal or political beliefs can only serve to undermine the entire scientific enterprise. Furthermore, the creation of research solely to support existing political agendas raises the question of whether science as we know it can survive in an environment of politicization at all.

How do politicized, special interest groups go about distorting scientific findings? Many use similar techniques:

- They present a marginal or discredited scientific issue to the public as if it were a debate among scientists and professionals;
- They promote and publicize their own self-appointed "experts" and "think tanks" to speak to the media and make a case to the public for a marginal or discredited scientific theory; these "experts" are often invited to speak at public hearings to counter the arguments of legitimate spokespersons for the scientific mainstream;
- They directly or indirectly question the motives of both mainstream organizations and individuals whose scientific work is critical of the marginal or discredited theory—"the group has been taken over by the homosexual agenda" being a common charge;

- They confuse the general public with pseudo-science, using selective scientific citations that support the marginal or discredited theory and by adopting scientific language when criticizing the mainstream theory.

The prototype model of scientific distortion by a special interest was perfected by the tobacco industry. As the American Cancer Society notes:

"The [Tobacco] Industry is not an honest partner in research. Entities such as the Tobacco Institute, the Counsel for Tobacco Research and the Center for Indoor Air Research were jointly created and funded by tobacco companies to create the appearance of scientific legitimacy and independence while deceiving the public about the adverse health effects of tobacco smoking and second hand smoke. These entities are essential to

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The Journal of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Mental Health welcomes reviews of books. If you're interested in reviewing a book you've read or would like to recommend a title for review, please contact Robert Kertzner, Book Review Editor for the Journal, at RKertzner@aglp.org.

APA GLB CAUCUS ELECTION RESULTS

The GLB Caucus Election results have been registered and the results were communicated from Alison Bondurant, MA, Associate Director, Office of Minority and National Affairs, APA, to Roy Harker, Executive Director, AGLP. The term as currently planned is 3 years beginning on the last day of the APA Annual meeting.

209 ballots mailed out
38 marked ballots received - 18%
6 ballots returned – bad address

Results:

Mark Townsend – Representative: 38 votes
Philip Bialer – Deputy Representative: 37 votes
Daniel Hicks – President: 38 votes

DR. KESSLER RECEIVES AWARD FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

David Kessler, M.D.

Congratulations goes to David R. Kessler, MD, past president of AGLP, who was presented with the 2009 Meritorious Service Award by the Northern California Psychiatric Society on February 28, 2009, at its annual meeting in Monterey, California.

The award honored him "for his lifelong dedication to the advancement of equality for LGBT individuals by ensuring that psychiatric treatments affirm LGBT lives and identities; for his leadership as

President of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists; for his philanthropy to the LGBT community; and for his leadership and dedicated service at UCSF as a professor and teacher."

LGBT HEART SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE GRADUATE HEALTH PROFESSIONS**PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT/INSTRUCTIONS**

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health, Education and Research Trust, Inc. (LGBT HEART) awards scholarships to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) identified students in the health sciences in the United States. Each scholarship provides supplemental funding for graduate level students who have a demonstrated ability in and commitment to affecting change in the LGBT communities through their commitment to working and being educated in the health professions. By providing scholarships to LGBT students, LGBT HEART recognizes these students' past achievements and provides much needed support for their future pursuits. Through these awards, we forge links between

professional and emerging leaders. In doing so, LGBT HEART helps to facilitate the growth and advancement of not only these individuals – but of our communities as well. LGBT HEART awards these scholarships through its own fundraising efforts. Two or more students – committed to affecting change in the LGBT community through their education and work in the health professions – will be selected for the scholarships (at least \$2,000 each), and shall be known as LGBT HEART Scholars. Last year, four 2008 awardees each received \$2,000.

VISIBILITY

All awardees must be "out," as members of the LGBT community, as well as to their non-LGBT peers within the educational systems and professions for which they are seeking scholarship assistance. By applying for this scholarship, applicants consent to the use of their name and/or likeness in LGBT HEART publications and promotional materials.

GUIDELINES, TERMS, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE AWARDS

Academic scholarships are the primary component of this program announcement. This is a competitive application process. LGBT HEART will award scholarships to outstanding LGBT, graduate-level students enrolled in a degree-seeking program in the health sciences. Consideration will include academic performance; honors; personal/financial hardship; and, especially, service to the LGBT community. All applications must strictly adhere to published application instructions and guidelines. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.

DEADLINE

Awards will be processed and announced yearly. Applications and all supporting documentation for the scholarships must be postmarked by 30 June 2009. Completed applications and supporting materials must arrive in one envelope. Applicants will be notified of their award status by 1 September 2009. Materials sent by e-mail or fax will not be accepted. Send completed applications to:

LGBT HEART Scholarship Fund for the Graduate Health Professions
14525 SW Millikan Way, Ste. 15935
Beaverton, OR 97005-2343

ANNOUNCING OUTSTANDING PSYCHIATRY RESIDENT PAPER AWARD

The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health (JGLMH) is a quarterly, peer-reviewed journal that is indexed by PsychInfo. JGLMH is the official journal of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists (AGLP, www.aglp.org). We are seeking outstanding resident papers on LGBT mental health; these can be original research papers, case series and detailed case reports, or review articles. The award includes \$500, publication in JGLMH, and assistance with travel to the AGLP annual meeting (held concurrently with the APA) to present the resident's work.

Co-authored papers are eligible as well, but the resident must be the first author.

Send entries or direct questions to Roy Harker at rharker@aglp.org.

This award is supported by a generous grant from the William A. Kerr Foundation.

Getting In Touch with IT

Karl Jeffries, MD

AGLP Resident Representative

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So here we are in the 21st century and AGLP is slowly but surely creeping into the technological age. For those tech-savvy among us, skip to the next paragraph. For those who are less Jetsonian, IT stands for "information technology" and it is an umbrella term which encompasses most aspects of those new-fangled inventions called computers. It can cover basic topics of email and web sites, but also can be referring to more quickly evolving areas such as blogging and online social networking.

Even for the most computer literate psychiatrist getting in touch with IT can be overwhelming simply due to the enormity of information that is out there. But for the less experienced, it can be frightening and prohibitive. As AGLP moves into this new era, we want to stay hip and connected, but we want to make sure that we continue to serve all members of our community comfortably—maintaining communication in a preferred manner while also preserving privacy as desired. Thus, we continue to send paper copies of the newsletter to those less inclined to enjoy reading it on a computer screen, and we keep access to the members-only section of the website password protected. However, we are also strongly committed to ensuring easy access to important information and communication.

To this end, I want to bring to light a somewhat new service from AGLP that many may not know about. As a member of AGLP you now have the option to sign onto the AGLP listserv. Signing up is easy, and if this listserv can become a little more active than it currently is, this can become a way for our community to converse throughout the year.

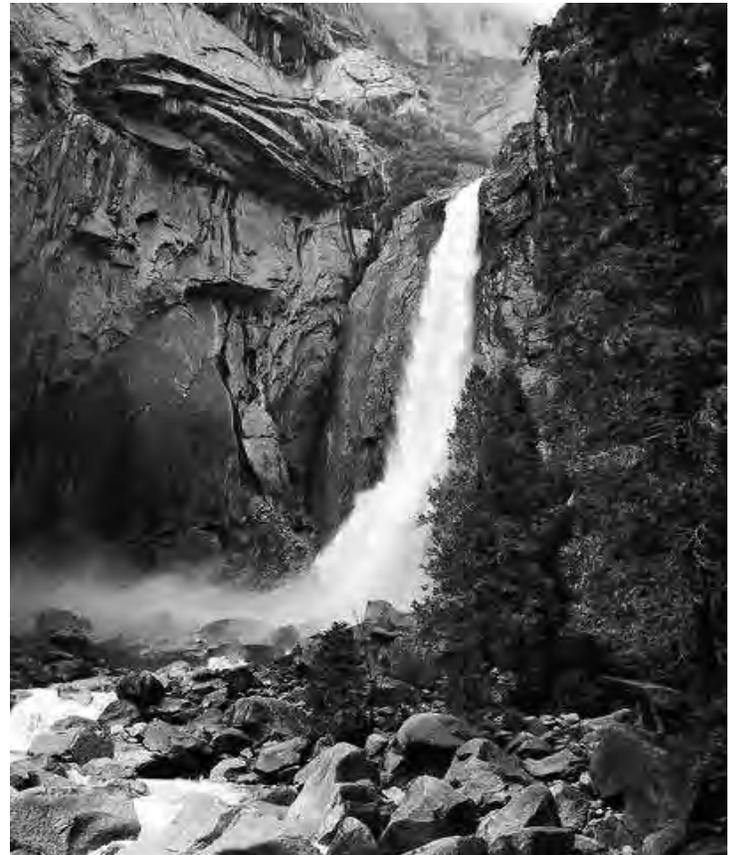
Many of you participated in the electronic survey that we conducted last fall. One need that arose out of the results was a better way to foster community within our organization outside of the annual meeting time. Certainly we all enjoy coming to the annual meeting, socializing at the Opening and Closing Receptions, and being enlightened by the stimulating topics at the Symposium. However many from the survey reported going home afterward and feeling isolated, and some questioned "how can AGLP serve me better during the rest of the year?"

So here's an opportunity. Just imagine, the listserv can offer an active audience of like-minded professionals to listen to your concerns, heed your call for help with clinical or social issues and serve as a medium to continue the connections that have been made at the annual meeting.

To join the listserv, log onto your account on website at <http://www.aglp.org>. Go to the "My Profile" section and click on the "Edit this profile" link at the bottom of the page. Then, near the bottom of the page is an option "Subscribe to AGLP listserv" and you simply say YES! When you save this profile, you are signed up, and the fun can begin.

I look forward to seeing you online as the annual meeting nears and the excitement builds. If you have any questions about the listserv, how to sign up, or how to keep your email "Inbox" free from the listserv posts, please email me at KJeffries@aglp.org and I will be happy to help out.

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AGLP in Yosemite in May

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I'm planning an informal AGLP trip to Yosemite National Park on Memorial Day weekend from Thursday, May 21 through Monday, May 25, after the APA meeting in San Francisco (May 16-21, 2009). Yosemite is about a four hour drive from SF. We will leave sometime during the day on Thursday and plan hikes for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Gene Nakajima and I organized a similar trip about 6 years ago, and it was a lot of fun.

For general information about the park, visit <http://www.nps.gov/yose/>

We are going to stay in Wawona area of the park, which is about 45 minutes south of Yosemite Valley. Wawona is less crowded and accommodations are easier to obtain.

There are two possibilities for housing, 1) the Wawona Hotel, and 2) the Redwoods in Yosemite, which are vacation home rentals.

The Wawona, a historic hotel, near the South entrance of the park, has only 104 rooms. You can reserve by phone at (559) 252-4848 or through the website http://yosemitepark.com/html/accom_wawona.html. There is no penalty for canceling reservations, as long as it is done 72 hours in advance. They will charge a one night per room deposit on your credit card, which you will get back if you cancel the room reservation.

The other option is Redwoods in Yosemite, which vary from rustic cabins to luxu-

Does Orientation Inhibit LGBT Advocacy in Psychiatry?

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Residency Matched: University of Hawai'i, Queen's Medical Center, Honolulu

On the interview trail, I was asked very directly about the "apparent conflict" between my stated membership to the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists (AGLP) and being in a long-term heterosexual relationship and fathering two children. The unprompted question came across as personally intrusive and seemingly biased by discrimination. Feelings of discouragement overwhelmed me as I realized that my membership and support of a commonly discriminated minority group made me a target of scrutiny. In my mind, the questions began to digress. Was this an appropriate interview question? Was disclosure of my sexual orientation and relationship status essential or even ethical in a residency interview? Should gender identity, sexual orientation, or other issues be questioned in a job interview?

Well, I had to answer with the truth. I began by recalling that I was raised in a very strict, religious protestant home. My uncle was not allowed to visit our family; he was banished and ostracized for being gay. The first time I met my uncle was when I was in college. He had my contact information from my grandmother and drove from Pennsylvania to Georgia so that he could see his nephew. He showed up at my door and asked in front of my friends if I knew he was. I said, "No." To which he replied, "I am your uncle."

We have since established a familial relationship and stayed in contact. As a result, he taught me many things including that he was human. He was my family. He was creative, musically talented, and a frequent traveller to London. And LGBT individuals must no longer be targets of hate and discrimination.

Our conversations developed an ability to open and explore potential for bias and discrimination which largely grew out of religious pressures and social modeling in part. Out of this exploration, I realized that LGBT issues and advocacy were essential to psychiatry, so I became more interested in wanting to read more on LGBT-related topics. When I discovered AGLP, I was excited to find that there exists an organized resource with the following stated goals:

- Foster a fuller understanding of LGBT mental health issues;
- Research and advocate for the best mental health care for the LGBT community;
- Develop resources to promote LGBT mental health;
- Create a welcoming, safe, nurturing, and accepting environment for members; and
- Provide valuable and accessible services to our members.

Furthermore, when I read that membership to AGLP was "open to psychiatrists who are members of the American Psychiatric Association, psychiatry residents, and medical students," I decided to join with several intentions. By submitting my student dues I wanted to support the maintenance of the association. Second, I saw myself affirming the AGLP's goals. Third, it was my desire to have access to published works on LGBT issues related to psychiatry. Fourth, I wanted to be an advocate for LGBT individuals. Finally, I found that the AGLP motto

"Opening Minds" reflects my own experience in developing a relationship with my uncle which opened my mind to acceptance. It is my hope that AGLP would recognize my membership and embrace all qualified applicants who advocate for LGBT physicians and patients in the field of psychiatry regardless of applicants' gender, identity, or orientation.

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Yosemite

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rious vacation homes and have between 1 to 6 bedrooms. It is about 2 miles away from the Wawona hotel. Depending on how many people you fit in the home, and which house that you choose, this can be cheaper or more expensive than the Wawona hotel. The other advantage of the Redwoods would be that you will have a kitchen, living room etc. They have a 10 day cancellation policy minus a \$20 deposit. Their contact info is 888-225-6666 or www.redwoodsinyosemite.com. Booking is better by phone than by the web. As of January 25th there were about 5 cabins remaining for the weekend we are traveling. They can accommodate, from 2-8 people depending on the cabin you choose.

Plan now because Yosemite is a highly popular tourist destination on a holiday weekend.

If you have any questions, call me at 415 246-0888 or e mail me at hruhin@aglp.org. Please let me know if you are going so I have an idea of how many people to expect.

Hope to see you in May,

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News from the Basement

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David Scasta, M.D.

Everything in the APA remains in flux; what was decided this morning may be superseded by something decided this afternoon. The 'who' and 'how' of the decisions remain shrouded to those of us in the trenches. The Board of Trustees disbanded all 14 councils and 75 of the councils' committees, planning to replacing them after the May Annual Meeting with nine new councils and retaining only 39 of the committees. Despite assurances by the current administration that LGBT members need not be alarmed, the Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues was put on the chopping block (according to our chair of the Committee). The

Committee's parent council, the Council on Minority Mental Health and Mental Health Disparities, has been retained.

Dr. Roger Peele proposed to retain the current components and committees by making them voluntary with each individual component member picking up his or her own costs for attending the twice annual meetings. This proposal failed to gain traction as a solution secondary to the concerns about the cost. By the time Dr. Peele, a Trustee-at-large, notified members of the pending deactivation of the current components, the decision was essentially a fait accompli. Area III has an action paper that will be coming before my Reference Committee calling on the Assembly to provide a home for the deactivated committees as self supporting committees. Another action paper calls for the actual votes of Board of Trustees actions to be reported along with its decisions. At least one chopped committee has an action paper calling for reinstatement.

The Board of Trustees voted to eliminate virtually all of the pharmaceutical industry support, which provided nearly 30% of the budget and which indirectly led to the disbanding of the Councils. Some members are questioning whether the APA is throwing the baby out with the bathwater.

In the meantime, much of the listserv chatter has been directed at the Board of Trustees' decision to eliminate any pharmaceutical industry support of educational and other activities at the APA. The APA and the current APA President came under intense criticism by Senator Grassley. Senator Grassley of Iowa is the obstreperous ranking Republican member of the Senate Finance Committee who demanded an accounting of the financial connections between drug companies and national psychiatric experts. The concern is about a possible conflict of interest in that these pharmaceutical funded psychiatrists make recommendations for medications which are produced by the same companies. Quoting from the NY Times (7/12/08):

"This weekend in Chicago, the psychiatry association's board will meet behind closed doors, in part to discuss how to respond to the increasingly intense scrutiny and questions about conflicts of interest.

"'With every new revelation, our credibility with patients has been damaged, and we have to protect that first and foremost,' said Dr. Steven S. Sharfstein, a

former president of the association and now president of the Sheppard Pratt Health System in Baltimore. 'I think we need to review all arrangements between doctors and industry and be very clear about what constitutes a conflict of interest and what does not.'"

The Board of Trustees voted to eliminate virtually all of the pharmaceutical industry support, which provided nearly 30% of the budget and which indirectly led to the disbanding of the Councils. Some members are questioning whether the APA is throwing the baby out with the bathwater. Some Assembly members have suggested that better oversight and transparency is a more rational solution than simply cutting all of the ties with the drug companies -- noting parenthetically that the marketing of drugs that may be novel or provide new treatments is to the benefit of not only psychiatrists but also their patients. One Assembly member has suggested a plebiscite of the membership to overturn the Board of Trustees' decision. Another Assembly member has set up a web-based questionnaire for Assembly members to get some sense of the Assembly's feeling on the matter.

It is difficult for me to assess in what direction the Assembly is leaning since much of the chatter on the listserv is among only a few individuals, at least one of whom is connected with pharmaceutical funding. I suspect that, to a large degree, most APA members are oblivious to pharmaceutical funding of psychiatrists' activities because the funding does not directly affect them. We will see how the Assembly handles this issue in May.

For AGLP, one of the issues that is coming up for May is an action paper entitled: "Humane and Effective Approach to People with Gender Identity Disorder." The paper states that the APA declares that gender identity and expressions which differ from sexual or cultural convention do not, in themselves, constitute mental disorders. This is a complex issue for which I have had the luxury of remaining in a neutral position but will have to make a decision on behalf of the AGLP at the Assembly plenary sessions just before the annual meeting. I would be very appreciative of any thoughts and guidance that AGLP members might have with this regard.

On a more personal note, despite angst to the contrary, there has been a notable evolution in Dr. Warren Throckmorton's views on homosexuality. He has denounced his previous support for reparative therapy, and, in fact, has been very active in opposing reparative therapy. He recently asked for the gay communities' support in stopping Exodus and some other faith-based programs from participating in a national forum set up by the government of Uganda to find ways to stop homosexuality from developing.

When I look at Warren's approach to providing therapy for gay patients who come from conservative religious traditions, I find little to criticize. He takes a classic stance of therapeutic neutrality. He does not think that change in orientation is likely; he uses the therapy to help patient's explore why they feel they must or should change, without judging them. He has, in fact, supported patients who concluded that they should accept their homosexuality.

AGLP Executive Committee Phone Conference**Thursday, March 12, 2009**

3:30pm (EST) - 12:30 (PST) - SKYPE Conference Call

(Minutes Submitted by Andy Tompkins, MD, AGLP Secretary/Treasurer; Edited for the Newsletter for length by George Harrison)

In attendance: Ubaldo, Kenn, Andy, David, George, Roy, Stephan.

I. Report on Annual meetings:

San Francisco 2009 Reported by George Harrison

Hotel: Westin San Francisco Market Street. This is set. Need to reserve rooms on AGLP website.

Booth; Roy Harker. This is reserved.

Booklet: George Harrison. We need a schedule to wrap up the booklet. Kenn will submit APA's events of interest for the booklet.

Women's events – Annabelle and Ellen are coordinating a dinner in Coal Valley, and a dessert reception at Ellen's house. Mary Barber may present a movie outside of the hospitality suite.

ECP/Residents – Andy will coordinate an Event with Marshall for Sunday afternoon 4:30-5:30. Otherwise, see Karl's Notes below.

Minority Outreach – Monday night Gene will coordinate int'l and minority dinner

AGLP Awards: Dan Karasic (absent). George believes these are set.

Hospitality suite: Shannon Miller may present here as well as the committee on psychoanalysis. We will discuss whether this should be continued in New Orleans.

Opening and Closing Receptions: Opening at Vessel has a minimum bar tab of \$3000. Roy asks the local arrangements to estimate the number of people needed to cover the tab. Last year was \$1600 in Washington, DC. We shall also ask BAPHR members to join us at opening reception. After further discussion, Kenn moved to have the Opening at Vessel. Andy seconded motion. Vote was unanimous. Closing will be held at Yank Sing. Price of tickets should stay at \$125.

Nominations: None at this point. We need one nomination for either Treasurer or Secretary.

Friday night reception: To be held at John Kruse

VIP reception: Prior to Closing reception will be at Russell Monroe's house. The officers will help out with service. Roy would like an excel spreadsheet of all the events and locations. George agreed to send out.

Transgender Reception: Dan Karasic to have a transgender reception on Wednesday, May 20th.

Symposium: Speakers have been set. Kenn went over the list of speakers which was impressive. Break out sessions will also occur. Roy will help with AV equipment. Fee schedule set \$30/members and \$45/nonmembers. MIT and med students will not be charged. BAPHR will be recognized here and at the closing reception.

Psychoanalysis: Chris McIntosh, filed by email, Psychotherapy Committee Case Conference with discussant Julie Leavitt, MD, tentatively scheduled for

1:00-2:30 PM on Monday. Time needs to be confirmed.

II. New Business

David Scasta, filed by email, reviewed the changes proposed by the APA Board (Editor's Note: See David's column elsewhere in the Newsletter)

Mary Barber, filed by email, asked for funding for the Gittings Award for next year. The proposed budget is to cover a plaque and a free dinner for the winner. It would be a loud statement to the women members. No action taken. Discussion of possible token amount, \$100, to be given to AGLP Board members to help cover the additional expenses of the positions (Cost of coming to Convention and fall meetings). No action taken. Exploration of funding from Gill Foundation for GAP curriculum reveals that this will be unlikely. Proposed that the speaker's project continue even with out funding as a possible way to increase visibility and use this to build a resume used to recruit other grants. Journal Report: The Journal got a small grant from the Kerr Foundation thanks to John Sweet to fund a resident paper award. The winner gets a stipend and travel to the annual meeting to present the paper.

Karl Jeffries, filed by email, detailed plans for residents/med students/ECP brunch at the Annual Meeting. Also, work continues with Marshall about a presentation for the trainees. Details are evolving. An evening out for trainees during the Annual Meeting is still being coordinated. Publicity about the Resident Paper for the Journal has started and is seen as a way to increase Resident interest in the organization. Other ideas to increase Resident interest were solicited. Reporting for the membership committee: Methods to increase membership were detailed including offering an emeritus membership status for our retired members, offering an option for members to sign up via an automatic renewal, an incentive program for bringing in other members and encouraging the experience of the membership community fostered through the website and making this more user friendly particularly the listserv.

Kenn will chair next meeting given Ubaldo's absence. The date will be March 26th at 3:45 PM EST given outstanding items needed for discussion.

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APA AGLP Representative's Column*Continued from page 12*

Who would have thought that the icon of conservative, faith-based views so condemning of homosexuality would make such a remarkable metamorphosis? All it took was a handshake across the aisle and an acknowledgment of the importance of issues that people of faith wrestle with in dealing with same sex feelings. He is now doing more to fight reparative therapy than most gay activists, speaking to his conservative base while continuing a dialogue of juxtaposing faith based vision against the realities of same sex attraction. Good things can come out of difficult times.

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Editor's Column

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a person that consistently spoke and acted to address the injustice that she saw around her. She saw these challenges as an opportunity to make a difference.

As a way of starting the ball rolling pending approval of the AGLP Board, I will sponsor the first year of the Award. Later others may want to do the same or the organization may find funds for this. Efforts like this can make AGLP a welcoming and affirming place for all of our members.

While I have focused on women here it doesn't take much imagination to think of all the others that AGLP might include. Maybe you have ideas about what's not working, and just as importantly, what can be done. It's our organization and if we want to make a difference in the world we should start with our own backyard.

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When Politics Distorts Science

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a sophisticated public relations campaign that seeks to buy credibility while recruiting a coterie of "expert" witnesses who create the appearance of scientific controversy long after genuine scientific controversy has ended" [retrieved August 1, 2007 from scientificintegrityinstitute.org/SeffrinACS101206.pdf].

Other organizations use similar approaches in pursuit of an antigay political agenda. These include:

- The American College of Pediatricians (<http://acped.org>), a social conservative organization founded only in 2002 after the much larger and more mainstream American Academy of Pediatrics began issuing policy statements that were gay affirmative;
- The Family Research Institute (<http://www.familyresearchinst.org>), which, for purposes of influencing public policy, generates "empirical research" to demonstrate the harm caused by homosexuality;
- The National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (<http://www.narth.com>), an organization that maintains "same-sex attractions" are "treatable"; NARTH was founded in 1992 by the late Charles Socarides, MD, a major opponent of the American Psychiatric Association's 1973 decision to remove homosexuality from the *Diagnostic and Statistic Manual*.

While their "research" may be of questionable quality, these groups are nevertheless adept at publicizing their point of view. Although their actual numbers are small compared to the mental health mainstream, these groups are able to get their "expert opinions" out to the media, in testimony before school boards contemplating sex education curricula or sanctioning Gay-Straight Alliances in the high schools, and in trying to influence legislators and policy makers whose decisions may affect the lives and civil rights of LGBT people and their families.

If truth is to win out, then disinformation in the service of politics, religion, or both, must be countered with scientific facts. LGBT health care professionals, straight allies, and mainstream professional and scientific organizations must respond when confronted by political efforts to misrepresent scientific findings and research—not just the misrepresentations of sexual science, but of science in general.

What can you do to help?

- Write letters to media outlets (print, radio, television, internet) in response to pseudoscientific claims. Use academic titles to buttress your expert credentials.
- Get involved with your own school and community boards struggling with how to appropriately discuss sexuality with children.
- Join specialty and professional organizations—mainstream organizations with openly LGBT members tend to listen when pseudoscientific distortions about homosexuality are brought to their attention. If you already belong to such a group that does not have an LGBT interest group, organize one.
- Write articles for professional newsletters that provide fellow professionals with up to date research while debunking pseudoscientific claims.
- Learn to speak to the media—media training may be available through your professional organizations; make personal contacts with local and national science reporters for the purposes of providing expertise.

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Chicago, IL

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Amita Jha, M.D.
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AGLP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

MAY 15-21, 2009

Shaded areas require Registration/RSVP
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AGLP Host Hotel: **Westin San Francisco Market Street**
50 Third Street • San Francisco, CA
415-974-6400

Roy Harker Cell: 215-498-0577

FRIDAY 15 MAY

5:00-7:00pm Welcome Reception
45 HARTFORD STREET (Between 17th and 18th Streets.
Hartford runs parallel to Castro St. one block to the
East.) Friends, Partners, and children welcome.

SATURDAY 16 MAY**ASSOCIATION OF GAY AND LESBIAN PSYCHIATRISTS****ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM 2009****8:30am-1:30pm "agLP: The L Word on Mental Health"**

UCSF/AIDS HEALTH PROJECT
1930 MARKET STREET (@ LAGUNA).
415-502-4818

Registration Fees: AGLP Member \$30.00
Non-Member \$45.00
Member Medical Student/Resident FREE

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8:30-8:55am Registration/ Continental Breakfast**"Boundries for Lesbian Physicians"**

Nanette Gartrell, MD, Associate Clinical Professor, Psychiatry, Center of
Excellence in Women's Health, UCSF

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Khakasa Wapenyi, MD
Attending Psychiatrist at New York Presbyterian Hospital, NY and Assistant
Professor of Weill Cornell Medical College

"The Neurobiology of Sex/Gender-Based Attraction"

Joel Salinas, MS-IV, Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine,
University of Miami
Laura Erickson-Schroth, MS-IV, MA, Director of Student Programming,
American Medical Student Association

"Lesbian Physician-Patient Issues in Adolescent LGBT Mental Health"

Debbie R. Carter, MD
Associate Professor, Training Director, Division of Child and Adolescent
Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, University of Colorado Denver –
School of Medicine

"Butch/Femme, F2M, Pregnant Man, Tranny-Boi: Gender Issues in the Lesbian Community. Clinical and Theoretical Perspectives."

Sally Herbert, MD
Clinical assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral
Sciences, Morehouse School of Medicine, in Atlanta, GA.

Presentation by COLAGE**Wrap-up****5:30-7:30pm Chamber Music Concert**

Concert of chamber music by Ubaldo Leli, MD, and
Mozart's Quintet for Piano and Winds. Featuring
members of the Bay Area Rainbow Symphony.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1268 SANCHEZ ST @ CLIPPER ST, NEAR 25TH ST.
(Muni, J-Church @24th St.).
Reception will follow at 538 Sanchez St.

5:30-7:30pm Women's Dinner

ZAZIE RESTAURANT, 941 COLE ST (BTWN PARNASSUSS AND CARL)
415 564 5332 • <http://zaziesf.com>
Prix Fixe dinner includes dessert
RSVP AT www.AGLP.ORG

8:00-10:00pm Viewing of film, "Last Call at Maud's"

Following the Women's Dinner
RSVP AT www.AGLP.ORG

Documentary about the Lesbian bar Maud's, which no longer exists, but was
situated right next door to Zazie's. Dessert and popcorn!

8:00-11:00pm AGLP Reception

538 SANCHEZ AT 18TH STREET (MUNI- J-CHURCH AT 18TH ST., OR
KLMT CASTRO STOP)
Out afterwards at Lookout Bar, 3600 16th
Street, San Francisco, www.lookoutsf.com

AGLP Schedule of Events
Continued from Page 15**SUNDAY 17 MAY**

8:30-11:30am AGLP Executive Board and Council Breakfast Meeting
WESTIN SAN FRANCISCO MARKET STREET
CIVIC ROOM, SECOND FLOOR

10:00am-4:30pm AGLP Booth Opens
SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION CENTER, BOOTH 506

12:00-1:30pm MIT (medical student/resident/fellow) ECP (Early Career Psychiatrist) Brunch
760 HAIGHT STREET, SAN FRANCISCO

2:00-3:30pm AGLP Annual Membership Meeting
WESTIN SAN FRANCISCO MARKET STREET
OLYMPIC BALLROOM, SECOND FLOOR

4:30-6:00pm Psychiatric Residency and Training Issues (Canceled with possibility of rescheduling to Saturday. Check the AGLP Website for latest details)
Dealing with sexuality issues as medical student or resident. Coming out, erotic transference and countertransference.

This discussion will include conversation about being out in training, dealing with personal and professional issues around sexuality, and how to think about sexuality in treatment of gay and non gay patients.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE SUITE H, FOURTH FLOOR
SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT, 55 FOURTH STREET
Marshall Forstein, M.D.

6:00-6:30pm AGLP Women's Annual Opening Pre-Reception
VESSEL, 85 CAMPTON PLACE, SAN FRANCISCO
Just off Stockton St. between Sutter and Post
Cash Bar and served Hors d'ouvres
No Cover. Bring a friend!

6:30-9:30pm AGLP Annual Opening Reception
VESSEL, 85 CAMPTON PLACE, SAN FRANCISCO
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MONDAY 18 MAY

8:00am-7:00pm AGLP Hospitality Suite Open
WESTIN SAN FRANCISCO MARKET STREET
UNIVERSITY ROOM

10:00am-5:00pm AGLP Booth Opens
SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION CENTER, BOOTH 506

10:00am-12noon Cable Car Walking Tour around North Beach
Partners and members of AGLP meet in the AGLP Hospitality Suite
WESTIN SAN FRANCISCO MARKET STREET
UNIVERSITY ROOM
Led by Annabelle Chern, MD

1:00-2:30pm HIV Affected Psychiatrists Meeting
PRESIDENT'S SUITE, WESTIN SAN FRANCISCO MARKET STREET
Call 215-498-0577 for details on location

1:00-2:30pm Case Conference hosted by the Psychotherapy Committee
AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE
WESTIN SAN FRANCISCO MARKET STREET
UNIVERSITY ROOM

The invited discussant is Julie Leavitt MD, a psychiatrist, an advanced candidate at the Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California, and the Medical Director and faculty member at the Access Institute for Psychological Services in San Francisco. The case presenter will be Dr Julie Henderson, a PGY-4 resident at the University of Toronto.

2:00-3:00pm Museum trip: Contemporary Jewish Museum
Docent led tour of Chagall and the Artists of the Russian Jewish Theater, next to the Moscone Center.
Meet in lobby of museum for public tour at 2:00pm.
www.theqjm.org

6:30-7:45pm Psychiatrists of Color/International Psychiatrists Reception
All AGLP members welcome
138 DIVISADERO
N Judah Muni train to Duboce and Noe. Up Duboce for two blocks; right onto Divisadero.

Dinner afterwards at:

FIREWOOD CAFE 4248 18TH ST.
More information: Gene Nakajima, MD,
GNakajima@aglp.org

6:30-9:00pm LAGCAPA Reception in San Francisco
(AGLP members welcome)
304 LOS PALMOS DR., SAN FRANCISCO 94127
Meet in the lobby of the AGLP host hotel to coordinate travel. \$15-20 estimated cab fare from downtown.

9:30pm-11:30pm Out afterwards at Blush Wine Bar
476 CASTRO ST. (NEAR 18TH ST.)

TUESDAY 19 MAY

9:00-10:30am LAGCAPA Executive Board Meeting
MARRIOTT SAN FRANCISCO, SIERRA CONFERENCE SUITE G,
FIFTH FLOOR

10:00am-5:00pm AGLP Booth Opens
SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION CENTER, BOOTH 506

10:00am-1:00pm American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) HIV Committee Meeting
HILTON SAN FRANCISCO UNION SQUARE ROOM 11,
FOURTH FLOOR, TOWER 3

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- 12:00-1:00pm Joint Meeting of AACAP HIV and SOGIIC (Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Issues Committee) Committees**
HILTON SAN FRANCISCO UNION SQUARE ROOM 11, FOURTH FLOOR, TOWER 3
- 12:00-4:00pm AACAP SOGIIC (Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Issues Committee) Committee Meeting**
HILTON SAN FRANCISCO UNION SQUARE ROOM 11, FOURTH FLOOR, TOWER 3
- 1:30-2:30pm Museum trip: SF Museum of Modern Art**
Docent led tour of the William Kentridge exhibit. 151 3rd St between Mission and Howard, next to the Moscone center. Meet in lobby of museum for public tour at 1:30pm. www.sfmoma.org
- 5:30-6:30pm VIP Reception (Invitation Only)**
YERBA BUENA LOFTS #736
855 FOLSOM STREET, SAN FRANCISCO

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Ticket Prices: \$125 --Full Member/SO of Full Member
\$ 50 -- Resident/Medical Student
\$ 150--Non-member

6:30-7:30pm Open Bar/Cocktail Hour**7:30-10:00pm Dinner and Award Ceremony**

This year, honoring Gene Nakajima, MD, Jamison Green, M.F.A., and the National Center for Lesbian Rights

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

10:00am-3:00pm AGLP Booth Opens
SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION CENTER, BOOTH 506

7:00-8:30pm Transgender Provider Reception
86 MONTEZUMA STREET, SAN FRANCISCO
A wine and cheese reception for AGLP members and APA attendees interested in transgender mental health care. Local specialists in transgender health have been invited as well. Optional dinner at nearby restaurant at 8:30pm.

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2009 AGLP Award Winners

Dan Karasic, MD
Past-President Column

DKarasic@aglp.org



Dan Karasic, MD

Don't miss the AGLP Awards Dinner on Tuesday, May 19! The banquet at Yank Sing, San Francisco's most acclaimed Chinese restaurant, will recognize outstanding contributions to LGBT mental health.

The Distinguished Service Award for an individual's contributions to LGBT mental health will go to Jamison Green, M.F.A. James is a pioneering activist for transgender rights and health. From 1991 to 1999, as the leader of FTM International, James tirelessly worked to organize and educate people on Trans issues, and mentored countless advocates for Trans and LGB rights. James has led efforts to improve the

environment for Trans people in the workplace and in medical settings. He has served on numerous boards including those of the World Professional Association of Transgender Health, and Gender Education and Advocacy. He is author of *Becoming a Visible Man*.

The Stuart Nichols Award recognizing an organization for leadership in the community will go to the National Center for Lesbian Rights. NCLR was founded 32 years ago to provide public interest legal advocacy for lesbians and their families. NCLR has been instrumental in establishing rights for LGBT families, including the right to second parent adoption. NCLR has advocated for lesbian parents facing loss of custody, LGBT youth facing reparative therapy, LGBT people facing loss of jobs or deportation, LGBT people denied medical care, and same sex couples denied marriage. NCLR's Legal Director, Shannon Minter, successfully represented same sex couples in their case against California's restriction on marriage before the state's Supreme Court. The case not only led to thousands of marriages in California, but influenced Iowa's Supreme Court decision for marriage equality. Shannon will accept the award on behalf of NCLR.

The James Paulson Award for contributions to AGLP will go to Gene Nakajima, MD. Gene has been working on AGLP's behalf for over 20 years and is the glue that holds it together. Long before Facebook, Gene's Rolodex connected LGBT psychiatrists and other activists. Gene especially is being honored for his work organizing international psychiatrists and psychiatrists of color on whose behalf he has worked tirelessly within AGLP and at international conferences. With his husband Howard Rubin, MD, Gene's impact is such that the meaning of "a friend of Gene and Howard's" is known worldwide.

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APA EVENTS OF INTEREST TO LGBT PSYCHIATRISTS

Please confirm time and location of the listed events in the APA published syllabus

AM=Advances in Medicine
 C=Course
 CW=Component Workshop
 IW=Issues Workshop
 MP=Media Presentation (movie/video)
 S=Symposium

SUNDAY, MAY 17

12:30pm-4:30pm Resident Training—HIV Psychiatry
 PACIFIC CONFERENCE SUITE H, FOURTH FLOOR,
 SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT
 Requires RSVP by May 8 to dpennessi@psych.org

MONDAY, MAY 18**9:00am-12:30pm Media Workshop**

MW1. Ready? OK! A Film About Childhood Gender Variance
 American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry/LAGCAPA;
 A wonderful 2008 comedy about a boy who is gender variant and how his Catholic school and family cope with his gender variance.
 123 NORTH MOSCONE CENTER
 Sally Herbert, MD, and Edgardo Menvielle, MD

2:00pm-5:00pm S6. "In or Out?": A Discussion About Gender Identity Diagnoses and the DSM (DSM Track DM03)

- A. The DSM-V Revision Process: Principles and Progress
William E. Narrow, M.D.
- B. Beyond Conundrum: Strategies for Diagnostic Harm Reduction
Kelley Winters, Ph.D.
- C. Aligning Bodies With Minds: The Case for Medical and Surgical Treatment of Gender Dysphoria
Rebecca Allison, M.D.
- D. The Role of Medical and Psychological Discourse in Legal and Policy Advocacy for Transgender Persons in the U.S.
Shannon P. Minter, J.D.

S10. The Neurobiological Evidence for Transgenderism

- A. Brain Gender Identity
Sidney W. Ecker, M.D.
- B. Transsexuality as an Intersex Condition
Milton Diamond, Ph.D.
- C. Novel Approaches to Endocrine Treatment of Transgender Adolescents and Adults
Norman Spack, M.D.

S11. Comprehensive HIV Psychiatry Update

- A. HIV/AIDS Medical Update
Paul Volberding, M.D.
- B. Neuropsychiatric Overview of HIV/AIDS
Robert Daroff Jr., M.D.
- C. Neurocognitive Decline
Karl Goodkin, M.D.
- D. Psychopharmacology
Gabrielle Marzani-Nissen, M.D.

TUESDAY, MAY 19**11:00am-12:30pm Lectures****L17. When Politics Distorts Science: A Psychiatrist Reports From the Trenches of the Culture Wars**

Jack Drescher, M.D., Distinguished Psychiatrist Lecture

Forums**F05. Anxiety in Patients With HIV: Importance and Drugs**

Chair: Ramaswany Viswanathan, M.D.

2:00pm-5:00pm S21. Co-occurring Disorders in HIV Positive Patients

- A. HIV and Hepatitis C Co-Infection
Elizabeth Ryan, M.D.
- B. Metabolic Disease and HIV
Marshall Forstein, M.D.
- C. PTSD and HIV
Antoine Douaihy, M.D.
- D. Update on Severe Mental Illness and HIV
Francine Cournos, M.D.
- E. Substance Use Disorders and HIV
Steven Batki, M.D.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**2:00pm-5:00pm S46. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth: Family Approaches**

- A. Mental Health and Health Outcomes for GLBT Youth and Young Adults: The Role of Family Support
Caitlin Ryan, Ph.D.
- B. Psychopathology and Gender Variance in a Clinical Sample of Children
Edgardo J. Menvielle, M.D.
- C. Gender Made, Gender Nurtured, Gender Bent: The Child Shapes the Parent as the Parent Shapes the Child in Families With a Gender-Variant Child
Diane Ehrensaft, Ph.D.

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- D. Three Integrated Family Interventions for Children With Gender-Variant Behaviors: Face-To-Face Groups, Online Discussions, and Multi-Family Gatherings
Catherine L. Tuerk, M.A.

S53. End of Life Care: A Multidisciplinary Clinical and Research Update

- A. Psychiatry and Palliative Medicine Collaboration at the End of Life
Michael W. Rabow, M.D.
- B. Issues Facing Caregivers and Family at the End of Life
Dianne M. Shumay, Ph.D.
- C. Psychological Adjustment to End of Life Losses: Application of the Reintegration Model to Advanced Cancer
Sara J. Knight, Ph.D.
- D. End of Life Care in Dementia: A Research Update
Laura B. Dunn, M.D.
- E. Legal and Ethical Issues at the End of Life in Chronically Mentally Ill Patients With HIV/AIDS
Jeanne M. St. Pierre, M.D.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- 9:00am-10:30am CW28. Out and Up in Age: Mental Health in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Older Adults** APA Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues

Chair: Ellen Haller, M.D.

- MU2. Optimizing the Delivery of Mental Health and Primary Care Services for Persons Living With HIV/AIDS in a Variety of Community Settings**

Chair: Francine Cournos, M.D.;
Faculty: David E. Cohn, M.D., Saul G. Perea, M.D.,
Shane S. Spicer, M.D.

- 11:00am-12:30pm IW72. Should HIV Testing Be Routine for Psychiatric Patients in Inpatient and Outpatient Settings?**

Chair: Robert Daroff, M.D.

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Presentation by COLAGE

Wrap-up

Name Degree Address City State Zip - Country Email Phone **FEES**

- \$30 AGLP Full/Associate Member
 FREE Medical Student/Resident AGLP Member
 \$45 Non-AGLP Member

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 at our

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Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Closing Banquet Reception • 6:30 - 7:30pm
Dinner and Awards • 7:30 - 10:00pm

\$125 - Full Member/S.O. of Full Member • (U.S. Dollars)
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Please respond before May 14, 2009 Reservations are limited to 100

Name(s): _____

I would also like to Reserve my place for the following other events:

Attending _____

Friday Night Welcome Reception (No Fee) _____

Outing for AGLP Members, Significant Others,
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