

# WomanView

Newsletter for the Section for the Advancement of Women (SAW),  
Division 17 of the American Psychological Association

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## News from the Chair

It is beginning to feel like Spring here in Salt Lake City, despite April snow lingering on the foothills and chilly temperatures in the valley. I take comfort in the spring flowers stubbornly maintaining their blossoms and feel inspired by the fresh green of the newly budding trees. As I find myself preparing for the Boston Convention, it feels like Spring for the Section as well. I hope that our combined efforts will enable our newly formed committees to take root and blossom, capitalizing on the energies generated during our Advancing Together conference. Not losing our momentum seems to me to be the biggest challenge facing the Section right now.

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What has SAW been up to lately? We are continuing to mobilize Section committees, especially the Vision/Strategic Planning and Multicultural Voices task forces. The chairs are anxious for your participation, and it is through these committees that the future of the Section will be shaped. Look for specific ways to get involved in this newsletter. We are also beginning to formalize our selection processes for the Woman and Student of the Year annual awards, thanks to the efforts of Carol Enns and Sue Morrow. We continue to find creative ways to utilize listservs for email communication, and now have a forum for the SAW Governing Board to keep in more direct contact with each other. If you have an issue you would like this group to address, you can forward an email to me for posting on the Governing Board listserv.

Following up on the Advancing Together Conference, we are happy to report that SAW has ended up with a small profit. We plan to use this money to help workgroups continue their writing and creative efforts. The scholarship awards have almost all been

dispersed, and I want to thank those of you who are still patiently waiting for your money to be released from the conference bank account. Mollie Whalen coordinated a program on our conference at the 1999 Association for Women in Psychology meeting in Rhode Island, and we had the opportunity to share our conference goals and lessons with other women. It looks like Sage Publications is interested in our casebook series, and Ruth Fassinger is currently working on developing a prospectus. It is incredibly exciting to think about the dream of publishing our casebooks becoming a reality.

The calendar for Boston is shaping up, and you can find a detailed listing of SAW events in this newsletter (see page 8). I am very pleased with how the SAW-sponsored symposium and conversation hour provide continued opportunities for dialogue about the intersection between multiculturalism and feminism. I would like to highlight some other APA events for you here. Carol Enns, 1998 SAW Woman of the Year, will be presenting her address "The Principles Concerning Counseling

Women: Twenty Years of Herstory" on Monday August 23 at 8:00 am. Our skill development workshop led by Bianca Bernstein and Laurie Mintz on Tenure Skills and Strategies is scheduled for 8:00 – 10:00 am on Saturday August 21. There will be a Division 17 Sections Social Hour and Student Poster Session Monday August 23 at 6:00 pm. And don't forget to mark your calendars for Sunday morning 8:00 – 12:00; we will begin with our annual Champagne Breakfast, and for the first time use this forum to announce our 1999 Woman and Student of the Year. At 9:00 am Pam Remer will facilitate a Conversation Hour on Feminist Psychological Practice as a Specialty. We will have our annual Open Business Meeting following the conversation hour from 10:00 – 12:00. This is an excellent place to get connected with SAW and volunteer your energies for our committees and projects.

Please maintain your interest and involvement in the SAW! We look forward to collaborating and celebrating with you in Boston. And, if you cannot attend APA this year, please contact me for ways to connect with Section projects and committees.

Lauren M. Weitzman

# Multicultural Issues

What a momentous year we have had! The Section for the Advancement of Women has been on the move particularly in the areas of multiculturalism and diversity. When we met in October for the conference on centralizing feminism and multiculturalism into Counseling Psychology we began to make and change history in a profound way. We got this wonderful opportunity to have a difficult dialogue on race right there at the conference.

If you had the opportunity to attend the National Multicultural Conference and Summit in Newport Beach, California in January, you would have witnessed a group demonstrating a difficult dialogue on race, gender, and sexual orientation, led by Nadya Fouad and Madonna Constantine. How tough it was! My hat is off to these two outstanding women and all of the participants. The conference attendees had an opportunity to see just how hard it is in our country to talk about these issues. So, for us to have spontaneously incorporated the process and discussion of ethnicity and race right into the October conference when it became apparent that we needed to do that, speaks volumes for the section in general and for the leaders, Lauren Weitzman, Ruth Fassinger, and Linda Forrest in particular.

We are continuing to feel the effects from the conference. Several groups are continuing to write and Sharon Bowman and others are presenting on multiculturalism and feminism at APA in Boston.

The National Multicultural Conference and Summit followed the Michigan Conference by nearly 4 months. The Summit's success far out proceeded our expectations. Lisa Porche-Burke, Melba Vasquez, Derald Wing Sue and I are grateful to all of the speakers, panelists and attendees for reaching the goals:

- 1) to present state-of-the-art issues in ethnic minority Psychology,
- 2) to facilitate difficult dialogues on race, gender, and sexual orientation,
- 3) to forge multicultural alliances for political action and advocacy, and
- 4) to develop strategies for multicultural organizational change.

We originally planned for 200 attendees; nearly 600 came. The keynote speakers were APA President, Dr. Richard M. Suinn, Drs. Lillian Comas-Diaz, Stanley Sue, Thomas Parham, and Gail Wyatt. Our panelists were equally impressive. The tapes of the keynoters will be available on video through Micro-Training Associates, Inc. very soon. You can also look for a presentation

on the summit sponsored by CODAPAR(Committee On Divisions/APA Relations), chaired by Jean Carter and Dick Suinn at the convention in Boston. We were very honored to have the Summit serve as the kick-off event for the APA presidency of Dick Suinn. We were also delighted that President-Elect Pat De Leon participated in the entire summit. Many members from our section either led sections or attended the conference.

We are certainly beginning to be very proactive in the areas of multiculturalism and diversity. I want to personally thank the Section for stepping up, staying involved, and taking up the leadership mantel.

Rosie P. Bingham

### Correction

The article in the "New Column on Multicultural Issues" in the December 1998 issue of WomanView was written by Merris Hollingsworth in conjunction with other students from the University of Maryland's Counseling Psychology program. It was reprinted from their program newsletter.

# More Photos from the Advancing Together Conference



Diversity/Multicultural Group



Ethics Group



Research/Science  
Group

Vocational/Career  
Group



Consultation/Advocacy  
Group

# Advancing Together Updates

## Visions Committee

The Visions Committee was established as a planning committee to continue the work of the section that began as a result of the conference last October. The goal of the committee basically is to be a long term planning committee for the section. Thus, the first goal of this committee will be to assess the needs of the members of the section and address what members believe are important steps for the section to take in order to move toward the millenium. Therefore, in the next dues statement a short questionnaire will be distributed in order to address the goals and concerns of section members. Please fill it out and return it with your dues statement. In addition, a number of people have signed up to be members of the committee and a list serve has just be established so that we can begin to have a dialogue via email. If anyone else is interested in being on the committee feel free to contact me at [Sinacore@education.mcgill.ca](mailto:Sinacore@education.mcgill.ca)

Ada Sinacore

## Supervision/Training Update

We are beginning to organize our casebook structure and writing teams. At this point, it looks like

we will have two introductory chapters to ground the casebook theoretically. These will be a literature review and a consideration of the tensions between multiculturalism-feminism as this relates to training and supervision. Then, we will have two chapters on a model of and guidelines and standards for multicultural feminist supervision, beginning to link conceptual ideas with application. Finally,

three chapters representing application and practice will be on issues relevant to the supervisor, issues relevant to the supervisee, and a case study of a live supervision experience conducted by two of our workgroup members. We are looking forward to the summer to mobilize our energies and start writing!

Lauren M. Weitzman

# WomanView Books

The idea behind a book review column for WomanView is to provide timely critiques of books that may be meaningful and significant to women, particularly as we engage in theory and practice in counseling psychology. While scholarly work will be the focus, other writing that informs issues of feminism and gender in psychology is also of interest. If you are interested in writing a review and/or have a suggestion for books to be reviewed that you believe would be of helpful to our readers, please get in touch with me at 412-648-7093, or on e-mail: [elman+@pitt.edu](mailto:elman+@pitt.edu), or mail brief reviews to: Nancy S. Elman, Ph.D., Program in Counseling Psychology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

## Review

Gilbert, L. & Scher, M. (1999). *Gender and Sex in Counseling and Psychotherapy*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon. 206 pp. (\$30.00, Paperback only).

Well into the text of *Gender and Sex in Counseling and Psychotherapy*, the authors quote an ancient Chinese proverb: "When the idea is learned the words are forgotten" (p. 139). This could be the subtitle for Lucia Gilbert and Murray Scher's brief yet quite complete overview of the role of gender and sex in understanding and conducting counseling and psychotherapy. The book is organized into three sections, focusing on theory of gender and socialization, fundamentals

of language (verbal and nonverbal), dominant discourse, sexuality in relationships, and their applications to the counseling process. The inclusion of both gender and sex(uality) into this text is particularly helpful as it provides conceptual underpinnings of the ways in which we actively "perform" gender, and demonstrates the connection to both subtle sexualizing and overt sexual acting out in counseling and psychotherapy.

Readers well-acquainted with the subject may not find Gilbert and Scher's material particularly newsworthy. However, *Gender and Sex in Counseling and Psychotherapy* could be a useful entry-level textbook in a course on counseling theory and practice or on feminist models of psychotherapy. I would recommend it for a master's level or perhaps upper-level undergraduate course; in a doctoral course it would need to be supplemented with original writings as source material. References and a current bibliography of many such works are provided.

Two strengths of *Gender and Sex...* as a text are the provocative study questions at the end of each chapter and the case material salted liberally throughout. Mini-case examples introduce many chapters or sections, thus engaging the reader in the material both conceptually and in relation to the problem posed. Longer case examples demon-

strate the subtle doing of gender in the definition, role relationships, goals and values, and ethics of psychotherapy. It is refreshing to read cases that are not presented in the simplistic good and evil often used, but instead demonstrate well-intended and somewhat effective efforts by therapists that may miss the more subtle gender and sexual messages which distinguish adequate from exceptional work.

Gilbert and Scher, although eschewing therapist misuse of the power accompanying the role, nonetheless weave in several examples in which knowledgeable therapists' realization of the subtle dynamics of therapy, including transference and counter-transference, helps them understand how gender is "being performed" in the therapy itself. Although brief, work like this introductory text can begin helping students to move toward the place where, indeed, their counseling and psychotherapy will be "learned" so that the "words can be forgotten."

#### **In Brief**

Bateson, M. C., (1989). *Composing a Life*. New York: Atlantic Monthly Press. 241 pp. \$18.95 (hardback).

Those of us in academia are particularly prone to think that what was written this year or last is most relevant. As a reminder of the value of thinking more broadly, I reread this winter, with

members of my twenty-year-plus women's book group, Mary Catherine Bateson's *Composing a Life*. Of ten of us present, only one thought that Bateson's interviews with five women was dated by changes over the decade of the nineties. All of the women were "successful;" the four White and one African-American women included a dancer, psychiatrist, college president, engineer and author. Bateson's descriptions of the role of connections (networking) and the improvisational quality of composing a life that balances over time meaningful involvement in both work and family/relationships, are both respectful and encouraging. The language of the conversation may have changed, and the book doesn't represent the difficulties of many women, but much of this book is warmly confirming of the amazing interweaving transitions of women's lives.

Nancy S. Elman

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#### **Call for student poster proposals.**

SAW will be sponsoring several student posters at Division 17's social hour on Monday, August 23 at APA. Students interested in submitting a proposal should contact Dinah Meyer at meyer.5@osu.edu, or at (614) 292-9133, ext 6243 asap.

# Announcements

## Student Action in Motion: Be Curious-Get Involved

Attention Students and Faculty, now that the conference is behind us and we have had some time to reflect on the goals and challenges of the section, it is time to reconsider the role of students in meeting those challenges and goals. In taking stock of the place that students have in the section, we must recognize that fifty percent of the SAW Conference attendees were students, suggesting they were essential to the success of the conference and are essential to the success of the casebooks.

Given the magnitude of students' involvement, it seems appropriate to put together a committee whose goal would be to monitor and make recommendations to attend to students' needs and maintain and value student involvement. In addition, this committee could provide a forum by which students could get the support they need to survive as feminists in academe. Finally, this committee could work towards supporting students' professional development through activities such as mentoring, networking, writing projects and social action. If there is anyone interested in being involved in a student committee please let me know and for those of you who have already expressed an interest, please contact me to confirm

that interest. I can be most easily reached at rosenb30@pilot.msu.edu. I look forward to collaborating with as many people as possible to nurture the on-going development of a strong student voice in the section.

Freda Ginsberg (Rosenberg)

## 1999 Woman of the Year Award

The Division 17 Section for the Advancement of Women (SAW) is seeking nominations for the 1999 Woman of the Year Award. The Woman of the Year Award is given to a senior woman who has provided outstanding and sustained service to the Section for the Advancement of Women.

Contributions to SAW may be demonstrated through a variety of means such as leadership activities within the section, activism associated with SAW, activities that benefit women, efforts to enhance communication within and between groups of women, and/or the publication of articles/chapters related to SAW activities. To nominate a woman for this award, please send a letter of nomination by June 15, 1999, stating your reasons for nominating this person for the Woman of the Year Award, to Carol Zerbe Enns, Cornell College, 600 1st Street West, Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314-1098. If you have questions, you may call Carol (319-895-4351) or send an e-mail message (cenns@cornell-iowa.edu).

Carol Zerbe Enns

## Professional Mentors on LesBiGay Issues Available!

The Division of Counseling Psychology's Section for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Awareness (Div17SLGBA) is looking for you! If you are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or an ally and seek support beyond that provided by faculty and students at your own institution, the Div17SLGBA can help! We have instituted a mentorship program to provide you with emotional support, guidance in your career pursuits, or consultation on research with LGB populations.

If interested, you would be paired with an esteemed professional (academic or clinician) whose interest area closely matches your own. The first thing you must do is become a member of the Div17SLGBA. It's easy and Free! To become a member, email our Student Member at Large of the Section, Erinn Tozer at (eet106@psu.edu). You can also learn more about the section by accessing our webpage at [www.csuohio.edu/div17lgba](http://www.csuohio.edu/div17lgba).

We look forward to your participation in the Section for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Awareness and strongly encourage you to share you knowledge, humor, and spirit with the Div17SLGBA at the American Psychological Association National Convention in Boston. Look for future announcements in this newsletter for other Section events.  
Erinn Tozer

# Conference Calendar

## Mark Your Calendars for the following SAW 1999 APA Events in Boston!

### SAW Hospitality Suite Events

#### Friday

2:00-4:00: Open Work Time for SAW Projects/Committees/Conference Work Groups

#### Saturday

8:00-10:00: "In Search of Tenure: Skills and Strategies" Skill Development Workshop facilitated by Bianca Bernstein and Laurie Mintz

#### Sunday

8:00-9:00: Annual Champagne Awards Breakfast (come mingle with colleagues and honor the recipients of the 1999 Woman and Student of the Year Awards!)

9:00-10:00: "Feminist Psychological Practice as a Specialty: Challenges and Strategies for Accomplishing" Conversation Hour led by Pam Remer

10:00-12:00: Open Business Meeting

#### Monday

11:00-1:00: Multicultural Voices Task Force and Vision/Strategic Planning Committee Meetings

### SAW-Sponsored APA Programs

#### Saturday

8:00-8:50: "Counseling Psychology Values: Informed and Transformed by Multiculturalism and Feminism" Conversation Hour chaired by Jill Barber

10:00-11:50: "Interface of Feminism and Multiculturalism: Where are Women of Color?" Symposium chaired by Sharon Bowman

#### Monday

8:00-8:50: "The Principles Concerning Counseling Women: Twenty Years of Herstory" Woman of the Year Award Address by Carol Enns

6:00-7:50: Division 17 Sections Social Hour highlighting Student Posters

Lauren M. Weitzman

## AWP 2000 will be held next year from March 9-12 in Salt Lake City, UT!

We hope you all will plan your Spring to visit and even take some extra time to enjoy "the greatest snow on earth" for skiing or snowshoeing here in Northern Utah or else to visit Southern Utah and hike in amazing Red Rock Country. This is a beautiful state with some of the best skiing in the US.

Our conference theme is "Womankind: An Era of Our Own Making," and we are envisioning feminist psychology at a turning point as we enter the 21st Century in which we have identified the issues that concern us and are prepared to take the next steps toward an inclusive psychology of women. Two sub-themes of our conference will be "Difficult Dialogues" (adopted with appreciation from the Multicultural Conference and Summit, in which we hope to address those issues that continue to divide feminist/womanist psychologists) and "International Perspectives." Of course, the wonderful diversity of presentations that characterize AWP conferences will be part of this conference as well. We are thrilled to announce that Melba Vasquez, president of Division 35, has agreed to be our keynote speaker.

For more information, or to volunteer to review proposals, please contact conference coordinators Sue Morrow (University of Utah, Ed Psych, 1705 E Campus Center Dr Rm 327, Salt Lake City, UT 84112-9255, 801-581-3400, [morrow@gse.utah.edu](mailto:morrow@gse.utah.edu)) or Lauren Weitzman (University of Utah, Counseling Center, 201 South 1460 East Rm 426, Salt Lake City, UT 84112-9061, 801-581-6826, [lweitzman@aol.com](mailto:lweitzman@aol.com)).

Sue Morrow

## Division 35 of APA Announces the Academy of Feminist Practice

The APA Division of Psychology of Women has established the Academy of Feminist Practice, whose first offering will be held June 11-13, 1999 in Vancouver BC.

The two-day "Essentials of Feminist Practice" course will cover definitions of feminist practice in psychology and related mental health fields, exploring feminist theories and epistemologies. The intersection of race, class, sexual orientation and gender in feminist practice will be explored. Feminist practice of assessment, psychodiagnosis, supervision, consultation, teaching, forensic work, and more will be described and strategies for integrating feminist models into your practice will be offered, through a combination of lectures and challenging experiential work.

In Vancouver, the specialty class, offered on June 13 either in combination with the Essentials class, or as a stand-alone offering, will be on Feminist Ethics in Practice.

Our course offerings in Vancouver BC will both be taught by Dr. Roberta L. Nutt.

For registration information or to obtain a brochure, please contact Division 35 at 919 W. Marshall Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85013 US, or fax to 602-246-6577 or email

to Div35APA@aol.com.

For information about the Academy and our upcoming program in October, 1999 in Cleveland Ohio, please contact Dr. Laura Brown at brownphd@compuserve.com, or write to 4527-1st Ave NE, Seattle WA 98105-4801 USA.

Laura S. Brown

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Get involved in SAW! Please contact any of the Governing Board members for more information about their committees and projects.

### Update on Denise Twohey: You go, girl!

Denise, on the road to recovery from her surgery, is currently staying with her sister in Illinois while she undergoes radiation treatment. She would love to hear from you! Denise prefers phone and snail mail right now, as she is still regaining her stamina and dexterity for email. You can contact her at 630-942-8912 or 20 Muirwood Drive, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. We are rooting for you Denise!

Lauren M. Weitzman

### MEMBERSHIP INFO

Now that you've finished reading, how about passing this newsletter along to a friend or colleague? In fact, perhaps your friends and colleagues would like to join the SAW. If so, they can contact Mimi Ormerod, Membership Chair for more information. Mimi Ormerod, Ph.D.  
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