



**National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology (NCSPP)
Liaison Report
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Founded in 1976, NCSPP is an organization composed of delegates from programs and schools of professional psychology. There are 66 Members (all APA-accredited) and 19 Associate Members in NCSPP, and these schools and programs graduate approximately half of the professional psychologists in the United States on an annual basis. As affirmed at its 1994 Midwinter conference, NCSPP is committed to developing psychology as a socially responsible science that has “a central role in improving our society.” Our goal is to advance the development of the highest quality of graduate training in professional psychology by:

The NCSPP Executive Committee:

- President: Hideko Sera, PsyD (Minnesota School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University)
- President-Elect: Lavita Nadkarni, PhD (University of Denver – Graduate School of Professional Psychology)
- Past President: Stephanie C. Wood, PhD, MHA (California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Perl, PsyD (American School of Professional Psychology, Argosy University, San Francisco Bay Area)
- Chair of Ethnic Racial Diversity Committee: Crystal S. Collier, PsyD (Florida School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University)
- Chair of Women’s Issues Committee: Megan O’Banion, PsyD (American School of Professional Psychology, Argosy University, San Francisco Bay Area)
- Chair of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity Committee: Gary Howell, PsyD (Florida School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University)

Additionally, there are six appointed committee chairs:

- Accreditation Committee: Diana Concannon, PsyD, PCI (California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University)
- Advocacy for Professional Training Issues Committee: Gilbert Newman, PhD (The Wright Institute)
- Clinical Training Committee: Randy Wyatt, PhD (California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University)
- Education and Pedagogy Committee: Mary Peterson, PhD (George Fox University)
- Research and Evaluation Committee: Jennifer Ripley, PhD (Regent University)
- Student Mentor: Veronique Thompson, PhD (The Wright Institute)

NCSPP elected representatives to the CoA are: Clark Campbell, PhD, ABPP (Rosemead School of Psychology, Biola University) and Philinda Hutchings, PhD, ABPP (Midwestern University). Dr. Campbell has been reelected to serve the 2016-18 term.

BEA/NCSPP joint leadership appointed CoA representative: Gilbert Newman, PhD (The Wright Institute)

2015-2016 Activities:

- I.** NCSPP will be continuing its **grants program** to member programs to provide seed money/application fee to help internships move toward accreditation.
- II.** NCSPP programs have worked extensively to contribute to the internship crisis. In the last year alone, NCSPP programs have created **75 APA accredited pre-doctoral internship slots** across the country with 38 in the pipeline ready for the accreditation process. NCSPP is committed to continued efforts to minimize negative impacts of the internship crisis by creating more APA accredited pre-doctoral internship slots.
- III.** The NCSPP Mid-Winter conference on **Creating the Mentorship Pipelines** took place in Atlanta/Buckhead, Georgia in January, 2016. The conference program began with the annual MLK Day of Service which was led by the ERDC Chair, Dr. Crystal Collier. For 2016 annual ERDC Service Day project, NCSPP partnered with the local non-profit organization, REDEEM Project, which provides housing and a community garden to underserved individuals/families. Approximately 30 NCSPP delegates along with the CUDCP liaison, Dr. Joaquin Borrego (Texas Tech University), the APA Education Directorate, Dr. Jim Diaz-Granados, as well as Karen Studwell and Sheila Forsyth from APA GRO participated. APA GRO also provided an advocacy workshop on mentorship for graduate students to be involved in grassroots advocacy. Dr. Gilbert Newman received an award from Dr. Diaz-Granados for years of dedication and commitment to educational advocacy.

The second day consisted of new SoA (The Standards of Accreditation) in training for site visitor. This was the first SoA training by APA CoA to be provided for a training council and extremely well attended. There were also mentorship presentations and discussions for Directors of Clinical Training.

Conference programming focused on (1) mentorship within NCSPP, (2) mentorship for graduate students/junior faculty, (3) mentorship for diverse students and faculty, (4) peer mentorship, and (5) mentorship and leadership development of new NCSPP delegates. NCSPP was honored to have Dr. W. Brad Johnson (United States Naval Academy) as the first keynote speaker. Dr. Dan Han (University of Kentucky Healthcare Department of Neurology) was the second keynote speaker. Liaisons and guests included Dr. Nabil El-Ghoroury (Associate Executive Director of APAGS), Dr. Cathi Grus (Deputy Executive Director for Education, APA), Dr. Sharon Berry (CCHPTP), Dr. Matt Zimmerman (President, ACCTA), Dr. Jennifer Cornish (Chair, APPIC), Dr. Beth Heller (APTC), Dr. Morgan Sammons (Executive Director, National Register), Dr. Joaquin Borrego (CUDCP), and Dr. Megan O'Banion (CAPIC). Special presentations were provided by Dr. David Cox (ABPP), Dr. Steve Demers (ASPPB), and Dr. Jacqueline Wall (Director of the Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, APA).

*2016 NCSPP Mid-Winter Conference Planning Committee raised the most sponsorship and grants money, in NCSPP history, to host its 2016 Mid-Winter Conference. APA BEA,

APA Trust, AATBS, and National Register have provided especially generous grants and sponsorship funds.

- III. The 2017 NCSPP Mid-Winter conference on **Reclaiming Our Identity** will take place in Long Beach, California in January. Conference programming will focus on various aspects of NCSPP's social relevancy.
- IV. NCSPP delegates have voted to change the name of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgendered Committee to the **Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity Committee (SOGDC)** in March, 2016. This name change aligns with APA's CSOGD and indicates NCSPP's appreciation for diversity inclusivity.
- V. NCSPP EC is committed to issues related to student debts. Dr. Hideko Sera and Dr. Jen Ripley are spearheading a taskforce to collect and analyze **PsyD-specific student debt issues**. This taskforce was formed in late February, 2016, and consists of members who are Program Chairs and Deans at NCSPP member programs. As the student debt issue is a higher education crisis, NCSPP is committed to contributing to the national level dialogue to promote understanding and guidance to best help its members schools' graduate students.
- VI. NCSPP has voted to elect **Dr. Megan O'Banion** as its new WIC (Women's Issues Committee) chair and **Dr. Gary Howell** as its new SOGDC (Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity Committee) chair.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of NCSPP,

Hideko Sera, President