



Liaison Report: Fall 2023 Status of the Organization

On January 1, 2023, Dr. Daniel Elchert started his tenure as the National Register's CEO. We also elected four new Board members to terms beginning January 1, 2023. Drs. Ashley Bittle, Colleen Byrne and Antonio Puente are our new psychologist members, and Mr. Mark Ishaug is our new Consumer Representative.

Below are additional updates from the National Register.

National Register/American Psychological Foundation Internship Travel Scholarship

The second year of the Internship Travel Scholarship was another major success. Following a comprehensive review of the candidates, we presented 80 incoming interns with \$1,000 scholarships to help ease the financial burden associated with re-location to their selected internship site. We are proud of this accomplishment, but we are also aware that this program impacted a fraction of the estimated 2,300 graduate students who will need to move for internship each year. Our fervent wish is to attract sufficient donations to fund more scholarships on a recurring basis, but to do that we will need to raise at least \$100,000 a year. Making graduate education more affordable and accessible is key to the profession's future. Please consider a much-needed donation to our fund, which can be made at <https://www.nationalregister.org/donate/>.

Psychology Connect

The National Register recently launched *Psychology Connect*, a referral tool that aims to address the extreme shortage of mental health resources. Psychology Connect is a free referral database that connects health service psychologists across the country who are looking to refer a patient. We have incorporated PSYPACT so we can accommodate interstate practice. Feedback from users has shown this to be a much more effective method of seeking patient services than the traditional reliance on state association or listservs, as we have a nationwide audience. Visit <https://Connect.NationalRegister.org> to start making or accepting referrals.

Opportunities for Doctoral Students and Postdocs

The National Register's Associate Program continues to grow. The Associate Program is a free membership category for eligible doctoral students, interns, and postdoctoral trainees to learn about credentialing in health service psychology. Please see the following link for more information: <https://www.nationalregister.org/hsp-credential/doctoral-students-trainees/>

After joining the Associate Program, doctoral students, interns, and postdoctoral trainees have complimentary access to a variety of benefits including the National Register's Associate Certificate Program. The Associate Certificate Program offers live, webinar-based training experiences that aim

to provide knowledge about a specific area of clinical practice (e.g., clinical suicidology, integrated care).

Journal of Health Service Psychology

We continue to publish highly clinically relevant continuing education opportunities in the *Journal of Health Service Psychology* under the leadership of Managing Editor Dr. Kate Nooner of the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. Dr. Nooner has done a superb job in managing our editorial team and maintaining fidelity to our complex clinical problem-solving model, with an expanded focus on the treatment needs of BIPOC individuals. We always seek quality submissions using our unique style. Please check out the journal and our submissions guidelines at <https://www.springer.com/journal/42843>.

Pragmatic Case Studies in Psychotherapy

In addition to *JHSP*, we publish *Pragmatic Case Studies in Psychotherapy*, a peer reviewed, open-access journal and database led by the longtime editor, Dr. Daniel Fishman. It provides innovative, quantitative and qualitative knowledge about psychotherapy process and outcome. All issues are available here: <https://pcsp.nationalregister.org/>.

The Clinical Consult Podcast Series

We continue our well-regarded Clinical Consult podcast series, directed by Dr. Sam Lustgarten, to incorporate professional practice issues and clinical management topics. Our podcast library can be found here: <https://www.nationalregister.org/education-training/podcasts/>.

Telepsychology Competencies Credential

We collaborated with our partners at The Trust on the Telepsychology Competencies Credential (TCC), which assists psychologists in the transition to a telepsychology environment. This series contains approximately 50 hours of highly pertinent clinical and risk-management content. We update the TCC regularly with new trainings. As PSYPACT expands, education in this area will be increasingly important. More information on the TCC can be found at <https://thetrusttelepsychology.learnupon.com/store>.

National Practice Conference

We are currently promoting the fourth National Practice Conference, to be held November 3-5, 2023, in Washington, DC. Presented in collaboration with our partners at The Trust, the conference will be purely practitioner-focused, highlighting complex clinical decision making and risk management strategies. Information and registration can be found at www.nationalpracticeconference.org.

Credentialing Scholarships for Early Career Psychologists: Deadline November 15

Credentialing scholarships cover application fees so that early career psychologists can bank their training and licensure credentials. Once credentials are primary source verified and the Health Service Psychologist credential is granted, the psychologist gains immediate access to benefits including expedited licensure mobility in the U.S. and Canada, credentials verification to healthcare

organizations, hospitals, and employers, consumer referrals via FindaPsychologist.org, live and on-demand continuing education, and more. To apply or refer a colleague, please visit <https://www.nationalregister.org/apply/credentialing-scholarships/>.

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