



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 70 members (all APA accredited) and 15 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: Lavita Nadkarni, PhD (University of Denver-Graduate School of Professional Psychology)
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Additionally, there are six appointed committee chairs:

- Accreditation Committee: Diane 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: Glenna Andrews, 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, as of December 2016, are: Clark Campbell, PhD (Rosemead School of Psychology, Biola University) and William Hathaway, PhD (Regent University)

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

NCSPP 2016-2017 Activities

- I. NCSPP offered seed monies toward scholarship/leadership to Nahid Aziz, PsyD and Nataka Moore, PsyD, respectively the recipients of the 2016(ERDC) and 2017(WIC) Diversity Award. The 2016 ERDC Individual Award went to Adanna Johnson, PhD. NCSPP will be continuing to offer monies to promote scholarship and leadership activities.
- II. The NCSPP Summer Meeting was held at the University of Denver prior to the APA Convention, Committee meetings were scheduled unopposed so that all delegates could attend each meeting, which contributed greatly to the community sense of the summer meeting. A critical part of the summer meeting was a form in which the delegates met to engage in conversation regarding the Orlando tragedy and other incidents of racial and social injustice affecting our communities.
- III. The NCSPP Mid-Winter Conference on **(Re)Claiming our Identity: Rediscovering our Social Relevance as NCSPP and Psychologists** took place in Long Beach, CA in January 2017. The conference began with the 7th annual MLK Day of Service, which was led by ERDC Chair, Dr. Kelli Johnson. For the 2017 ERDC Service Day Project, NCSPP partnered with the Long Beach Rescue Mission, a non-profit organization that has been providing food, clothing, shelter, and spiritual support to those who are homeless and/or in need since 1972. Approximately 30 NCSPP delegates, students, and family members participated. We were thrilled to have CUDCP liaison, Dr. Joaquin Borrego join us for the second year in a row!

The second day consisted of CoA Site Visitor and Self-Study Workshops. These were extremely well-attended. There was also a training for Directors of Clinical Training regarding the continued development of practicum sites which incorporate culturally competent and responsive training for students and have them engage in consultation and advocacy within an integrated care setting.

Conference programming focused on identity and impact, with presentations from notable panelists who have: integrated social responsibility and social accountability into their professional roles as educators and health service psychologists (Dr. Roger Peterson, Antioch University, Dr. James Dobbins, Wright State University, and Dr. LaPearl Logan Winfrey, Wright State University); made innovative strides in increasing the accessibility of psychological services to underserved and marginalized populations (Dr. Gilbert Newman, The Wright Institute and Dr. Wendy Paszkiewicz, Adler University); and challenged all of us to focus our attention on mattering, the

phenomenological experience that one's life has meaning (Dr. Isaac Prilleltensky, University of Miami).

The conference program included an additional 21 symposium presentations, breakout groups for reflection and action, a student fishbowl, and an engaging dialogue with our panel of liaisons. NCSPP was pleased to have as our liaisons and guests: Dr. Jim Diaz-Granados (Executive Director, APA's Education Directorate), Dr. Cathi Grus (Deputy Executive Director, APA's Education Directorate), Dr. Morgan Sammons (Executive Director, National Register), Dr. Christine Carroll-Pavia (ACCTA), Dr. Jennifer Cornish (APPIC), Dr. Rene Puliatti (Executive Director, CAPIC), Dr. Joaquin Borrego (CUDCP), Alexandra Ginsberg (APA GRO), Dr. John Piacentini (ABPP) and Blaire Schembari, (APAGS).

In addition to above, special presentations were provided by Dr. Jacqueline Horn and Dr. Tomas Granados (ASPBB), Dr. Steve McCutcheon (CoA Chair), Dr. Jacqueline Wall (Director of the Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, APA), and Dr. Jana Martin (The Trust Companies). The Trust Companies also graciously videotaped relevant health service presentations, which should be available to NCSPP and the Trust members.

The 2017 NCSPP Mid-Winter Conference Planning Committee raised the bar for sponsorship dollars this year. We received generous grants from APA/BEA, APA Trust, National Register, TherapyNotes, Time2Track, Liaison International, OWL Outcomes Measurement, Michigan School of Professional Psychology, and the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau.

- IV. The 2018 NCSPP Mid-Winter Conference will take place in San Juan, Puerto Rico from January 15-19th.
- V. NCSPP has formed a number of Task Forces to address issues in more depth such as Disability Training, Diversity Inclusion, and Website Updates. We are also committed to issues related to student debt, and have nearly completed analysis of the quantitative and qualitative survey data.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of NCSPP.

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