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Welcome to the Fall 2010 issue of the Forward. We are pleased to bring you several important features in this issue:

• Margaret Bull-Kovera provides her Secretary-Treasurer report.
• A final column from Jutta Tobias, who recently completed her appointment as SPSSI’s James Marshall Fellow.
• Reports from the Editors of each of SPSSI’s journals: JSI, ASAP, and SIPR.
• A profile of SPSSI’s new documentary on community partnerships, courtesy of Michaela Hynie and Susan Opotow.
• A report on immigration policy issues from Central Office’s policy staff.
• An update from Joan Chrisler, Policy Committee Chair, on two new SPSSI position statements.

We wish to thank everyone who contributed to this issue of the newsletter. We hope that you enjoy reading it, and we encourage you to send us any comments or suggestions at spssinews@gmail.com.

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Behind the Scenes at the 2010 SPSSI Conference

Susan Dudley

Everyone who attended the 2010 SPSSI Conference in New Orleans has a good idea about the extraordinary breadth and depth of the program, the quality and expertise of the speakers, and the originality and elegance of the research presented. These are the features that leave us all with that after-conference glow, energizing us so that we’re already looking forward to doing it again in 2012.

But to help make all that possible, there was a hive of behind-the-scenes logistical activity that, though vital to the success of any conference, we hope that none of the speakers or conference participants ever noticed or thought about. In the months leading up to a SPSSI biennial conference, the lion’s share of our work at Central Office is devoted in one way or another to managing the multitude of details that go into the logistics of planning for and staging the event – this year, an $89,000 project.

A few examples:

- Months before the conference, the online registration web site had been constructed and tested and finally opened for business. This year, 375 people registered for our conference. Two hundred fifteen of them were graduate students or post-docs. Registration fees offset just about 78% of our conference expenses.
- To get the word out, we blasted more than 30 emails to our lists of members and friends between December and June to keep everyone updated on the various conference offerings, opportunities, and deadlines. Most of these messages were sent to 3500-4000 addresses!
- Our 150-plus-page conference books were compiled, proof-read, printed, and shipped to New Orleans at the eleventh-hour – after all the critical work of the program committee secure speakers, solicit and review submissions, and collect abstracts for the ten keynote addresses and the scores of interactive discussion, symposium, short-presentation and poster sessions had been completed. We also managed to secure a letter for publication in the conference book, in which New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu welcomed SPSSI to the city. The total printing and shipping cost for this year’s books came to $4,600.
- Another last minute task is letting the hotel know how many people we’ll be feeding at each breakfast, lunch, reception, and event – the goal, obviously, is to order not to little, not too much! In a city like New Orleans, renowned for its cuisine, this required a bit of crystal ball gazing to make accurate guesses about how many people would be on hand for each event. Happily, our estimates were close, and the small quantities of unconsumed food were donated,
by pre-arrangement, to BridgeHouse, a local substance abuse treatment center. The cost of conference food and beverages accounted for 43% of our total expenses

• To provide high quality AV equipment and monitor its performance to make sure that everything operated as it should, we relied on an expert team of professionals headquartered out of Pittsburgh. Their bill came in at a bargain $16,000 – thanks, in part, to the generosity of Tulane University, which loaned us the projectors we used in many of the meeting spaces. On the other end of the technology spectrum, our posters were hung on $1500 worth of tack boards that a local vendor delivered to the hotel for our use.

• And finally, to share one of the low visibility aspects of the conference that we do hope people are aware of, we awarded graduate student-, diversity-, and international-travel grants totaling over $12,000 to help make attendance possible for just under 30 students who probably would not otherwise have been able to attend. An addition, more than a dozen undergraduate students from Tulane, Xavier, and Dillard Universities volunteered to help out at the registration desk, in return for the opportunity to attend the conference.

On behalf of everyone whose conference experience was enhanced by their meticulously executed behind-the-scenes attention to these and the multitude of other details that make up the SPSSI conference, I want to give a special nod to Anila Balkissoon and Alex Ingrams on the SPSSI staff; to Carli Olsen and Jill Pierce, our meeting planners from AMC Network in Sebastopol, California; and to Janet Ruscher, Lisa Molix, and Laurie O’Brien from our local planning committee at Tulane University. We’re already thinking about doing it again in Charlotte in 2012, and we hope to see you there!

James Marshall Scholar Report

Jutta Tobias

JAMES MARSHALL SCHOLAR 2009–10

As I look back over almost two years as James Marshall Scholar with SPSSI and APA, I have come to appreciate just how different academic audiences are from policy-makers, and that public policy advocacy is a challenging job.

Understanding people and what motivates them in their social interactions is certainly critical for success in this industry (if calling it an “industry” does its multidimensionality justice). So being a social psychologist has helped, and I hope that by crossing over into the world of public policy, I became somewhat of a boundary spanner between academic research and policy-making.

How exactly does social psychology inform the public policy process? Two items jump out at me immediately; prejudice reduction and the power of persuasive negotiation.

Let’s talk about outgroup prejudice and its reduction through intergroup contact first: As part of my work during the last two years, I have mingled (infiltrated?) and collaborated with policy buffs, political junkies, lawyers even. It takes all sorts to create sound policy! SPSSI can help in this, and among my most useful contributions during my tenure were brokering the contact between our members and policy-makers. Note that a useful operational definition of “reduction in prejudice” by policy-makers towards scientists would be: seeking out, and valuing, the other group’s input, rather than dismissing it out of hand. Establishing trust relationships with policy-makers and advocacy groups, so that for example they call upon us to provide input into upcoming policy initiatives, is a vital component of this work. An example of this was my collaboration with advocacy groups and Congressman Pete Stark’s initiative to introduce LGBT parenting legislation this past spring.

In addition, following SPSSI Fellow Marilynn Brewer’s Optimal Distinctiveness Theory, bridging the gap between science and policy involves providing opportunities for cross-cutting role assignments, where the scientist’s and the policymaker’s respective motivations of assimilation and differentiation mutually complement each other. According to the theory, prejudice and discrimination would be reduced following contact in such a jigsaw collaborative setting. A Congressional briefing is a perfect occasion for this. Indeed, bringing a SPSSI researcher to Capitol Hill, watching the fruitful exchange between scholar and agenda-setter, and afterwards chatting with the SPSSI member about how much more productive the interaction had been than she had expected; these were some of my proudest moments as James Marshall Fellow. Several times, I mused with APA and SPSSI members who had just finished their policy briefing on Capitol Hill about our own stereotypes about policy-makers during these conversations, and laughed at our realization that people in politics and policy are “just so human!”

The other significant insight about the link between social psychology and policy has been

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a never-ending negotiation, and policy-makers are always looking for insights on how to best frame their arguments. SPSSI can provide a scientific and ethical service, by sharing our insights on the theory behind effective message framing, communication, and persuasion, and how these theories can be applied to particular social issues. During all my discussions with people on Capitol Hill, my conversation partners were especially interested in science-based insights on how to ethically manipulate the ambiguous social situation that is policy-making through the most appropriate message frames. Of course, they were interested in practical tools to help with their persuasive efforts! But more importantly, I found it gratifying to share the (sometimes surprising) insights on this topic with my policy-maker and advocacy audiences.

Especially progressive public policy advocacy groups were also interested in the affective component of persuasion, and a workshop series on this topic that I ran with climate change grassroots activists proved popular, and seemed to meet a demand for this type of knowledge exchange. It is my hope that this contributed at several levels to eliciting positive emotions in and through collaboration with policy-makers, in line with the teachings of illustrious SPSSI member Dan Shapiro’s work at the Harvard International Negotiation Project. Arguably, policy-making is (or at least should be) similar to how Shapiro describes disagreements: “an opportunity for mutual gain”.

What is on my personal horizon? I decided to stay close to the world of applied field research and accepted a faculty position at Cranfield Management School in the UK. Wish me luck; I’ll be the only psychologist working amongst a team of management and economics professors. The theme of boundary-hopping and intergroup infiltration (perhaps a better frame: befriending) seems to follow me through life.

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**Immigration Update**

**Jutta Tobias**

**JAMES MARSHALL SCHOLAR 2009–10**

**Christopher Woodside**

**SPSSI POLICY COORDINATOR**

Psychologists know that whenever groups come in contact, they cannot help but categorize. The potential for conflict starts here; and all sorts of social evils follow, such as ingroup preference, depersonalization of the other, intergroup distrust and competition. Intergroup contact can help reduce prejudice, but only when there are no status disparities between groups. Sadly, as the new Arizona immigration laws illustrate, Marilyn Brewer was right, “… contact is not enough.” The Arizona legislation that mandates local police officers to enforce federal immigration laws is particularly alarming to psychologists concerned about prejudice, for a number of reasons.

For one, it stigmatizes undocumented workers, and conflates the status of being an illegal resident with criminal behavior in general. But it’s a myth that today’s ever-increasing influx of immigration, legal or not, means more crime. According to Harvard sociologist Robert Sampson, first generation immigrants over the last dozen or so years are 45% less likely to commit violent crimes than Americans born in this country, independent of their immigration status. The vast majority of undocumented immigrants in the United States are not involved in narcotics trade at all. They work, in the low-skill jobs that American employers offer them.

In addition, Arizona’s new immigration laws are likely to drive a wedge between community members and local police officers. A recent survey among Utah residents faced with the prospect of legislation similar to the Arizona

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**SPSSI Welcomes New Administrative Assistant**

We are happy to introduce our newest Central Office staff member, Brad Sickels who started work as SPSSI’s Administrative Assistant in June. Brad graduated from The State University of New York at Geneseo in 2008, with a BA in Sociology and minors in Psychology and Conflict Studies. Previously, Brad served as a Conference Planner for the National Student Leadership Conference Planner for the National Student Leadership Conference’s Medicine and Health Care Programs at the University of Maryland. In 2008, he moved to Washington, DC to work for the Membership and Community Events Department at the Human Rights Campaign.

Brad’s passion for social justice has motivated both his professional and volunteer efforts. Influenced by his work at the HRC, Brad has enjoyed staying active and volunteering within the LGBT community here in DC.

When you call Central Office, Brad is likely to be your first point of contact. Please join us in welcoming him!
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Fall 2010 Grant & Award Announcements
Anila Balkissoon
SPSSI Administrative Coordinator

Spring 2010 Clara Mayo Grants Announced
The Clara Mayo Grant Program was set up to support masters’ theses or pre-dissertation research on aspects of sexism, racism, or prejudice, with preference given to students enrolled in a terminal master’s program. Studies of the application of theory or the design of interventions or treatments to address these problems are welcome.

The winners of SPSSI’s Clara Mayo Grants for the Spring 2010 competition are as follows: Tara Dennehy (San Francisco State University) for her proposal entitled “Psychological Essentialism and Stereotype Threat in Women in Mathematics”; Michael North (Princeton University) for his proposal entitled “A New Approach to Ageism: Succession, Identity, and Consumption”; Julia Scott (Indiana University) for her proposal entitled “The Perception and Management of Criminal Stigma: A Comparison of Parolees and Probationers”; and Deborah Son (Princeton University) for her proposal entitled “Effects of Colorblindness and Multiculturalism in Interracial Interactions.”

The Spring 2010 selection committee consisted of Drs. Phil Hammack (Chair), University of California at Santa Cruz, Sara McClelland, University of Michigan, and David Frost, San Francisco State University.

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A New Beginning
Angel Colón Rivera
JAMES MARSHALL SCHOLAR 2010–11

Since the James Marshall Post-Doctoral fellowship began in 1983, it has helped train 16 early career psychologists to have an impact in the public policy arena. Historically the Marshall fellow has been housed at APA and/or SPSSI. As I begin my tenure as the 17th Marshall scholar, I step into a new model for the fellowship, in which the bulk of my training and policy exposure is being provided by an independent government agency.

The Marshall fellowship has been conceptualized to be, above all, a training opportunity for new scholars who wish to forward a social scientific agenda in the development of sound policy making. Since I discovered that social scientists could have an impact on the policy making process, I have not looked back. It has become my philosophy that if social policy is created to regulate human behavior, then it is the ethical duty of scientists who study human behavior to inform the process using research as a mediator of youth and community development.

The 2010 selection committee consisted of Drs. Ronni Greenwood, University of Limerick (Chair), Aisling Donnell, University of Limerick, and Dana Martin, Penn State, Brandywine.

2010 SAGES Awards Announced

The SAGES Program was created to encourage excellence and potential application that best demonstrate scientific contributions to social problems.

The winners of SPSSI’s Social Issues Dissertation Award for the 2010 competition are as follows: First Prize was awarded to Dr. Kristin Pauker (Stanford University) for her submission “Not So Black and White: The Impact of Motivation on Memory for Racially Ambiguous Faces.” Second Prize was awarded to Dr. Todd Andrew (Northwestern University) for his submission “Combating Contemporary Racial Biases: On the Virtues of Perspective Taking.”

The Social Issues Dissertation Award established to encourage excellence in socially relevant research. The prizes awarded to the dissertations that best demonstrate scientific excellence and potential application to social problems.

The 2010 selection Committee consisted of Drs. Lisa Lockhart, University of the Incarnate Word (Chair), Elizabeth Page-Gould (University of Toronto at Scarborough), David Amadio (New York University), and Jennifer Richeson (Northwestern University).

Congratulations to these scholars!
science as a tool for social justice.

I began my career down this path at the University of Puerto Rico’s Social-Community Psychology Program. A program that I believe not only educates excellent researchers but also instills the spirit of advocacy and change at the very heart of its students. During my time as a graduate student I also sought out other policy experiences including a joint summer policy fellowship with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center and Nebraska Appleseed, as well as the 2009 SPSSI Dalmas Taylor Summer Minority Public Policy internship. The mentoring these experiences provided me tailored the passion for advocacy into the knowledge of process. I have since sought out opportunities to continue my involvement in the policy arena and bring out the voice of fellow social scientists. This path has brought me back to SPSSI.

In an effort to increase SPSSI’s visibility among policy makers and create an experience to maximize the potential training value of the fellowship, SPSSI leadership agreed to collaborate this year with the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the Helsinki Commission (www.csce.gov). This will enable me to get a different kind of experience than has been available to SPSSI’s previous fellows. The Commission is an independent agency of the federal government charged with monitoring and advancing comprehensive security through promotion of human rights, democracy, economic, environmental and military cooperation within the 56 member States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) including the United States. The Commission is chaired by a senator and a member of the House of Representatives, and consists of nine commissioners’ from the Senate, nine from the House of Representatives and three Assistant Secretary level representatives from the Departments of State, Commerce and Defense, respectively. It contributes to the formulation of U.S. policy on the OSCE and maintains regular contact with parliamentarians, government officials, NGOs, and private individuals from other OSCE participating States.

As an organization that firmly believes and advocates for human rights around the world, the Commission shares strong ideological and philosophical similarities with SPSSI. With issues ranging from labor migration and environmental human rights to human trafficking and xenophobia, many benefits can be anticipated as a result of this collaboration. The Commission gains the knowledge of a network of over 3,000 social scientists that make up the SPSSI enrollment and the Society gains another venue in which to play a part in shaping the issues being discussed at the international level.

I’ve just begun my tenure as the Marshall fellow and the possibilities it holds for helping me achieve my professional goals seem endless. I look forward to the coming year as the James Marshall Post-Doctoral Public Policy fellow and the chances to reach out to many of you, who like me, believe in the mission of our organization. This is just a new beginning.

For questions and comments, please contact me at awcolon@spssi.org.

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**Sustaining Membership**

This membership category is available to all current and new members. For a one-time dues payment of $1,500, members will receive all benefits and voting rights and enjoy exemption from paying dues for the duration of their membership.

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**Features**

**Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: Fall 2010**

**Margaret Bull Kovera**

I have recently finished my first year as Secretary-Treasurer of SPSSI and want to take this opportunity to report on the financial health of the organization as well as some of the actions that SPSSI Council has taken over the past year to ensure the continued well being of the organization. It will come as no surprise that SPSSI, like all of us, has been affected by the economic downturn. Although SPSSI remains financially sound, we are seeing the effects of these turbulent economic times on our revenue streams. This decrease in revenue has forced SPSSI Council to make some tough budget decisions over the past year while remaining mindful of our mission and that our research and policy activities become even more relevant to health of our communities during this time of economic strife. Let
me describe the challenges that we have been facing and the actions that Council has taken to meet those challenges.

- SPSSI ended FY09 with a surplus of about $37,000, with revenue at $805,187 and expenses at $755,170.
- Early in 2010, we received news from Wiley—the publisher of our journals—that they had been overly optimistic in their original predictions for the 2010 royalties from our journals in part because they had not anticipated the industry-wide drop in journal renewal rates. Their new royalty estimate was $90,000 less than their previous prediction. Given that the approved 2010 budget had predicted only a $28,000 surplus for the year, Susan Dudley and I revisited the 2010 budget, looking for places we could cut expenses to balance the budget. A revised budget was taken to Council for approval at its Midwinter meeting. Most of the savings were achieved by cutting the budgets of some programs to more accurately reflect their historical expenditures. Council also voted to suspend SPSSI contributions to support the activities of other organizations until our income once again exceeds our own expenses. Finally, Council discussed cost-savings that could be achieved by availing ourselves of professional services that APA offers to its Division free of charge. To start, Council voted to terminate its retainer with private legal counsel, using APA’s legal services when such services are needed. This move does not prevent us from hiring independent counsel in the future if it is needed but represented a significant cost-savings that allowed us to balance the 2010 budget.
- Prior to the Summer Council meeting, we received further bad news from Wiley, who was now predicting an additional loss of $90,000 in journal revenue for 2011. So in preparing a proposed 2011 budget for Council approval, we were faced with making additional cuts to an already tight budget. Susan Dudley and I again approached this task with the intent of achieving savings through streamlining operating expenses, avoiding cuts that would affect programs whenever possible. We are currently exploring, with Council’s blessing, moving our accounting services over to the service provided to divisions by APA. APA provides free accounting services to all divisions through an independent accounting firm. This one change would result in a savings of over $20,000/year for SPSSI. Assuming this change in our provider of accounting services is workable, the approved budget for 2011 has a deficit of $16,950. Council authorized the withdrawal of these funds from our Money Market accounts if this deficit is realized and also authorized similar draws on our investments for the next couple of years while the economic climate remains troubled. If at that time, it does not appear that our revenue stream from our publications is recovering, Council will revisit this decision to draw on our investment account to balance our operating budget.
- SPSSI underwent a full audit for FY 2008. In our audit, the accountants discovered a significant deficiency and a material weakness in our accounting practices.
  - We receive payments via a PayPal account. The accountants noted that we must reconcile the on-line payment history for our Paypal account with our bank statements, which had not been done (a significant deficiency). They recommend that this reconciliation be performed monthly. Susan Dudley has reconciled all of the 2009 Paypal and bank statements and is now performing this reconciliation on a monthly basis.
  - The auditors also noted that Susan Dudley was responsible for both the accounting functions of the Society and had access to cash assets (a material weakness in our accounting practices as it increases our risk of exposure to fiscal mismanagement). In response, Susan has trained Anila to take over the accounts payable functions in QuickBooks so that she no longer has responsibility for both tasks.
- The accountants also identified two additional areas for improvement.
  - They asked that we begin to track donated services (e.g., time donated by unpaid volunteers like officers, committee chairs, etc.) by individual rather than making gross estimates of donated time at the end of the year. Susan Dudley is now asking each person volunteering time to SPSSI to make an estimate about the amount of time that has been donated each year.
  - Because we are now tracking membership on a 12-month rolling basis, we are required to defer the income from dues until the month in which it is earned. Susan Dudley has now put into place procedures for deferring the dues income. This
SPSSI's website has a new feature! In the website section on videos, there is a new, 20-minute documentary launched at SPSSI’s 2010 meeting in New Orleans. It is a SPSSI-made video entitled The Road to Psychology-Community Partnerships: Collaborating on Social Issues for Social Change. At present it is featured on the lower left of SPSSI’s homepage. Here is background on the documentary:

In August 2009, SPSSI’s work spearheading a collaborative program for APA Convention in Toronto came to fruition. This program, Psychology-Community Engagement: Partnering for Social Change, was a collaboration with 10 APA divisions and APA’s Office of Socioeconomic Status in the Public Interest Directorate. Twenty-one programs were contributed by the divisions. In them, community members, practitioners, and scholars presented approaches to fostering psychology-community partnerships. These sessions highlighted the theory and practice of partnerships between psychologists and diverse and economically challenged communities working collaboratively to address pressing issues such as immigration, crime, public health and health care, education, mental health, LGBT health issues, racism, and youth engagement, to build stronger and more resilient communities (Boulos, Forward, Fall, 2009).

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New SPSSI Documentary for Teaching and Research
Michaela Hynie & Susan Opotow

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New York SPSSI Activities, Fall 2010

Harold Takooshian
SPSSI-NY CHAIRPERSON

Formed in 1984, the SPSSI-New York regional group in spring 2010 had one of its most active seasons in 26 years, thanks to its new website (www.spssi.org/ny) and the kind cooperation of several local hosts—the United Nations, Hunter College, Fordham and Pace Universities, local Psi Chi chapters, and the Eastern Psychological Association. In all, these 7 events for our 400 local SPSSI members featured over 100 presenters, addressing audiences totaling over 1,000 students and faculty. One of these forums was partially televised by CNN Money Matters (on “Reducing students’ financial stress”), and another on “The legacy of Stanley Milgram” was later published by APA in The General Psychologist (Spring 2010, pages 15-25).

In preparation for the 75th anniversary of SPSSI in 2011, SPSSI-NY received a grant-in-aid to convene a team of local historians to document SPSI @ 75, “the rich history of psychology and social issues in New York.” Local faculty and students are invited to join this effort. This three-part project will (a) create a new DVD on “how to write a departmental history,” (b) invite the 93 local psychology departments to compile their own history, and (c) collect more information on SPSSI and local psychology, to share with others through conferences and publications.

For fall of 2010, SPSSI-NY offers another half-dozen free events with local institutions. The largest of these is the 22nd Greater New York Conference on Behavioral Research, hosted by Touro College’s Lander College for Women at 225 West 60 Street in Manhattan. At www.spssi.org/ny, the call for papers by student and faculty researchers is due Oct 12, for possible presentation on November 7, including 5 awards for the top student research.

Direct any questions or comments to SPSSI-NY Chairperson Harold Takooshian, takoosh@aol.com.

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SPSSI Council Adopts Two New Position Statements

Joan C. Chrisler
POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR

At the June Council Meeting in New Orleans, the Policy Committee proposed, and the Council adopted, two new position statements.

The first statement co-authored by Deborah Belle and Heather E. Bullock, concerns the Psychological Consequences of Unemployment. The authors reviewed behavioral science research that demonstrates that unemployment has both physical and mental health consequences for unemployed individuals and their families. Stress related to unemployment also affects friends and former co-workers of unemployed people, as it raises anxiety that they themselves will lose their jobs. Furthermore, high, and long-term, rates of unemployment destabilize neighborhoods and impact the broader community. The authors reviewed protective factors that can mediate the effects of unemployment on individuals and communities. The statement ends by calling upon policymakers at all levels to apply the findings of behavioral science research to design programs to assist the long-term unemployed and by calling upon behavioral scientists to conduct more research on these and related topics. This new statement is timely given the current state of the world economy and the U.S.'s "jobless recovery" from the recent recession.

The second statement, co-authored by Janet Swim and Susan Clayton, concerns Global Climate Change. The authors argue that SPSSI’s core interests (i.e., poverty, prejudice, peace) are pertinent to the causes and consequences of global climate change. Climate change research is generally thought to be in the purview of the physical sciences, yet climate change is affected by human behavior and has effects upon human behavior and well-being. As climate change worsens, its impact upon the world’s population will not be uniform. The poorest people in the poorest countries will suffer the most. The authors call upon behavioral scientists to conduct research relevant to the psychological and social causes and consequences of global climate change and on funding agencies to support psychologists’ research. They call upon policymakers to attend to and utilize psychological science, and they urge everyone to keep in mind the most vulnerable people who will be least resilient to the impact of climate change.

The new position statements are available on the SPSSI website. To access them, click on the Policy button on the homepage. On the Policy page you will see a menu of statements SPSSI Council has adopted since 1937. The most recent previous statements concern Interrogation and Torture (2007) and the Death Penalty (2001). SPSSI members should feel free to circulate these statements to policymakers, journalists, researchers, applied psychologists,

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students, and others who might be interested. Keep in mind that these statements reflect the opinion of SPSSI leaders; they do not represent the position of the American Psychological Association.

The Policy Committee has several other statements under development, and they are currently looking for people to write position statements on Healthcare Disparities and on Effects of Immigration Reform Proposals (e.g., AZ 1070). If you would like to work on either of those topics, or have suggestions of other topics you would like the Policy Committee to address, contact the committee’s chair, Joan C. Chrisler at jcchr@conncoll.edu. The other members of the committee for 2009-2010 are Mark Costanzo, Michelle Fine, Linda Silka, and Richard Weiner.

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concerned with the decline of faculty working conditions and how this decline affects our students. The survey inquires about salaries, benefits, and general working conditions of all instructional faculty who are working in higher education off the tenure track. These faculty include lecturers, adjuncts, post docs, graduate students, and others. These faculty may have either part-time or full-time appointments, but all appointments are contingent. The majority of faculty appointments in higher education in the United States are now non-tenure-track.

As of early November, the CAW had received more than 20,000 responses. The survey was initiated in early fall 2010 and closed in late November 2010. Our task force hopes to be able to report on some need research participants. Angel is writing a document that we hope to report on in our next newsletter as well.

Both Grace and Angel attended the SPSSI conference in June in New Orleans. Gretchen met a number of SPSSI members at APA in August in San Diego, and networked with other contingent faculty at the AAUP Summer Institute in San Diego in July.

As I mentioned in a prior newsletter, our task force remains concerned about the wide range of mistreatment that contingent faculty face. Besides the facts that contingent faculty typically receive very low pay, may not have health insurance, and may not even experience basic support for their work from their institution (e.g., no office, no access to a computer at work), they also, for an entire career, may be represented by their institution to the public in a dishonest way (for instance, labeled as “part time” when the hours they work are actually full time, or labeled as “lecturer,” which suggests teaching only, when they are publishing and presenting at conferences at the same rate as their tenure-line peers). As academics, we should be concerned with the quality of life that our colleagues are allowed through the pay and benefits they receive, and with the ethical implications of failing to appropriately credit our colleagues for the academic work that they produce.

Please contact me at gretchen.reevy@csueastbay.edu if you would like to discuss any issue regarding contingent faculty.

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Report on the Task Force on Two-Tiered Academic Labor

Gretchen Reevy

TASK FORCE CHAIR

A new and very exciting development in the contingent faculty world is a large-scale survey of contingent faculty conducted by the Coalition on the Academic Workforce (CAW). The CAW is a coalition of disciplinary organizations, faculty organizations, and higher education organizations of the results in the next newsletter. The CAW’s website, at www.academicworkforce.org, is worthy of a look. The CAW is a good resource for individuals who are interested in the contingent faculty situation. The website provides policy statements endorsed by various organizations, statistics on contingent faculty, and other information. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and the National Education Association (NEA) are also excellent resources.

Our task force (Grace Deason, Angel Colon-Rivera, and myself), is engaged in work of our own. Each of us is working on research or writing projects about contingent. Grace and I will soon begin an online survey study on stress and coping among contingent faculty. Please be on the lookout----We will
Publications

Journal of Social Issues
Sheri R. Levy

I hope you will have a chance to read the third issue of 2010. Manuela Barreto and Naomi Ellemers co-edited an outstanding issue on Social Stigma and Social Disadvantage. Rick Hoyle and his Editorial Board helped oversee this issue, and I am thankful for their tremendous input and insights.

It has been a very busy summer at JSI. The flow of high-quality submissions to JSI has been high and continues to reflect the wide range of social issues of interest to JSI readers. Our international Editorial Board has been hard at work, and I am very thankful for their expert advice. I am pleased to have two new Editorial Board Members—Dr. Isis Settles (Michigan State University) and Carolin Hagelskamp (graduate student at New York University). Please view our editorial board at http://www.spssi.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewpage&pageid=687.

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New Editorial Team for Social Issues and Policy Review
Sam Gaertner and Rupert Brown

We (Sam Gaertner, University of Delaware, USA, and Rupert Brown, Sussex University, UK) have recently been appointed by The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) to assume the editorship of Social Issues and Policy Review (SIPR) beginning with the 2012 issue. We are now inviting potential authors with strong publishing experience to contact us with ideas for articles. Consistent with the mission of SIPR, such articles should provide state of the art and timely theoretical and empirical reviews of topics and programs of research that are directly relevant to understanding and addressing social issues and public policy.

SIPR is an annual periodical published by Wiley-Blackwell and all submissions are peer reviewed. Articles will be accessible and relevant to a broad audience and will normally review a body of research that is directly relevant to the psychological study of social issues and public policy. Contributions should present a strong scholarly foundation and consider how research and theory can inform social issues and policy or articulate the implication of social issues and public policy for theory and research. Thus, SIPR links the goals of social scientists with those who develop or administer social policy. Anyone with an idea to write such an article should contact either of us at gaertner@udel.edu or r.brown@sussex.ac.uk. At this stage in the process, please do not send full manuscripts.

To learn more about SIPR please visit: http://www.spssi.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.view
JSI will be switching to electronic submission in the very near future. We will post relevant information on the JSI website as soon as we have completed the transition to the electronic system (http://www.spssi.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewpage&pageid=786).

Remaining 2010 Issues

• Immigrants and Hosts: Perceptions, Interactions, and Transformations, Kay Deaux, Victoria Esses, Richard Lalonde, & Rupert Brown

Issues in Development

• 75 Years of Social Science for Social Action: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on SPSSI’s Legacy, Alexandra Rutherford, Frances Cherry, & Rhoda Unger
• Anti-Gay Ballot Initiatives: The Social, Psychological, and Policy Implications, Adam Fingerhut, Ellen Riggle, & Sherry Rostosky
• Scaling the Higher Education Pyramid: Research Addressing Academic and Career Success of Minorities and Women in Science and Engineering, Martin Chemers & Moin Syed
• The Reality of Contemporary Discrimination: The Consequences of Hidden Bias in Legal, Employment, and Health Care Contexts, Jason A. Nier & Samuel L. Gaertner
• Impact Validity as a Framework for Advocacy-Based Research, Ricardo E. Barreras & Sean G. Massey

I hope you will contact me by email (Journal_of_Social_Issues@notes.cc.sunysb.edu) about your ideas for issues for JSI. Please check out the JSI website (http://www.spssi.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewpage&pageid=786) for recent updates. I want to thank Susan Dudley and Alex Ingrams for their tremendous assistance.

Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy

Kevin Lanning
ASAP EDITOR

Some news of note from ASAP:

First, the editorial board has issued a Call for Papers (CFP) on the legal, psychological, and social significance of recent immigration laws and policies, including but not limited to Arizona’s SB 1070. Manuscripts should be approximately 10-20 double-spaced pages including references, and should be submitted to ASAP’s online portal at http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/asap. The CFP is available online at http://tinyurl.com/cfp-immigration. This collection has a very early deadline of October 1, 2010; however, it is possible that late papers may be considered. Inquiries should be sent to ASAP Editor Kevin Lanning of Florida Atlantic University (lanning@fau.edu).

Second, ASAP continues to publish papers online for the 2010 volume in advance of the end-of-the-year print volume. One recently published paper in ASAP warrants comment – perhaps by you. Military Social Influence in the Global Information Environment: A Civilian Primer, by Sara King of Saint Francis University, is the first paper published under ASAP’s new policy of including peer-reviewed commentary on selected manuscripts.

In her paper, King argues that contemporary information operations by the U.S. Military are “arguably among the largest, most controversial, and most influential social influence campaigns in modern times.” As such, it is imperative that social scientists in general and social psychologists in particular are at least aware of this work, the ethical implications of which are complex. The topic is an important and thought-provoking one, and I hope that you will consider submitting a comment.

Commentary will be considered on the manuscript through December of this year, after which the paper will be reprinted together in a virtual issue with accepted comments and the author’s response. The paper is available online at http://tinyurl.com/ASAPcomment2010; no password or SPSSI login is needed, as Wiley Blackwell has provided open access to the paper through the end of the year.

ASAP’s approach to papers with commentary is, I believe, a new one, and it holds considerable promise. By publishing the papers twice online, first initially, then again in a virtual issue with comments, we avoid the insularity and time lags that can occur when comments are invited only from selected scholars; we avoid, too, the time lags that can occur when a collection of papers and comments is held up for the weakest or slowest link. At the same time, we retain the considerable advantages of commentary, which are grounded in both the argument that a dialectic approach is critical to the growth of continued on page 14
knowledge and the notion that this approach can be pedagogically valuable, as papers with comments can help students, and all of us, think for ourselves. Again, I hope that you will read King's paper and consider submitting a comment. Inquiries concerning ASAP commentary and other editorial policies may be addressed to me at ASAP.Editor@gmail.com.

Third, an additional virtual issue will be available online by the time you read this. The Social Psychology of the 2008 US Presidential Election includes 17 papers on a number of social psychological topics that impacted the Presidential election. It is a snapshot of an important moment in American history through a social psychological lens, but it is more than this. From the standpoint of sexism and particularly racism, the collection includes powerful empirical arguments not merely about how far we have come, but how far we have to go on our progress towards a more perfect union. And from the standpoint of the role of psychology in democracy, the papers remind us, too, of how voting implicates the self concept, of how voting matters to us, and how voting must matter if our democracy is to prosper.

Fourth, and finally, if you would like to review manuscripts for ASAP, please send me a brief note describing your interests and expertise and I will add you to my database of possible reviewers. If you would like to review books for the journal, please contact our Book Review Editor, Wendy Williams (williamw@marshall.edu).
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