transformation, evolution, growth, change are some of the words that describe the feelings I have about SPSSI. When we moved Central Office to Washington, DC it was the culmination of many years of discussions about the advisability of such a move. Amid the concern over costs and comfort with tradition, SPSSI voted to embark on a journey of promise but obvious perils as well. If that was not enough, we followed the move with another dramatic decision – purchasing property to house Central Office. This decision also had been under discussion for a long time, well before the move to Washington was considered. Now, add to that a decision to hire a full-time Executive Director of Central Office and, voilà, we have a major transformation of SPSSI. And here I am in the early months of my presidency trying to sort through this and help us realize the potential that each of these major moves envisioned.

The fundamental reason we moved to Washington in 2000 was to better serve our mission – which, to recap, involves “… (1) obtaining and disseminating factual data regarding social change…and promotion of psychological research on significant theoretical and practical questions of social life and (2) promoting the application of the findings of such psychological research to problems of society.” I believe we are poised to realize the tremendous possibilities we only vaguely glimpsed four years ago. I feel privileged to be President at this auspicious time.

Here are some reasons why.

Vision and Planning. Under the leadership of the last several SPSSI presidents (Jack Dovidio, Jenny Crocker, Geoff Maruyama, and Lou Penner), we have executed the move and begun a process of sorting through how to make SPSSI work in this changed environment. We are not trying to reinvent SPSSI, but to retrofit the new realities to our older values and goals. Our mission remains the same, but our modus operandi is updated. I do not have the space here to review the details of the planning process; suffice it to say that we have been examining SPSSI’s goals and priorities, as well as its financial health and ways to improve it. We have devoted time at the last several Council meetings to giving shape and meaning to how we function as an organization, and to ensuring that we focus our resources and energies on those goals that are central to our mission. Each time we have this discussion, we discover new issues and challenging complexities. As a result, I have scheduled a meeting of the Finance Committee to review and synthesize these discussions and to bring recommendations back to Council that will help guide us forward with efficiency and effectiveness. During this meeting, we will review the Strategic Planning Task Force reports and organize their recommendations so we can develop an action plan. We will review the financial status of SPSSI and look for ways to control and strategically direct expenditures, as well as find opportunities for new sources of revenues. We will review the Bylaws and Administrative Handbook to make sure that we are organizationally sound and that our procedures are coherent and serve the mission we pursue. It is clear that we need to be active, planful, focused, and consistent in our work. I have no doubt it will pay off in a better-functioning organization.

The Centrality of Central Office. At the last Council meeting, the Executive Committee agreed that we must make a commitment to Central Office as a central aspect of the move to Washington. If all we do is collect dues and make awards and publish a newsletter, a Central Office of one and one-half staff could manage. But we have dramatically upped the ante by moving to Washington and we believe that we can do more. In line with that promise, we have developed an online capability to collect dues and update member information. We saved literally thousands of dollars by using Sougata Roy in Central Office to make this conversion instead of outsourcing the project. We have revamped the Newsletter so that it is attractive, more accessible, and more vital. As Newsletter editor, Stacey Sinclair brings vision and dedication to the project; I think you will agree as you read through this new-look issue. Illustrating how the move to Washington better enables us to fulfill the SPSSI mission, we have organized two highly
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Visibility of SPSSI. One of the things that has surprised me about SPSSI is that it is not as well known as we insiders may assume. Much of our strategic planning is focused on increasing SPSSI’s visibility in order to expand our capacity to educate and influence others and thus better serve our mission. The Hill briefings are one way of doing that and we are pleased by our progress there. We have budgeted for two briefings a year to ensure that this process will continue. We also have two other opportunities to make SPSSI visible. One is the upcoming SPSSI delegation to South Africa in January that I will be leading as SPSSI President. This delegation is sponsored by People-to-People Ambassador’s Programs, but the theme, approach, and content of the delegation was developed by SPSSI. We mailed out more than 7,000 letters of invitation on SPSSI letterhead to social and behavioral scientists; which surely garnered significant visibility. I have gotten emails and other inquiries from people all over the world, and have already forged substantial contacts in South Africa in anticipation of our visit. We were aiming for a delegation of between 15 and 30 people; at this writing, we have 47. It has been a tremendous success so far, and if the visit to South Africa meets my expectations, it will enhance SPSSI visibility not only in the United States, but in international arenas as well. A second major opportunity for SPSSI is the 2004 Biennial Conference, which will be held in Washington in June. The theme of Desegregation to Diversity is an excellent opportunity to return to a major SPSSI moment – the Social Science Statement of 1954 in the Brown v. Board of Education decision outlawing segregated schools. Now, in 2003, we have another Supreme Court landmark ruling that identifies diversity as a compelling interest in matters of fairness and educational access. The SPSSI convention will attempt to capture this sweep of societal change within its hallmark standard of psychological knowledge educating and influencing social issues. We have established a program of mailings and graphically appealing products to give the highest visibility to the Conference. We have set up a Web site that will further attract people to the Conference and, obviously, to the organization. The Convention itself will feature visits with congressional representatives by Conference attendees and a reception to bring together the SPSSI membership and the public policy makers. The Conference itself will feature not only major speakers, but a directive to make social policy and practical applications of the research a featured part of all presentations. This is a tremendous opportunity for SPSSI to reconnect with our significant past, mark the enormous progress we have made, and lay out a vision for the future.

Membership. Finally, SPSSI is a membership organization and it is our belief that what we do ultimately is to further the interests and contributions of our members. We are looking to be active in growing and diversifying our membership in the coming years. We seek diversity in age, ethnicity, geographical region, discipline, and nationality. We further intend to use our increased capacity to maintain online records and contacts to strategically connect the work our members do with public educational and policy opportunities. SPSSI is an organization of talented and significant researchers whose work truly does go directly to the heart of many vital social issues.

This capsule sketch of SPSSI affirms for me the basis for enthusiasm and excitement. In meeting our mission better, we are all well served.

Visit the SPSSI Web site at www.spssi.org
Secretary/Treasurer's Report

By Daniel Perlman
Secretary/Treasurer

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er usual, this report will focus on SPSSI's recent administrative and financial news, including an update on the Society's Central Office, the current budget picture, and highlights of the August 2003 SPSSI Council meeting. I will also mention some exciting things to look forward to.

Central Office
Since the spring, four Central Office developments and contributions are noteworthy. First, Shari Miles's appointment as SPSSI's Executive Director has been extended until June 30, 2006. Second, Sougata Roy's job as database manager has been expanded to take greater advantage of his computer programming training. He is now embarked on upgrading the SPSSI Web site so members will henceforth be able to use it to electronically renew their membership and update their membership profile. He is also working to upgrade SPSSI's membership database.

Third, during the summer Shari and Sougata prepared an informative membership report. SPSSI has 3,040 members. Of these, 54 percent are regular members, 31 percent are students, 12 percent are life (e.g., retired) members, and 3 percent are affiliates. Just over 80 percent of SPSSI members live in the United States; the remaining members live in more than 60 other nations, with 25 members in each of four countries: Australia, Canada, England, and Germany.

Fourth, the renovations of SPSSI's I Street property are now complete; the building is functioning well. Effective July 1, 2003, Psychologists for Social Responsibility (PsySR) began renting the upstairs of the building. SPSSI welcomes having a like-minded nonprofit organization as a tenant and benefits from having shared access to an area on the second floor suitable for meetings with six to seven people.

Financial Update
SPSSI ended its 2002-2003 fiscal year with a deficit (see the accompanying budget summary). In terms of operating revenues and expenses, SPSSI spent $17,529 more than the revenues it received. Accompanying a decline of $109,653 in the value of SPSSI's investment portfolio, SPSSI's overall assets dropped $71,602.70 (from $2,115,791.69 to $2,044,188.99).

In approving the proposed budget for 2003-2004, SPSSI Council is predicting a $15,768 larger deficit than it anticipated in setting the 2002-2003 budget. SPSSI has entered a period in which its revenues are not adequate to cover its expenses. In broad terms, the last three years have seen a substantial increase in the costs of operating SPSSI's Central Office (CO). In part, this is because costs for salaries, goods, and services are higher in DC than they were in Ann Arbor. It is also because the CO is now doing more both in terms of membership functions and in terms of achieving SPSSI's goal to promote the utilization of social science knowledge. SPSSI's Finance Committee believes that SPSSI should be looking for ways to save and increase revenues (including the possibility of increasing dues revenue). Although the Finance Committee believes that caution is needed, it recommended that no draconian measures be undertaken in the next year.

SPSSI Council Meeting
SPSSI Council members and other SPSSI office holders, the Society's 30-person governance body, held its 2003 summer meeting in Toronto, Ontario on Wednesday and Thursday, August 6th and 7th just before the APA Convention. The agenda for the SPSSI Council meeting included 45 items. Several of these were reports that Council received for informational purposes. In going through the reports and discussion of SPSSI activities, I was impressed, as I have been previously, by how much SPSSI members do to contribute to the Society achieving its goals.

In addition to endorsing a proposed budget, SPSSI Council approved the following items:

- The announcement of SPSSI Teaching Materials Awards will henceforth note that if a publication, software program, or other "for sale" item is proposed as one of the project's products, SPSSI will have the first option on whether or not the product will be incorporated as a SPSSI-sponsored publication or item.
- The 2006 SPSSI Biennial Conference will be held in the greater Los Angeles, California, area.
- SPSSI's APA Representatives, Bernice Lott and Irma Serrano-Garcia, proposed a motion requesting that APA create a standing committee on poverty and social class. SPSSI Council endorsed this initiative, requesting that SPSSI President James Jones send letters to the Director of the APA Public Interest Directorate (Henry Tomes) and APA's President advocating that APA establish this standing committee.
- SPSSI's representative to the APA Divisions for Social Justice will henceforth serve for a term of two to three years.
- As the SPSSI Scientist in the Public Interest (SPI) position has now been merged into the responsibilities of SPSSI's Executive Director, the SPI's budget line for holding congressional briefings will be consolidated (at the same amount, $3,000) into the Central Office budget, to be spent at the discretion of the Executive Director.
- Via a straw ballot, Council endorsed SPSSI undertaking a capital fund raising campaign.
- Council approved President Jones' request to have a weekend Finance Committee meeting in Washington, DC, at the end of October to have a concentrated discussion of SPSSI's financial challenges and its future.

At almost the same time as Council was meeting, APA released the second edition of the SPSSI-sponsored volume The Compleat Academic: A Career Guide, edited by John M. Darley, Mark P. Zanna, and Henry L. Roediger. Members of Council were delighted at the publication of this volume and the very favorable comments made about it in the President's column in the July issue of the American Psychological Society's Observer.
Looking Forward
President Jones’ initiative to lead a People to People delegation to South Africa in January 2004 has been well received. Although a few more delegates can be accommodated, the group is nearing its maximum size.

The dates of SPSSI’s next Biennial Conference, "From Desegregation to Diversity," are June 25-27, 2004. Plans for the Conference are moving ahead smoothly, and information is now being available on SPSSI’s Web site. A special focus of this meeting will be a 50th anniversary celebration and retrospective look at the Brown v. Board of Education civil rights decision. Cheryl Brown Henderson will be honorary chair of the meeting. Put the date of the meeting in your calendar and come. It promises to be a memorable experience.

Overview of the Financial Statement
Percentages reflect the percentage of revenues (expenditures) in a given year

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* The current year’s expenses have not yet been audited.
SPSSI Launches Online Membership Renewal!

For the first time, SPSSI members can renew membership online. As a way of providing you with more access to your own information, the Finance Committee assigned to Sougata Roy, our membership database administrator, a special project–multiphase Web-based database conversion. Phase One is complete. Now you can renew your membership, contribute to SPSSI awards programs, update your contact information, or earmark a donation to a particular SPSSI activity—all with just a few clicks of your mouse. Phase Two—online members-only pages with access to the SPSSI directory, where you can modify your research profile and register for the June 2004 Biennial Convention—should be completed by early next year. Phase Three is the implementation of an online voting system for the spring Council and presidential election. We expect the last phase, the institution of a completely electronic award application and review process, to be online by summer 2004. You can take advantage of the new system by logging in with your e-mail address and "spssimem" as your initial password at http://www.spssi.net/passwordinput.asp.

Race and Human Variation

Over the past six months I have been participating with our sister professional associations (APA, ASA, APSA, AHA, etc.) in the American Anthropological Association (AAA) planning meetings for the interdisciplinary conference "Understanding Race and Human Variation." AAA says that this conference will be the first-ever opportunity to address comprehensively in an interdisciplinary setting the topic of race and human variation, and planning for it has been very exciting. Among the proposed themes and questions to be addressed are: 1) the history of the concepts of race and their relation to human variation; 2) human biological diversity; 3) human cultural diversity; and 4) the relation of race to racism. AAA will invite 10 experts in each of the four areas to participate in this working conference. I recommended 10 SPSSI members as participants. The final list of participants will be announced in the coming months.

United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals

Valissa Turner, our 2003 Fall Intern, is working on a project with the UN Task Force on the UN’s Millennium Development Goals (MDG). The MDG emerged in 2001 as a condensation and focusing of action items from the UN World Conferences held in the 1990s. Over the years the Journal of Social Issues (JSI) issues has focused on many compelling topics that may contribute research and understanding to the MDG process. When requesting assistance from CO, SPSSI’s Main UN Representative Peter Walker said, "While the goals, targets, and indicators have already been outlined by the UN, the spirit and process of reaching these goals is quite wide open. It would be a step in supporting the MDG process to catalogue issues of JSI that address the spirit of the goals, targets, and indicators."

As part of this work, Valissa will be conducting a content analysis of past JSIs to determine which issues best address the goals as laid out by the UN. In this way, the Task Force will be better able to show in concrete terms the ways in which our work is directly relevant to the work of the UN and make the case that SPSSI should be a resource to the delegates and the Secretariat-General’s office. You can find more information on the MDG by visiting http://www.un.org/millennium/.

SPSSI Supports New Thinking on Gendered Violence

Psychologists for Social Responsibility, our neighbors to the north, held their meeting entitled "Rethinking Gender, War, and Peace: Feminist Perspectives" on October 10-12, 2003. One of the refreshing aspects of this meeting is that the conference organizers produced actual action steps—recommendations in the areas of research, policy and advocacy, education and application, and concepts and theory to set the agenda for future work on gender issues in the process of waging war and making peace. There was a strong consensus on the relevance of participatory action research to understand the issues of gender, war, and peace. You can visit their Web site at www.pssr.org to take a look at the framework and agenda for the future. Conference speakers included Drs. Paul Kimmel, Helen Caldicott, and Susan McKay. SPSSI members Anne Anderson, Martha Mednick, and Tod Sloan served as conference organizers, and the initial seed money for this meeting came from a SPSSI SAGES grant.

Legislative Update

Three (out of 13) appropriations bills have been signed into law by the president. They are Defense and Legislative Branch, both signed into law on September 30th, and Homeland Security, signed on October 1st. The remaining 10 bills are in the Senate awaiting subcommittee and committee markups. Sound familiar? It could be because last year around this time the Congress was late passing the 13 appropriations bills because they were debating the Homeland Security Act, necessitating several Continuing Resolutions to keep the government open. This year, it’s the $87 billion Iraq and Afghanistan Emergency Supplemental, which will be used to fund Operation Iraqi Freedom and operations in Afghanistan. A good source of information regarding the 13 appropriations bills’ impact on issues important to SPSSI members is the Web site for the Consortium of Social Science Organizations (www.cossa.org). On COSSA’s home page you can find a link to the report “Proposed Fiscal Year Budgets for Social and Behavioral Science Research,” which summarizes and analyzes the Fiscal Year 2004 proposed budgets for agencies and programs relevant to social and behavioral science research.

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A SPSSI-Sponsored Conference

Anti-Bias Education: Practice, Research, and Theory

SPSSI, the American Jewish Committee, and the Alan B. Slifka Foundation sponsored an exciting conference entitled “Anti-Bias Education: Practice, Research, and Theory” in Evanston, IL, on June 6-8. Of the 85 people in attendance, about two-thirds were practitioners and the remainder were researchers. Nearly all of these participants are affiliated with SPSSI — including the present and past presidents of SPSSI. The program included 2 workshops, 18 symposiums, 2 keynote speakers, and a plenary session.

One of the primary goals of the conference was to bring together practitioners and academics to enhance the anti-bias education efforts of both groups by expanding the theoretical and research skills of the anti-bias practitioners and providing intergroup relations researchers with information on best practices in the field. The conference was very successful in achieving this goal.

The conference started with two workshops oriented toward teaching valuable skills. One workshop, which was attended by half of the participants, presented five talks on program evaluation. The other workshop focused on the critical issue of how the trainers in anti-bias education programs should be trained.

The workshops were followed by the symposium sessions. There were somewhat more symposiums on practice than on research. The practice sessions included sessions on intergroup relations programs in Israel and Germany, along with presentations on many American programs, both large and small. The types of programs presented varied from intergroup dialogue programs to programs oriented toward moral education, as well as anti-hate crime interventions, multicultural education programs, and community outreach programs. These programs ranged in their target populations from early childhood through early adulthood. Many can trace their origins to the contact hypothesis, but some are more confrontational in nature and seem to violate many of the assumptions held dear by contact theorists.

Researchers presented sessions on psychological processes underlying anti-bias education programs, developmental issues relevant to intergroup relations, international views on prejudice reduction, the challenge of multisetting research, bridging the practitioner-researcher divide, and new directions in intergroup relations research. The importance of understanding underlying psychological processes and the value of conducting evaluations were ever-present themes in these presentations. After the conference, a representative of one of the funding organizations commented that she was sorry that there weren’t even more practitioners there because there was so much for them to learn in the presentations by the psychologists.

A plenary session was held to discuss ways of improving future communications between practitioners and academics to facilitate the exchange of information on new techniques, provide opportunities for research and assistance with evaluation, and other related matters. During the plenary session, the first steps toward this goal were taken. The participants broke down into small groups to discuss the benefits of an alliance between practitioners and researchers and mechanisms by which communication between the two groups could be increased. Some of the mechanisms considered included a listserve, future conferences, a newsletter, publishing information about funding opportunities, and joint collaboration on projects such as program evaluation.

The keynote speeches were both excellent. Dr. James A. Banks (Director of the Center for Multicultural Education at the University of Washington) gave a rousing and energizing speech. In his talk he wove together themes concerning the value of multicultural education in these troubled times and the importance of social justice education, a critical pedagogy that challenges prevailing assumptions, and the value of creating multiple overlapping identities. In her warmly personal and wide-ranging talk, Dr. Margot Stern Strom (Executive Director and President of the Facing History and Ourselves National Foundation) discussed the origins of her program, which focuses on teaching about the Holocaust as a means of raising currently important moral issues and choices, as well as the need to break all of the right rules (wrong rules?). She also emphasized the importance of trainers and researchers continuing to learn as well as teach.

There were many informal opportunities for bridge-building among practitioners and between practitioners and researchers. In fact, at breaks and during meals you could hardly hear your neighbor talk for the din. These two communities that exist side-by-side with very little communication between them found that they had a great deal in common and much to talk about.

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Utilizing Psychology to Inform Policymakers and the Public about Social Issues

By Diane L. Elmore
James Marshall Public Policy Scholar

As I begin my second year as the James Marshall Scholar, I continue to work on behalf of SPSSI to bring the contributions of psychology to bear on dialogues regarding social issues and public policy.

Advocacy Efforts

**Responding to Hate Crime:** I continue to work as a member of the National Hate Crime Coalition to gain additional support for the Senate hate crime bill known as the "Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act" (S.966), as well as to encourage members of the House of Representatives to introduce a companion bill. In September, I drafted an APA letter sent to all members of the House of Representatives highlighting research on the devastating impact of hate crime and urging members to support a companion bill in the House.

Collaborations and Coalitions

**South African Delegation:** In July, I participated in a meeting of APA staff and a delegation of mental health professionals from South Africa led by SPSSI member James M. Statman, Ph.D., Executive Vice President of Aurora Associates International, Inc. Dr. Statman leads a project, in collaboration with the Center for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation and Technikon Southern Africa, to assist ex-combatants in South Africa by providing vocational training and trauma therapy. During the dialogue, striking parallels were drawn between the trauma symptoms, social isolation, and stigma encountered by the ex-combatants and many Vietnam veterans in our country.

This exchange was especially meaningful to me, as my area of focus is on trauma and abuse issues. As a counseling psychologist, I trained at several VA Medical Centers and at the National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Pacific Islands Division, which focuses on the cross-cultural factors affecting the expression, assessment, and treatment of PTSD. This recent meeting provided an extraordinary opportunity to further understand the cultural trauma experienced in South Africa and to share some of the lessons we have learned in healing the wounds of war. Fortunately, there will be an opportunity for this dialogue to continue, as the Center for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation will be visited during the January 2004 SPSSI delegation to South Africa led by Dr. James Jones, of which I will be a part.

Congressional Hearing

**Depression and Suicide among Older Americans:** On July 28, Senator John Breaux (D-LA) chaired a hearing of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, which focused on Depression and Suicide in Older Adults. I worked closely with Senator Breaux's office to share the wealth of psychological research in this area. In addition, I reached out to the psychological scientists invited to testify at the hearing, Donna Cohen, Ph.D. (University of South Florida) and Jane Pearson, Ph.D. (National Institute of Mental Health).

Writing Projects

**Newsletter Article for Division 44 – Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues:** I recently co-authored an article for the Division 44 newsletter with Lori Valencia-Greene of the APA Public Interest Policy Office that provided an update of federal, state, and local legislation impacting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities.

**Monitor Article on Policy Affecting the Underserved:** In September 2003, I authored an article in the APA Monitor on Psychology that focused on legislation aimed at meeting the needs of underserved populations across the lifespan. The various pieces of legislation would provide assistance to older adults and young children as groups at increased risk for poverty, abuse, and insufficient services. This article can be accessed at: http://www.apa.org/monitor/sep03/ppup.html.

**Psychology and Aging Newsletter:** I have been collaborating with the APA Office on Aging to create an Aging Issues Newsletter that will be available quarterly to promote the application of psychological research to improve the health and well-being of older adults. The first issue of the newsletter was published in August and was disseminated widely at the APA Convention in Toronto.

Recent Presentations

**APA Annual Convention:** During the 2003 APA Convention in Toronto, I participated in three presentations related to policy and social issues. Two sessions were sponsored by the SPSSI Student Group and related to my work as the James Marshall Scholar. The third session was sponsored by Division 35 – The Society for the Psychology of Women and focused on strategies for translating feminist research into the advocacy and policy arena.

**Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS):** I continue to be involved with an interdisciplinary group of trauma specialists (ISTSS) as a member and cochair of the Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma and Resilience Special Interest Group. At the 2003 annual meeting in October, I participated in two presentations. One focused on an intervention for parents who have survived war and significant generational abuse, and another related to the often unrecognized consequences of sexual trauma in the lives of male survivors.

I am extremely grateful for the thoughtful comments and suggestions that SPSSI members continue to send along to me. I look forward to our continued dialogue and encourage you to contact me at 202/336-6097 or delmore@apa.org.
The Past. We have just about completed the third volume of ASAP. It has a greater number of articles than appeared in either of the first two volumes! I have mentioned some of these articles in earlier columns so I will highlight only those articles that were posted on our Web site most recently (www.asap-spssi.org). The three newest articles are "Grapes of Wrath: Discrimination in the Produce Aisle," whose first author is Richard Topolski; "Beliefs about Affirmative Action and Diversity and their Relationship to Support for Hiring Policies" by Christopher Aberson; and "Personal and Contextual Factors Supporting the Switch to Transit Use: Evaluating a Natural Transit Intervention," with first author Barbara Brown. As you can see, ASAP has continued its policy of publishing articles that discuss many areas impinging upon public policy. Other articles in the current volume discuss health care satisfaction, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, hate crimes online, the impact of legalization of abortion on youth homicide, car sharing, and the gender pay gap, as well as our point/counterpoint feature on authoritarianism and a number of book reviews. You should receive the print edition of ASAP in early December, but if you want to look at it before then, the current password is mjahoda (the first woman president of SPSSI).

The Present. We have added several new people to our editorial board: Catherine Borshuk from the University of Indiana at South Bend, David Mandel from the University of Victoria in Canada, and David Sugarman from Rhode Island College. We have also selected the next student member of the editorial board – Jeffrey Goodman, a graduate student at the University of Maine. Our former student editor, Gigi Awad from the University of Southern Illinois, has graciously offered to continue to review manuscripts so we are not losing his valuable input to the journal.

The Future. Point/counterpoint has proved to be such a successful feature of the journal that we are planning two dialogues for the next volume of ASAP. One of these will critique the diversity model of affirmative action (as opposed to the equity strategy) and the other will critically examine the relationship between psychology and public policy using same-sex marriage as a case study. We will supply these papers electronically before they are published so any of you who want to participate in these debates will have ample time to do so. Please contact me at asap@spssi.org if you are interested in participating in either of these dialogues, are thinking about submitting a manuscript, or have a book you would like to see reviewed or review yourself. In the case of book reviews, it may be more efficient to get in touch with our book review editor, Kevin Lanning (lanning@fau.edu), directly.

Issues in Press for 2004:

• Sabrina Zirkel, Gretchen Lopez, and Lisa Brown’s issue on “The 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education: Interethnic Contact and Change in Education in the 21st Century”
• Rachel Hertz-Lazarowitz, Tamar Zelniker, Walter Stephan, and Cookie White Stephan’s issue on “Arab-Jewish Coexistence Programs”

We also have several issues in the final stages of development. These include:

• Israels Silberman’s “Religion as a Meaning System”
• Olra Muldoon’s “The Cost of Conflict: Children and the Northern Irish Troubles”
• Daniel Christie and Susan McKay’s "Peace Psychology Comes of Age"
• Linda Beckman and S. Marie Harvey’s "The Implications of Current Reproductive Technologies for Women’s Health and Well-Being"

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The fifth biennial conference of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues will explore implications of societal diversity from a research, social policy, and social justice perspective. The conference theme commemorates the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education US Supreme Court decision mandating the racial desegregation of U.S. public schools. However, the conference program will incorporate international representation and perspectives on a broad array of topics, including:

- education, achievement and affirmative action
- social justice and fairness
- prejudice and racism
- conflict, violence and peace.

The conference will feature cross-cutting social policy and justice issues of:

- power and economic inequality
- work and employment
- immigration
- health and health policy
- community organizing

and other topics that incorporate racial, sexual, gender, developmental, physical, and cultural diversity.

Toward this end, the program committee invites proposals from members and nonmembers. Both basic and applied researchers will be an important part of the program, as well as social service providers and policy experts, social and political advocates, and individuals and groups who disseminate scientific knowledge to the general public.

With the variety of specialties of our SPSSI members and those nonmembers who are equally committed to addressing local, national, and global diversity, our program will provide a forum for stimulating discussion of this important issue that faces us in the 21st century.

The program will consist of invited addresses, symposia, panels, posters, roundtable discussions, and other innovative formats. We are also planning a student pre-conference to foster their learning more about ways to prepare for academic and non-academic careers. Other program events of special relevance to graduate students are also being planned, including a student-sponsored panel, student participation in invited symposia, SPSSI student committee information session, and roundtable lunch discussions with leading social issues scholars.

Proposals for symposia, papers, and roundtable discussions are invited. Individually submitted papers will not be grouped together to form symposia; authors of such papers are encouraged to either collaborate with others in submitting symposia or submit poster proposals. Graduate students who submit poster proposals will have the option of being considered to join an invited symposium in their research area. See “Attention Graduate Students” for more information.

Types of Programs

Symposia

The major portion of the program will consist of symposia. Each symposium proposal must contain a 300-word abstract (5 copies); 300-word summary of the expected contributions of each participant (5 copies each); the Program Proposal Cover Sheets; a list of the names and addresses of each participant, chair and/or discussant; and two self-addressed stamped envelopes. To allow for anonymous review, please omit names and affiliations from abstracts and summaries.

Roundtable Discussions

For this format, one or two facilitators who have broad experience with a particular topic will serve as hosts for a discussion in which conference attendees will actively participate. Proposals for roundtable discussions should provide a focal topic and an explanation regarding the appropriateness of the topic for this format (200-word summary; 5 copies).

Also include a list of the names and addresses of one or two facilitators (one of whom should be the person submitting the proposal), a brief description of their expertise, the Program Proposal Cover Sheet, and two self-addressed stamped envelopes. To allow for anonymous review, please omit names and affiliations from summaries.

Additional Considerations

One of our objectives is to highlight the SPSSI legacy of applying social science research to pressing social issues. Thus we are asking each submission to address how the work to be presented has implications for educating the public or policy makers; leads to applications to ameliorate adverse societal conditions or enhance desirable societal outcomes; or could be used to inform or frame social policy. We will ask each presentation to address some aspect of these issues if their proposal is accepted.

General Information

The Program Proposal Cover Sheets and two self-addressed stamped envelopes must be included with all submissions. Because of the number of copies needed for each proposal, e-mail and fax transmission will not be accepted. Each submission will be reviewed by two members of the SPSSI Convention Program Committee. Both the quality of proposals and their relevance to the theme will be considered in evaluating submissions, with high quality being the most important criterion. To allow for anonymous review, please omit names and affiliations from abstracts and summaries.

Attention Graduate Students!

The Convention Program Committee would like to reserve space on invited symposia for interested graduate students to present their work. If you would like your poster submission to be considered for an invited symposium presentation instead of a poster format, make sure to check the appropriate box on the Program Proposal Cover Sheet. Due to the limited space in the programming for such presentations, we will make selections based on the quality of the proposal and the topic fit. In the event that your proposal is not chosen for a symposium, we will review it as a submission to the poster session.

Deadline

Submissions must be postmarked no later than January 5, 2004. Please make sure to include your email address on the proposal form. Suggestions and/or questions are welcome.

Send proposals to:

SPSSI Central Office
208 “E” (Eye) St., NE
Washington, DC 20002 USA

For Convention Highlights and updates, visit our web site: https://www.spssi.org/spssi_2004_Convention_index.html
2004 SPSSI Convention Call for Proposals
Program Proposal Cover Sheet

1. Name and address of person submitting program proposal

Name: ____________________________  First  Middle  Last
Affiliation: ________________________ (School, Agency, Company, etc., City and State)
Mailing Address: ____________________
Work phone: (__________) ____________  Home phone: (__________) ____________
Fax: (__________) ____________________  E-mail: ____________________________

2. Title of program  (Title must not exceed 10 words.)

3. Type of program
☐ Student Poster  ☐ Symposium  ☐ Roundtable  ☐ Roundtable Discussion
Student poster only: Would you like your proposal to be considered for a symposium presentation?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

4. Member status
(The person submitting the proposal should check one of the following.)
☐ SPSSI member  ☐ SPSSI student member  ☐ Non-member  ☐ Student, non-member

5. Attention Graduate Students!
If you would like to be considered for a travel award please check here: ☐
Applications for student travel awards will be sent with proposal acceptance letters.

6. International Members
If you are facing hardship and would like to be considered for a travel subsidy, please check here: ☐
Applications for travel subsidies will be sent with proposal acceptance letters.

For all Types of Proposals, Please Sign
I hereby certify that all of the participants named have agreed in writing to participate, and that I will notify them of the date, time and place of the program if the proposal is accepted.

Signature: ____________________________  Date: ____________________________
Report on APA Council of Representatives Meeting, August 2003

By Bernice Lott and Irma Serrano-Garcia
Division 9 Representatives to COR

The Road to an APA Committee on SES

At the public interest, ethnic minority, and women pre-Council caucus meetings, we asked for support of the initiative we have brought to the Council of Representatives (COR) for establishing a standing APA committee on socioeconomic status. (A copy of this initiative may be obtained by sending an e-mail note to blott@uri.edu). This new business item is slated to go before relevant boards and committees before being sent back to COR for a vote. We asked those in support of our initiative to write to APA leadership and ask that the item be returned to COR for a vote at our forthcoming winter meeting.

COR Activities of Most Interest to Division 9/SPSSI Members

1. APA's Public Education Campaign was funded at $850,000 for years 2002 and 2003; $925,000 is included in the 2004 preliminary budget; and $1,000,000 is projected for the 2005 and 2006 budgets. This program currently includes a "Talk to Someone Who Can Help" campaign about the value of psychology, a "Warning Signs" youth antiviolence campaign, a "Road to Resilience" campaign, and a "Resilience in a Time of War" campaign. A video presentation illustrated some of this work. In some brief discussion on the floor of Council (including a comment by one of us), it was noted that information about the value of questioning status quo positions and taking action on issues of personal and community importance was missing from the resilience materials.

2. James Jones reported on affirmative action within APA staff. African Americans are still underrepresented in director jobs, as are Hispanic Americans in manager jobs. While progress has been made at all job levels, goals for minorities (as a total group) and women have not yet been reached.

3. Follow-up on the Education Directorate's plans to obtain and publish information on special limitations set by graduate programs on faculty and student admission relevant to religion, sexual orientation, etc. was missing from the information presented to COR members. As an action item for SPSSI at its next Council meeting, we recommend sending a letter about this to the Directorate with a copy to APA's President and CEO.

4. A motion clarifying divisions' abilities to participate in amicus briefs was approved by coalition consent (i.e., not brought to COR for a vote). According to this motion, "A division or other unit of the Association may participate in amicus briefs...[However,] in the event that the Board decides that APA will file an amicus curiae brief in a case, a division or other APA-related entity may not file a separate brief in the same case." Legal opinions supported approval of this motion.

5. On a related note, changes were approved in association rules to clarify that standards and guidelines issued by a division should contain a disclaimer that the division is not speaking for APA. Moreover, if issuing a statement on public policy matters in its field, a division is required to inform the Division Services Officer, who will check on whether there is any conflict with APA bylaws or policies.

Visit the SPSSI Web site at www.spssi.org

Feedback on the site and suggestions for improving it are invited. The Web developer would like to thank members for the comments and suggestions already made. Please e-mail your suggestions to spssi@spssi.org

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Report on Divisions for Social Justice

By Bernice Lott
Representative to DSJ from Division 9/APA

The Divisions for Social Justice is a coalition of divisions that functions as an ad hoc group and contributes to the work of APA through its advocacy of social justice issues. Organized during the first multicultural conference in 1999, it is now composed of representatives from 10 divisions: 9, 17, 27, 35, 39, 43, 44, 45, 48, and 51. Its goal is to encourage cooperation among divisions that support initiatives for social justice.

The current president is Judith Glassgold (div 44); president-elect for 2004 is Bob Geffner (div 43); president-elect for 2005 is Neil Altman (div 9); and the secretary is Bernice Lott (div 9). The group met most recently in August, 2003 at the Toronto APA conference.

A major activity was our sponsorship of a two-hour open forum at the Toronto conference on issues of war and peace, moderated by Phil Zimbardo. A small number of presenters began the forum with brief remarks. These were followed by contributions from anyone who wished to speak. This forum was a great success and was attended by a 300-400 standing-room-only audience, one of the largest at the Toronto meeting. The excitement and positive energy generated by the forum was a source of pride for DSJ.

A second open forum is being proposed for the 2004 APA convention in Hawaii. This second forum, "The Role of Psychologists in Strategic Planning for Resolving International Issues of War and Peace," will focus on concrete ways to influence public policy.

Other DSJ activities include:
- Consulting with divisions regarding support for social justice advocates as nominees for APA boards and committees;
- Enlisting support for social justice initiatives in APA’s Council of Representatives (such as support for a new committee on socioeconomic status);
- Preparing a list of social justice-related programs scheduled for APA conventions; and
- Cosponsoring convention programs.

SPSSI-New York Regional Group Report

By Harold Takooshian
New York regional Group Chair

In Spring 2003, our SPSSI-New York regional group offered a variety of local activities for SPSSI members and their guests, some of them in concert with other local psychology groups. These included: (1) a lecture on "The Perils of Prejudice" (Susan Fiske), (2) a workshop on Brain Trauma in Children and Adults," (3) a symposium on "The Andrea Yates Case: Mothers Who Kill Their Children," (4) a Town Meeting on "Car Security in New York City," and (5,6,7) participation in three local spring conferences at Hunter, Pace, and Lehman College. Following the Town Meeting on car security, the New York City Council is currently considering a ban on the sale of car alarms in New York City.

For fall 2003, local SPSSI-NY members and guests were invited to six activities:
- October 16, Meet-the-author lecture: Katherine Ashenburg (Canada), "The Mourner's Dance: What Do We Do When People Die?"
- October 28, Symposium for students: Graduate admissions in psychology, featuring frank advice from a panel of six experts on the highly competitive process of admissions into psychology graduate schools.
- November 15, Workshop: "Neurobehavioral Consequences of Violence and Stress," featuring 14 experts from the United States and overseas.
- November 21, Conference: The 15th Greater New York Conference on Behavioral Research, an afternoon of presentations, symposia, and a reception for three guests of honor.
- December 12, Gathering: Holiday Healing Circle. By popular demand, a repeat of the joyous pre-Holidays gathering, bridging psychology with several faith traditions.

Looking ahead to spring 2004, there are tentative plans for several activities so far: (1) symposia marking the 40th anniversary of the 1964 Kitty Genovese tragedy in Queens, NY, and the 25th anniversary of the international Guardian Angels Safety Patrol founded in 1979 in Bronx, NY; (2) a chance for members to present their research or other work (proposals due about March 15) at the May conferences hosted by Hunter, Pace, and Lehman College; (3) symposium on neuropsychology of brain trauma on April 15, and new trends in psychometrics.

Those who want to receive advance notice of upcoming SPSSI-NY activities should be sure to send their e-mail addresses to takoosh@aol.com. Anyone interested in details on joining the SPSSI-NY committee to plan future activities can call 212/636-6393.
Psychological Aspects of Human Security and Dignity

By Joseph De Meyer and Pete Walker
SPSSI UN/NGO Representatives

The 56th Annual Joint United Nations Department of Public Information and Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, attracting more than 2,000 NGOs from 65 countries, was held September 8-10 at UN Headquarters in New York. This year’s event marked one of the few occasions where a plenary on psychology took center stage. The theme of the conference was "Human Security and Dignity: Fulfilling the Promise of the United Nations," http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection/56conf.htm. All plenary sessions were broadcast live on UN TV and webcast on the internet. This interactive capacity, whereby Internet participants could access live discussions and forum questions and comments directly to the panelists, was a first.

SPSSI UN/NGO representative Joseph De Meyer was particularly crucial in the accomplishment of this historic first. From January onwards, Joseph met weekly with the conference planning committee, and was a cochair for the selection of the midday working groups sessions. By carefully reviewing the qualifications and credentials of proposed speakers and moderators, he was able to create the Monday afternoon plenary panel, "Psychological Aspects of Human Security and Dignity." The panel included two distinguished psychologists with different backgrounds but a common humanitarian approach: Dr. Nila Kapor-Stanulovic, from Serbia/Montenegro, an APA International Humanitarian award winner and founder of many mental health clinics in the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, and Africa for refugees and otherwise traumatized adults and children; and Dr. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, a psychologist from South Africa and a member of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, active in addressing collective violence and traumatization. SPSSI representative Corann Okorodudu was instrumental in reaching Dr. Gobodo-Madikizela, encouraging her consideration of the invitation from the UN Department of Public Information. In addition to these psychologists, the panel included two psychoanalysts, Dr. Afaf Mahfouz, representing the IPA and active at the UN for many years, and Dr. Joerg Bose, Director of the William Alanson White Institute, who gave a particularly salient and moving reflection on human dignity and trauma. This first plenary panel set the tone for the rest of the Conference, an observation that was made often throughout the following meetings.

In promoting these strongly psychologically inclined speakers, Joseph had to contend with "competition" from more spiritually, religiously, and educationally inclined speaker suggestions. Particularly gratifying was securing Giandomenico Picco as the moderator. This special envoy of the Secretary-General, who was instrumental in liberating the hostages in Lebanon, gave a unique United Nations perspective on psychological aspects. The timing was appropriate, though sadly so, following the bombing attack on the UN headquarters in Baghdad, that killed UN humanitarian personnel, to whom the Conference was dedicated.

The Society had a particularly strong showing among the midday working groups. On Monday, SPSSI, along with the American Psychological Association, the International Council of Psychologists, and others, sponsored a panel on "Migration, Discrimination, and Social Justice: Lifespan Psychological Perspectives," moderated by SPSSI representative Pete Walker. The well-attended session focused on an interactive examination of social-psychological processes involved in the experience of migration, using research, biographical accounts, and other resources. Panelists included Kay Deaux, SPSSI President-Elect; Susan Opotow, a former SPSSI Council member whose work focuses on conflict and justice; and Thema Bryant, Ph.D., Coordinator, SHARE Program, Princeton University, and APA team participant in the UN Racism Conference held in 2001 in South Africa. Vee August de Meyer, Professor of Sociology at the University of Vienna, also scheduled to speak, was unable to attend as a result of U.S. visa problems; Joseph De Meyer presented her remarks. Thanks to SPSSI representative Lauren Appelbaum and the working group rapporteur, detailed notes from the session were recorded. Perhaps the opening remarks of Susan Opotow best summarized the issues before the working group: "Before I go to bed at night, I am careful about what I read. If I read things about injustice in the world, I find myself dreaming about them. In my dreams I experience disorientation, fear, loss, and unmet and urgent needs. When I wake up, this is gone, but for the lives of 34-plus million people in the world, who are migrants, this is their daily life."

Also on Monday, Corann was instrumental in organizing a session sponsored by the NGO Committee on the Family, the NGO Committee on Children’s Rights, and the NGO Committee on Ageing focusing on "Economic Security and Human Rights: A Crucial Relationship for Children, Families, and Other People." More details will appear in a forthcoming issue of the Newsletter.

On Wednesday afternoon, SPSSI and APA sponsored a second midday session on "Human Security and Dignity for Humanitarian Workers," proposed by SPSSI representative Nora Alarifi Pharoan and presented with Justine McCabe, both of whom are members of the NGO Committee on Mental Health's Working Group on Disaster, Refugees, and Other Displaced Persons. Dr. Neal Rubin, representing the APA, did an admirable job as a last-minute moderator. The uniquely interactive session examined the physical and psychological challenges facing humanitarian workers and caregivers who treat distressed populations. Several UN personnel and other participants volunteered comments about their personal traumas and the pain experienced due to violence and losses. One of the scheduled speakers, Sheila Platt, had been called away to provide trauma assistance to UN personnel in one of the world’s hot spots. The dialogue included a discussion of the need for psychological and mental health assistance to traumatized humanitarian workers, and an emphasis on the need to inoculate them, as it were, against trauma prior to sending them off to provide humanitarian assistance. Nora described her own work with religious leaders in the
Anna S. Elonen Scholarship for a Study on Young Women’s Embodiment and Sport

By Satu Liimakka
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The body has received growing attention both in everyday life and in research. It has become an investment; one is expected to take care of one’s body for reasons of health and good looks. In today’s society, sports culture plays an essential role in building one’s bodily and social capital and in shaping individuals’ lifestyles and identities. In my dissertation “Young Bodies in Motion: Gendered Body Experiences and Group Distinctions,” I examine the gendered meanings of body and sport, and young women’s body experiences and practices in different sports.

Young women’s embodiment has been under attack during the last decade. For example, the increase in eating disorders, demanding beauty ideals, negative body image, sexual harassment, and sexually provocative advertisements all play their part in creating dilemmas and pressures about one’s body for young women. In my master’s thesis, which was about young women’s embodiment, one of my findings was that young women experience their bodies more as objects than as subjects. An object body is constantly under control: it is being shaped, trimmed, and evaluated by oneself and by others. Living as a body object can cause anxiety, pressures, dissatisfaction, and unhealthy ways of controlling one’s body, such as excessive dieting or exercising. Sport can be used as a way to shape one’s body as an object to fit the prevailing beauty ideals, but sport can also be a means of accepting one’s body the way it is and taking pleasure in it as a subject body.

Sport consists of different and even opposite types of practices: There are individual sports and group sports, or sports practiced in fitness centers and sports practiced in sport clubs. Maybe the biggest dichotomy is that some sports are categorized as feminine (suitable for women) and some as masculine (not suitable for women). These distinctions lead into assumptions of what kind of embodiment is appropriate for young women and what is not; the sports most young women practice are indeed individual sports practiced in fitness centers. Through taking all these different dimensions of sport into consideration, this study intends to clarify the contradictory and gendered meanings of embodiment and sport in young women’s lives.

I have been able to start proceeding with my study because SPSSI granted me the 2003 Anna S. Elonen Scholarship. I wish to thank SPSSI for giving me this valuable opportunity.

Awards for Distinguished Service to SPSSI

By Bernice Lott
Distinguished Service to SPSSI Committee Chair

SPSSI is pleased to recognize some of its most dedicated members, and the tremendous work that they have done for the organization, with this year’s awards.

Irene Frieze
Leonard Saxe
Rhoda Kessler Unger
Geoffrey Maruyama

Irene Frieze. Irene Frieze is able to shine even among the most stellar contributors to the vitality of SPSSI. As the most recent editor of our Journal of Social Issues, she has continued in the footsteps of previous editors and gone forward to raise the stature of the journal higher still. Irene’s commitment and skill, her painstaking attention to detail, her grasp of theory and respect for method, her deep concern for social issues content, and her desire to include material from international scholars about global issues have served JSI and all of us wonderfully well.

Accepting leadership for our journal is only the most recent in the list of Irene’s contributions to SPSSI, beginning in the 1970s. She has served on our publication policy committee, the social policy study committee, a task force on the meaning of social issues, a task force on electronic communications, the SAGES award committee, and the Mayo internship award committee. In addition, she has been an elected member of Council, APA program committee chair, and, for many years, our liaison to APA’s Science Directorate.

Irene’s voice in Council deliberations is one of reason, conviction, integrity, and calmly projected strength. These are the same qualities conveyed to potential contributors to JSI, who are led step by step to the achievement of the high standards that Irene has set for the journal. In all of her roles, Irene continues to provide dedicated and exemplary service to SPSSI.

Leonard Saxe. Service awards are given to individuals who are the lifeblood of an organization. Without their efforts there would not be a SPSSI. SPSSI is recognizing Leonard Saxe with this award for distinguished service because he is that type of member.

Len’s service extends to several activities. For seven years he provided leadership for our publications committee. In this role he helped ensure that we continued to publish books that not only affected our understanding of social issues, but also provided significant income to SPSSI. He encouraged authors, organized advisory boards for our major projects, and negotiated contracts with publishers. These are critical but not often recognized contributions.

In addition, the Clara Mayo award and the fund that supports it would not exist without Len’s efforts. He acquired the funding for the award and has been on the award committee for three years. Len has served on several other committees, including the committee on social issues in mental health, as chair of the task force on advocacy, the Allport award committee, and the Boston regional committee. Serving on SPSSI Council is a rewarding experience but it also takes commitment to the organization. Len has shown this commitment by serving on Council several times.

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Rhoda Kessler Unger. Rhoda Unger’s service to SPSSI personifies its organizational purposes: to focus attention on social problems and issues involving the public welfare. She has made special contributions to articulating the history of SPSSI, both as co-chair of our 50th Anniversary celebration in 1986 and as a scholar of our formal and informal history. Using Cartwright’s 1953 SPSSI presidential address on power as a springboard, Rhoda has challenged SPSSI to promote the study of power and actively support empowerment of disadvantaged groups, both within the organization and outside it.

During her nearly 25 years of service to SPSSI, culminating in her presidency in 2000, Rhoda has served as a member of Council and chaired numerous committees that recognize, honor, and give support to others. These include the Fellows, Allport, and Social Issues Research committees.

As inaugural editor of Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy (ASAP), SPSSI’s online journal, Rhoda has brought to life and nurtured this innovative and timely forum for new work and discussion of alternative approaches to a variety of social problems, with an eye toward facilitating "communication between social science researchers and public policy makers as well as with the public as a whole." Now in its third year, ASAP has successfully employed innovative formats (e.g., reviews of and links to Web sites) and launched lively exchanges of views (e.g., point/counterpoint) under Rhoda’s editorship.

Geoffrey Maruyama. Geoffrey Maruyama’s service to SPSSI is truly distinguished. It is unusually deep and sustained. He has occupied the most important and influential positions in the organization. Geoff was elected to two terms on SPSSI Council, was Secretary-Treasurer for five years, and served a term as SPSSI President. In addition, Geoff has chaired a variety of other committees and task forces, such as the Elections committee, the Electronic Journal task force, and the SPSSI Convention committee. He has been active in these various leadership roles virtually continuously since 1989.

Geoff’s service to SPSSI, however, goes well beyond his formal participation in governance. Geoff’s distinguished service reflects his sincere commitment to the values of the organization. He is dedicated, personally and professionally, to bridging research and application. As his scholarly record illustrates, he has a deep commitment to applying this research in socially responsible ways outside of the laboratory. In the tradition of SPSSI, Geoff’s career as a scholar has been devoted to “action research” using research and theory to inform social interventions and using research tools to evaluate program effectiveness. His research has focused on improving intergroup relations, cross-cultural contact, desegregation, physical and psychological maltreatment in schools, caregiving for elderly persons, and educational achievement of students. He is an expert on quantitative methods, authoring a highly influential volume on structural equations modeling.

Geoff exemplifies SPSSI’s values as an administrator outside of our organization, as well. He is currently Assistant Vice President for Multicultural Affairs at the University of Minnesota. During his long tenure at the university, he has previously served as Vice Provost for Academic Affairs for the Professional College Cluster of the University, Director of the Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement, Acting Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Development, and Interim Director of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment at the St. Paul Public Schools.

In all of Geoff’s contributions to SPSSI he has consistently displayed several admirable qualities. He brings great energy and enthusiasm, and frequently humor, to his work. At the same time, he is known for his sense of fiscal responsibility and responsiveness to the membership as a whole. With great care, caution, and inspiration, during his presidency he shepherded SPSSI’s move of Central Office to Washington DC. While Secretary-Treasurer and Council member, he was widely recognized as a thoughtful leader who balanced immediate demands on the organization with SPSSI’s long-term health and traditional mission. Few have contributed so much, and few have served us so well. We are deeply indebted to Geoffrey Maruyama, whose distinguished past service to SPSSI provides a solid foundation for our future.

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In September, Congress passed a 6-month extension to March 31, 2004, of welfare programs, including the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program and the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW), which is conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children, Youth, and Families (ACF). The survey is being used to collect longitudinal data on types of abuse and neglect, agency contacts and services, and out-of-home placements, and to produce reliable state-level data. The ACF states that this is the first time nationally representative longitudinal data have been drawn from first-hand reports from children and parents, caseworkers, and teachers, and from administrative records. This is also the first time a national study has examined child and family well-being outcomes in detail and related those outcomes to their experience with the child welfare system and to family characteristics, community environment, and other factors. The study addresses three major questions: Who are the children and families who come into contact with the child welfare system? What pathways and services do children and families experience while in the child welfare system? And what are the short- and long-term effects for these children and families? Currently, baseline data have been archived and are available to researchers at the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect at Cornell University (www.ndacan.cornell.edu).

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A number of other exciting issues have recently been published or are in development. For more information, consult the JSI Web site at http://www.spssi.org/jsi_newiss.html.

A Big Thanks to Members of the Editorial Board

The Editorial Board of JSI has a major responsibility for reviewing proposals for issues. Our regular Board members are Colin W. Leach (University of California, Santa Cruz, United States), Bernice Lott (University of Rhode Island, United States), Daniel Perlman (University of British Columbia, Canada), Diane Scott-Jones (Boston College, United States), Joseph Trimble (Western Washington University, United States), and Zbigniew Zaleski (Catholic University of Lublin, Poland). In addition, our Board members often help in reviewing manuscripts for individual issues, or in helping me find other reviewers. We all owe our Board members a big thanks for their major service to SPSSI.

Each year, one or two student members of the Editorial Board are selected through a competitive process. A student committee reviews the applicants and recommends finalists; then I make the final selection. In recent years, the candidates have been excellent. The first student member of our Editorial Board, Jonathan L. Iuzzini, served from 1999 until this fall. Following Jon, Armando X. Estrada, Jameson Kenneth Hirsch, Melanie A. Morrison, Richard Osbaldiston, and Aarti Iyer have all done an outstanding job as full members of the Editorial Board. This fall, we will have two new student Board members, Jui-Chung Allen Li and Michele Schlehofer-Sutton. I look forward to working with both of them this year.

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Muslim communities here in the United States post-9/11, introducing them to psychological concepts that they not only need to take care of their well-being, but also are apparently very eager to apply to their often-traumatized spiritual communities. The session was somewhat lightly attended, unfortunately, considering its acute relevance, perhaps because it is a very painful subject.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan’s message to the Conference highlighted that “this year’s DPI/NGO Conference . . . draws on the premise that collective security is ultimately founded on the well-being of the individual. At the same time, it is a poignant reminder that such security, as called for in the United Nations Charter, remains elusive for hundreds of millions of people around the world . . . I salute the men and women who live by their ideals and dedicate themselves to making a true, lasting difference in people’s lives, thus making a tangible contribution to human security.”
STIGMA AND GROUP INEQUALITY: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACHES

The Twenty-First Annual Claremont Symposium on Applied Social Psychology, Saturday, April 3, 2004, Claremont, California

Social psychological research on stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination has typically focused on the views and responses of members of majority groups to members of minority groups. Recent efforts to focus attention on the perspective of stigmatized groups have led to theoretical and methodological innovations in the study of prejudice. This year’s Claremont Symposium will feature an array of outstanding researchers who are active in the study of stigmatized groups. Our goal is to provide a forum for stimulating new collaborations and new directions for research on stigma and group inequality (there will not be parallel sessions).

This one-day symposium will take place on Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California (35 miles east of Los Angeles). Thirteen speakers are scheduled for the meeting (Jennifer Crocker, Michael Inzlicht, Cheryl Kaiser, Brenda Major, Tracy McLaughlin-Volpe, Rodolfo Mendoza-Denton, Carol Miller, Diane Quinn, Toni Schmader, Nicole Shelton, Stacey Sinclair, Janet Swim, and Linda Tropp), and a book with the contributions will be published by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. In addition to the above speakers, there will be a small poster session, and informal papers will be available during the evening reception. Researchers with work highly relevant to the theme of the conference are invited to submit a poster or informal paper proposal by sending a title and 500-word abstract (with the name, institutional affiliation, and address of each author) by February 1, 2004, to Shana Levin (Department of Psychology, Claremont McKenna College, 850 Columbia Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711-6420).

For more information on the conference, including registration materials, please call the Claremont Graduate University Psychology Department at 909/621-8084. For additional information on the conference program, please contact one of the program chairs.

Program Chairs: Shana Levin (shana.levin@claremontmckenna.edu) and Colette van Laar (cvlaar@fsw.leidenuniv.nl)

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The Society for the Study of Social Problems has begun its search for the next editor of Social Problems. The editor’s three-year term starts with operation of the new editorial office at mid-year 2005 and assumption of responsibility for editing volumes 53-55 (years 2006-2008). The SSSP seeks an individual with a distinguished scholarly record, previous editorial experience (i.e., service as a journal editor or associate editor), strong organizational and management skills, the ability to work well with others, and a familiarity with and commitment to social problems. A full description of desired qualifications and the application process is posted on our Web site, www.sssp.org. Deadline for initial nominations and inquiries: January 1, 2004.

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