Following in the footsteps of excellent recent SPSSI presidents (Kay Deaux, Beth Shinn, and Irene Frieze) and other distinguished past SPSSI leaders, I am deeply honored and privileged to have the opportunity to serve as the 2007-08 President of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. It is the professional society whose goals I most admire and the organization with which I have been most involved throughout my professional career. As SPSSI’s new President, I appreciate the support and confidence of the membership. During my turn at the helm, I hope SPSSI will have a year of stability in some areas and change in others.

In terms of stability, I hope SPSSI will continue its tradition of being a member-driven and member-serving social justice organization committed to the broad utilization of psychological knowledge. SPSSI and its members use psychological knowledge to address social issues, contributing to the social policy process and ameliorating the problems facing individuals, groups, and societies. Margaret Mead once said, “A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” SPSSI members and like-minded individuals have been changing the world for more than 71 years. SPSSI’s core values and goals are as good today as they have been throughout the Society’s history, so I hope SPSSI members and SPSSI as an organization will keep striving toward them.

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Recent SPSSI Accomplishments

Times change and SPSSI leadership must continually make decisions about its activities and priorities. Adaptation of SPSSI’s agenda to evolving circumstances is regularly needed. In 2001, SPSSI moved its offices from Ann Arbor to Washington, DC. That move proved to be more challenging and complicated than envisioned. In the spring of 2006, when I stood for election as SPSSI President, I wrote: “A key priority for SPSSI should be maintaining an affordable, highly effective Central Office.” I am delighted that Susan Dudley joined SPSSI as its Administrative Director last October. In the year since her arrival, the SPSSI Central Office has made major strides forward in updating our organizational systems to better serve SPSSI goals in a cost-effective manner. Thus, one of my initial goals has been largely accomplished. I thank the Search Committee, led by Irene Frieze and Sally Shumaker, for making such an excellent selection, Susan Dudley for the progress she has spearheaded, and SPSSI’s excellent Administrative Coordinator, Anila Balkissoon, for being a key part of the SPSSI administrative team.

Increasing SPSSI’s membership was the second goal I articulated in standing for SPSSI President. Due to the efforts of the Membership Committee, chaired in 2006-07 by Ann Bettencourt and Linda Tropp, and to the Central Office’s arranging a more user-friendly web system for joining SPSSI and paying annual dues, SPSSI’s membership is up substantially over this time in 2006. Bravo!

Next Steps

As a theme of my presidency, I want to emphasize “Doing What We Moved to Do.” With the administrative adjustment to the Washington move now largely complete, SPSSI can turn its energies more fully toward achieving the goal that brought us here in the first place – namely, to have a larger policy influence. Since the Central Office has been in Washington, SPSSI has formed a Policy Committee, chaired during 2006-07 by Yuen Huo and Maureen O’Connor, that has laid a strong foundation for how SPSSI might effectively conduct its policy activities. SPSSI intends to select a small number of issues on
which to move forward. In addition to the Dalmas Taylor and Marshall Fellowships and the Sabbatical Scholar Program, Council has approved establishing a Policy Coordinator position in 2008. SPSSI will search for a person with masters or doctoral level training in public policy, psychology, or a related field. The Policy Coordinator will serve as a Central Office-based resource for SPSSI’s other policy fellows, maintain and advertise a member expertise database, build the capacity of SPSSI members to translate research into impact, and work with the Policy Committee and Council to strategize about how to influence policy priorities. Putting the Policy Coordinator into place is the first major step forward I envision SPSSI taking in 2008.

The second major step is the development of a new multiyear strategic plan. About six years ago, SPSSI engaged in a strategic planning exercise (see Lou Penner’s Fall 2003 SPSSI newsletter report). That plan spurred many SPSSI activities, but the primary time period for which planning was being contemplated is now over. This spring SPSSI began a new strategic planning process, and during the coming year, this process will continue, hopefully involving an ever-widening circle of individuals. Next spring a draft plan should be available for member comment. In the meantime, please send me (d_perlma@uncg.edu) any suggestions you have regarding strategic directions SPSSI should take.

Under Sally Shumaker’s leadership as SPSSI’s very capable, dedicated Secretary-Treasurer, SPSSI is engaged in a budget planning process that emphasizes deliberately bringing expenditures in line with goals. Strategic planning and budget planning together will make more efficient and deliberate our use of resources.

Another important item on my agenda for the coming year is to capitalize on the excellent recent groundwork done by SPSSI’s Development Committee, chaired by Stu Oskamp, and Internationalization Committee, chaired by Colette van Laar. Regarding development activities, for many years, SPSSI has been overly dependent on its journal raising development activities (and seeking other revenue sources) will strengthen SPSSI as an organization. Regarding internationalization, SPSSI, which enjoys a substantial status at the UN. Yet there is clearly room for SPSSI to expand its international membership and focus.

**Traditional SPSSI Activities Moving Ahead**

Two traditional SPSSI activities are publishing and SPSSI conventions. This will be an important year for publishing with the search for the next *Journal of Social Issues* editor (nominations welcome) and the introduction of SPSSI’s new publications. Due in December is the first edition of the *Social Issues and Policy Review*, SPSSI’s new annual, edited by Vicki Esses and Jack Dovidio. Marilyn Brewer expects two volumes in SPSSI’s new edited book series to be published during spring 2008. Mark Snyder invites proposals for SPSSI’s authored book series.

**Be Involved**

When Beth Shinn was SPSSI President, she included in her November 2005 presidential column ways in which members could participate. I invite all members to reread her suggestions and be involved in 2007-08. Read SPSSI’s publications, let me know (d_perlma@uncg.edu) if you would like to participate in SPSSI committees, and come to SPSSI’s 2008 Convention, to be held at Roosevelt University in Chicago, June 27-29. I look forward to seeing you there and to communicating with as many members as possible in the year ahead.
Editor’s Column

Historic Edition of the Forward

By Richard L. Wiener,
Forward Editor

This edition of Forward is historic. The SPSSI Executive Committee and Council recently decided that the time has come to end paper editions of the newsletter and switch to a completely electronic format. Therefore, this will be the last paper edition of the newsletter to be sent out to members via traditional mail. I am excited about the new format, which will be fully searchable and easily downloaded for viewing and printing. The content of the newsletter will not change at all and will still feature Society announcements and officer columns, providing the membership with a full description of SPSSI activities.

The current newsletter is chock full of information about new initiatives, upcoming conferences, publications, and several calls for papers. Please take special notice of the call for papers for the Biennial Conference to be held in Chicago in summer 2008 (deadline for submissions is January 12) and the call for papers for the APA meeting in Boston (deadline for submissions is December 3). The Forward contains the regular features (SPSSI officer columns, the Rookie, and society announcements), as well as a report from outgoing President Irene Frieze focusing on efforts to communicate SPSSI activities to the professional and general public. Please take notice of the launching of the new SPSSI website, described in several places in this newsletter.

I hope that you enjoy the newsletter. Please send any comments or suggestions that you have to either Rich Wiener (rwienert2@unl.edu) or my graduate assistant for the newsletter, Erin Richter (erichtel@bigred.unl.edu).

Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

By Sally Shumaker

SPSSI entered the second half of its 2007 fiscal year on a strong financial footing, the Central Office’s core staff is in place and doing an outstanding job, and our strategic planning process is underway. A quick mid-year overview:

Audit: SPSSI underwent a complete audit last year, and though it took “a wee bit longer” than anticipated (due primarily to our reorganization of Central Office), the outcome was as expected. We are in excellent health as an organization and adhering to critical financial processes. Susan Dudley has furthered these processes, and we are putting into place tracking systems and reporting mechanisms that will allow us to provide current and accurate financial data more quickly. In addition, on the advice of our external financial consultants, the Council decided to undergo annual outside auditor’s reviews of our financial records, with full audits conducted periodically. The auditor’s review is slightly less involved than a full audit, but is commonly employed by nonprofit organizations of SPSSI’s size and financial complexity.

Budget: SPSSI’s budget for FY2007 is on target, with expected revenue of $775,174 and expenditures of $565,819. We will finish the year in the black. We are well within the dollars budgeted, and your Council members are taking their roles seriously by enabling a number of new initiatives while keeping us fiscally grounded. We presented the preliminary budget for FY2008 at the August Council meeting, and it was approved. This budget will allow us to expand our policy initiatives by hiring a full-time Public Policy Coordinator to facilitate this component of SPSSI’s mission. (See Dan Perlman’s column for more details.) In addition, we will be able to expand our support of important grant awards from SPSSI, which have experienced a significant increase in applications with the improved outreach and announcement processes put into place by Anila Balkissoon.

Investments: This fall, the Finance Committee will take a careful look at our full investment portfolio. Although our investments continue to perform well, we realize that we need to periodically look at this process in more detail by engaging guidance from experts in the field (beyond our investment consultants) to make certain we are optimizing the resources available to our organization. In addition, SPSSI needs to develop more explicit criteria for investment decisions. This review process is occurring in part as a response to our receipt of funds from the Elonen Trust this summer (about $450K). Rather than looking at these additional dollars in isolation, we decided to review the entire portfolio. I look forward to updating you on this process and our recommendations in my next column.

The SPSSI Central Office Building in DC: An important part of our investment portfolio is the property we own in Washington, DC. Though somewhat controversial at times, we did make this move and it is appropriate to evaluate its impact. The property has now been part of our portfolio for five years, and in spite of the “soft” housing market nationwide, property in the DC area remains relatively strong – especially in our location. The annual...
Dear SPSSI Members,

I am writing for your help in identifying researchers who are working in areas hit by hurricanes Katrina or Rita. In the closing paper on the Katrina issue of Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy (ASAP), Janet Ruscher (special issue co-editor) and I noted two points where our issue fell short: (1) there were many issues still unresolved, and so the issue was out too soon to see if and how those issues were resolved and how psychology and social science research contributed to the resolutions; and (2) we hadn’t gotten any papers submitted from people who were “on the ground” in the New Orleans area when the hurricanes hit, and who could follow a sample through the dislocation and recovery process. Given the slowness in recovery, some samples may still have a ways to go before their lives are back to pre-Katrina stability.

So, ASAP is soliciting papers for a sequel, “Katrina II.” Specifically, ASAP is looking for: papers from researchers who had collected data in New Orleans or other hurricane-hit areas prior to the hurricanes and who now have reconnected with at least some of the people from their earlier sample so that their data can speak to issues of disruption and change. Ideally, we would be able to attract papers from researchers who were able to track some Katrina victims across time and papers that address issues unresolved and under-researched in our earlier volume.

Topics of interest include:
• What happened to people of color/minorities other than African Americans (Latinos, Asian Americans, etc.)?
• What happened to second language groups other than Spanish speaking?
• How have worker rights been protected during rebuilding efforts?
• How has the criminal justice system recovered and assured fair treatment for offenders?
• How has the health care system dealt with the chronic health issues emerging, as well as issues of disparity?
• What is the state in inter-group relations and of prejudice/racism today in New Orleans?

I would appreciate any help you can provide, either in submitting your own work or in connecting me with others who are working on these issues and would be potential contributors to the second special issue. As always, ASAP is interested in the interface of social science theory and research with practice and policy, so work ideally should draw from a conceptual perspective that has implications for policy and/or practice.

If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact me at geoff@umn.edu.
After Congress returned from its August break, attention was directed toward initiatives in two of the major policy areas that I have been monitoring: poverty and hate crime. Also, I had the opportunity to meet with SPSSI members at the Council meeting in San Francisco, which generated many ideas for links between SPSSI research and policy projects.

**Poverty & Inequality**

**Homelessness.** On July 19, 2007, the National Coalition for the Homeless held an event in the House of Representatives to mark the 25th anniversary of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The Act was the first coordinated federal legislation to address homelessness, but was only intended as a first emergency step. Since the 1980s, homelessness has grown. SPSSI has signed on to an consensus statement coordinated by the Coalition on Homelessness that advocates five ways to address the continuing problem of homelessness: reauthorization of the McKinney-Vento Act, affordable housing, social services, living wages, and the prevention of discrimination against the homeless.

**Children’s Health Care.** In the ongoing struggle over health care for lower-income children, the Administration proposed new restrictions for the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) that would impede state efforts to ensure children have access to health care. Any state that has already expanded or plans to expand SCHIP beyond 250 percent of the poverty level ($51,625 for a family of four) will have to meet guidelines that will likely leave needy children without coverage (e.g., one year waiting period after dropping private insurance). The House of Representatives and Senate came together to pass a reauthorization package that would expand, rather than limit the program, which the President vetoed.

**Early Childhood Education.** In recent months, child care and early child development have received a great deal of attention in Congress. A Joint Economic Committee hearing on investment in children highlighted the unique role of psychological research in the debate over child care. Key points in the debate include early brain development and the effect of social development on academic success. I am participating in a child care coalition organized by the National Women’s Law Center that currently focuses on securing funds for the Child Care and Development Block Grant in the House of Representatives Appropriations bill.

**Hate Crime**

The Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007 (H.R. 1592, S.1105, also called the “Matthew Shepard Act”), which would take several important steps toward improving our nation’s response to hate crime, passed in the House of Representatives this past summer and in the Senate in September. The legislation would expand current law to recognize crimes motivated by actual or perceived race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; enable the federal government to address cases that other jurisdictions are either unable or unwilling to investigate and prosecute; and expand the scope of data collection and reporting guidelines regarding hate crime.

I am working on this policy issue as a member of the National Hate Crime Coalition. We are sharing scientific research regarding the psychological antecedents and consequences of hate crime with policymakers, coalition members, and others. Thanks to the congressional champions of the bill, coalition efforts, and grassroots action (including SPSSI members), these bills passed in both houses of Congress and may become law.

As the SPSSI James Marshall Public Policy Scholar, I look forward to representing SPSSI’s interests and to keeping you updated on my public policy work here in Washington, DC. I welcome your feedback and ideas at clangner@apa.org or 202-675-6956.

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**SRCD Fellowships in Public Policy**

Policy Fellowships with the Society for Research in Child Development will be available for 2008-09.

Application deadline is December 15, 2007

SRCD Policy Fellows - in both Congressional and Executive Branch placements - work as “resident scholars” at the interface of science and policy. The goals of these fellowships are: (1) to contribute to the effective use of scientific knowledge in developing public policy, (2) to educate the scientific community about the formation of public policy, and (3) to establish a more effective liaison between developmental scientists and the federal policy-making mechanisms.

SRCD Fellows participate with other scientific societies in the fellowship programs of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Since 1978, SRCD has recruited more than 125 fellows. Both early and mid-career doctoral level professionals of all scientific disciplines related to child development are encouraged to apply.

For more information and application instructions, please visit www.SRCD.org/policyfellowships.html.
Report from the Central Office

Profiling SPSSI’s Membership and
What You Value about SPSSI

By Susan Dudley
SPSSI Administrative Director

My recent opportunity to meet so many SPSSI members in person at the APA convention in San Francisco has had a predictably energizing effect. We all know in the abstract how important the members of our association are to the ultimate fulfillment of our mission and vision, so putting faces to some of the many names and email addresses that we encounter every day was a real pleasure.

Those of us who were in San Francisco had an additional, though less personal, opportunity to get to know our SPSSI colleagues better—and that was through the profile of our membership prepared by the Membership Committee for the summer Council meeting. The committee reported, among other things, that our rolls now include just over 3,000 members, fully one-third of whom are students. To realize the potential future benefit of this good news, we are challenged now to make sure that our organization remains a welcoming one for this new generation of researchers, so that they will maintain their affiliation with SPSSI after they earn their graduate degrees and move into faculty, policy, or other positions to start their careers.

One way to address this challenge is to help ease these young members into regular membership through a modest modification of our dues structure, which Council approved this summer. While the annual student membership fee remains $25, beginning with the 2008 dues year in January, we will institute a new, discounted dues category of $40, which will be reserved for new non-student members—whether they are joining SPSSI for the first time or graduating to full-membership after a year or more as student members. Our goal in including former student members in this “introductory” category is to recognize the financial realities that many early career scholars face, and to provide a gradual transition to the regular graduated dues structure we’ve had for the last few years.

In addition to the good news about the high percentage of student members, we can also take pride in the fact that 18 percent of our membership, 46 percent, report a salary level of $50,000 to $75,000. Unfortunately, there are some important dimensions that our database doesn’t illuminate adequately. These include race/ethnicity. While about 17 percent report that they are members of ethnic minority groups, 22 percent have provided us with no information on this question. More than half of our members haven’t indicated whether they are affiliated with the APA, and we’re not entirely sure about our gender balance, as data for this variable is missing for 8 percent of our members!

This seems like a perfect time to urge everyone reading this to stop now and log on to our website at www.spssi.org, click the “Membership” tab, and scroll down to the “Update Your Member Profile” link, where you can fill in missing data, correct out-of-date information, and verify your preferences for receiving SPSSI journals. The more accurate our profile of our membership, the better we will be able to tailor our programs and services to serve you in the future.

This also seems like a good time to ask for general member feedback to help us to make SPSSI membership even more valuable. In recent newsletter issues, I’ve written about and alluded to Central Office activities designed to build our capacity and efficiency—including internal IT upgrades, better record-keeping systems, and reorganized accounting procedures. These activities and their positive impacts might be invisible to the average member, but more obvious enhancements are coming soon.

One especially exciting example will be the phased-launch of our new website, which members can look for in the very near future. Along with the site itself, new software that we’ll be using will provide us with better options for communicating with our members, and for you to communicate with us. We’re also developing plans for a number of new policy initiatives that we hope will engage and involve our members more than ever and help ensure that appropriate science is applied to solving social problems in fulfillment of our shared SPSSI vision.

There will be much more news about these developments in the next few months. In the meantime, your feedback about what you value most about your SPSSI membership and what would add value to that membership will help us plan and implement programs that will mean the most to you. Please send your thoughts to me at sdudley@spssi.org.

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. Sign up now and become a sustaining member!
New Publications

All is proceeding well with SPSSI’s three new publications: Social Issues and Policy Review (SIPR); Social Issues and Social Interventions (SISI), an edited book series; and Contemporary Social Issues, an authored book series. The editors are to be commended on their great work getting these publications started, and we appreciate the authors’ work that has gone into writing for them. Individuals are encouraged to approach editors with both general and specific ideas for future publications. Below are fuller descriptions of these new publications and email contact information for the editors. More information will be available on the SPSSI website as it is updated.

Social Issues and Policy Review (SIPR): This journal is intended to 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. The editors are Victoria Esses (University of Western Ontario, vesses@uwo.ca) and Jack Dovidio (Yale University, John.Dovidio@yale.edu). SIPR will be published annually. Esses and Dovidio report that two issues are close to completion, with Volume 1 scheduled for publication in December 2007 and Volume 2 in 2008. The third volume, scheduled for 2009, is under development. The articles in the first volume are:

↑Dovidio, J. F., & Esses, V. M.,
Psychology and Policy: Barriers and Opportunities for Communication
Interpersonal Perspectives on Black-White Health Disparities: Social Policy Implications
↑Dierks, B., van Laar, C., & Ellemers, N.,
The Beneficial Effects of Social Identity Protection on the Performance and Motivation of Devalued Groups
Social Psychological Factors in Lifestyle Change and Their Relevance to Social Policy
↑Leyens, J. P., Demoulin, S., Vaes, J., Gaunt, R., & Predin, M. P.,
Infra-Humanization: The Wall of Group Differences
↑Bugental, D. B., & Hehman, J.,
Ageism: A Review of Research and Policy Implications
↑Gentile, D. A., Saleem, M., & Anderson, C. A.,
Public Policy and the Effects of Media Violence on Children

↑Chamberlain, J., & Miller, M.,
The Rights and Responsibilities of Gay and Lesbian Parents: Legal Developments, Psychological Research, and Policy Implications

Series of Edited Volumes on Social Issues and Interventions: The goal of the books in this series is to help fill the gap between basic research on social issues and translation into social policy and program interventions. Each will be an edited volume devoted to a specific socially relevant theme and covering related theory, research, and application. Marilyn Brewer (Ohio State University, brewer.64@osu.edu) is the series editor. Brewer reports that two volumes for the series are under contract with Blackwell Publishers. These are:


Authored Book Series on Contemporary Social Issues: Books in this series will be grounded in the authors’ programs of research. The books will focus on areas of psychological inquiry on research relevant to social issues facing individuals, groups, communities, and/or society at large. Each volume will speak to scholars, students, practitioners, and policymakers. Mark Snyder (University of Minnesota, msnyder@umn.edu) is the series editor. He reports that one book is under contract, one will soon be under contract, and one is still in development.

Future Ideas

We are exploring new ways of making the best use of our publications. We would like to consider ways in which our current and new publications may serve teaching functions. With this in mind, we requested information on uses of SPSSI publications in classrooms on the SPSSI listserv. We received many positive responses. The most common suggestion involved assigning particular articles from JSI in class. Another was to recommend JSI and ASAP as resources for students and colleagues. Still other suggestions involved pod-casting policy-relevant information – for instance, with policymakers as the target audience – or providing short descriptions of articles and individual research interests to introduce students to topics and authors. If you have ideas, please send them to us at spssi@spssi.org.
Sharing SPSSI with Professionals and the Public

By Irene Hanson Frieze
Outgoing SPSSI President

As I finish my term as your President, it is interesting to look back at this very intense year. The reorganization of Central Office has been a major concern. But with our excellent staff now in place, we are able to work on some important projects. One of these is establishing greater outreach for SPSSI, and one way we are doing this is through a major redesign of our website.

Since becoming actively involved in SPSSI governance, I have been interested in finding ways in which members can increase their participation in the organization and learn more about our many activities. As a member of SPSSI Council, I established the SPSSI listserv in 1993. This has been a major success and is still active after 14 years. The listserv allows members and non-members to participate in an ongoing discussion of issues related to SPSSI. It also includes announcements about SPSSI awards, conferences, and other events. Kat Quina does an excellent job as our current list moderator. To join the listserv, please send an email to listserv@lists.apa.org with “Subscribe SPSSI” and your first and last name in the body of the message (leave the subject line blank). For more information about joining and about the list itself, see www.spssi.org/listserv.html.

Perhaps even more important than the listserv is our SPSSI website, to which many people have contributed. Along with information about our officeholders and how to reach them, and our various awards, you can also find:

- Extensive information about our major publication, *Journal of Social Issues*. A complete listing of every issue and tables of contents can be found at www.spssi.org/jsi_issueinfo.html. (I developed many of these pages as editor of the journal. Now I am pleased that our current Editor, Rick Hoyle, continues to keep this information current.) The site also contains information about other SPSSI publications, but this section needs to be expanded.

- Information about our upcoming SPSSI conference in Chicago next June, as well as previous SPSSI conferences, at www.spssi.org/convention.html. SPSSI conferences are a great way to meet other SPSSI members, present your own work relating to social issues, and learn about the work of others. SPSSI members share many values, and our conferences reflect this.

- Reports and updates from our very important United Nations Committee, chaired by Joseph De Meyer, at www.spssi.org/un.html. SPSSI is officially represented at the United Nations as an NGO. This enables us to have a direct impact on UN policy statements and publications thanks to the committee’s dedicated work. For more information, contact the chair at josephdemeyer@hotmail.com.

- A wealth of information about the history of SPSSI as an organization and the people who have served it in various roles. I worked with our previous historian, Fran Cherry, in developing these pages. Our current historian, Alex Rutherford, will be adding more to the content. Visit www.spssi.org/history.html for more information.

The SPSSI website does matter! I am always amazed at the number of people who read our web pages. When I set up the *Journal of Social Issues* pages, I added a counter that allows us to see how many people are reading them. We average 455 unique visitors every week on the *Journal of Social Issues* home page, with a high of 904 in one week. With our website upgrade, we will be able to track usage for many more pages.

Our Central Office staff and a small committee are now in the process of redesigning our site. We will be bringing the look of the website into the 21st century. We are also making it easier for our staff to update and expand the pages. The new pages will include all the archival materials we now have, as well as new information. A major question concerning a redesign of the home page has been how we want to present ourselves. The committee working on this thinks that we should highlight SPSSI’s use of social science to solve continuing social problems. Traditionally, SPSSI members have focused on the three “P’s” of Peace, Prejudice, and Poverty, but we now work on many other issues as well. The difficulty we face is how to represent this broader involvement visually on the new site.

I would appreciate hearing from you about your ideas. Contact me at frieze@pitt.edu with any comments or suggestions.

Spssi will begin a phased-launch of our re-designed and updated website in November. Our website address will not change.

Visit us at www.spssi.org
On June 21, the SPSSI New York regional group concluded another active spring 2007 season of eight events for its 400 local members when it cooperated with maestro Ron Dressler to promote the first city-wide music-fest (www.bwcny.org). Looking ahead to fall 2007, the SPSSI-NY committee is now planning more activities, including the following:

1. On September 4, Fordham University hosts the 4th symposium on international psychology.
   Details: takoosh@aol.com

2. On October 11, the United Nations hosts Psychology Day at the UN.
   Details: fdenmark@pace.edu

3. On November 9, Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY hosts SPSSI's 19th Greater New York Conference on Behavioral Research, with 300-word research abstracts from students and professionals due by October 1.
   Contact Dr. Lola Nouryan for early details: gnyc19@yahoo.com

4. On November 10, St. Francis College in Brooklyn, NY hosts a conference on “Internationalizing the Psychology Curriculum.”
   Details: ugielen@hotmail.com

5. On December 7, Fordham University in Manhattan hosts the 7th interfaith Holiday Healing Circle.
   Details: kalayjiana@aol.com

For further information on SPSSI-NY, or to help organize a local activity, contact takoosh@aol.com.
The APA Council of Representatives (COR) had an eventful meeting at the APA convention in San Francisco. The major topic of interest for the meeting (and indeed, the convention) was COR’s continuing attempts to craft and adopt a policy clearly defining and delimiting the activities of psychologists in detention centers for enemy combatants. Suffice it to say, there is considerable disagreement among Council members, and likely APA members, on the appropriate roles of psychologists in these settings. In the end, COR approved a resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment of individuals defined as “enemy combatants.” This resolution can be viewed at www.apa.org/governance/resolutions/councilres0807.html.

Changes to Bylaws
In addition to this resolution, COR took action on a number of items likely to be of interest to Division 9/SPSSI members. For example, COR voted to amend the Association bylaws in order to create four new voting seats on COR, one each for the major (non-APA) national ethnic minority psychological associations (Asian American Psychological Association, Association of Black Psychologists, National Latina/o Psychological Association, and the Society of Indian Psychologists). This change must be approved by APA membership, although even if it is, it is unclear whether all of the ethnic minority associations will send a representative to APA COR. It is hoped that adding voting representatives to COR will strengthen the relationships between APA and these ethnic minority psychological associations and also expand the diversity and perspectives represented on COR.

A second bylaws change was also approved; it will permit online voting in APA elections (without eliminating paper ballot voting). Bylaws changes adding this online option will be sent to APA members for vote later this year.

Resolutions and Policy Statements
COR also adopted a number of reports, resolutions, and policy statements. For example, COR accepted the Progress Report of the APA Commission on Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention and Training in Psychology 2 Task Force and its proposed Resolution to Enhance Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention and Training in Psychology. Although this resolution did not authorize any specific spending, it charges APA and its Chief Executive Officer to continue to take and monitor steps to improve ethnic minority recruitment, retention, and training efforts and to include diversity concerns in APA’s strategic planning.

COR also adopted a statement condemning academic boycotts as a violation of academic freedom and a disruption of the exchange of scientific and scholarly ideas. This resolution was developed as one response to the British University and College Union passing a resolution earlier this year calling for a boycott of Israeli academic institutions and a moratorium on research and cultural collaboration with Israeli scholars and institutions.

COR adopted a Resolution in Support of Education for Sustainable Development. This resolution commits APA to work to improve education about sustainable development among its members and the public, and “to practice institutional responsibility and take action to minimize the negative environmental, social, and economic impacts of our organizational activities.”

In addition, COR approved a Resolution on Religious, Religion-Related and/or Religion-Derived Prejudice. Among other things, this resolution condemns prejudice based on religious or spiritual beliefs and also encourages actions that promote religious and spiritual tolerance, liberty, and respect.

Membership and Finances
COR received reports on the membership and financial health of the Association. APA membership is fairly stable, hovering around 157,000 members, although it appears that the membership is aging. The average age of members is approximately 50 years and only 18 percent are under 40. Thus, there is considerable concern about how to retain both student and early career members.

On the financial side, APA’s revenue and net worth continue to grow. At end of 2006, net assets totaled $44 million, reflecting
A Road to Human Rights, OR
What Happened on the Way to a Moratorium?

By Allen M. Omoto
Division 9/SPSSI Representative to APA COR

Many SPSSI members have followed with interest, and also been actively involved in, the work within APA to develop a policy on the roles and activities of psychologists in U.S. detention centers for foreign detainees (e.g., Guantanamo). Last year, the APA Council of Representatives (COR) adopted a broad Resolution Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading Treatment or Punishment that reaffirmed APA’s earlier (1986) condemnation of torture and its continuing support for UN declarations and conventions against torture, and drew on these declarations and conventions in defining the actions that could be considered torture and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment or punishment (see www.apa.org/governance/resolutions/notortureres.html).

In recognition of the fact that the U.S. Government had declared that certain people held at detention centers could be considered “enemy combatants” and not guaranteed human rights protections under the Geneva Conventions and UN declarations and treaties, and that it is unclear what interrogation techniques are being utilized in these settings, the “next logical step” was to call for a moratorium on psychologist involvement in interrogations at U.S. detention centers for foreign detainees. That is, as currently understood, psychologists working in these centers would likely be placed in risky legal, ethical, and psychological situations because of discrepancies between U.S. law and international laws. A moratorium on involvement clearly built on the recently approved and broader resolution could help avoid these risky situations. Just such a moratorium was offered by Neil Altman, Ph.D., former COR representative from Division 39. His resolution called “for a moratorium on all psychologist involvement, either direct or indirect, in any interrogations at U.S. detention centers for foreign detainees,” and it began working its way through the APA governance process last year. SPSSI signed on as a supporter of this resolution, and both Bernice Lott and I (the Division 9/SPSSI COR representatives) were co-sponsors.

When agenda books arrived before the August 2007 COR meeting, not only was the moratorium resolution included, but so was a substitute resolution being offered by the APA Board of Directors. This substitute resolution reaffirmed much of the 2006 resolution and called on the U.S. legal systems to reject testimony resulting from torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment. It also provided a list of 15 techniques psychologists were prohibited from participating in (e.g., mock executions, water-boarding, sexual humiliation). But this resolution did not include a call for a moratorium.

According to the parliamentary procedures used by COR, this substitute motion would have to be considered first, and only by rejecting it could the original moratorium resolution be considered. Believing that such a vote was unlikely, and seeing the many holes in the Board’s substitute resolution, a number of committed individuals (many from the Divisions for Social Justice) went to work crafting amendments and changes for the substitute resolution; they hoped to provide it with more “teeth” and to have it come closer to a moratorium.

This work continued at the APA meetings, some of it informed by sessions in the mini-convention on Ethics and Interrogation, and even more individuals from divergent constituencies joined the effort to create a compromise resolution. Thus, at the final session of Council on Sunday during the APA meeting, a new substitute motion, also endorsed by the APA Board, was presented for consideration. In addition, a compromise had been reached so that an amendment would be offered for debate and vote, an amendment that did not prevent psychologists from working in detention centers but that limited their involvement to health promotion activities. Specifically, the proposed amendment concluded that “the roles of psychologists in settings in which detainees are deprived of adequate protection of their human right should be limited as health personnel to the provision of psychological treatment.” This amendment was the focus of most of the debate at the COR meeting.

Bernice Lott and I had kept SPSSI Council informed about the likely resolutions and amendments to be offered. In keeping with its support for human rights, concerns for social justice, knowledge of the science of interrogations, and its previous support for a moratorium, SPSSI Council voiced its continuing support for a moratorium, but failing that, a resolution that limited psychologists’ involvement in detention centers to health promotion activities. Both Dr. Lott and I spoke on the floor of Council in favor of the amendment, and also expressed our reservations about the substitute resolution without the health promotion amendment.

This was not the majority view, however, as the amendment to limit participation failed by a wide margin in the Council vote. Without the limiting amendment, the compromise resolution was then overwhelmingly passed. (Both Dr. Lott and I voted for the limiting amendment and against the un-amended final resolution.) The newly approved resolution is stronger and more specific than the one from 2006; it speaks directly to the context of enemy combatants held in detention centers, it more explicitly defines cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment, as well as practices that should never be condoned, and it reaffirms that there are no circumstances that make torture acceptable.

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We are very excited to invite you to the SPSSI biennial conference in Chicago, June 27-29, 2008, at Roosevelt University. Chicago is a wonderful city known for its architecture, amazing world-renowned museums, and rich music heritage. We have lined up a number of outstanding scholars to present their groundbreaking research on various aspects of the conference theme. In addition, the program will include symposia, interactive discussions, 15-minute presentations, and poster presentations.

Keynote Speakers Include:
- Alice Eagly / Northwestern University
- Michelle Fine / Graduate Center, City University of New York
- James Jackson / University of Michigan
- John Jost / New York University
- Daniel Perlman / SPSSI President, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
- Mark Snyder / Kurt Lewin Award Recipient, University of Minnesota
- David Takeuchi / University of Washington

New Additions
We are also pleased to announce that Best Poster Awards will be chosen at each poster session to recognize outstanding research.

The Interactive Discussion provides a new presentation option for presenters to engage conference participants in a facilitated discussion of a topic connected to the conference theme.

In support of early career scholars, we will offer several events focusing on professional development, such as discussions on teaching social justice and surviving the first years on the tenure-track. We strongly encourage both junior scholars and graduate students to attend and take advantage of the various career enhancement events.

Call For Proposals Deadline January 12, 2008
- Symposia (90 minutes)
Symposium presentations include three to four talks on a common topic. Proposals should include a symposium title (10 words maximum) and a summary of the symposium theme (300 words maximum), as well as titles (10 words maximum) and summaries (300 words maximum) of the expected contribution of each participant. Please include all author names, titles, affiliations, and contact information.

- Interactive Discussions (1 hour) NEW!
In this new format, two presenters will open a discussion on a topic relevant to the conference theme with brief remarks and will facilitate an interactive discussion with the audience. Proposals must include a title (10 words maximum) and summary (300 words maximum). Please include all author names, titles, affiliations, and contact information.

- 15-minute Presentations
Individual proposals, including empirical reports, will be submitted as 15-minute spoken presentations. Proposals must include a title (10 words maximum) and summary (300 words maximum). Please include all author names, titles, affiliations, and contact information.

- Poster Presentations
Individual proposals, including empirical reports, will be presented in poster sessions. Proposals must include a title (10 words maximum) and a summary (300 words maximum). Please include all author names, titles, affiliations, and contact information.

Convention Program Co-Chairs
If you have specific questions about the conference, please feel free to contact:
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Location and Accommodations
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We look forward to seeing you all in Chicago in 2008!
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Paper abstracts must be prepared for blind peer review (as email attachments).
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Final date for paper proposals due: October 31, 2007

Notification sent within 4 weeks of submission. Accepted papers must be presented in person at the conference.
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

12th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Justice Research

August 14-17, 2008
Adelaide, Australia

The next conference of the International Society for Justice Research (ISJR) will be held in Adelaide, Australia, on August 14-17, 2008. ISJR is an interdisciplinary organization with an international membership representing more than 25 countries and a range of disciplines. We kindly invite you to submit contributions on a topic related to the conference theme of “Justice in a Diverse Society” or any other aspect of justice and fairness. The submission deadline is March 15, 2008.

For more information, please visit www.isjr.org/2008.
The Compleat Academic: A Career Guide

By Daniel Perlman
SPSSI President

SPSSI is proud to have sponsored and wishes to draw members’ attention to John M. Darley, Mark P. Zanna, and Henry L. Roediger’s book:

The Compleat Academic: A Career Guide

A new career in academia can be a challenge. This volume is perfect for SPSSI members and others wanting to develop a scientific or applied career in the social sciences.

While academia’s formal rules are published in faculty handbooks, its implicit rules are often difficult to discern. Like the first edition, this expanded volume of The Compleat Academic is filled with practical and valuable advice to help new academics set the best course for a lasting and vibrant career.

This volume guides readers through academia’s informal rules and describes the problems beginning social scientists will face. With humor and insight, leading academics share the lessons they have learned through their own hard experience. Individual chapters present the ins and outs of the hiring process; the advantages of a postdoctoral fellowship; expert strategies for managing a teaching load; insider and applicant advice for winning a research grant; detailed instructions for writing and publishing a journal article; and a straightforward explanation of intellectual property issues. The book also addresses the latter stages of a career and offers thoughtful suggestions for keeping one’s career dynamic. Chapters that provide specific information for minorities, women, and clinical psychologists are included. The volume also presents options for working outside of academia. This book provides invaluable guidance that will help new academics plan, play, and ultimately win the academic career game.

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New Book from SPSSI

Dissertation Award

By Amanda Konradi
Visiting Associate Professor, Loyola College of Maryland

In 1991, SPSSI awarded me a dissertation grant for which I was extremely grateful. In October 2007, Praeger/Greenwood will publish a book for a general audience based on the full body of data I collected. Taking the Stand: Rape Survivors and the Prosecution of Rapists is a case study of obstacles and opportunities that different phases of the criminal justice process present to women with varied knowledge bases, social supports, relationships with their assailants, and trauma reactions. The book describes the scope of what victimized women do to prosecute rapists, showing that they generally are not passive at any stage in the process, and illustrates the ways in which women’s justice agendas support and extend beyond those of criminal justice personnel.

I argue that the problems rape survivors encounter in criminally prosecuting their assailants emerge from their lack of structural power as witnesses and information about formal and informal rules of interaction (especially in courtrooms); the demands of the social networks in which they are situated; the standard investigation and prosecutorial practices of legal personnel; the ongoing trauma of rape; and limited access to alternative sources for social and economic support.

It is my goal that this symbolic interactionist analysis will provide new information to help raped women decide whether and how they should participate in prosecution, to help friends and family assist them, and to guide advocates and activists working to improve criminal justice practice for crime victims generally. I hope it will be of use to the SPSSI membership as well.
For additional information and to register for this summit, go to www.research-white.com or call (512) 465-9059.

The Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma at American Psychological University is a co-sponsor of this Summit and is responsible for the Continuing Education Program.

16 hours of CE credits are available to psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, nurses, attorneys, and other counselors.

Featuring presentations by representatives of the following APA divisions and organizations serving as collaborators:

- Family Violence Prevention Foundation
- American Psychological Society
- Women's Mental Health Foundation
- Association for Psychological Science
- Society for the Psychological Study of Women
- Society of Trauma Studies
- Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinity
- Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

February 28, 2008

Bethesda, Maryland

Summit on Violence and Abuse in Relationships:

REGISTER NOW
In August, SPSSI recognized the contributions of four long-time members with the 2007 Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations and thanks are due to each of them.

**Elaine Anderson** SPSSI has called on Elaine so many times during the past 15 years for help, it’s about time for us to call on her to give her something back for all her fine work leading, supporting, and developing SPSSI. Elaine has the misfortune of living around the Washington, DC, area, and has a background in public policy issues, which together are an invitation to SPSSI to ask for her help. She might as well have been wearing a sign that says, “Ask me for help.”

Elaine’s heavy commitment to SPSSI began about the time she was elected to a three-year term on SPSSI Council in 1993. That year she also was on the search committee for our Scientist in the Public Interest (SPI) position. She liked that task so much that she served on the SPI search committee again in 1994, 1996, and 1997. And from 1997 through 1999 she served as chair of the SPI oversight committee.

Starting in 1994, Elaine spent four years on the James Marshall Public Policy Scholar committee, which served as both an oversight committee and search committee. During that time she also spent three years chairing the Federal Public Policy Liaison Oversight Task Force. Finally, from 1994 through 1999, she served on the APA Task Force on Violence and the Family. In 2001, she came back as SPSSI liaison to that task force as well.

In summary, Elaine has, over an extended period of years, given freely of her time to support SPSSI. As is true of many SPSSI members, she applied her expertise – in this case, on family violence issues – to help APA and SPSSI develop sensible approaches for addressing those issues. But she has done much more, devoting extensive time to SPSSI. She has been very involved in the mentoring of SPSSI’s public policy people and in shaping their work agenda, serving extended terms providing them guidance and support. It is through her work and that of others who worked with her on the various selection and oversight committees that SPSSI has been able to develop a public policy presence and have some impacts. For her guidance and support of SPSSI’s public policy agenda, we recognize Elaine Anderson, and thank her for her commitment to SPSSI.

**Michelle A. Fine** Michelle’s contributions to SPSSI have been much like her contributions to psychology and social issues – broad-based, multi-faceted, relevant, and extensive. Michelle’s contributions go back 25 years, and start with her co-chairing the SPSSI membership committee for three years. Perhaps that began her practice of involving her students with SPSSI. One can always find Michelle at SPSSI conferences accompanied by a group of her students. Many of them contribute to SPSSI through their own participation, submitting articles to and reviewing articles for our journals, presenting at our conferences, and serving on committees and task forces.

Michelle served on Council during the mid-1980s, and was integrally involved in efforts to move SPSSI toward public policy issues. During that time she served on an Ad Hoc Committee for a Public Policy Network, a Committee on Alternative Avenues for Public Policy Efforts, and chaired a Public Policy Intern Project Program. She also was chair of the Task Force on Practice and Policy that Affect Standing of Social Issues Research. These committees and task forces helped shape the SPI and Marshall Scholar positions that finally brought SPSSI more systematically to address issues of public policy.

In the late 1980s, Michelle was APA Program chair, and also chaired the Academic Freedom Committee of SPSSI. In the early 1990s, she co-chaired the important Publications Committee. During that time, she also chaired the Social Issues Dissertation Award Committee, and served on the Kurt Lewin Memorial Award Committee.

Since the mid-1990s, Michelle has had a lower profile in her SPSSI work, but has served on the editorial board of ASAP since its inception, contributed articles to JSI, and provided ad hoc support at the request of SPSSI officers. Her work has always been core SPSSI scholarship, and has shaped the work of others.

In summary, for her efforts covering a wide array of SPSSI issues, including: expanding SPSSI’s organizational engagement to better address issues of public policy and practice, increasing SPSSI’s effectiveness in attracting younger and more diverse members, guiding SPSSI organizationally, and promoting and supporting SPSSI types of research, SPSSI recognizes Michelle Fine and thanks her for her service to SPSSI.

**Seymour Feshbach** Sy is a long-time SPSSI member who, along with his wife Norma, has been an important part of a very active Los Angeles SPSSI group. That group has actively involved its members in national SPSSI issues, and has provided SPSSI with many Council members and officers. In the early 1980s, SPSSI members elected Sy to be a SPSSI APA Division representative. Those were challenging times for APA and for SPSSI, and Sy did an excellent job representing our interests and balancing science and public interest issues. APA recognized the value of his contributions; during and after his time on APA Council, Sy spent five years representing SPSSI and participating on committees and then a task force on APA reorganization.

SPSSI showed its appreciation for Sy’s contributions by electing him SPSSI president in the late 1980s. During Sy’s term as president, SPSSI received the Marshall funds; Cy successfully completed negotiations of conditions for the receipt of the Marshall Fund contribution. That fund has been very important to SPSSI, for it has supported our Marshall Scholar as well as providing support for a junior researcher. Without the Marshall funds, SPSSI would not have been able to support...
the numerous Marshall Scholars who have been housed in APA and worked translating psychological knowledge into practice and policy. Sy’s expertise in negotiating the contract resulted in substantial flexibility for SPSSI in how it could use the Marshall money, while still accomplishing the goals of the donors.

After completing his term as SPSSI president, Sy didn’t “retire” or fade away, but became involved in a number of different activities. He chaired a SPSSI Committee on Organizational Structure for a couple years. And then he served terms on a number of award committees, chairing the Gordon Allport Intergroup Relations Award Committee and the Kurt Lewin Memorial Award Committee, and serving on the Social Issues Dissertation Award Committee.

In summary, for his broad scope of leadership, including efforts to moving SPSSI forward while negotiating its relationships with other professional organizations and in helping develop the healthy financial situation that has characterized SPSSI over most of the past 20 years, SPSSI recognizes Sy Feshbach and thanks him his many contributions that have enriched SPSSI.

**Samuel L. Gaertner**

Sam’s association with SPSSI stretches back forty years, when in 1967 as a graduate student at the City University of New York, Sam received a grant of $465 from SPSSI to help support his research on racial discrimination and helping behavior. Over the ensuing 40 years Sam has paid SPSSI back many times over, with his numerous contributions to the organization’s purposes and goals.

Sam is perhaps best known to SPSSI members for his seminal work on intergroup prejudice and conflict, which won Sam and his long time collaborator, Jack Dovidio, the SPSSI Gordon Allport Intergroup Relations Prize in 1985 and then again in 1998. Even more significantly, in 2004 Sam (along with Jack) was recognized for his outstanding work on aversive racism and strategies for the reduction of intergroup bias by being named the co-recipient of the Kurt Lewin Memorial Award for a career of “outstanding contributions to the development and integration of psychological research and social action.” Thus, Sam has served SPSSI as a scientist who has applied basic theory and research to critical social problems and provided strong empirical support for Kurt Lewin’s truism that “nothing is so practical as a good theory.”

Sam’s direct service contributions to the organization match if not exceed his scientific ones. He has served two terms as a member of SPSSI Council between 1996 and 2004, taking only a year break between these terms. He chaired the Gordon Allport Award Committee (2003-2004), the Elonen Fund Committee twice (1997, 1998), and Applied Social Issues Internship Award Committee twice (2000, 2001). Sam also served as a member on these Committees, as a member of the Distinguished Service Award Committee, Teaching Materials Committee, and the Central Office Relocation Task Force, as well as several other committees and task forces. As part of the Central Office Relocation Committee, Sam made several trips to Washington to look at locations for our central office. In all of these activities Sam is an engaged and thoughtful contributor, concerned with furthering SPSSI’s goals and mission.

In summary, Sam Gartner has a long and distinguished history of service to SPSSI. He has served the organization as an exemplar of scientist who uses his considerable intellectual gifts to address important social issues. At the same time, he is an active and dedicated member who helps the organization meet day-to-day challenges, and has been a valued voice in important decisions that will help the organization grow and meet future challenges. In recognition of this long history of distinguished contributions to the organization, SPSSI gives this award and its sincere thanks to Samuel L. Gaertner.

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**Spring 2007 Clara Mayo Grant Winners Announced**

The Clara Mayo Award Committee, consisting of Dr. Angela B. Ginorio, University of Washington (chair) and Dr. Ashby Plant, Florida State University has announced the spring 2007 awardees. The Clara Mayo Grant program was set up to support masters’ theses or pre-dissertation research on aspects of sexism, racism, or prejudice.

Congratulations to these young scholars:

- **Valerie Jones** (Stanford University) for her proposal, *The Pressure to Work Harder: Contending with Perceived Inferiority in Threatening Domains*
- **Jennifer Pattershall** (University of Maine) for her proposal, *Temporal Perspective, Political Ideology, and Beliefs about Progress toward Racial Inequality*
- **Phia Salter** (University of Kansas) for her proposal, *Racial Differences in Perceptions of Racism: A Cultural Account*

Runners-up were **Matthew Christian Jackson** (The Pennsylvania State University) for his untitled proposal and **Kumar Yogeeswaran** (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) for his proposal, *Behavioral Consequences of Implicitly Believing “American = White.”*

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**Spring 2007 Grants-In-Aid Program Award Recipients**

The Grants-In-Aid Program supports research projects in social problem areas related to the basic goals and interests of SPSSI. The Committee especially encourages proposals involving (a) unique and timely research opportunities, (b) underrepresented institutions, graduate students, and junior scholars, (c) volunteer research teams, and (d) actual, not pilot, projects. The Fall Award Committee consisted of Drs. Cindy Frantz, Oberlin College (chair); Michael J. Gill, Lehigh University; Mikki Hebl, Rice University; Eden King, George Mason University and Elizabeth Mullen, Stanford University. They have announced the following awardees:

- **Courtney Marie Bonam** (Stanford University) *Polluting Black Space: Racially Imbed Locations as the Targets of Environmental Racism*
The Role of Relationship Type in the Lives of Bisexual Women and Men

Leah Zinner (University of Wisconsin, Madison) Exploring the Nature and Efficacy of Prejudice Regulation Strategies

Timely Review:

Steven Mellor (University of Connecticut) A Psychological Model of Union Interest: The Mediating Role of Self-Evaluation Among Nonunion U.S. Employees

Louise Kidder Early Career Award Winner Announced

This award recognizes social issues researchers who have made substantial contributions to the field early in their careers, and is named for a living person – Louise Kidder – in honor of her own early career accomplishments and contributions to SPSSI.

The 2007 Award Committee consisted of Drs. Linda Bastone, Purchase College, SUNY (chair); Lisa Diamond, University of Utah; Lauren Duncan, Smith College; and Eileen Zurbriggen, University of California, Santa Cruz.

Congratulations to the recipient of this award, Dr. Stephanie Fryberg, University of Arizona.

Michele Alexander Early Career Award Recipient

The Michele Alexander Early Career Award for Scholarship and Service (Alexander Award) was established in 2005 to recognize early career excellence in scholarship as well as in service. For this award, scholarship is defined in terms of substantive academic (theoretical, empirical, or applied) contributions to the psychological study of social issues, while service is defined as professional and/or community service.

This award is inspired in memory of Dr. Michele Alexander, a talented scholar and dedicated teacher who brought exceptional insight, passion, and commitment to social issues research. Dr. Alexander also gave generously to students, colleagues, and communities through voluntary service.

The 2007 Award Committee consisted of Drs. Teceta Thomas Tormala, Stanford University (chair); Sam Gaertner, University of Delaware; Jack Glaser, UC Berkeley; David Mayer, University of Central Florida; Colleen Sinclair, Mississippi State University; Rebecca Weston, Southern Illinois University and Stacey Williams, East Tennessee State University.

The winner this year is Dr. Brian Nosek (University of Virginia), Congratulations to him for this achievement.

Social Issues Dissertation Award

The Social Issues Dissertation Award was established to encourage excellence in socially relevant research. The 2007 Award Committee consisted of Drs. Nilanjana Dasgupta, University of Massachusetts (chair); Cheryl Kaiser, University of Washington and Lisa Lockhart, University of the Incarnate Word.

First Prize ◇ Dr. Belle Derks (Leiden University), for her dissertation entitled, Social Identity Threat and Performance Motivation: The Interplay between Ingroup and Outgroup Domains.

Second Prize ◇ Dr. Martijn von Zomeren (Free University), for his dissertation entitled, Social-Psychological Paths to Protest: An Integrative Perspective.

Congratulations to these scholars.
tax assessments on the building that houses our Central Office have more than doubled, from $259,000 in 2004 to $547,570 for 2008 – representing a significant gain. We don’t plan on “realizing” these gains soon (that is, selling) – but I thought you would all be relieved to know that though the move was bumpy at times, we landed well.

**Strategic Planning Update:** I mentioned in my last column that as a first step in our process of taking a careful look at where we’ve been and where we’re going, the SPSSI Executive Committee would meet for 1-1/2 days in Charlotte, North Carolina in June. With the assistance of an excellent outside facilitator, Dr. Douglas Easterling (who kept us on task), we did meet, reviewed our financial situation, and took the first steps toward pulling together a strategic plan that would clearly align our finances with the missions and goals of the organization. A report from this meeting was provided to the full Council in August and served as a starting point for further discussions about what SPSSI is, where it is going, and how to navigate this process in a way that allows us to continue to be a vibrant and active organization. As noted in Dan Perlman’s column, this strategic planning process is ongoing, with more intensive “work” scheduled at the Council’s next mid-winter meeting (February 2007) and continual input from our full membership, culminating in a Town Meeting at the SPSSI Conference in Chicago next June. The intent of the Town Meeting is to further engage our members in the strategic planning process and “final” plan. Our ultimate goal remains the same: the development of an active and transparent strategic plan kept “alive” by frequent evaluations, reconsiderations, and “tweaking” to make certain our actions as a governing body remain consistent with the priorities of our membership and our mission.

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**Theories of Human Development**

By B.M. Newman & P.R. Newman

*Now published by Psychology Press/Taylor and Francis, New York / London*  
(Originally published by Lawrence Erlbaum and Associates, Mahwah, NJ)


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a gain of $8.2 million, most of which was
due to gains on long-term investments. The
forecast for the near future includes budgets
with small deficits in some years (including
a small deficit projected for 2007), and small
surpluses in other years. However, the only
way balanced budgets can be achieved is by
not funding many requests that may have
been funded in the past (e.g., the creation
of task forces, etc.). Thus, some ongoing
and new programs and activities at APA are
being pinched or eliminated. Against this
backdrop, COR approved the draft 2008 pre-
liminary budget (with a projected surplus of
just over $381,000). This budget includes a
$9 increase in the APA base member dues and
a $1 increase in the graduate student affiliate
dues. These dues increases are built into the
budget and are tied to the cost-of-living index;
they are not separately approved fee increases
beyond what was previously budgeted.

One major financial expenditure APA
faces is relaunching its website later this year.
Concurring with the recommendation of the
Finance Committee and the Board of Directors,
COR voted to support creation of a designa-
tion of net assets of $7.6 million to fund the
website relaunch. The goals of this in-prog-
ress project are to make the APA website more
user-friendly (including improving “find-
ability” of information), build and enhance
the APA brand, deliver improved member
services via the web, extend APA product
marketing, increase APA’s visibility, and ulti-
mately, improve the public’s understanding
and appreciation of psychology.

Finally, COR approved an authorization
request from Division 36 (Religion) to publish
a divisional journal, to be titled “Psychology
of Religion and Spirituality;” COR also elected
145 new APA Fellows; 9 of these were individ-
uals elected to initial Fellow status in Division
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(For the adopted resolution, see www.apa.
org/governance/resolutions/councilres0807.
html.) However, it does not go far enough,
and certainly not as far as SPSSI would like.
Thus, the press reports about this resolution
have been both positive (hailing this more
specific and clearer resolution) and critical
(noting that the APA has not taken as strong a
stand as other professional organizations and
criticizing its leadership). And, understand-
ably, the responses of APA members have
been mixed.

For what it is worth, this issue is likely
not yet settled. These resolutions and sub-
tiutes have gone a long way in informing COR
members about the issues, and the Council
floor debate provided a forum for airing
different positions and concerns about psy-
chologists’ involvement in detention centers
for foreign detainees, but also about coercive
treatment, interrogation, and detention facili-
ties more generally. The many sessions in the
mini-convention raised issues of ethics and
interrogation in new ways for many APA
members and also provided opportunities for
APA leadership to hear directly from members.
And, clearly, world events and press coverage
of them continue to keep these issues salient.

As SPSSI members know all too well, the
road to universal human rights, including eth-
ical and just treatment of all individuals, is a
long one. SPSSI strives to lead on these issues
and has often worked, sometimes in congenial
ways and sometimes in adversarial ways, to
keep APA and other professional organizations
at the front of the traffic. It has already been a
long and bumpy road that has brought APA to
adoption of its 2006 and now 2007 resolutions
against torture. With SPSSI’s help, leadership,
and prodding, perhaps APA and other groups
can be encouraged to join SPSSI in going the
distance.

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