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President's Message

I want to begin by stating what an honor it is to serve as the President of Division 40, which is now the largest division within the APA. To say that "time flies" is an understatement as we age, but it seems particularly true for dynamic organizations such as ours. I am honored to be associated with the many individuals who dedicate so much time and effort to the D40 mission in its many forms. Much of this work goes on outside the awareness of most members, but rest assured that your elected and appointed officials, committee chairs and committee members are hard at work on your behalf, and that we are moving ahead with a number of important agenda items.

First, I would like to encourage everyone to attend what promises to be a very stimulating educational program coming up at the annual APA meeting that will be held in Honolulu in August of 2013. Our Program Chair, Marc Norman, and his committee have assembled a stellar cast of expert speakers that cover cutting-edge themes and content areas that will have broad interest and relevance. APA has worked on retooling various aspects of the annual conference to make it more attendee-friendly and inviting as well, and I encourage you to get your reservations made right away if you have not already decided to attend. It promises to be a most rewarding educational venue as well as a wonderful time to reconnect with friends, network professionally, and enjoy some family fun in one of the most exciting settings for any of our professional meetings.

One of my goals as President of the Division has been to work on increasing public and healthcare awareness of neuropsychology, and for several years we have had active workgroups contributing to this effort, now with renewed focus and increasing attention and support from APA as a whole. Being the largest division has benefits, and one of these is the increasing attention we have been able to achieve in many ways throughout the organization. It takes the involvement of many individuals striving to "get the word out" about neuropsychology and what we as professionals have to offer in terms of our work as clinicians, scientists, and educators. Please consider any opportunities you can for becoming involved with "the field," including this and other professional organizations, both nationally and locally, as well as

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your own individual efforts to not only demonstrate excellence in your work, but to take time to educate others about what we do. A recent example is the growing number of states that have or are considering legislation regarding concussion guidelines in order to better protect student athletes. Many of these states include mention of “neuropsychology” or “neuropsychologists” as being an important part of the necessary or recommended healthcare team, which is clearly a step in the right direction. Nevertheless, continued efforts are needed to maintain and expand our visibility in the public, legislative, and healthcare environments.

I am very proud of the accomplishments being made by our various D40 committees and workgroups, including in the science practice and public interest areas as we work to spread the word about our exciting field which has great potential to contribute even more to healthcare and public welfare. Among other developments, you will soon see a link on our web page to a very useful and timely “Health Care Reform and Neuropsychology Toolkit,” being developed through the Inter Organizational Practice Committee in conjunction with our sister organizations, that will bring a wealth of useful information to our fingertips.

One of the larger initiatives that we have been working on is the “branding” effort, which seeks to further establish our division’s identity within APA and to increase awareness of our profession among other healthcare providers and in the public at large. As part of this, we recently voted on whether to join the majority of other divisions and rename ours the *Society for Clinical Neuropsychology*. The purpose of this is to facilitate identification with the field (since “Division 40” has little meaning outside APA) and communication with other organizations as well as the public, and to provide more flexibility in the way we can utilize our name. Although the results of this vote are pending as of this writing, it is my hope that regardless of outcome, everyone who voted gave serious thought to what it means to be a clinical neuropsychologist as well as what it means to be a member of this organization.

Capitalizing upon the strength of APA's outreach and political efforts is a decided advantage, and it should be known that APA is in the process of retooling and reviewing its mechanisms in order to streamline and maximize efficiency. We are working closely with marketing experts in APA to move forward with our branding efforts, and you can look forward to new developments along these lines. It is truly encouraging to see the openness and support of APA staff in our many tasks and efforts, and it is clear that our division is gaining visibility and has good support.

One new development in terms of membership is that as of last year, individuals can become members of D40 *without joining APA* per se. Although I do want to strongly encourage APA membership and payment of the practice assessment (this does not go unnoticed by APA and helps our division both directly and indirectly), it is now possible for those who are interested in supporting the Division and the field of clinical neuropsychology to join our division via stand-alone membership! Information on this is available just a click away on the Division 40 website (www.div40.org), and I encourage everyone to go out and actively recruit more members at all levels, for there is indeed strength in numbers! We are particularly interested in gaining early career and student members, although we also want to increase the number of APA Fellows who are members of our division.

The Division 40 Executive Committee is a most impressive group of individuals representing our organization, and it is a true honor to work with them in guiding our efforts that are ongoing at many levels and in many ways. Thus, while time flies, we are on-track with our efforts to enhance visibility of the field and support colleagues at the state and local levels as well during this time of healthcare transitions.

I hope you will join me at the APA convention July 31 – August 4 in Honolulu to reunite with friends, network, get acquainted or reacquainted with all that APA has to offer, and to enjoy the program and wonderful weather we have planned for the meeting!

Aloha,

C. Munro Cullum, PhD, ABPP
President, APA Division 40 (Clinical Neuropsychology)

Program Committee

Marc Norman, - Chair
Krista Lisdahl, - Co-Chair

The APA Annual Convention is July 31 – August 4, 2013 on the beautiful island of Oahu. The Division 40 Program Committee has been working hard towards putting together a diverse and provocative program that we hope will inspire many of you to attend the convention. There were nearly 90 submissions, comprising posters, papers, symposia, and conversation hours, which came from all over the country and abroad. Although the program is in the process of being finalized, we have confirmation from many of our invited speakers.

There are some notable highlights: Medical Science Director at the Center for Brain Health and Distinguished Chair and Professor of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, Neurology, and Psychiatry, **Dr. John Hart**, will discuss Traumatic Brain injury and the aging brain. **Dr. Mark Bondi**, University of California, San Diego Professor of Psychiatry, will provide an update on modern approaches for early detection of Alzheimer's disease, including pre-clinical findings, biomarkers, and new diagnostic criteria. **Dr. Erin Bigler**, Professor of Psychology, Neuroscience, and Radiology from Brigham Young University will provide cutting edge neuroimaging research in autism. Having received a 2012 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) from President Obama and the National Institute of Health, Dr. Krista Lisdahl is scheduled to discuss the latest neuroimaging and neurobehavioral findings in adolescent marijuana and alcohol use. On the pediatric front, **Dr. Mike Westerveld**, Medical Director at the Walt-Disney Pavillion- Florida Hospital for Children, will be the discussant on Innovative Assessment in Pediatric populations. Speakers will include Division 40 Past-President, **Dr. Celiene Rey-Casserly**, who will present cutting-edge assessment techniques. University of North Carolina at Wilmington Professor, **Dr. Antonio Puente** will help us navigate through the changing world of CPT codes and changes. The Intra-Organizational Practice Committee will present an advocacy model for accessing and activating state psychological associations, APA, and national/regional neuropsychological associations to prepare for healthcare reform. The 121st Annual APA Convention will have talks and conversation hours for all levels of practitioners and developing neuropsychologists. Stay tuned for updates as more of our field's leaders confirm their participation.

In addition to the stellar panel of invited speakers, our initial review of the submissions promises an inspiring set of paper presentations, poster sessions, and symposia. These events will be complemented by special sessions geared towards neuropsychologists at all stages of development. For example, the Division 40 **Science Advisory Committee (SAC)**, under the leadership of **Dr. Jennifer Vasterling**, will be collaborating this year with the **APA Committee on Aging** and **Committee on Early Career Psychologists** to sponsor an interactive mentorship session focused on research career paths. This event follows an enormously successful Division 40 SAC mentorship session at last year's convention, which featured a panel of senior neuropsychologist mentors and great food!

The Division 40 program at the 2013 APA Convention will surely be a rewarding experience for all who attend. It is not too early to begin planning your trip to Hawaii.

Aloha,
Marc Norman, Chair
Krista Lisdahl, Co-Chair

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Membership

Tanya Diver, Ph.D. - Chair

Greetings Division 40 Members,

Many thanks to those of you who have renewed your membership in Division 40 for 2013! I would like to invite those of you who have not yet done so to renew your membership in our Division today. We appreciate your joining us in our goals of advancing the science and practice of Clinical Neuropsychology during this critical time of health care reform, advocating for our profession at the state, national and international levels and promoting quality training for future neuropsychologists. We also strive to continue providing you with a rich program of scientific, educational and social activities at the annual APA meeting, numerous professional networking and mentorship opportunities, and various division awards and scholarships. You may recall that membership in APA is no longer a requirement to join Division 40 and that membership in our division is very reasonably priced at **\$34 per year** (\$5 for Student and International Affiliates).

If you are an APA Member, Associate, or Fellow, you can renew your membership in both APA and Division 40 online at <http://www.apa.org/membership/renew.aspx>.

If you are a Student Affiliate, International Affiliate, or do not have membership in APA, you can renew your membership in Division 40 online at <http://memforms.apa.org/apa/cli/divapp/>

I also encourage you to invite your colleagues to join our Division and support Clinical Neuropsychology! New members can complete our membership application online at <http://memforms.apa.org/apa/cli/divapp/>.

New members who join Division 40 between September 1, 2012 and February 28, 2013 as well as members who renew their memberships in our Division during that same time period will be entered into a raffle for one of **FIVE FREE MEMBERSHIPS** to be applied to 2014 membership dues. Winners will be announced on our website, through our social media and in our Summer/Fall 2013 newsletter.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,
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Practice Advisory Committee

Michael Westerveld, Ph.D. - Chair

The Practice Advisory Committee has been involved in several new as well as ongoing initiatives. Last year, the Executive Committee agreed to support Division 40 PAC participation in the Interorganizational Practice Committee, or IOPC. The IOPC is composed of practice advisory committee chairs and representatives from several neuropsychology organizations including Division 40, the National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN), American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN), and American Board of Professional Psychology (ABN). The structure of the committee is such that each organization will have their representative function as chair on a rotating basis, for 6 month terms. The function of the committee is to assure that, when appropriate, there is a coordinated and uniform response to important issues of local and national interest on behalf of neuropsychologists, while at the same time capitalizing on the talent and resources residing in each organization without undue redundancy.

Some of the specific advantages of the IOPC include increasing the breadth and reach of grass roots advocacy for issues that have local and national implications. While each organization is national in scope and there may be some overlap in membership, combining the efforts of several organizations minimizes gaps in representation.

Each organization also has overlapping, but not completely redundant interests and organizational structures that shape their stance on, and approach to, important issues. Thus, the multi-organizational structure also allows for synergy in advocacy efforts in topics of mutual concern, while retaining the individual organizations autonomy in determining the direction of their own organizational priorities. By assuring that there is communication among the organizations, the IOPC structure can facilitate rapid coordinated responses. While the IOPC has, and will continue to respond to new issues as they arise through response advocacy, another important role is to help neuropsychologists to be more proactive with respect to anticipated changes in legislation and insurance practices that have a direct impact on the profession.

Finally, the IOPC hopes to provide a single source of access to the valuable resources of each organization. The goal is not to promote one organization over another, and most of the IOPC work will be “unbranded”. Instead, the IOPC hopes to eventually provide a single repository for information relevant for practice as well as for advocacy. Towards that end, the IOPC has developed a “Neuropsychology Practice Toolkit” that is anticipated to become functional and active on **February 1, 2013** (<http://neuropsychologytoolkit.com/about-the-iopc/>). The toolkit is expected to be a living document that can be updated regularly by representatives. The committee is highly receptive to suggestions for additions to the website.

The Practice Advisory Committee is seeking new members to contribute to the various efforts of the committee, including neuropsychologists willing to serve as “Key Local Neuropsychologists” to keep the committee informed about local and regional issues that have an impact on practice. This includes issues that may pose potential threats to practice, or developments that support or enhance practice that can be used as models for other locales. If you are interested in becoming a member of the practice advisory committee, or serving as a key local neuropsychologist, please contact:

Michael Westerveld, Ph.D.

Women in Neuropsychology (WIN)

The WINners Box

Bonnie Sachs, Ph.D. and Rebecca Ready, Ph.D.
WIN Subcommittee Chair and Subcommittee Member

We honor Karen Spangenberg Postal, PhD, ABPP in this issue of the “WINners Box.” Dr. Postal earned her doctoral degree from The Wright Institute in Berkeley, completed her internship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and a fellowship in Neuropsychology at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Dr. Postal has been in private practice since 2001, and is also a member of the Allied Professional Staff at the Cambridge Health Alliance and serves as a lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School. She is past president of the Massachusetts Psychological Association, current president of the Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society, Chair of the Committee of State Leaders at the American Psychological Association, member of Council of Representatives of the American Psychological Association, and a current board member and chair of the Practice Advisory Committee at AACN. Dr. Postal is on the cutting edge of shaping policy that will have national implications for the practice of neuropsychology in the new healthcare climate.

Dr. Postal’s unwavering dedication to the promotion and protection of neuropsychology at the state and national levels is inspiring. One of Dr. Postal’s crowning achievements is as founding chair of the newly formed Inter-Organizational Practice Committee (IOPC), a super-committee of AACN, NAN, Division 40 of APA, and the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology. The goal of the IOPC is to combine resources from these major organizations in neuropsychology to create a unified voice for advocacy and to promote transparency in decision-making by major health insurance organizations with regard to reimbursement and approval for neuropsychological services.

At the core of this movement is a major emphasis on evidence-based care, and Dr. Postal has been instrumental in gathering data to support and advocate for neuropsychology and highlighting science-based practices in neuropsychology. In Fall 2012, for example, she created national surveys for major consumers, including physicians, psychologists, and patients to determine what information from neuropsychological reports is most valued and informative; results will be published soon and are eagerly awaited.

Dr. Postal also is a lead author on a forthcoming book to be published in February 2013, *Feedback that Sticks: The Art of Effectively Communicating Neuropsychological Assessment Results*, which is co-authored by Dr. Kira Armstrong. The book provides valuable information about the provision of feedback from neuropsychological evaluations and fills a void in the neuropsychological literature. It is a collection of “pearls of wisdom” from a multitude of practicing psychologists and leaders in the field and promises to be a must-read for trainees and practicing neuropsychologists alike.

Dr. Postal is highly regarded in our field; she receives invitations to speak at national meetings and is sought after to direct advocacy efforts to promote and protect neuropsychological practice. It is with great pleasure that the WIN committee recognizes the many accomplishments, hard work, and boundless energy of this exemplary role model in our field.

If you would like to highlight your work or that of a colleague, please make your submission to Bonnie Sachs, Ph.D. at bsachs@vcu.edu

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee has 4 primary updates:

1. We are pleased to announce that Laura L.S. Howe, J.D., Ph.D. is the 2013 recipient of the Robert A. and Phyllis Levitt Early Career Award in Neuropsychology.
2. We are also pleased to announce that the 2012 Benton-Meier Scholarships from the American Psychological Foundation were awarded to Tamar Gefen of Northwestern University and Jenna Dietz of the University of Florida.
3. For many years, the Awards Committee served the Division under the auspices of the Scientific Advisory Committee. In recognition of its growing role in a variety of activities outside of SAC, the Awards Committee was approved to transition to Continuing Committee status in Fall 2012 and now reports directly to the D40 Executive Committee.
4. We welcomed two new members, Drs. Julie Fields (Mayo Clinic) and Holly Westervelt (Brown University) and said goodbye to two long-standing and valued members, Drs. Marc Norman (UCSD) and Dona Locke (Mayo Clinic), who had completed their 3-year terms of service.

Education Advisory Committee Update

Cynthia R. Cimino, Ph.D., - Chair

1. Thesis and Dissertation Awards - The EAC developed a proposal for two awards to help support costs associated with thesis and dissertation research. The proposal was presented to Division 40 Executive Committee and approved at the APA Orlando meeting in August 2012. Notice for applications for the thesis award (in the amount of \$500) and the dissertation award, (in the amount of \$1000 plus \$1000 for travel) will be published in the Newsletter and posted to various neuropsychology listservs. We thank the Executive Committee for their support in this endeavor. The EAC will work with the Awards Committee to implement this new program.
2. Web Listing of Training Programs - The EAC requested and received a one-time lump sum of \$3000 for upgrades to the Listing of Training Programs. The Publications and Communications Committee has also agreed to contribute additional funds up to \$3000 for these changes. We have finally established contact with the original web-designer of the Listing and are beginning the overhaul of this portion of the website. New features will include significant updating of individual program information, hotlinks to individual program listings and increased search options.
3. Guidelines of Care Committee – Dr. Cimino represents Division 40 on this inter-organizational committee to develop guidelines for neuropsychological assessment with various patient populations. A final compiled draft of the document is nearing completion and will be distributed to the various organizations for comment in 2013.
4. Tip Sheets - The EAC still plans to develop “Tip Sheets” for doctoral, internship and post-doctoral training although progress on this has been quite slow. Each of these tip sheets will be tailored for the

special needs of trainees at these various levels of training. The EAC will work together with the various training organizations for comments and suggestions prior to posting these to the EAC portion of the website.

5. The Division Organization/Communication Workgroup - Dr. Cimino has worked on developing an EAC Handbook which contains information regarding its structure, mission, membership, functions, leadership rotation and structure of reporting/tracking. The goal is to increase more seamless transition of committees over time and to establish more explicit evidence of institutional memory.
6. Association for Neuropsychology Students in Training (ANST) - The EAC will seek input from ANST for website changes as well as development of Tip Sheets. The EAC continues to work with ANST to support their efforts overall as well as specific presentations at INS and APA. ANST will be presenting a Board Certification presentation/reception at INS on Friday February 8th from 12:30-1:30. ANST has also submitted a Skill Building workshop for the APA 2013 in Hawaii on Mock Internship Interviews.

Division 40 Early Career Psychologist Committee

Lauren K. Ayr, Ph.D. - Chair

ECP Committee

Division 40 currently has the highest number of Early Career Psychologists (ECPs) in APA, which defines ECPs as being within seven years of the receipt of their doctorate degree. Please contact me at laurenkayr@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a committee member, finding out more about how you can be involved in Division 40, or sharing your thoughts and ideas for ECPs.

Career Development for ECPs

At the 2012 APA Convention, members of the APA Committee on Early Career Psychologists presented sessions related to various career paths for ECPs, especially academic medical setting and private practice. The CECP has made the slides from these presentations available for those who were not able to attend the Convention. Visit the ECP website at <http://www.apa.org/careers/early-career/committee/index.aspx>; scroll to the bottom of the page where you can find links to these presentations. Additional information and tips for career development can also be found under the career development tab on the early career page. An Early Career Psychologist Leadership Network has been developed to support early career leaders and aspiring leaders in APA governance, divisions and State, Provincial and Territorial Psychological Associations. Suggestions on how to get involved in these various leadership roles can be found at <http://www.apa.org/careers/early-career/career-development/leadership-tips.aspx>.

Listserv You can join the CECP Early Career Listserv, a forum dedicated to the needs of early career psychologists that includes ECPs from across APA Divisions and the **State and Provincial Psychological Associations**. To subscribe to the list, send an email to listserv@lists.apa.org with the following text in the body of the message: **SUBSCRIBE EARLYCAREER** (example: SUBSCRIBE EARLYCAREER Robert Smith).

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Clinical Research Development Mentoring for Early Career Psychologists at the 2013 APA Convention in Honolulu

Are you planning on attending the 2013 American Psychological Association Convention this year in Honolulu, Hawaii? What more could you ask for: fantastic location, crystal blue water, a rockin' luau, and tons of psychologists from all over the world? Well if that was not enough, Division 40 (Clinical Neuropsychology) and Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging) have joined forces in conjunction with the APA Committee on Aging (CONA) and Committee on Early Career Psychologists (CECP) to bring you a fantastic session geared toward early career psychologists that focuses on specialized mentoring for neuropsychological and geropsychological research.

This 2-hour interactive mentoring session for graduate students, fellows, early career psychologists, and junior investigators will include brief presentations to demystify the research grant application process, followed by mock study review sessions. Following the mock study sessions will be informal small group and one-on-one discussions on issues regarding the development and implementation of early career research programs with prominent, senior investigators in neuropsychology and geropsychology. Plus, lunch will be provided!

So, you will get excellent information regarding the grant process, participate in a mock study review, get one-on-one mentoring from well-established senior neuropsychology and geropsychology investigators, and free food. When planning your trip to the 2013 APA Convention, remember to attend session in the morning, mentor in the afternoon with Divisions 40 and 20, and luau at night! Aloha.

Association of Neuropsychology Students in Training (ANST) update

Erica Kalkut, PhD - ANST Chair

ANST is the student organization for Division 40 within the Education Advisory Committee. ANST provides a voice for students in training in clinical neuropsychology, provides a platform where students can come together to discuss training issues, and provides resources for aspiring clinical neuropsychologists. Through its affiliation with APA Division 40, students involved with ANST have the opportunity to learn about issues affecting our professional and scientific interests.

As we start a new year, ANST would like to take a moment to reflect on events of 2012. ANST celebrated its 10-year anniversary in 2012 and hosted a social event to commemorate this exciting milestone at the 2012 APA convention in Orlando. Thanks to the many students and neuropsychologists who came out to celebrate with us! ANST held an educational seminar on internship at the APA convention. Attendees heard valuable information and advice from two knowledgeable speakers: Drs. John Beauvais and Kim Gorgens. In November, ANST attended the NAN conference and held a chapter representative dinner and member social event.

On an ongoing basis, ANST features selected members and chapters as part of its quarterly member and chapter spotlights. We were truly impressed by all of the ANST members and chapters who applied for our spotlight in 2012 and would like to congratulate those who were selected this past year. Members: Marc Silva, Jacquelynn Copeland, Octavio Santos, and Robert Shura. Chapters: The Florida Institute of Technology, Fordham University, University of Alabama at Huntsville, and Carlos Albizu University.

There are several upcoming events on the horizon in 2013. This February ANST will once again co-sponsor an educational seminar at the INS convention on ABPP board certification, featuring speakers from AACN, ABCN, and APPCN. ANST will also attend the 2013 APA Convention, so stay tuned for details on programming and social events that will be held there.

A major transition is set for 2013 as the five officers of ANST end their terms. ANST has flourished under the current officers, Erica Kalkut, Dalin Pulsipher, Cady Block, Rachel Fazio, Lauren Killeen and Kelly Crotty, but looks forward to welcoming a new group of student leaders. For those interested in becoming a leader within ANST, be on the look-out for a call for applications in the next few months!

As always, Division 40 student members can enjoy many benefits of ANST including our listserv, website, Facebook group, chapter representative program, and member and chapter spotlight. On the listserv, ANST subscribers can take advantage of our Research Roundup, a weekly email featuring neurological, basic science, and neuropsychological research. The Member Central portion of the webpage features continuously updated member/chapter highlights, links to current research and podcasts, links to Division 40 and APAGS publications, calendar of events and funding deadlines, and links to relevant web content. ANST is a great way to network as our website averages 75 hits per day, our Facebook group has 250 members, and the listserv has 880 subscribers. For more information visit <http://www.div40-anst.com/index.html>.



ANST event at the National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN) conference in November 2012.



ANST 10th anniversary social event at the APA convention in August 2012.

Scientific Advisory Committee

Jennifer Vasterling - Chair

The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) wishes to thank the following outgoing members for their service on the committee: Drs. Paul (outgoing Chair), Hefflefinger, Boake, Fastenau, Chapin, Rush, Johnson, Luis, and O'Bryant. Current members include Drs. Vasterling (Chair), Brickman, Evans, McClintock, Basso, Gunstad, Ready, Jefferson, Okonkwo, Twamley, and Yeates.

The SAC is pleased to announce that the Research Mentoring Workshop will once again be held at the 2013 APA Convention. Special thanks to Dr. Brickman for his continued role in organizing the workshop. The workshop, co-sponsored with Div 20, contains both didactic and direct mentoring components. It has been a popular event at prior conventions!

The SAC looks forward to providing continued input on scientific matters of interest to neuropsychologists, providing comment on the evidence basis for clinical and service delivery questions, and promoting the science of neuropsychology. Any ideas or input into these objectives are welcomed by the SAC and may be sent to Jennifer Vasterling at jennifer.vasterling@va.gov.

Publications & Communications Committee

Michael A. Cole, Ph.D. - Chair

The Publications & Communications (P&C) Committee oversees Division 40 publications and communications including the newsletter, website, social media, brochures and pamphlets.

Through Division 40's website and social media, you can receive the latest news in clinical neuropsychology as it relates to clinical practice, training issues and novel research, as well as receive updates on Division 40 activities. Our newly established social media community is thriving with more than 1,000 individuals on the Division 40 Facebook site (<http://www.facebook.com/division40>) and over 250 "followers" on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/APADivision40>). The Division 40 website (www.div40.org) and *Newsletter 40* (<http://www.div40.org/newsletter.html>) continue to be important resources as well providing timely information on current clinical neuropsychology topics and Division 40 activities.

The P&C Committee continues to help support Division 40's Strategic Plan Agenda, which in part aims to enhance communication with and among the Division 40 membership. Keep your eyes peeled for a membership survey that will be released by the Division 40 Engagement Task Force that will solicit your opinion on how Division 40 can best use its various forms of communication (e.g., website, newsletter, social media, etc.) to keep you informed and connected.

It is important to recognize the following individuals for their significant contributions to the ongoing efforts of the P&C Committee: Brian Yochim (Editor, *Newsletter 40*), Utaka Springer, Traci Sitzer and Bill Barr (Archivist).

Nominations for Division 40 Fellows

APA Fellow status is an honor that recognizes evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions to or performance in the field of psychology that has had impact beyond a local, state, or regional level. We in Division 40 view election as a Fellow as an honor not only for the individual but also for the Division, and we welcome the nomination of outstanding division members for this distinction who have made substantial contributions to the field of neuropsychology.

Nominations of Initial Fellows: The nomination procedure for a Division 40 member applying for Fellowship requires the completion and submission of a "Uniform Fellow Blank," which is available on the Division 40 website as a downloadable PDF file. Individuals who are current APA Fellows and who can address the nominee's accomplishments in the area of Neuropsychology need to complete endorsement letters, written within the calendar year of nomination. A minimum of three (3) letters is required, preferably from current fellows. Requisite supporting materials include a current vita, a listing of the nominee's publications with "R" for refereed indicated, and the nominee's self-statement setting forth the accomplishments that warrant Fellow status in Division 40. Division 40 strongly encourages women and minority members to apply for Fellowship.

Nominations of Current Fellows: APA Members who are already Fellows in other Divisions may also become Fellows in Division 40 if they can demonstrate unusual and outstanding contributions in neuropsychology. A complete application including letters of recommendation as outlined above is required. A self-statement setting forth the accomplishments in neuropsychology that warrant Fellow status in Division 40 is required.

Submission of Materials and Deadline: Nominees are strongly encouraged to make contact with the D40 Fellows Chair prior to submission of materials. All nomination materials should be completed and submitted online through the APA portal listed below by **December 1st**. No materials will be accepted by the Division 40 Committee after this date. Please note that submission deadlines listed on the APA website pertain to the APA Fellows Committee, not the Division 40 Fellows Committee. Successful nominations are announced in August following the APA annual meeting. Nomination materials can be submitted at the following URL:

<http://www.apa.org/membership/fellows/index.aspx>.

All questions should be directed to:

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The American Psychological Foundation (APF) is pleased to announce the recipients of the **2012 APF Benton-Meier Neuropsychology Scholarships**. The Benton-Meier Scholarships provide \$2,500 of support to talented graduate researchers who are pioneering the future of brain and behavioral sciences. This year's recipients are **Jenna Dietz**, of the University of Florida, and **Tamar Gefen**, of Northwestern University.

Jenna Dietz, of the University of Florida, is striving to understand emotional processing in Parkinson's disease. While many advances have been made with respect to motor symptoms in people with Parkinson's, emotional changes (such as depression, apathy, and anxiety) remain highly prevalent and can be some of the most disturbing, disabling, and complex aspects of the disorder. Dietz's study will examine several aspects of emotion, from basic orienting and arousal to mobilization for goal-directed behavior.

Individuals age 80 and older comprise the fastest growing segment of the US population. **Tamar Gefen**, a neuropsychology student at Northwestern University, is linking functional changes in the elderly with underlying biological processes in order to develop therapies for age-related degenerative illness. Specifically, Gefen is studying a group of individuals, called "SuperAgers," who maintain cognition at levels beyond their peers and well into old age. The goal of the SuperAging Study is to identify the anatomic, neuropsychological, psychosocial, and genetic factors that explain preserved cognition in these long-lived individuals and that may help develop treatments and prevention techniques for cognitive decline in aging individuals.

Since 1953, APF has been supporting innovative research and programs that launch careers and seed the knowledge base on critical issues around the globe. For more information, please visit the APF Web site at www.apa.org/apf.

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Graduate Thesis and Dissertation Awards

The Education Advisory Committee will be awarding a thesis and a dissertation award in 2013!! The purpose of these awards is to support associated research costs of graduate students completing a masters or dissertation in clinical neuropsychology. One \$500 EAC Thesis Award and one \$2000 EAC Dissertation Award (\$1000 for research costs and \$1000 for travel costs to present at the APA conference) will be awarded. Look for additional information as well as instructions for applying for these awards on the Division 40 website sometime in February.

Cindy Cimino, PhD.
Chair, Education Advisory Committee

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS BENTON-MEIER NEUROPSYCHOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

American Psychological Foundation (APF)

About the Benton-Meier Neuropsychology Scholarships

This program funds scholarships for promising graduate students enrolled in neuropsychology programs.

Amount: Up to two \$2,500 awards per year

APF does not allow institutional indirect costs or overhead costs. Applicants may use grant monies for direct administrative costs of their proposed project.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Have completed doctoral candidacy
- Have demonstrated research competence and area commitment
- IRB approval must be received from host institution before funding can be awarded if human participants are involved

Evaluation Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on:

- Conformance with stated program goals
- Applicant's demonstrated scholarship and research competence

Proposal Requirements

- Statement outlining how the scholarship money will be used
- Letter, co-signed by faculty mentor or training director, documenting applicant's scholarly and/or research accomplishments
- Full budget and justification (include list of other funding sources)
- Current CV
- Letter of recommendation from faculty advisor

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/benton-meier.aspx>. **The deadline for applications is June 1, 2013.**

Questions about this program should be directed to Parie Kadir, Program Officer, at pkadir@apa.org.