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PRESENTATIONS BY MAJOR SPEAKERS AT WPA

Gabriela Martorell of Portland State University, program chair for the 2009 convention, and WPA President Ron Riggio have invited an outstanding group of psychologists who will be presenting talks on a variety of topics. The WPA student council, headed by graduate student representative Arianna Aldrich, is arranging for student conversation hours to follow many of the speakers. Synopses and biographies are available at the WPA website. Titles are provided below.

Thursday, April 23

Temperament and the Development of Self-Regulation
Mary K. Rothbart, University of Oregon

Coaching International Teams: Challenges and Tips
Holly Arrow, University of Oregon

Let's Get Serious About Prevention: Education, Ethics, and Drug-Free Sport
Steven Ungerleider, Integrated Research Services

Symposium: The Fullerton Longitudinal Study
Allen W. Gottfried, CSU Fullerton

Friday, April 24

Women at the Top: Powerful Leaders Tell Us How to Combine Work and Family
Diane F. Halpern, Claremont McKenna College and
Fanny M. Cheung, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

McGraw-Hill Invited Presentation

Engaging Our Net Generation Students: Incorporating High Impact (and Low Cost) Technology Into Psychology Classes
Robert S. Feldman, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

REGISTRATION FOR THE PORTLAND CONVENTION

It is time to plan for the 2009 WPA convention in Portland. Early registration is open until March 15 on the WPA website at www.westernpsych.org. The convention dates are April 23-26 with the Terman Teaching Conference on April 22.

All WPA events will be held at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront. We have an excellent hotel room rate – please register by March 15 using the WPA registration code that you can find on the WPA website.

The WPA website also has information on transportation from the Portland airport to the hotel via a shuttle service or taxi. The hotel has limited valet parking only but there are several parking garages near the hotel.

The complete program should be on the website by March 10.

Psi Chi Invited Presentation

Preparing for Life After College: The Quarterlife Crisis and Your "Freshman Year" in the Workplace
Abby Wilner, Pell Institute, and Paul Hettich, DePaul University. www.quarterlifecrisis.com

Why Biology Matters in Prevention and Intervention Research
Theodore P. Beauchaine, University of Washington

CTUP Invited Presentation

The Teaching of the Psychology of Race, Culture, And Racism: Issues and Controversies
Stanley Sue, University of California, Davis

Association for Psychological Science William James Distinguished Lecture

Of Beasts and Babies: Infants' Interest in Animals
Judy DeLoache, University of Virginia

WPA Social Responsibility Award Presentation

Twins and Virtual Twins: From the Laboratory to the Real World
Nancy L. Segal, California State University, Fullerton

Integrating Psychopharmacology into the Practice of Psychology: A Look at the Future of Mental Health Service Delivery
Morgan T. Sammons, California School of Professional Psychology

Norms-Based Messaging: An Untapped Power-Source for Environmental Action
Robert B. Cialdini, Arizona State University

Learning with Conversation Agents
Art Graesser, University of Memphis

American Psychological Association Distinguished Scientist Lecture

Women as Leaders: Negotiating the Labyrinth
Alice Eagly, Northwestern University

WPA Presidential Address

Why You Should Be Grateful You Are a Psychologist
Ronald Riggio, Claremont McKenna College and Kravis Leadership Institute

How Dogs Perceive the World
Stanley Coren, University of British Columbia

www.StanleyCoren.com.

Saturday, April 25

Attachment Security Supports Optimal Functioning at Personal, Couple, and Organizational Levels
Phillip R. Shaver, University of California, Davis

Applying Attribution Theory: Achievement Striving, Physical Well-Being, Mental-Health and More
Bernard Weiner, UCLA

Elizabeth Loftus Invited Address in Cognitive Psychology

A New Solution to the Recovered Memory Controversy
Richard J. McNally, Harvard University

Post-deployment Readjustment: Assessment and Treatment issues
Lori S. Katz, Director, Women's Mental Health Center, VA Long Beach Healthcare System

Does Testing a Null Hypothesis Test Your Theoretical Prediction? New Methods for Testing Hypotheses Strongly
Keith Widaman, University of California, Davis

Why Marriages Thrive and Falter
Thomas Bradbury, UCLA

Hardiness as a Pathway to Resilience under Stress
Salvatore R. Maddi, University of California, Irvine

A Long-Lens approach to Understanding Leadership Development
Susan Elaine Murphy, Claremont McKenna College, Kravis Leadership Institute

How do Truth Wizards Detect Deception?
Maureen O'Sullivan, University of San Francisco

Is It Possible to Measure the Ineffable? The Problems of Measurement in Coping and Wisdom
Carolyn M. Aldwin, Oregon State University

Towards Eliminating Disparities in Care for Serious Mental Illness: From Ethnic and Racial Markers to Sociocultural Processes
Steven R. Lopez, University of Southern California

Parental Monitoring and Adolescent Drug Abuse
William D. Crano, Claremont Graduate University

WPA Teaching Award Address

Adventures in Teaching Psychology
Christina Maslach, University of California, Berkeley

My Lifetime Love Affair with Psychology and Public Service
Philip Zimbardo, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology

Sunday, April 26

PT@CC Invited Presentation

Why Psychologists Should Be the Best Teachers in Any Field (but Aren't)
Stephen L. Chew, Samford University

**TERMAN TEACHING CONFERENCE:
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

The Terman Teaching Conference will again be held on the Wednesday prior to the WPA convention. This is an excellent value with a registration fee of only \$25 if you register by March 15. The theme this year is *Out of the Ivory Tower: Learning Opportunities Outside of the Classroom*. A complete description of the program and the registration form are on the WPA website at <http://www.westernpsych.org/wp/index.cfm?id=93>. Anne Duran from CSU Bakersfield is coordinating the conference.

STATISTICS WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

The Statistics Workshops at the 2009 convention have been planned by Jodie Ullman, CSU San Bernardino. The workshops this year include:

Thursday 2:15 – 4:15
Introduction of Item Response Theory Models and Applications
Steve Reise, UCLA

Friday 8:30 – 10:30
Multiple Regression Analyses from Start to Finish
Christopher L. Aberson, Humboldt State University

Saturday 8:45 – 10:45
Analyzing Data that Include Repeated Measures
Barbara Tabachnick, CSU Northridge

Sunday 8:30 – 10:30
Seeing Your Data: Exploring and Visualizing Relationships
Stephen G. West, Arizona State University

Descriptions of the workshops and registration forms are available on the WPA website. Each workshop has a registration fee of \$5 for students and \$10 for professionals.

ENJOYING YOUR VISIT TO PORTLAND

Portland is a beautiful city with many options for entertainment, culture, and outdoor activities. The hotel is located in the downtown fare free zone that allows you to use bus and light rail transportation free. If you want to explore Portland outside the downtown area, neighborhood centers are accessible by bus, light rail, or taxi.

There is a shopping and restaurant area adjacent to the hotel, or you can walk along the trails on Waterfront Park. There are trolley car stops a short walk away that will take you to the Pearl District and the NW 21st and 23rd neighborhoods with a wide variety of parks, entertainment venues, restaurants and bars. Or take the light rail to the Powell's City of Books on Burnside Avenue or the International Rose Test Gardens at Washington Park.

For more information, here are some links to help you plan how you might want to spend your free time in Portland. Read about the Saturday Market, the Crystal Ballroom, Pioneer Square, the Doug Fir lounge, the Alberta Arts District and other Portland attractions:

[http://wikitravel.org/en/Portland_\(Oregon\)](http://wikitravel.org/en/Portland_(Oregon))
<http://travel.latimes.com/articles/la-trw-sns-trvmain1-wk3-2008dec03>
<http://travel.nytimes.com/2007/04/15/travel/15hours.html>
<http://travel.nytimes.com/2006/01/13/travel/escapes/13beer.html>

**INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM AT
WPA**

WPA welcomes the International Psychology division of APA to our 2009 convention in Portland. The International Psychology symposia and speakers are included in the convention program and summarized in a separate section of the program. Enjoy attending these presentations.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR WPA AWARDS

The Fellows and Awards Committee is requesting nominations for awards in 2010 and beyond. The awards include the Outstanding Teaching Award (10 or more years post-Ph.D.) and the Outstanding Research Award (10 years post- Ph.D. or less), both available for WPA members. The WPA Social Responsibility Award has no restrictions. Please send a letter of nomination (by December 1, 2009 for consideration for 2010) and include the names of three references (with mailing addresses and, if possible, e-mail addresses). The Fellows and Awards Committee will contact these references directly. Please send your nomination letter to Jeffery Scott Mio, Psychology and Sociology Department, Cal Poly Pomona, 3801 W. Temple Ave., Pomona, CA 91768, or email to: jsmio@csupomona.edu

**LEVINE AND MIO NOMINATED FOR WPA
PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Robert Levine (California State University, Fresno) and Jeffery S. Mio (California State Polytechnic University, Pomona) have accepted nominations for WPA President-Elect. Their candidate statements are included below. The ballot will be mailed to professional members in March.

Robert Levine Candidate Statement

I am grateful and honored to be nominated for the presidency of the Western Psychological Association. WPA has been an important part of my life for almost three decades. I have served as a member of the Council of Representatives, as an invited speaker, made research presentations and organized seminars and

special lectures. Most important to me, WPA has been a focal point in the education of so many of my most promising students. A number of these students are now professors around the country and almost all of them gave their first research presentations at WPA, got to rub elbows with their textbook heroes and, I believe, it is where many of them decided once and for all to pursue careers in psychology. I am a great believer in this organization and am committed to enhancing its future.

I received my B.A. at UC Berkeley (where I had the blind good luck to experience the sixties from hippy central) and my doctorate from New York University. I am a Professor at California State University, Fresno, where I have had stints as Department Chair and as Associate Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. I have also served as a Visiting Professor at Universidade Federal Fluminense in Niteroi, Brazil, at Sapporo Medical University in Japan, and at Stockholm University in Sweden. I am a Fellow in APA and WPA. I am proud to have won awards for both my teaching and research. In teaching, I received the Provost's Award for Teacher of the Year at California State University, Fresno as well as the WPA Outstanding Teacher award in 2007.

My research spans several areas—including differences between cities and countries in the pace of life and helpfulness toward strangers, as well as studies on the psychology of persuasion—almost always with an interdisciplinary, cross-cultural and field-oriented emphasis. I have published in both professional journals and in trade periodicals (e.g., *Discover*, *American Demographics*, *The New York Times* and *American Scientist*). I have published four books. The first, *A Geography of Time*, was awarded the Otto Klineberg Intercultural and International Relations Award by SPSSI. It has been translated into six languages and the subject of feature stories around the world (e.g., *Newsweek*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *BBC*, *ABC Primetime*, and NPRs *All Things Considered*). My book *The Power of Persuasion: How We're Bought and Sold* has been translated into seven languages. Last year I co-edited *Journeys in Social Psychology*, a series of first-person accounts of the career journeys of prominent social psychologists.

I would have several specific goals as WPA President. First, I would like to enhance funding for student travel

to WPA. My university now fully funds 5-10 undergraduate presenters a year. I have watched these travel grants ignite student enthusiasm and would love to increase them through both WPA and local sources. Second, I would increase support for the type of programs that have been so successfully developed by student groups in recent conventions. Third, I would bring a cross-disciplinary and applied emphasis to conference speakers. For example, my presidency would be at the Los Angeles convention, where I would recruit psychology-oriented film/theater artists to dialog with WPA psychologists about our corresponding perspectives on common subject matter. Fourth, I would work toward formal and informal collaborations with international organizations like WPA. I have worked in and served on boards in several countries and would use these contacts as a beginning.

I would be honored to work toward the improvement of this outstanding organization.

Jeffery S. Mio Candidate Statement

I am honored to be asked to run for president of the Western Psychological Association. Many who have been among the leaders in the history of psychology have been president of this association, and it is daunting indeed to think that I may follow in their footsteps.

I had wanted to be a psychologist since I was 11 years old, so I feel very fortunate to have been able to live my dream. I graduated from UCLA with a B.A. in Psychology in 1976, from California State University, Long Beach, with an M.A. in Psychology in 1978, and from the University of Illinois, Chicago, with a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 1984. My degree requirements at UIC dictated that I fulfill requirements both in clinical psychology and cognitive psychology, so my research interests have followed both paths. In the clinical realm, I have been interested in multicultural psychology and have kept abreast of both the treatment of diverse populations and in the teaching of multicultural psychology. From a research standpoint, a colleague of mine and I have been engaged in investigating the development and experiences of allies—those individuals who have crossed demographic boundaries for the benefit of groups disadvantaged by societal norms. On the cognitive side, I have been principally interested in how

metaphors are used in political persuasion. I have also studied metaphors and humor and simply humor.

I am particularly honored to be considered for president of WPA because of my warm feelings toward the organization. The very first of my 200+ conference presentations and invited addresses was at the 1978 WPA Convention in San Francisco. I have found WPA to be very student-friendly, and I have taken advantage of this by having 76 different students presenting 79 WPA presentations with me over the years. For the vast majority of these students, this was their first opportunity to present at a professional conference, and they were as excited to present a paper at this conference as I was the first time I presented long ago.

Besides my experience as a mentor of students as exemplified by the many students who have presented at WPA over the years, I have held a number of regional and national positions. From 1998–2000, I was a member of the American Psychological Association's Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs. Also in 1998, I began my two-year term as the chair of the Program Committee for Division 45 of APA. Subsequent to serving as the Chair of the Program Committee, I served as the newsletter editor for Division 45 from 2000–2001, and then I was elected President of Division 45, so I served as President-Elect, President, and Past President from 2001–2004. I served as Division 45's representative to an interdivisional committee to develop curriculum standards for intimate partner violence from 1999–2002, and I served on APA Presidential Task Forces on the development of APAs position on prejudice and discrimination and on the development of multicultural teaching resources in 2005 and 2006, respectively. I am currently serving on the National High School Standards for the Teaching of Psychology Committee Advisory Group and also on the Board of Convention Affairs Central Planning Work Group for APA. I have been an active member of the Asian American Psychological Association (AAPA), being program chair and program committee member at various times in the 1990's and 2000's, and I recently completed a 3-year term as the Chair of the Fellows Committee of AAPA. Finally, I have served as a program reviewer for WPA since 1988, a member of the Awards Committee from 2002–2003, and the Director of the Fellows and Awards Committee for WPA since 2003.

My above experiences have helped to prepare me for leadership in WPA. As I stated above, WPA has always been student-friendly, and I would like to continue that tradition and even enhance it through more formal mentoring opportunities. My experiences with APA Division 45 and AAPA have taught me that mentoring students has benefited both students and the organization. Through these challenging economic times, I would also like to pursue opportunities to increase revenues to the organization so that we can keep membership and conference fees as low as possible. Of course, both of these initiatives will require the cooperation of the membership of WPA. Senior members must make themselves available to mentor students, and all members must work to increase the membership of the organization. With your support, I will work hard to keep WPA as the top regional conference in the country.

MARTORELL NOMINATED FOR REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE

Gabriela Martorell (Portland State University) has accepted nomination to a three-year term as WPA Representative-at-Large. Her candidate statement will be included with the 2009 election ballot.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW JOURNAL FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS. The Journal of Integrated Social Sciences (JISS) is a web-based, peer-reviewed international journal committed to the scholarly investigation of social phenomena. In particular, JISS aims to predominantly publish work within the following social science disciplines: Psychology, Political Sciences, Sociology, and Gender Studies. A further goal of JISS is to encourage work that unites these disciplines by being either (a) interdisciplinary, (b) holistically oriented, or (c) captive of the transformative (developmental) nature of social phenomena. Aside from the theoretical implications of a particular study, we are also interested in serious reflections upon the specific methodology employed - and its implications on the results. More details can be found at www.jiss.org.

WPA Members in the News. WPA Member Dr. Howard Friedman was featured recently in the *Los Angeles Times* for his research on the relationship of conscientiousness with longevity. Dr. Friedman previously presented his work at a WPA convention. Read about it here: http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2008/10/conscientious-p.html

APA ACCREDITATION NEEDS YOU

Are you currently affiliated with an APA accredited doctoral level training program or have you been within the past 5 years? If the answer is yes, then you can earn 7.5 credits!

The Commission on Accreditation (CoA) will be conducting a full day (8:00am-5:00pm) Doctoral Program Site Visitor Training Workshop on Sunday April 26, 2009 in conjunction with the WPA convention. This workshop is open to both new site visitors (meeting the criteria) and experienced site visitors. Participants in this full-day workshop receive 7.5 CE credits, and the Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation pays the CE fees for each participant.

There is especially a need in the site visitor pool for **generalists** (psychologists in areas other than clinical, counseling, and school). The CoA makes a special effort to ensure diversity among site visitors and strongly encourages the nomination of women and members of underrepresented groups.

There is no cost for attending any of this workshop. To obtain further details on registration and **criteria** for becoming a site visitor, contact Kristen Thompson at (202) 336-5995 or kthompson@apa.org.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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The Chimpanzee & Human Communication Institute (CHCI) is currently taking applications for our Summer Apprentice Program. Graduates, undergraduates, and post-graduates from various academic backgrounds (e.g. Anthropology, Biology, Psychology, Linguistics, Philosophy, etc.) and all nationalities are encouraged to apply. The dates of the program are June 28 to August 21, 2009.

The research at CHCI involves a group of chimpanzees who use the signs of American Sign Language (ASL). Washoe, Moja, Tatu, and Dar were part of the cross-fostering research that began in 1966 with Drs. R.A. & B.T. Gardner. Each chimpanzee was raised in an enriched environment in which his or her human family members used only ASL, much like the environment in which a deaf human child grows up. Loulis was adopted by Washoe in 1978 and learned his signs from chimpanzees. Currently, Tatu, Dar, and Loulis reside at CHCI on the campus of Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA in a large state-of-the-art facility.

Apprentices are at the institute daily -- cleaning enclosures, preparing meals and enrichment, making observations of the chimpanzees, and participating in one or more research projects. The first week is intensive training in laboratory jobs and chimpanzee behaviors. After several weeks each apprentice becomes more autonomous and has responsibilities in research and husbandry. The philosophy of CHCI is that the needs of the chimpanzees come first. Apprentices are trained in humane care and research techniques.

The program fee is \$1800 and there is a non-refundable \$25 application processing fee. The costs do not include housing and transportation. Inexpensive housing is available on campus. A course in ASL is highly recommended but not required. For more information on the program and the application please see our web page

at <http://www.cwu.edu/~cwuchci/apprentice.html> or contact Dr. Mary Lee Jensvold, CHCI, CWU, Ellensburg, WA 98926 jensvold@cwu.edu. The deadline to apply is March 30, 2009.

WPA in Cancun

WPA will be holding the 2010 convention in Cancun. It is not too early begin planning. You will need a passport to visit Mexico – don't wait too long to apply. Plus some departments are already thinking about fund-raising events for next fall.

