Dear AWP Community,

The winter lasted longer than usual... where polarizations, afflictions and demises took hold. We know the burdens, trepidations, though, unassuming, we carry inconceivable and steadfast strength. A new year with a woman holding the United States Vice Presidential office for the first time in her-story, let's celebrate at this conference "Doing Anti-Racism Work and Addressing Intergenerational Trauma." Let's spring into 2021, spreading our wings, singing our songs, rising, Doing Our Work.
Join Us for the AWP 2021 Virtual Conference (March 5 - 7, 2021)

ACTIVISM/RESISTANCE/RESILIENCE:
The 2021 conference will be focused on social activism. Our invited speakers will inspire members to think deeply and critically about racial and social justice, as well as systems that impede social progress and / or cause harm to marginalized communities. We will begin on Friday afternoon, with an opening session and caucus meetings. Saturday and Sunday will open with social hours and wellness sessions, followed by engaging Keynote presentations to kick off our two full days of conference events which will include lightning talks, workshops, structured discussions, and symposia. The conference will also include poster sessions and networking opportunities, as well as our traditional feminist forum before closing.

In keeping with AWP's mission, this conference will focus on what we believe to be the most relevant theme of our time - Doing Anti-Racism Work and Addressing Intergenerational Trauma.

Highlighted Sub-Themes:
- Feminism, Science, and Justice
- Responses to Pandemic, Poverty, and Police Violence
- Anti-Racism and Feminist Activism
- Systemic Obstacles to Equality: White Supremacy and Capitalism
- Mental & Physical Repercussions of Slavery and Colonialism
- Racism as a Health Crisis: Macro and Microaggressions
- Economic Justice, Global Health, and Decolonization
- Self-Care and Sustaining the Movement: Joy, Pleasure, and Community Building
STEP #1: REGISTER

AWP 2021: DOING ANTI-RACISM WORK AND ADDRESSING INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA

REGISTER TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AT AWPSYCH.ORG.
AWP 2021 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
Saturday | March 6th, 2021

Dr. Thema Bryant-Davis

Thema Bryant-Davis is a licensed psychologist, professor of psychology at Pepperdine University, and director of the Culture and Trauma research lab. She is a past psychology representative to the United Nations and a past president of the Society for the Psychology of Women. Dr. Bryant-Davis has published and presented on the cultural context of trauma recovery including the societal trauma of racism. She is author of the book Thriving in the Wake of Trauma: A multicultural guide and editor of the book Multicultural Feminist Therapy: Helping Adolescent Girls of Color to Thrive. The California Psychological Association honored Dr. Bryant-Davis as Distinguished Scholar of the Year. The Institute of Violence, Abuse, and Trauma has honored her for excellence in mentorship within the field of trauma psychology and in media contributions to advancing the public’s knowledge of trauma. The American Psychological Association has honored her for contributions to the public good for her work in trauma psychology. In 2020 the International Division of APA honored her for contributions to the psychological study of women and gender with a focus on Africa and the African Diaspora.

Dr. Thema, a psychologist and trauma survivor, is host of the Homecoming Podcast which empowers listeners on the journey home to themselves.

You can follow Dr. Thema on Instagram | Facebook | Twitter
AWP 2021 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
Sunday | March 7th, 2021

Dr. Della Mosley & Ms. Pearis Bellamy

Dr. Della V. Mosley (she/her/hers) is an Assistant Professor in the APA-accredited Counseling Psychology Program at the University of Florida. She created and leads the Wellness, Equity, Love, Liberation, and Sexuality (WELLS) Healing and Research Collective. She is a Black queer feminist, scholar, activist, and healer committed to liberation. Dr. Della’s research focuses on facilitating the wellness of Black and/or queer and transgender People of Color (QTPOC) and is undergirded by Black feminist-womanist-paradigms and liberating methods of inquiry. She uses practical, evidence-based, and culturally mindful solutions to fight oppression and facilitate healing and liberation of Black and QTPOC folx. She has published in top-tier journals, has been invited to speak nationally, and is engaged in radical social justice advocacy work. Dr. Della is an American Psychological Association Minority Fellow, co-authors the Psychology Today blog, “Healing through Social Justice” with the Psychology of Radical Healing Collective, and recently served as the Presidential Task Force Co-Chair for the American Psychological Association Society of Counseling Psychology.
You can follow Dr. Della on Instagram | Twitter

Pearis Bellamy, M.S. (she/her/hers) is a third-year counseling psychology doctoral candidate at the University of Florida. Pearis’ research interests include trauma specifically intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and racial trauma. She is a proud HBCU alumna and hopes to be an HBCU professor. As a Black doctoral student studying and experiencing racial trauma, Pearis dreamed up Academics for Black Lives, alongside her mentor, Dr. Della Mosley, in hopes of providing healing and support for Black people through collective action in academia.
You can follow Ms. Bellamy on Instagram | Twitter and Learn more about Academics for Black Survival and Wellness on Instagram | Twitter
AWP 2021 KEYNOTE CONVERSATIONS
Saturday Mar. 7th & Sunday Mar. 8th, 12:10 – 12:50 pm EST

These conversation spaces will be moderated by the following facilitators. Join the space with which you most identify.

Intercultural Space
This zoom room is for individuals of any racial identity who would like to have an intercultural conversation

Dr. Valencia Moses is the Founder of Vibrant Coaching, that provides encouraging accountability for individuals or teams to move from where they are to where they would like to be personally, academically, and/or professionally. As a Gallup-Certified Strengths Coach, she specializes in helping people own their unique identities using the CliftonStrengths Assessment as one of the many tools to help people live their best lives on purpose. You can learn more about Dr. V, her company, and connect with her beyond the conference by visiting www.bevibrant.today

Dr. Mica McGriggs earned a Ph.D. in counseling psychology at BYU, then completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Columbia University where her area of research and practice focused on the somatic embodiment of racial trauma. She has consulted with executives, police departments, universities, and non-profits on issues of equity and inclusion in the workplace. Her writing has been featured in NPR, Teen Vogue, and CNN - among other reputable outlets. Mica currently works full time at an independent school in NYC, in the department of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

White Feminists Unlearning Racism Space
This zoom room is for individuals who identify as a white who would like to be in conversation with other white people regarding developing anti-racist practices.

Britney G. Brinkman, PhD is an Associate Professor of Psychology and Program Director for the PsyD Program in Clinical Psychology at Point Park University. Dr. Brinkman is an expert in the psychology of gender and social justice and has published numerous articles and book chapters on multicultural education, community-based research, girls’ activism, gender prejudice, sexual harassment in school, and empowerment programming for Black girls. She has been an active member of AWP since 2005.

Kristin N. Bertsch, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor, Director of the New Jersey Area Health and Education Center Program, Course Director of the Community Service Learning and Leadership Curriculum, and Licensed Psychologist at the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine. She is well known in her field for training, education, and implementation of social justice and inclusion in professional and community settings. She has presented at numerous national conferences and is a published author in her field. She has been an active AWP member since 2008/
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Women of Color Space

This zoom room is for individuals who identify as a woman of color who would like to be in conversation with other women of color.

Dr. Tarani Merriweather: As the Senior Equity Researcher for Pink Cornrows, a women of color led social equity impact firm, Tarani's work applies an intersectional lens to the study of gender and leadership. Having lived in Paris for the better part of the last decade, she has a range of international experience facilitating conversations around racial justice and equity. She earned her Ph.D. in social-organizational psychology from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Tinia R. Merriweather, Ph.D. is an applied developmental psychologist. Her focus is at the intersection of psychology and education - connected to both SEL and DEI. Tinia teaches in the Ethics Department at Fieldston, and she adjuncts in the Department of Applied Psychology at NYU. With 25 years of teaching experience, she has taught at all levels from elementary through grad school and aspires toward scholar-activism in achieving equity and justice in schools.

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Dear AWP Community,

I am struggling to believe that nearly a year has passed since we gathered in Austin and I began serving as Co-Co. Austin has been in my mind and drawing the attention of the nation this week as Texas deals with the aftermath of a brutal cold spell and wintry conditions that have caused mass damage and trauma. My heart goes out to everyone who is coping with the aftermath of such a terrible failure of privatized public services and resources. Writing these periodic updates to you all during the course of this first year of serving AWP in this role has been an interesting process of pausing, reflecting, and planning. Today, I’m looking up from the piles of notes and pages of spreadsheets that I’ve been immersed in as we draw closer to AWP’s first ever virtual conference. We have continued building this conference as we watched the results of the presidential election, held our breaths for the certification, watched the insurrection in horror, and celebrated the first ever Madam Vice President in the US. I must say, meeting weekly with the dedicated conference planning collective has been a bright spot. I have so much gratitude and respect for this hard working collective and I am so looking forward to all of the effort everyone has put in being shared with our broader community. I am eager to re-connect with all of you, and to meet all of the new people who will be attending their first ever AWP given how accessible it is this year.

As of this writing, we have exceeded the registrations for any of our in-person conferences over the last decade. I hope all of our new attendees feel welcomed and find the sort of connection and community that has brought so many of us back year after year.

In addition to all of the hard collective work going into carrying out the conference, so many people have been hard at work for AWP. We are excited to welcome our new Conferences Liaison, Sharon Lamb. We are especially appreciative of her stepping into this role after having just co-coordinated AWP Austin and being a member of our virtual conference collective. As you saw in our last newsletter, the Imps have been working to re-imagine the former suite coordinator position and I’d like to thank Clare Mehta for scheduling a listening session where we were able to receive even more feedback on how this position can help to strengthen the organization.

We’ll continue this conversation at our annual business meeting which is scheduled for Sunday, March 7th at 1pm Pacific/4pm Eastern. You can access the meeting via the conference Whova app. I also hope you’ll join us for our opening session on Friday March 5th at 1pm Pacific/4pm Eastern where we’ll be announcing the winners of the Florence Denmark, Christine Ladd-Franklin, and Christine Blasey-Ford awards. These announcements are always one of my favorite times at the conference and we hope that same sense of celebration comes through in the online format.

After the opening session, be sure to go to one of our many caucus gatherings before joining us for the opening night social hours!

I am so appreciative of everyone who continues to help AWP better serve our feminist communities. I also want to let everyone know that we have several awards and caucus chair positions open at this time, so as always, if you are interested in getting more involved, please reach out to myself or our staffer Clare Mehta and we will help get you connected. Additionally, if there are issues that you would like for AWP to be addressing, we’d love to hear your feedback, and we also encourage you to consider starting a relevant caucus or consider establishing a working group.

Tiffany O’Shaughnessy (she/her)
Collective Coordinator
One of the beauties of AWP being a grassroots organization is that any group of members is able to form a caucus or work group so long as their goals are consistent with the mission and values of the organization. I would love to see more small groups coming together to use the platform of AWP to continue pushing for more justice and equity in psychology and the world. And on that note, I’m going to go back to my conference preparations!

In Service,
Tiffany O’Shaughnessy (she/her)
Implementation Collective Coordinator (2020-2023)

We would love to hear from members about ideas, thoughts, and feedback on what we do and how we can support and change this organization for better. Please contact us via email (all of our email contacts are on the very last page of this newsletter). Also, if you have any short pieces you would like to share with membership, please contact Alicia Trotman at awp.newsletter@gmail.com

AWP Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/29473119739/

Our AWP Website
https://www.awpspsych.org/
A Note about Conference Registration

Participants are required to register for the meeting. Registration for the conference will be available online from the 2021 Conference link on the AWP website at www.awpsych.org starting on December 1, 2020. For additional registration questions, contact Christine Smith at AWPsynch2021@gmail.com

In recognition of the financial challenges brought on by the pandemic and our substantially lower costs in coordinating an online event, we are pleased to announce that rates for the conference this year are as follows:

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Give to Vitamin F!

A Fund for the Feminist Future!

You probably know that AWP celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2019. We have now embarked on our second half-century! What you may not know is how often (not right now, thankfully) we have tottered on the brink of financial disaster. Over the years, thanks to the generosity of donors like Sharon Siegel (who started the Legacy Circle), Leonore Tiefer, and Laura Brown, we have had the money to weather some lean times, but we have never been able to build financial security for our future.

As a member since 1980 I feel very indebted to AWP, which has provided me with such a rich opportunity for both personal and professional growth. Now that I am (mostly) retired, I have the opportunity to give back. So when Karol Dean came up with the idea of creating a strategic investment plan for AWP, I was enthusiastic. Meeting with Kat Quina and Michele Boyer, we envisioned a new project and dubbed it the Vitamin F Fund. The Imps thought it was a good idea, and so we are ready to implement it.

Here’s how it works: AWP will open an account in a socially responsible mutual fund and I will seed it with $2,000. Here’s where you come in: You donate any amount and I match these gifts up to a second $2,000. How to find the extra cash for a donation? Well, have you noticed how much you are saving this year as an attendee at our virtual conference? Reduced registration fees, and no hotel or travel expenses!! If you can add a portion of these savings to the Vitamin F Fund you will give AWP a “shot in the arm,” a booster that will immunize our beloved organization from financial precarity. The fund will be allowed to grow at first, and then it can be tapped for special projects or emergency operating expenses (which will be paid back into the fund as the situation improves).

We are so excited about the Vitamin F Fund that we have set a goal: 21 for ’21, i.e., $21,000 for 2021. Are you excited, too? Then come join the party and help keep AWP’s future bright! Simply visit awpsych.org, click on the Menu, tap Donate, and earmark your donation for the Vitamin F Fund.

---- Mary Hayden
The AWP Fiscal Policy was last revised in 2010. The current IMPS are revising the policy to synchronize to current and digital fiscal standards expected by financial institutions. We will appreciate your comments in leading this revision.

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Invited Address for our 2021 Conference

By Sharon Siegel

Winner of the AWP’s Jewish Women’s Caucus 2021 Award for Scholarship

Wounds into Wisdom: Healing Intergenerational Jewish Trauma

Author: Tizrah Firestone

2020 Nautilus Book Award: Gold in Psychology. Foreword Reviews 2019 Book of the Year Award. Finalist in both the religion and self-help categories.

“Our past does not simply disappear. The painful history of our ancestors and their rich cultural wisdom intertwine within us to create the patterns of our future. Even when past trauma remains unspoken or has long been forgotten, it becomes part of us and our children—a legacy of both strength and woundedness that shapes our lives.”

In this book, Tizrah Firestone brings to life the profound impact of protracted historical trauma through the compelling narratives of Israeli terror victims, Holocaust survivors, and those whose lives were marred by racial persecution and displacement. The tragic story of Firestone’s own family lays the groundwork for these revealing testimonies of recovery, forgiveness, and moral leadership. Throughout, Firestone interweaves their voices with neuroscientific and psychological findings, as well as relevant and inspiring Jewish teachings.

Seven principles emerge from these wise narratives—powerful prescriptive tools that speak to anyone dealing with the effects of past injury. At the broadest level, these principles are directives for staying morally awake in a world rife with terror.

Quoted from Amazon Abstract
We should remind ourselves that the conference provides an exciting opportunity to participate in Caucus meetings, build connections with other feminist psychologists who share our interest, and ground ourselves in the support and passion of our communities. Caucus meetings during the upcoming conference will be held on Friday evening from 5-6 PM ET (2-3 PM PT), following the opening session.

All Caucus meetings will be held via Zoom this year, and we encourage people to attend with a mug of hot cocoa, your favorite snack, or in the company of your pets! Caucuses invited to participate in the annual conference include The Caucus for Non-Binary Sexual & Gender Diversity (NBSGD), The Women of Color Caucus, The Social Class Caucus, The Size Diversity Caucus, The Caucus on Mothering Issues, The Researchers’ Caucus, The Student Caucus, The Early Career Caucus (ECC), The Older Women’s Caucus (OWC), and The Activism Caucus. For more information on active AWP Conferences, visit the Caucus page on the AWP website - https://www.awpsycho.org/caucuses.php.
**LUMA and SPECTRUM 2021 Awards**

**LUMA Award**

**Purpose:** The Association for Women in Psychology encourages theoretical and empirical scholarship that addresses the psychology of lesbian.

**Topics:** Manuscripts focusing on any topic relevant to the psychology of lesbians are invited. Submissions must be made by manuscript author(s) to Lhvyers@wcupa.edu by Monday, June 21, 2021 at 11:59pm (Eastern Standard Time) with subject line: **AWP 2021 LUMA Submission.** Please include two word documents or PDF documents in your submission, one document containing the manuscript with no identifying information (including only the title, abstract, and manuscript body) and a second document containing contact information (i.e., author name(s) and contact information along with the title, abstract, and manuscript body). A panel of Association for Women in Psychology committee members will review the anonymous manuscripts. Submissions will be evaluated on the basis of sound methodology, clarity of writing, and relevance to the advancement of the psychology of lesbians. The award winner will be notified individually via email and also announced at American Psychology Association convention in August (the winner is not required to attend the APA award ceremony). The winner is invited to present the manuscript at the Annual Association for Women in Psychology conference and will receive a $250 honorarium and waived conference registration for presenting.

**Eligibility:** Manuscripts (conference papers, dissertations, journal articles, or other manuscripts) can be unpublished, under review, accepted for publication or published. (Note: If you are submitting a published manuscript for consideration, please provide full citation and note that no manuscripts published PRIOR to Jan 1, 2020 will be considered.) Both sole and jointly authored papers are eligible. Manuscripts of less than 50 pages are preferred, but longer manuscripts are acceptable; however, no books will be considered. Members and nonmembers of the Association for Women in Psychology will be considered equally.

**SPECTRUM Award**

**Gender and Sexual Minority Manuscript Award 2021**

**SPECTRUM Award encourages research on the Psychology of the LGBTQ+ Experience!**

**Content:** The Association for Women in Psychology encourages submissions of theoretical and empirical manuscripts that address the psychology of marginalized gender and sexual identity populations, including but not necessarily limited to those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, genderqueer, genderfluid, and/or queer. Manuscripts focusing on any topic relevant to the psychology of populations of marginalized gender and sexual identity status are invited.

**Eligibility:** Individual and jointly authored manuscripts are eligible. Manuscripts (conference papers, dissertations, journal articles, or other manuscripts) can be unpublished, under review, accepted for publication or published. (Note: If you are submitting a published manuscript for consideration, please provide full citation and note that no manuscripts published PRIOR to January 1, 2020 will be considered.) Both sole and jointly authored papers are eligible. Manuscripts of less than 50 pages are preferred, but longer manuscripts are acceptable; however, no books will be considered. Members and nonmembers of the Association for Women in Psychology are eligible to apply.

**Evaluation and Requirements:** Submissions must be made by manuscript author(s) to Erin Hipple (ehipple@gmail.com) by Monday, June 21, 2021 at 11:59pm. Please send your submissions via email with the following email subject line: **AWP 2021 SPECTRUM Submission.** Please include two documents in your submission (Word or PDF), one document containing the manuscript with no identifying information (including only the title, abstract, and manuscript body) and a second document containing contact information (i.e., author name(s) and contact information along with the title, abstract, and manuscript body). A panel of SPECTRUM committee members will review the anonymous manuscripts. Submissions will be evaluated on the basis of sound methodology, clarity of writing, and relevance to the advancement of the psychology of gender and sexual minorities. The award winner will receive a $250 honorarium and will be given the opportunity to present their research at the 2020 Annual Association for Women in Psychology conference. The award winner will be notified by email and announced at the American Psychology Association convention in August (the winner is not required to attend the APA award ceremony, but is strongly encouraged to present their work at a special awards symposium at the AWP conference). Please email Erin Hipple with any questions you may have at ehipple@gmail.com.
The 2020 Annual Prize for Psychological Research on Women and Gender by Students went to Charlotte Strauss Swanson for “From Pain to Power: An Exploration of Activism, the #MeToo Movement, and Healing from Sexual Assault Trauma,” now published in the Journal of Counseling Psychology. She and her co-author, Dawn Szymanski, will be presenting in a lightning talk at the conference this March, 2021. In this qualitative study they explore how social activism, the #MeToo movement, and other movements may play a role in the healing process of sexual assault survivors.

The 2020 Honorable Mention Psychological Research on Women and Gender by Students went to Emily Thomas for “Disordering non-desire: A critical analysis of the medicalization of desire and the DSM-5 diagnosis of Female Sexual Interest/Arousal Disorder,” soon to be published by Emily and her co-author, Maria Gurevich, in a special edition of Feminism and Psychology. She hopes to present at next year’s conference.

Please note that the submissions due date for the AWP/SPW Annual Student Prize for Psychological Research on Women and Gender is changed from April 15 to April 1, 2021. Please contact Rebekah Smart (rsmart@fullerton.edu) if you have questions or concerns.

Rebekah Smart and Julii Green
Co-Chairs
2020 DISTINGUISHED PUBLICATION AWARDS
Submitted by Carla Golden, Chair of the DPA Committee
9/26/20

Distinguished Publication Awards are given annually for published works that make significant and substantial contributions to research and theory that advance our understanding of the psychology of women and/or gender, as well as promote the goals of the Association for Women in Psychology. The awards are given for work published in the prior calendar year and are announced at the annual meetings of the American Psychological Association. Recipients of the awards are invited to present on their work at the AWP conference the following year. The awards have been made since 1977; a full listing can be found here: https://www.awpsych.org/awards.php.

The DPA Committee welcomes nominations (of books and articles with a 2020 publication date) for the 2021 Distinguished Publication Award. They should be sent to Carla Golden (golden@ithaca.edu) by April 30th, 2021.

This year's Distinguished Publication Awards go to:

- Miriam Liss, Kate Richmond & Mindy Erchull for their first edition co-authored text Psychology of Women and Gender, published by W.W. Norton.
AWP 2021 WORKSHOPS
SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH

JOY AND COMMUNITY BUILDING FOR WOMEN FACULTY: DISMANTLING OPPRESSIVE PRACTICES IN THE ACADEMIC SPACE

MUSIC AND THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE: THE IMPACT OF MUSIC ON CULTURAL TRAUMA

ADDRESSING EXPERIENCES OF MACRO AND MICROAGGRESSIONS FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN COUNSELING

OUTSIDE THE BARS: IMPACT OF FAMILY MEMBER INCARCERATION ON WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

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SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH

YOU ARE ENOUGH: LOVE, INTERPRETING YOUR NARRATIVE

EMBODIED DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS: EXPLORING THE IMPACT OF SYSTEMIC OPPRESSION ON BLACK PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS

INFLUENCE OF DANCE ON EMBODIED SELF-AWARENESS AND WELL-BEING

'ME-SEARCH' AND REFLEXIVITY: NAVIGATING BIAS AND ENHANCING REDR IN A GROUNDED THEORY STUDY

SYSTEMATIC INEQUALITY: A FEMINIST CRITIQUE OF SELECTED PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENTS AND INTERVENTIONS

CHECK INNOVA FOR MORE INFORMATION.

AWP 2021 WORKSHOPS
SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH

WHEN YOU WANT TO BANG YOUR CLIENT: SEXUAL AND EROTIC COUNTERTRANSFERENCE AND HOW TO MANAGE IT

SLAVERY LEGACIES: INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA AND ITS IMPACT ON BLACK WOMEN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SELF AND WITH OTHERS

RESEARCH TO DOCUMENT CAMPUS SEXISM AND RACISM... AND ACTIVISM TO MAKE CHANGE

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION: HOW ACTS OF SELF-CARE CAN STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY

RECOGNIZING OUR BIASES ABOUT INTERSECTIONS OF RACIAL AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE: A WORKSHOP

CHECK INNOVA FOR MORE INFORMATION.

AWP 2021 WORKSHOPS
SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH

CONSIDERATIONS FOR INCORPORATING RELATIONAL-CULTURAL PRINCIPLES INTO PROFESSOR-STUDENT DYGDS IN GRADUATE EDUCATION.

ANTIRACISM IN ACTION: STRATEGIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE TEACHING AND PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY

BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE ENJOY A GOOD SPANKING: WORKING WITH BISG AND KINK-IDENTIFIED CLIENTS

THINKING ABOUT WRITING A BOOK?

AWP 2021 WORKSHOPS
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CREATING THE TRAUMA INFORMED ONLINE CLASSROOM

DISRUPTING THE PEDAGOGY OF HYPOCRISY: HOW DO WE MOVE BEYOND TEACHING STUDENTS TO SURVIVE WHITE SUPREMACY?

WE KNOW THAT RACISM KILLS. DO WE REMEMBER THAT SEXISM KILLS?

EMOTION ENGAGEMENT & RADICAL SELF-CARE

CHECK INNOVA FOR MORE INFORMATION.
In the last two issues of the newsletter I chronicled the emergence of an online, virtual version of the Older Women’s Caucus that began March 30, 2020, as the coronavirus pandemic shut us in and provoked us to connect in new ways. We have continued to meet biweekly on Zoom, with an average of 12-15 members participating in a support-style check-in and then an issues-focused discussion. We have also added pop-up book discussions approximately once a month for anyone interested. Meeting every two weeks allowed us to experience important public events in real time together. We were all involved in the 2020 election in one way or another, many of us writing postcards, phone banking, donating money, and viscerally experiencing events like the Presidential debates. There were the challenges of voting by mail with differing rules apparent as members from different states weighed in. We discussed at length issues of political polarization and whether common ground was an idea whose time had passed.

And then there were the months of unprecedented terrible fires in the west, and group members living in California and Oregon told graphic stories of shortages, smoky air and fear. We grieved the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg together and also the loss of feminist icons from our era such as Shere Hite and Betty Dodson. There were plenty of reasons for sadness and anger as the Covid death toll mounted and idiocy seemed to reign in national and state governments.

Members of the group, all accomplished feminist psychologists don't forget, took turns getting depressed. During our biweekly check-in it was interesting to see who, this time, would report being weepy and lethargic and who, down in the dumps last time, was feeling better because of some positive news or new project.

As the holiday season of Thanksgiving to New Year’s bore down, some group members were seriously demoralized by the loss of long-cherished plans necessitated by the pandemic while others managed to cruise along without getting too bothered. Dealing with isolation was a recurring theme for everyone, one way or another. About half of us live alone, and for others holed up with just a partner, two wasn’t always that much better than one. Only one or two members consistently celebrated the opportunity for unlimited privacy and uninterrupted self-determined scheduling.

With most of us over 65 and even over 75 and saddled with various “comorbidities,” we mostly took public health guidances pretty seriously. Still there was a range of risk-taking, with some volunteering in food banks while others washed every package that came to their door and waited a day or two to open their mail in order for the viruses to die off. Substantial differences were obvious in where we lived - house or apartment, small or large city, town or suburb, with or without access to parks and nature, going to supermarkets or dealing with deliveries - we were our own focus group and survey sample for pandemic issues throughout the year, and, of course, this continues into the 2021 era of vaccination.
If our check-ins were dominated by themes relating to the pandemic, our discussions of issues, when not focused on crises in politics, frequently gravitated to subjects related to - wait for it - feminism and psychology.

One recurring theme was how gender studies and gender politics have utterly changed over the last four decades, since many of us were in graduate school or beginning our careers. From what we recall as a clear-eyed focus on patriarchy and women's rights we now find ourselves in an unfamiliar world of gender identity politics and intersectionality rhetoric that often seems to marginalize and dismiss values and priorities to which many of us devoted blood, sweat, tears, and treasure over many years. We expressed dismay at the big generation gap among feminists, even in AWP, and muttered ironically about finding ourselves in the uncomfortable position of being on the north side of generational conflict.

We are facing ageism, like it or not, and some of us (though definitely not all) are guilty of practicing youthism, or some other term of art indicating stereotyped disdain for the perspectives of younger generations. There were frequent inquiries in our group as to how we should evaluate our accomplishments. What will be the legacy of our generation of feminist psychologists? Will our issues be remembered -- and how? What happened to Title IX? Are lesbians now obsolete? Why isn't there anything about motherhood in psych of women texts?

It's remarkable the topics we have touched on in our biweekly meeting, not to mention the times we are living through and attempting to make sense of. And we seem to be rolling on.

Stay tuned.
Are you interested in joining our Implementation Collective?

Contact our
Staffer/Regional Coordinator
Clare Mehta
at mehtac@emmanuel.edu
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