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Yuki Okubo, Newsletter Editor

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Check out Information about AWP 2020 Conference in Austin, TX!!!

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Hello AWP Members,

Having seen world-wide weather dilemmas, devastation by Hurricane Dorian, unspeakable violence, and distressing political reports throughout the spring and summer, it is daunting to keep feeling good and moving forward with hope and courage. Mother Earth is angry. Divisiveness prevails for now. May you all be safe and well. I hope we are all going ahead with our activism toward needed changes, and that we tell everyone we know to vote!

If you have not yet seen posts from **AWP's Activism Caucus** on

www.awpsych.org, please visit soon. We are proud of their voices — loud and clear — speaking to what many of us believe.

I remind us all that AWP takes no political stand on any issue. I offer the following quotation related to neoliberalism (a topic during our 2020 AWP conference). In **1996**, in Chiapas, Mexico, Subcomandante Marcos stated at the Zapatista-Sponsored conference, the *Inter-Continental Encounter for Humanity*

and Against Neo-Liberalism:

"... What the Right offers is to turn the world into one big mall where they can buy Indians here, women there ... and he might have added, children, immigrants, workers or even a whole country like Mexico." <corpwatch.com> published by National Network for immigrant and Refugee Rights, 1997, Elizabeth Martinez and Arnoldo Garcia. Something more to think

about.

Switching topics here. As always, the Implementation Collective members "rolloff" the collective every three to six months. You will undoubtedly notice that in this CoCo's Corner I will be encouraging our members to join in the process of AWP governance. Perhaps you feel that (seemingly) everyone is overly busy in cyberspace, on social media and in virtual reality. It has become increasingly difficult to find volunteers to help guide the AWP for work on the Implementation Collective.



Sharon Siegel Collective Coordinator

The *Imp*lementation Collective has been hard at work with the business of AWP. When we meet, we take care of everything related to running the entire organization. We are the point-people for the work of supporting caucuses, keeping the bylaws and fiscal policy current, planning future AWP annual conferences, paying AWP's bills (watching the budget and submitting appropriate tax returns), enhancing membership, handling website and communications, staffing the collective, keeping you

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informed by our newsletter, supporting our relationship with APA, and holding — to the best of our ability — racial, ethnic and age balance among the Imps, at our conferences and generally throughout the organization.

How much work is involved on the Implementation Collective? AWP Imps meet twice each year for weekends of meetings in various locations, paid for by the organization. The camaraderie among us is a special (and a proven) benefit that lasts for years! In addition to planning meetings and AWPsponsored programs for the annual March conferences (transportation to the spring conference is covered by AWP), we form a meaningful sisterhood.

We were recently in Boston (thank you Clare for hosting us at Emmanuel College) and by the time you read this newsletter we will have met for a weekend in Austin, Texas. The winter Imp meetings are always held at the hotel that hosts the following March AWP conference. Mentoring by outgoing Imps makes the Incoming Imps guite comfortable in their Imp positions. Of note, and perhaps it's contagious, two of our Imps have become married women during their tenure among us (although not to one another). Congratulations to Clare Mehta and Keely Hirsch!

Please offer to help run the AWP! Apply for an Imp position (not an "imposition") on the Implementation Collective! Contact the AWP Staffer to offer your time and talent.

AWP warmly welcomes Alicia Trotman (Newsletter Editor) and Fran Trotman (WOC Imp) to the Collective. Even as we are excited for the presence of these outstanding additions to our governing body, we will miss the brilliance of Yuki Okubo, Riddhi Sandil, Aliya Kahn, Keely Hirsch and Nikolai Houston, whose work with us has been (to say the least) outstanding. Special thanks to Nik for extending her tenure for getting AWP tax matters up to snuff (hmm, snuff has been out of date for decades!). And, an AWP in-coming Collective Coordinator has accepted this position, to begin after our conference in March. You will be delightfully surprised by the person stepping forward as CoCo. In some important ways I will miss being a part of the Collective, but it will be time to move on and do some of my other favorite things.

Plans for the AWP 2020 conference in Austin, Texas, are described in this newsletter by Conference Coordinators Sharon Lamb and Debra Mollen. The theme of "Sexual Agency / Sexual Rights" will include and surpass the #metoo movement as we (re)-claim our right to sexual agency. The conference will put us into the vanguard of new research, with an inspiring keynote, impressive plenary speakers and presentations, and ways to join with so many states fighting for reproductive justice. I can hardly wait! Down with misogyny!

Regarding the AWP 2020 Annual conference, we are advised (redundant here) to reserve rooms at the conference hotel <u>soon</u>, before our reserved hotel-block is sold out. Be sure to reserve your space. We have so much planned; it will be best to be onsite where all the fun is. Alternative hotel rooms, AirB&B's and other lodgings might be hard to find near the campus that weekend. Here is the link for AT&T Hotel & Conference Center reservations:

https://book.passkey.com/go/WOMPS Y0320

Before I close for now, I wish you a peaceful winter and a healthy joyful holiday season, for whatever you celebrate (or not). My warm wishes are for you all.

See you in Austin!

Sharon Siegel The CoCo Imp AWP Implementation Collective Coordinator

REGIONAL AWP CHAPTERS

Are you involved with an active regional chapter of AWP? Are you trying to reactivate or start a regional chapter? If so, our implementation collective staffer, Clare Mehta would like to hear from you! Clare is currently working on updating the regional chapters list. If you are involved with a regional chapter, at any stage of development, please email her at <u>mehtac@emmanuel.edu</u> and let her know what state you are in, and the names of chapter coordinators. Feel free to also share any information on events, get togethers, or activities your chapter has hosted!

INTRODUCING ALICIA TROTMAN NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Dr. Alicia M. Trotman is an Assistant Professor in Psychology at Sul Ross State University in Texas. She has an academic background in Computer Science and Applied Psychology, and earned her doctoral degree in

Learning, Technology and Culture at Michigan State University in 2012. She previously taught at St. Francis College and Mercy College in New York as an adjunct professor and was awarded the Mercy College Teaching Excellence Award in 2016. She is an active member of APA Divisions 1 (Society for General Psychology) and 32 (Humanistic Psychology), the Association for Women in Psychology, and World Association for Person Centered & Experiential Psychotherapy & Counseling. Within her professional expertise, she conducts research in emotions using humanistic and personcentered methodology. She is also dynamically involved in creating professional development opportunities and building a dynamic digital presence at her university. Besides teaching, conducting research, and committing to service, she is a loyal enthusiast of tea, yoga, soca aerobics, movies and anime/manga/comics.



Alicia Trotman New Newsletter Editor

AWP IMPS WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!

We would love to hear from memberships 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 <u>ali.trot@gmail.com</u>



Our new AWP Website https://www.awpsych.org/



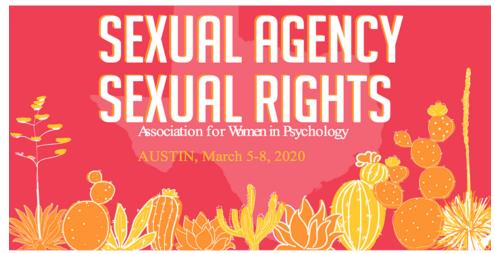
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ANY IDEAS FOR A COLUMN?

Have you ever thought about writing a column for a newsletter? Do you have a story you would like to share with the membership? I would be happy to consult with you with any ideas you may have to contribute to the future newsletters.

Please contact Alicia Trotman at ali.trot@gmail.com



Our theme is Sexual Agency/Sexual Rights, inclusive of Reproductive Justice. Invited speakers will inspire members to think deeply and critically about reproductive justice and sexual agency. Conference workshops (with opportunities to earn CE credits) will begin on Thursday, March 5, 2020, followed by a welcome reception from 5 to 7pm and late-night presentations and discussions on sex, sexuality, and disability. Loretta Ross' keynote starts a full day of presentations on Friday, concluding with feminist karaoke. Saturday opens with the annual awards ceremony and a plenary session where three scholars, Laina Bay-Cheng, Deb Tolman, and Alexandra Rutherford discuss sexual agency and neoliberalism. Saturday night begins with a show by Austin Transgender comedian https://www.carinamagyar.com/ and ends with a dance party hosted by an Austin DJ. Presentations and our closing ceremony end the conference by midday Sunday.

ACTIVISM/RESISTANCE/RESILIENCE: Located a few steps from the Texas statehouse, the 2020 conference will be especially activist-focused. We are working with local activist groups.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Maureen McHugh and Emily Keener (Co-Chairs of Program Committee)

Sharon Lamb and Debra Mollen, (Conference Organizers)

Mary Zahm, Rakhshanda Saleem, Kenna Bolton Holz, Bhanu Priya Moturu, Tangela Roberts, Noelany Pelc, and Camille Interligi

SIGN UP TO REVIEW PROPOSALS FOR 2020 CONFERENCE

The Program Committee is recruiting individuals to assist them in reviewing the proposals submitted for possible inclusion in the 2020 Program. To volunteer, sign into (or create) your AWP account at <u>https://awpsych.org/</u>, go to proposal reviews, and select three areas of expertise.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Contact Program Co-Chair: Emily.Keener@sru.edu The Full Call for Proposals is at <u>https://www.awpsych.org/2020_conference.php</u>

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ALL PROPOSALS RELATED TO FEMINIST PSYCHOLOGY ARE WELCOME!

We encourage scholarly proposals that address feminist issues consistent with AWP's mission. We welcome submissions reporting on scholarship using traditional and innovative approaches, as well as teaching clinical, activist, and experiential sessions. Proposals focused on research, feminist scholarship and pedagogy, mentoring and career development, and the development of an academic feminist identity are invited. We invite proposals addressing feminist therapy, overcoming oppression and trauma, human development and socialization, professional development for therapists, and personal self-care and growth. To support our ongoing goal of combating sexism, heterosexism, racism, ageism, ableism, and other oppressions, we encourage proposals on advocacy and community work. Proposals that encourage collaboration learning from multiple cultural and international perspectives, challenging privileges, examining tensions related to intergenerational dialogues, and navigating our intersecting identities are of particular interest.

SEXUAL AGENCY

We are particularly interested in explorations of the concept "sexual agency." We welcome presentations that examine new and emerging definitions as well as historical, sociopolitical, global, and/or intersectional perspectives, and critiques. We resonate with Bay-Cheng's (2019), one of our plenary speakers, thoughts that "We see, applaud, and come to expect agency to manifest in particular ways: in young women refusing Interactions that they do not want or that are not in their best interest, insisting on measures (e.g., condoms, relational commitments) to protect themselves, or directing interactions to maximize their own pleasure. However, given how context-dependent and multifaceted sexual desire, wantedness, pleasure, interests, and behavior are, such simple and unilateral alignment is highly unlikely." As such, we invite authors to submit proposals exploring these complex ideas with us. Additionally, we are interested in theoretical, empirical, pedagogical, clinical case examples, and other applied work with regard to sexual agency including its relationship to trauma.

SEXUAL RIGHTS

The term "Sexual Rights" refers to the right to sex and to embody diverse and intersecting sexual identities. It also includes reproductive justice and the right to sexual and reproductive healthcare including but not limited to access to birth control, abortion, gender affirmation surgery/treatments, as well as agency over and access to varied birthing and parenting experiences and decisions for people of all genders. We welcome presentations addressing racialized and marginalized experiences relating to these issues. And we are also especially interested in research, theory, history, and practice relating to sexual rights and reproductive justice that examines intersections with race/ethnicity, gender/gender identity, social class, sexual orientation, disability, and size.

See the proposal for descriptions of themes at <u>https://www.awpsych.org/2020_conference.php</u>

Sexual and gender violence Trans and gender diverse (TGD) inclusivity Immigration, migration, and refugee representation Disability, sex, and sexuality Decolonizing transnationalism Lifespan development

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals for AWP 2020 may be submitted for the following types of presentations. Read more about these and submit at awpsych.org

Pre-conference training workshop	Workshop
Symposium	Paper
Data blitz (series of 5-min. talks focused on research)	Poster
Book blitz	

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Proposals can be submitted online starting September 13, 2019. The priority deadline is October 21st and proposals submitted by this date will be given top priority for inclusion in the program. Submissions will be accepted through October 28th. There will be no further extensions. To submit, go to https://www.awpsych.org/2020_conference.php.

WE'RE COMING OUT: THE CAUCUS FOR NON-BINARY SEXUAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY BY NICOLE "NICKI" JOHNSON



Nicole "Nicki" Johnson Coordinator for Non-Binary Sexual & Gender Diversity

With much thought and consideration the members of the Caucus for Bisexuality & Sexual Diversity (CBSD) have decided to change our name. During our annual meeting we reviewed the history and desired future of our caucus and agreed upon this change with both of these in mind. The CBSD has an extensive history within the Association of Women in Psychology (AWP) providing a safe space for sexual and gender minorities, with a particular emphasis on bisexual women's experiences. The CBSD collaborates with conference participants, in an effort to increase programming on sexual and gender identity, and sexual diversity, particularly as it relates to other identities (i.e., race, class, etc.). The CBSD established and sponsors the annual "Coming Out Ceremony." A ceremony that original served as a space in which individuals who identified as bisexual felt acknowledged, recognized and celebrated in their

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Nicole "Nicki" Johnson coming out process. The "Coming Out Ceremony" not only facilitated acknowledgment, recognition and celebration, but also bisexual visibility among the participants of the conference and beyond. Today, the "Coming Out Ceremony" has expanded its definition of the coming out process and invites all individuals (regardless of their sexual and/or gender identity) to be open or rather, to "come out" about any identities and/or experiences. This event allows participants of the conference to have the opportunity to "come out" in whatever way they choose, and whatever way makes sense to them. As the "Coming Out Ceremony" has evolved so has the CBSD. The CBSD has become a space to celebrate sexual and gender diversity, with a continued emphasis on non-binary sexual and gender identities. It became apparent at our meeting that a name change was necessary as several members discussed their hesitance in attending the meeting given the name. A shared belief existed that the CBSD was only for bisexual women. As a bisexual woman myself, I have appreciated having a space that emphasized my identity when there is so much bierasure outside of this space. However, I also recognized that the emphasis on bisexuality ignored the array of non-binary sexual identities including: pansexuality, fluidity, and queerness. Further, separate safe spaces do not currently exist within AWP for sexual and gender minorities. As the CBSD emerged given the need for safe spaces for bisexual women, the name change reflects the need for safe spaces within AWP for sexual and gender minorities, particularly gender non-binary folks. Thus, we have changed our name to The Caucus for Non-Binary Sexual and Gender Diversity (NBSGD) - or the "Queercus" for short (TM: Emily Sjögren). NBSGD is committed to promoting dialogue within AWP about the range of expressions of sexual orientation, gender identity and sexual diversity, with emphasis on identities that do not fit into traditional dichotomous

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conceptualizations. NBSGD is committed to providing safe spaces for anyone who identifies as a sexual and/or gender minority with a continued emphasis on non-binary identities. NBSGD hopes to strengthen the inclusivity of gender and sexual minorities within AWP. As we recognize the importance of community we have decided not to separate NBSGD into two groups, but rather create a cohesive community while allowing for separate safe spaces and dialogue. To allow for this NBSGD will have two representatives – one with an emphasis

on sexual diversity (my current position) and one with an emphasis on gender diversity. To continue with the history of the CBSD we aspire to have non-binary folks hold these positions. Thus, I hope this letter will not only act as our "coming out" as NBSGD, but also as a call for a co-representative. If you identify as gender non-conforming and/or non-binary and have interest in this position, please contact me at <u>nij316@lehigh.edu</u>. Also, if you have any ideas and/or thoughts about our name change, our caucus, and/or ways to increase inclusivity within AWP please do not hesitate to reach out. We've also created Facebook and Google groups – all who identify as sexual and gender minorities are welcome to join – just reach out and I'll add you to either/both!

A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP BY JESSICA BARNACK-TAVLARIS

Hello valued members! I'm happy to report that we have 351 paid members to date. Thank you for your continued commitment to this organization and for making AWP your professional and/or personal home. I have a couple requests for this coming year.

First, please make sure your membership information (e.g., email, address, etc.) is up to date in our online system. To do this, please login to the Member Leap system, click on "member info" and update as needed.

Second, if you want to make sure you can register for the conference at a reduced rate, **please check the status of your membership and renew**

before it expires. To do this, login to Member Leap, click on "billing info" and "membership status". You will also get an automated email reminder one month before it expires. Membership is now on an annual cycle instead of a calendar year cycle. For example, if you joined on 1/10/19, your membership is good until 1/10/20. Prior to this change, all memberships were expiring on 12/31 of each year.

If you have any problems logging in, renewing, or anything membership-related please don't hesitate to contact me at <u>tavlarij@tcnj.edu</u>. I'm happy to hear from you!



Jessica Barnack-Tavlaris Membership Coordinator

One last thing – if you are looking for a gift idea for a mentee or colleague, why not consider paying for their AWP membership?! If you are interested in this, please contact me for more information. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in March!

EDITOR'S REFLECTION BY YUKI OKUBO

Recently, I've had the opportunities to reconnect with multiple friends that I have known for decades. I had not seen some of them on a regular basis, thus I was quite nervous as the days approached to our meetings. However, once I met them, it was as if we had been in touch and discomfort and anxiety quickly melted. The lost time disappeared and familiar rhythm of our interactions came back.

In one instance where I was reconnecting and reminiscing with a friend from high school, I was somewhat surprised to learn that my friend who seemed well adjusted back then, voiced how difficult those high school years were. They were definitely not my favorite years of my life either. I realized that we were all suffering from difficult teenage years, not fully knowing how to treat each other, and at times being very hurtful and not knowing how to mend relationships. Now that years have gone by and we are well into our adulthood, we both agreed that perhaps, it would be nice to have a reunion, an opportunity for us to all connect with one another in a more positive, healthy, and meaningful manner. Maturity and compassion that comes with life experience seem to have softened both of us as we reflected on our past.

This experience made me think about sense of belonging (Baumeister & Leary, 1995), and how this concept can drive us closer or push us away from each other. As a result of all of us wanting to belong, to be



Yuki Okubo Outgoing Newsletter Editor

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Yuki Okubo Newsletter Editor accepted, I know that my high school peers and I actually pushed each other's buttons, not being able to do perspective taking, and lacked in compassion for one another. Now that we have a stronger and more confident self, supported by individuals who accept us for who we are, we actually can consider reconnecting without fearing potential rejections.

One of the reasons that made the high school years difficult for me was the sense that I was surrounded by peers that had similar background (e.g., speaking English, having liver abroad, being bicultural/ multicultural), and yet we seemed to not get along. The assumption that we SHOULD get along and yet did not further distanced all of us. Now, the shared memories and reflection on those days seem to be just enough to occupy the same space comfortably.

This reunion coupled with reconnecting with friends at a professional setting after a long pause provided me with an opportunity to reconsider the notion of sense of belonging. When describing how I personally understood the experience of what it means to "belong," I used to think of that moment when you step into a space and knowing immediately you feel comfortable and at home, recognizing your capacity to relax and be yourself in that environment. With my recent reunions with my friends, I am reminded of familiarity (e.g., long-term friendships, shared memories and context) that also eases us to this sense of belonging. It may not have felt comfortable at all times, however, if you can allow yourself to lean into what was shared and cultivated, that can lead to nostalgia with a hit of future possibilities for more meaningful connection.

As I wrap up my 3-year term as a Newsletter Editor, I am grateful for all the friendships I have cultivated that will act as a way for me to feel the sense of belonging at AWP. Thank you IMPs and those who contributed to the newsletters in the last three years. I'm confident that I am leaving the position in great hands (Thank you Alicia!). See you all at future conferences!

In Solidarity, Yuki

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Participants are required to register for the meeting. Registration for the conference will be available online from the 2020 Conference link on the AWP website at www.awpsych.org starting in December 2019. Register by Friday, February 2, 2020, to receive lower rates!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations ASAP at the AT&T Conference Center in Austin at https://book.passkey.com/go/WOMPSY0320 using the code WOMPSY0320. Reservations must be received by Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020 to get the conference rate of \$209 plus taxes.

Plan to join us in Austin, Texas March 5th through March 8th, 2020! The Austin, Texas AWP Conference Collective

PAYING IT FORWARD: THANK YOU, LAURA BROWN! BY KAT QUINA

Laura Brown challenged her audience at AWP 2019 to match her gift of \$5,000 to support student and early career psychologists. AWP members made herstory with their generous response.

In her keynote address at AWP 2019, Laura Brown recalled the impact her first -- THE first -- AWP conference had on her, in 1973. There, as a newbie graduate student, she found more than a safe space as a lesbian feminist; she found a community who enriched and informed her understandings and emboldened what became her life's work. Soon she was coordinating the second AWP conference, engaging in collective feminist action, and... well, the rest is an amazing herstory intertwining her personal evolutions with those of feminist therapy. As she became a leader in the transformation of clinical psychology, feminism was her North Star and AWP her compass.

Noting the welcome presence of young people in the Newport audience, Laura reminded us that, "in 1973 it was an impressively radical thing that AWP did by embracing and empowering students and early career professionals." These supports have made it possible for many of us to discover the AWP tradition – in Laura's words, "so committed to walking their talk that they blew up all semblance of hierarchy" and to evolve into feminist professionals who can harness "the radical capacity of intersectional feminist psychology to transform and subvert many different dominant paradigms."

The presence of future leaders, then and now, is made possible by multiple *intentional* actions by AWP, including reduced membership and registration fees, room scholarships in the conference hotel, networking opportunities for new members, proactive encouragement to present ones work (and build up that CV), and opportunities for leadership. Support for students and early career professionals is crucial, but it is also costly. At the close of her talk, Laura challenged AWP's members, particularly those of us who have moved into mid- and later-career status, to help our younger sisters continue to transform psychology as they transform themselves. She offered an extraordinary matching gift of \$5,000 for donations made by the end of the conference.

And match they did – in all, over \$7500 of pledges and donations were collected, which along with Laura's donation AWP will be able to continue to empower all voices and build the leadership of the future.

Thank you, Laura Brown, for your inspiring matching gift, your inspiring words, and your inspiring life. The difference you made in one weekend in Rhode Island is only a small part of the extraordinary impact your writings, videos, therapeutic and consulting practices, and leadership, but a big part of the future of our organization!

We are still collecting donations and gifts; **to donate or fulfill your pledge**, go to <u>www.awpsych.org</u> and follow the link to "Donate."

Note: Check out Laura's keynote in the June 2019 issue of *Sex Roles* or find it at

<u>https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11199-019-01044-w</u> (with thanks to Jan Yoder, *Sex Roles* editor). To learn more about Laura's work, see www.DrLauraBrown.com.



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We especially encourage books written by one or a small set of authors rather than edited books. Edited books will be considered, however.

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DECISION TO CLOSE THE AWP/SPW SUITE AT APA BY KEELY HIRSCH

Since its early days as an organization, AWP has maintained its tradition of the AWP suite at the annual American Psychological Association (APA) convention in collaboration with the Society for the Psychology of Women (Div. 35 of APA). For many years, the suite has served as a feminist space where AWP members could reconnect. present and discuss feminist research, theories, and ideologies, plan for upcoming AWP events, and build membership. In recent years, however, the suite has slowly morphed, and due to many factors, the attendance has dwindled

As a result, a decision was made by the Implementation Collective to discontinue running the suite at APA. Our hope is to redirect our organization's energy and financial investment into creating and supporting new ideas and events that better meet the needs and interests of AWP's members. We are looking forward to this new chapter for AWP! We have met with our sisters from Division 35 and together made the final decision to

discontinue our participation in the suite, and we are looking for new ways to continue our long-running collaboration.

On a personal note, my membership and role in AWP would not have existed without the suite at APA. I remember volunteering and rooming in the suite while my mentor, Britney Brinkman, served on the Implementation Collective as the APA Suite Coordinator. Certainly, Britney played a major role in my decision to become more involved with AWP, but being in a feminist space for the first time and getting my first taste of Vitamin F was also a major contributor! So the close of AWP's participation in the suite comes with the feeling of loss. However, I am excited about the new ideas and events that will capture the feminist vitality the suite has brought!

While the Implementation Collective is in the early stages of developing new ideas to replace the suite, we are hoping that members will share ideas to find ways to recreate some of the original purposes of the suite. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please email ideas to Keelyhirsch@gmail.com.

GIVING BACK TO AWP

Are you interested in joining our Implementation Collective? Contact our Staffer/Regional Coordinator Clare Mehta at <u>mehtac@emmanuel.edu</u> Would you like to host our annual Conference in the future? Contact our Conferences Liaison Elizabeth Bennett at <u>bennette1@duq.edu</u>



Do you want to contribute your writing to AWP Newsletters? Contact our Newsletter Editor Alicia Trotman <u>ali.trot@gmail.com</u> Would you like t o make a donation? Contact our Treasurer Mindy Erchull <u>merchull@umw.edu</u> or Go to <u>https://www.awpsych.org/donations.php</u>

Older Women's Caucus Column By Leonore Tiefer

At the 2019 Rhode Island AWP conference, the OWC decided to contribute a regular column to the newsletter in which we would, briefly, share our thoughts and decisions about important issues we are dealing with in this phase of life as a feminist psychologist.

TOPIC 2: Are you planning or doing any post-retirement writing such as a memoir or some long-postponed professional writing, or maybe a novel or cookbook, etc.? Why or why not?

Hilary Lips

Because it always brought me the most satisfaction, writing is the aspect of my professional life that I carried over into retirement. I continue to update textbooks and produce book chapters—all a lot easier and more fun when I don't have to fit it in between classes and meetings.

Mary Hayden

With my (admittedly low) writing interest I am penning postcards to voters, letters to the editor, signing petitions and sending emails to politicians almost every day. Never have the links between sexism, racism, and runaway corporate greed been so clear and so threatening to us all.

Irene Frieze

I decided that a redo of my 2005 book on family violence would be a great retirement activity for me and am actively working on this. After looking into various volunteering possibilities, the book seemed to be a much greater contribution than the types of unskilled volunteer options I found.

Ellen Cole

I have co-edited a book due to APA tomorrow (!), *A Study in Grey and Grit: Older Women Who Work.* I'm 78; just signed a contract to work for three more years. I have no post-retirement plans, despite the literature that tells



Leonore Tiefer

me I should. This feels a bit worrisome.

Alice Riger

I'm gathering material for a textbook to enhance medical students' future emotional sensitivity (particularly when delivering bad news), and promote patients' hopefulness, resilience, self-efficacy, determination, flexibility, and coping skills. My goal is to minimize for future patients the hopelessness, distress, shame, and shock I have felt in medical interactions.

Mary Brabeck

I hesitate to share my writing project with others for fear I won't complete it. It's neither a scholarly work, nor a work of fiction, but a reflection on something of interest to me: Hope arises only in the presence of despair. I am trying to understand that paradox.

Joan Chrisler

As a very recent retiree, I am still occupied with scholarly writing – a couple of chapters for colleagues' edited collections and then several posters that need to be turned into articles. Once that's done, I may turn to some creative writing, which I used to enjoy doing in my youth.

Mary Pelton Cooper

At 70 I am the 2019 president of Psychologists for Social Responsibility and I practice in rural Michigan where families struggle with anxiety and financial threat. Next I will work to decommission an unstable oil pipeline with the imminent capacity to decimate the clean water of two Great Lakes.

Haneefa Mateen

Twenty years ago I retired early due to disability. Now 63 years old, yet beginning career as psychologist. Hey, my grandmother lived to 106 years! Recently, I got serious writing two memoirs (instructional) and a knitting book.

Michele Wittig

A Poem: My Retirement Job Description Quit the commute / ditch the drive / Say goodbye to the 405/ It's cool / to go back to school / Be the newest voice in the community chorus / más "antigua" en la clase de español /Resist the leisure suit / Get on a roll / Pick up the pace, on the double / Continue to make... Good Trouble /

Leonore Tiefer

This is a painful topic. I want desperately to write a memoir about my sexology career and anti-medicalization work, and over the past few years have actually written a few chapters. But it's very hard for me to get to it, and I procrastinate with other projects. Now that I have finished the 50th anniversary events and video for AWP, maybe - please - I can finally get to the memoir.

THANK YOU DONNA HAWXHURST AND SUE MORROW BY SHARON SIEGEL

AWP has received a generous contribution on behalf of the estate of Sue Morrow, with a donation by Donna Hawxhurst and Sue together. We appreciate their generosity now as ever, and look forward to welcoming Donna back to our conferences. Thank you again for thinking of us in ongoing ways. The Association for Women in Psychology is enriched by your presence. Sue's spirit lives on among us.

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Dear AWP Colleagues:

Every issue of *Psychology of Women Quarterly (PWQ)* we publish a summary of papers in the journal an their implications for practice. Here AWP readers can access the September <u>*Practitioner's Digest*</u>.

Supplemental <u>PowerPoint teaching slides, developed by Clare Mehta</u>, and <u>Podcasts</u> (15 minute interviews) with authors of articles are available for free at the <u>PWQ homepage</u>. Also, to aid in teaching and research, we have developed a list of articles that address <u>"hot topics"</u> in the psychology of women. And you can join the Society for Psychology of Women and <u>get a subscription here.</u>

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Mary M. Brabeck, Outgoing PWQ Editor

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2019 DISTINGUISHED PUBLICATION AWARDS BY CARLA GOLDEN

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 and a full listing can be found here: https://www.awpsych.org/awards.php. Questions regarding the award can be directed to Dr. Carla Golden, Professor of Psychology at Ithaca College at golden@ithaca.edu.

This year's Distinguished Publication Awards go to:

Kathryn Holland, Lilia Cortina, and Jennifer Freyd for their article: **Compelled disclosure of college sexual assault** which appeared in *American Psychologist* (2018), 73(3), 255-268.

Sahika Yüksel, Suzan Saner, Ayse Devrim Basterzi, Zerrin Oglagu and Israfil Bülbül for their article: Genocidal sexual assault on women and the role of culture in the rehabilitation process: Experiences from working with Zazidi women in Turkey, which appeared in *Torture* 28(3), 124-132.

Colleeen MacQuarrie for her chapter: **Feminist liberation psychology: Animating systemic change on abortion access in PEI.** In *Crossing troubled waters: Abortion access in Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Prince Edward Island*, 2018. Edited by C. MacQuarrie, F. Bloomer, C. Pierson & S. Stettner, pp. 79-104.

THE 2019 ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN PSYCHOLOGY (AWP) AND SOCIETY FOR THE PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN (SPW) ANNUAL PRIZE FOR PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH ON WOMEN AND GENDER BY STUDENTS BY REBEKAH SMART

The winner of the 2019 Annual Prize for Psychological Research on Women and Gender by Students was Anahvia Taiyib Moody for "Gendered Racial Microaggressions and Traumatic Stress Symptoms Among Black Women." This paper was published in 2019 in *Psychology of Women Quarterly*. Her academic advisor and co-author of the award article is Dr. Jioni A. Lewis at University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The Honorable Mention went to Rotem Kahalon for "Don't Bother Your Pretty Little Head': Appearance Compliments Lead to Improved Mood but Impaired Cognitive Performance." This paper was published in 2018 in the journal *Psychology of Women Quarterly*. Her academic advisor and co-author of the article is Dr. Nurit Shnabel at Tel- Aviv University. The third author is Julia C. Becker.

Congratulations to both Anahvia Taiyib Moody and Rotem Kahalon!

AWP IMPLEMENTATION COLLECTIVE MEETING MINUTES

AWP Implementation Collective Meeting

Meeting Minutes June 28-29, 2019

Emmauel College, Boston, MA

Present: Jessica Barnack-Tavlaris (Membership), Elizabeth Bennett (Conferences Liaison), Mindy Erchull (Incoming Treasurer), Keely Hirsch (Suite Coordinator), Nikolai Houston (Outgoing Treasurer), Mindy Erchull (Incoming Treasurer), Clare Mehta (Staffer), Yuki Okubo (Newsletter Editor), Sharon Siegel (Collective Coordinator), Fran Trotman (WOC Coordinator)

Specific Topic	Discussion Points	Actions/decisions
Staffer	 Newsletter Editor CoCo APA Listserv. Women of Color in Psychologies Award 	 Awaiting response. Offer will be extended. To discontinue Yuki will help.
Conferences Liaison	 October meeting Conference meetings 2021 Conference Prospective meeting 	 Scheduled for September 26-29th in Austin Various IMPs will submit proposals for IMP sponsored meetings and sessions. Elizabeth will initiate contact and set up a conference call meeting.

Friday, June 28, 2019

Saturday, June 29, 2019

Specific Topic	Discussion Points	Actions/decisions
APA Suite Coordinator	APA suite coordination for future conferences	Keely will check in with AWP liaison to Division 35 Kat Quina.
2019 Austin Conference	Treasurer	Elizabeth will send Sharon Lamb templates from Phila- delphia and Rhode Island
	Registration	Celina will check in with Aliya re: providing access to Deb, Sharon, Maureen, & Chris
	Fall meeting	• Scheduled for end of September. Sharon and Deb will conference in.
	APA Convention	Deb will bring advertising materials to APA Hospitality Suite
	Reservation for Hotel	Sharon will work with Celina.
	• Program	Ensuring that Maureen has support as it is a big task.Riddhi will help with CEUs
	Finances	Having a system in place to document everything

AWP IMPLEMENTATION COLLECTIVE MEETING MINUTES (CON'T)

Specific Topic	Discussion Points	Actions/decisions
Request for an IMP spon- sored session	• a request for a session intergenera- tional issues	Inform the interested party to submit a proposal
Suite Coordinator	Future plans for APA Hospitality Suites	 Check in with Kat Quina, AWP liaison to Division 35 Set up meeting with Division 35 reps at APA Convention in Chicago.
Membership	Statistics	Members: increased to 335
	New Member Event	Jess will continue to work with Sharon and Deb.
	Membership as a donation	• Explore a possibility to formalize this option.
	Methods for caucus members to communicate	• Suggest to create Message Board; Clare will reach out to caucuses to contact Celina to create it.
	Recruitment	• Keely will check our bookmark stock. If it does not have social medial info., create a new one. Celina has a lead for a designer.
Website Communication	Meeting Minutes	Will approve before leaving
	Networking	Emailing psychology departments and internship di- rectors regarding call for conference proposal
	• Request for livestreaming confer- ence by Leonore Tiefer	Will look into this possibility
Donation	Newsletter	Yuki will continue to put announcement for donation in newsletter.
	Request for online donation via AWP website	Celina will look into options and then touch base with Nikolai.
Voting Procedure	Changing it from having both electronic and physical votes	Change to all electronic votes Qualtrics survey will be send out to membership via email
Awards	Conference registration waivers	Inform all awards chairs that there will be no confer- ence registration fee waivers
	• Division 35/AWP student Re- search prize	Inform Rebekah Smart that contact information on website will be changed.
	• FFSSS	• Add a language in conference manual to articulate the conference registration cost is covered by Div. 35
	Doris Howard Lifetime Achieve- ment Award	To be added to bylaws
	Checking bylaws for all awards	Clare will check

AWP IMPLEMENTATION COLLECTIVE MEETING MINUTES (CON'T)

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Treasurer	PAX account	Michelle Boyer and Mindy will touch base for Mindy to have access to the account.
	Account changes	Mindy to be added to Chase account, open Bank of Ameri- ca account, and then close Chase account.
	Taxes	2014, 2015, and 2016 done: 2017 submitted; 2018 in progress
	Conference Finances	Philadelphia is completed; Rhode Island in progress
	Fiscal Policy	Riddhi and Michelle Boyer will finalize
Small Group Breakout	Internal audit	Internal audit was completed.
	Dropbox re-organization	It was re-organized. It needs further consolidation and filing of documents.

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