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## *Welcome Message from WPA President*

**Jodie Ulman**



I am delighted and extremely honored to be writing to you as WPA President. As is true for so many members of WPA, I gave my first professional presentation as a student at a WPA convention and a couple of years later was awarded a student travel scholarship. In fact, I can trace my entire development as a professional through my involvement in WPA. WPA has truly had an important impact on my professional growth and has been a source of joy in my career. I'm very interested in learning how WPA has influenced your careers or professional development. I'm also interested in hearing your stories and tales about your activities with WPA – oh if those convention walls could talk!

As one of my presidential initiatives, I'm interested in collecting stories of the role WPA has had in your career and/or your thoughts and reasons for your continued support of WPA. And your fun WPA stories! Please send share these with me. We would like perhaps, with your permission, to compile these thoughts and stories! As a second initiative, the WPA Executive Committee are exploring ways in which we can engage more with one another outside of convention. Some ideas we are considering are webinars and an increased social media presence. Again, I'm eager for your thoughts and opinions.

WPA in general, and most particularly our convention, is widely regarded as one of the best of the regional psychology associations. Our convention attendance continues to increase and we continue to be honored with outstanding speakers and presentations. I'm really excited as I see our convention plans develop. Kim Barchard and Brad Donahue are our program chairs from our host University, University of Nevada, Las Vegas and they are working enthusiastically on the invited speakers program. A few of our confirmed speakers include Phil Zimbardo, Diane Halpern, David Funder, Jamil Zaki, Barbara Tabachnick, Sue Frantz, Eugene Wong, Jason Siegel, Allen Omoto, Michael Twohig, Betsy Morgan, Michael Webster, Laura Freberg, Brian Detwiler-Bedell, Vivian McCann, Brian Nosek, Jon Grahe, Bob Meyers, and Geoff Cumming. Plus we will be announcing some surprises. We have an exciting series of Statistics Workshops planned, the Terman conference continues to be a point of pride for WPA as does our film festival. Under the leadership of Lynette Bikos, we continue to increase Continuing Education offerings! It is truly an exciting time to be a member of WPA!

The Convention is more than outstanding presentations and next year's convention site will surely offer something fun for all! Rumor has it that there will be a dance. The WPA Executive Committee went to preview the Red Rock resort several year ago and it is quite beautiful. It is set off of the Strip, near the Red Rocks National Conservation area that offers terrific hiking. We thought another particularly nice aspect of this resort is that the convention facilities are entirely separate from the gaming area.

Finally, WPA and the other regional associations continue to explore and work toward gaining a voting voice in APA. We are officially affiliated with APA but we have no vote on APA issues. Last year the regionals were granted "observer status" at the APA Council of Representatives but not a vote. Adding WPA and the other regionals as voting members would require an APA Bylaws change. Currently the APA Council of Representatives is voting on different models for restructure, in many of these models the regional psychology associations either have a seat or a mechanism to have a voting seat. I'll keep everyone posted as this develops.

Thanks so much for your commitment and interest in WPA. Please email me with any and all ideas for making WPA even stronger and more dynamic!

Jodie Ulman  
*California State University, San Bernardino.*



## WPA 2015 Convention: Mark Your Calendars!

APRIL 30 - MAY 3 • RED ROCK RESORT, LAS VEGAS



Submission  
Deadline:  
November 15

The [2015 WPA convention](#) is scheduled for April 30-May 1 at the Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas. The Terman Teaching Conference will be Wednesday, April 29. The convention host is University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Kimberly Barchard and Brad Donahue are Program Co-Chairs.

**This years distinguished speakers include** Patricia Chamberlain, Geoff Cumming, Brian Detwiler-Bedell, Brad Donahue, Sue Frantz, Laura Freberg, David Funder, Jon Grahe, Diane Halpern, Beth Karlin, Vivian McCann, Bob Meyers, Betsy Morgan, Brian Nosek, Allen M. Omoto, Jason Siegel, Barbara Tabachnick, Felicia Friendly Thomas, Michael Twohig, Jodie Ullman, Michael Webster, Eugene Wong, Jamil Zaki, Philip Zimbardo.

Begin planning to submit your research to the program and attending the convention in 2015. The [Call for Papers](#) with detailed instructions for submitting is on the WPA website.





### **Howard S. Friedman** WPA President-Elect

Howard S. Friedman is the new President-Elect of WPA. He will serve as President for the 2016 convention. Dr. Friedman is Distinguished Professor of Psychology at UC Riverside. He has spent the past 25 years following up and expanding Lewis Terman's remarkable longitudinal study of over 1500 bright children. In 1921-23, Dr. Terman was the founding President of the WPA. Dr. Friedman recently met with one of the Terman participants, who was indeed already in the study back in 1921 and is now 102! Much of the research is described in *The Longevity Project*

by Howard S. Friedman and Leslie R. Martin. Dr. Friedman's research program on health has drawn attention worldwide --for links to articles, videos, blogs, and Facebook, see: the website at <http://www.howardsfriedman.com/longevityproject/>.

Dr. Friedman has been recognized for teaching excellence. He received the WPA Outstanding Teaching Award, the UCR Distinguished Teaching Award, and the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award for "inspiring students to make a difference in the community." His research has been recognized with the James McKen Cattell career award from the Association for Psychological Science (APS) for outstanding contributions in the area of applied psychological research; and the career award for Outstanding Contributions to Health Psychology from the American Psychological Association (Div. 38). He is proud to be a Fellow of the Western Psychological Association - he has been a WPA member since joining as an assistant professor.

Dr. Friedman is looking forward to his three years of leadership with WPA. He is committed to making the WPA conference the best venue for undergraduate and graduate students (including first generation college students) to meet and interact directly with the best psychology professors in a collegial atmosphere. Join us in welcoming Dr. Friedman when you see him at our 2015 convention.

### **Eugene Wong** Receives 2014 WPA Teaching Award



The Western Psychological Association is pleased to recognize Dr. Eugene Wong with the 2014 WPA Outstanding Teaching Award. Dr. Wong is Professor of Psychology at California State University, San Bernardino, where he is Director/Coordinator of the Human Development program. Dr. Wong earned his Ph.D. at the University of California, Riverside in 1991 and took his first faculty position at the University of Maine at Farmington. After two years, he joined the faculty at CSUSB where he has remained. His teaching responsibilities are primarily in the areas of child development, typical and atypical development, assessment and evaluation, applied research methodology, and teaching of psychology. The teaching of psychology course is a required training course for graduate students interested in serving as Teaching Assistants in the department.





Dr. Wong has been recognized on many occasions for his outstanding teaching. He received the CSUSB Golden Apple Award for Outstanding Teaching (2004-2005), the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Teaching and Instruction Award (2003-2004), and two Certificates of Special Appreciation from the CSUSB Student-Athlete Council (1998-1999 and 2001-2002). Dr. Wong is a popular mentor and advisor for undergraduate and graduate students. He has chaired undergraduate theses for the McNair Scholars Program and the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program which provide students from underrepresented economic and ethnic populations with the necessary opportunities to achieve success through higher education.

Dr. Wong's devotion to education is also reflected in the content of his research program. For years he has been involved in research to identify factors associated with academic success in elementary school through high school, and he has recently extended this to the college years. He has published research into the complex roles of perceived competence, autonomy support, and achievement motivation in supporting or hindering school success.



### **Jason T. Siegel** Receives 2014 Early Career Research Award

Dr. Siegel is a Research Associate Professor at Claremont Graduate University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in 2004. Dr. Siegel's work focuses on the application and development of social psychological theory with the goal of influencing health behaviors. Much of his work has been focused on reducing substance use and increasing organ donation. Regarding substance abuse, Dr. Siegel investigates how anti-drug ads can be more effective, while exploring new paths for prevention. His work on organ donation centers on increasing the number of people who register as organ donors and facilitating living donation.

Dr. Siegel's research on health persuasion led him to a new stream of research focused on increasing the amount of help received by people with depression. Specifically, Dr. Siegel's work combines theories of persuasion and clinical understandings of depression to devise ads that will increase the likelihood that people with depression will seek help.

Dr. Siegel has published, or has in press, 42 peer-reviewed articles, 12 book chapters, two books and an invited editorial. As Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator, he has secured 10 grants or contracts of \$500,000 to over \$1,000,000 each from federal agencies, including the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Center for Disease Control, and the U.S. Department of Labor; and smaller organizations such as the Blaise Family Foundation.

In addition to his outstanding research accomplishments, Dr. Siegel has demonstrated exceptional effectiveness as a teacher and mentor. He has mentored dozens of graduate students and has published with 28 of them; 11 of these students have published with Dr. Siegel on more than one occasion. Even at this early stage of his career, Dr. Siegel has made a huge impact on the field and is nationally recognized as a leading scholar who has enormous future promise.





### **Delia Saenz Recognized for Service to WPA**

Dr. Delia Saenz is a professor in the Department of Psychology and a research professor in the Hispanic Research Center at Arizona State University. She received her doctorate in Social Psychology from Princeton University in 1987. She has served administratively as vice provost for undergraduate education and vice provost for international and institutional inclusion at ASU. Her scholarly research focuses on diversity, tokenism, intergroup processes, inclusion, acculturation, and family dynamics, and is often cited for its innovation and contributions to the understanding of diversity in work groups.

Dr. Saenz' research has been supported by several funding agencies including the National Institutes of Mental Health, the National Science Foundation, the Ford and WT Grant Foundations, and the US Agency for International Development. Her recent work focuses on enhancing knowledge, awareness, and capacity-building in renewable energy technologies among developing nations with a primary goal of broadening the participation of women and other underrepresented groups in the technology sector.

She has been an active member of WPA since 1993 when she served as program chair for the combined Western and Rocky Mountain Psychological Convention in Phoenix, AZ. From that time forward, she has been active in a variety of capacities, including serving as a member of the Council of Representatives, and chairing that group as Representative at Large from 2006-2009. She is a fellow of WPA. Dr. Saenz served as President from 2011-2012, and presided over our successful convention in San Francisco-Burlingame.

WPA is indebted to Dr. Saenz for the many contributions that she has made. We are pleased to honor Dr. Delia S. Saenz with the 2014 Outstanding Service Award.



### **Stanley Sue Recognized with WPA Lifetime Achievement Award**

Dr. Sue is one of the most distinguished psychologists in our field. He has published nearly 200 articles, chapters, and books, and he has received over \$12 million in grants and contracts. Such a long and distinguished career has garnished Dr. Sue a number of impressive awards and honors, including the Distinguished Contribution to Research in Ethnic Minority Psychology from Division 45 of the American Psychological Association, the Distinguished Research Contributions to Ethnic Minorities from Section VI in Division 12 of APA (an award since named after Dr. Sue), the Distinguished Contributions Award from the Asian American Psychological Association, and three separate Distinguished Contributions Awards from APA and a Presidential Citation from APA. In 2011, he was cited with the Elder Award at the National Multicultural Conference

and Summit. In the area of public service alone, Dr. Sue has received 11 awards and certificates of distinction.

Most of Dr. Sue's work has been in the area of multicultural psychology, particularly empirically supported treatments for Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander populations. Thus, he has been at the vanguard of the profession's emphasis on evidence based practice. Many of his publications



are considered classics in the field and have been published in some of the flagship journals in the profession. More important, his work has had a major impact on public policy and the practice of psychology. For example,

Dr. Sue has been a tireless mentor, teacher, and contributor to his university and the profession. He has received numerous mentoring awards and received his university's highest honor, the University of California, Davis Prize for Teaching and Scholarship. His textbook in abnormal psychology is a standard in the field. He has served on editorial boards, APA committees, and site visiting teams. He has been president of three major associations and in fact was co-founder, with his brother Derald Sue, of the Asian American Psychological Association. Dr. Sue has long been involved with WPA with presentations and symposia at our annual meetings. He served as President in 2010 with a presidential initiative to focus on ethnic diversity and international perspectives at the WPA convention.

We are proud to present the WPA Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Stanley Sue.



## **2014 Social Responsibility Award To Allen Omoto**

Allen M. Omoto is a Professor of Psychology at the Claremont Graduate University. He is a social psychologist whose research interests generally focus on interpersonal processes, but specifically on the social and psychological aspects of prosocial behavior and civic and political engagement, including volunteerism. He also conducts research on issues related to the environment, HIV disease, and lesbian, gay, and bisexual concerns. His research has been supported by funding from federal and foundation sources, and has been published in peer reviewed journals, chapters, and other professional outlets.

Early in his professional career, Dr. Omoto worked with community members in conducting a needs analysis and in founding and administering an AIDS service organization. This frontline experience with community organizing and delivering support and educational services, especially for vulnerable and stigmatized populations, led him to pursue broader-level policy experience. Specifically, he served as a legislative aide in the U.S. House of Representatives as APA's inaugural William A. Bailey AIDS Policy Congressional Fellow. This experience widened his perspective on the roles of psychology in public life and helped push his research and training interests further toward social responsibility and social issues.

Dr. Omoto also has engaged in social responsibility activities for the profession through extensive leadership and governance in associations and societies. He has served on the governing Council of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues and as its President. This Society has a long-standing commitment to social justice and scientifically-informed policy. In addition, Dr. Omoto has been active in the American Psychological Association, including having served on its main legislative body, the Council of Representatives, and on the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest and the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns.







## Enrico E. Jones Clinical Psychology Research Award To Michael Twohig

Dr. Michael Twohig is Associate Professor of Psychology at Utah State University. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Nevada, Reno, in 2007, and completed his clinical internship at the University of British Columbia Hospital. Dr. Twohig's research is focused on anxiety disorders, especially obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and OC-spectrum disorders including Tourette's Disorder, Trichotillomania, and chronic skin picking. He also works in the areas of developmental disabilities, substance abuse, eating disorders, problematic pornography viewing, stigma and prejudice, and multicultural issues. He researches treatments that are in the behavioral tradition, including contingency management and exposure-based therapies, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy. His work has two immediate aims: 1) to determine the effectiveness of particular treatment modalities, and 2) to determine the processes (mechanisms of action) through which treatments produce their effects.

Dr. Twohig has published over 80 scholarly pieces including three books. He also regularly presents nationally and internationally on his research and on clinical topics. External funding has come from multiple sources including the National Institutes of Mental Health, the International OCD Foundation, and the American Psychological Association. Dr. Twohig developed a protocol for applying Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) to the treatment of OCD and tested it in a multiple baseline design; his dissertation applied these methods to OCD in a randomized controlled trial as compared to relaxation training. Funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Mental Health, the project was published in the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*. He has continued to be a productive and highly cited clinical researcher and has become perhaps the world's leading expert in the application of ACT to OCD. Currently, his research team at Utah State University focuses on the application of these techniques to other OCD, OC-spectrum, and anxiety disorders. The Western Psychological Association is pleased to recognize Dr. Michael P. Twohig with the 2014 WPA Enrico E. Jones Award for Research in Psychotherapy and Clinical Psychology.



# 2014 WPA Convention Featured Outstanding Program in Portland

The 2014 WPA Convention in Portland welcomed over 2,300 attendees. The meeting was hosted by Western Oregon University with Ethan McMahan and Eric Cooley serving as Program Co-Chairs. With WPA President Victoria Follette, the co-chairs planned an outstanding program. The convention included over 1,000 submitted posters, papers, and symposia that were reviewed by the WPA Program Review Committee. The WPA Distinguished Speaker program featured more than 30 presentations by psychologists and community leaders who were invited by the program chairs and by affiliated groups such as Psi Chi, Psi Beta, the American Psychological Association, Society for the Teaching of Psychology, and Psychology Teachers at Community Colleges. Conversation hours with a number of these speakers were organized by Amanda Chiapa, the WPA Graduate Student Representative. A synopsis of each of these invited presentations can be found in the 2014 online convention program. The program may be downloaded or searched online at the WPA website: <http://westernpsych.org/convention/>

Victoria M. Follette (University of Nevada, Reno) delivered the WPA Presidential Address, LIFE AFTER TRAUMA: LESSONS FROM MY CLIENTS AND LIFE. Melinda Blackman (California State University, Fullerton) presented the WPA Teaching Award Address, CREATING A DYNAMIC, DIVERSE AND DILIGENT CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT. Bettina J. Casad delivered the WPA Early Career Research Award Address: WHERE ARE THE WOMEN SCIENTISTS? THE ROLE OF THREATENING INTELLECTUAL ENVIRONMENTS IN WOMEN'S UNDERREPRESENTATION IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM). The WPA Life Achievement Award presentation by Stanley Sue (Palo Alto University) was ETHNIC AND RACIAL ISSUES: WHY CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG? The WPA Social Responsibility Award address was given by Anthony Biglan (Oregon Research Institute): CREATING A COALITION FOR NURTURING ENVIRONMENTS .

The APA G. Stanley Hall Address was given by Lisa Diamond (University of Utah): TEACHING ABOUT SEXUALITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

Diane Halpern (Minerva Schools at KGI) spoke on THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE BEHIND PARTISANSHIP VERSUS COOPERATION . HOW YOU AND I CAN FIX OUR BROKEN GOVERNMENT. Phil Zimbardo from the Heroic Imagination Project discussed his research through a new video - EXPLORING HUMAN NATURE. Stanley Coren, Professor Emeritus at the University of British Columbia and an authority on dog intelligence, spoke on THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING DOGS. Sonja Lyubomirsky and Kristin Layous (University of California, Riverside)

chaired the President's WPA Symposium on GRATITUDE AND PROSOCIAL BEHAVIOR: OTHER-ORIENTED PATHS TO GREATER HAPPINESS.

The Psi Chi program, organized by Jon Grahe (Pacific Lutheran University), featured a presentation by Morton Ann Gernsbacher (University of Wisconsin-Madison): DIVERSE BRAINS. Psi Chi also sponsored the Psi Chi Poster Session, sessions on graduate school, navigating a first job, leadership, and the Psi Chi Chapter Exchange and Awards Program. Other presentations by distinguished speakers included:

- Jessica Henderson Daniel (Boston Children's Hospital and Boston University): LEARNING ABOUT INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES: INFORMATION ACROSS GENERATIONS
- Leslie B. Hammer (Portland State University): UNPACKING THE MYSTERY: HOW TO IMPROVE WORKER HEALTH AND WELL-BEING THROUGH OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY APPROACHES.
- Robert Biswas-Diener (Portland State University and Noba): COURAGE: UNDERSTANDING FEAR AND THE WILLINGNESS TO ACT.
- John Boyd, a social psychologist at Google, spoke on PSYCHOLOGY 2.0: MOVING BEYOND HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION.
- Sue Frantz (Highline Community College) is well-known for her technology website that is an amazing resource for teachers - suefrantz . com . Her talk was titled THE ACADEMIC'S TOOLBOX: ESSENTIAL TECHNOLOGY.
- Kurt A. Freeman with Danny C . Duke & Michael A . Harris (Oregon Health & Science

## STUDENTS FROM EVERGREEN SET CONVENTION RECORD

In what may be one of the largest psychology field trips ever, 156 students from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington attended the 2014 Portland convention. This is almost certainly a record for the most students attending from any college or university in the 93-year history of WPA. The students were all undergraduates and for most it was their first time at a professional psychology conference.

Great job Evergreen!



University): CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?: INNOVATIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE HEALTH AMONG YOUTH WITH DIABETES.

- Jennifer J. Freyd (University of Oregon): INTERPERSONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL BETRAYAL.
- William D. Crano (Claremont Graduate University): PREVENTION OF DRUG MISUSE BY ADOLESCENTS: EXPORTING THE LABORATORY TO THE FIELD.
- Phil Watkins (Eastern Washington University): RECENT PROGRESS IN THE SCIENCE OF GRATITUDE.
- Stewart I. Donaldson (Claremont Graduate University): EMERGING SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS AND CONTROVERSIES IN POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY.
- Ira E. Hyman, Jr. (Western Washington University): GOING GAGA: INVESTIGATING, CREATING, AND MANIPULATING THE SONG STUCK IN MY HEAD.
- DETECTING LIES AND PROFILING SERIAL KILLERS: RESEARCH FINDINGS, THE MEDIA, AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM was the topic of a talk by Mark Costanzo (Claremont McKenna College).
- Gordon C. Nagayama Hall (University of Oregon): ASIAN AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGY: MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH.
- Shelly Gable (University of California, Santa Barbara): BUILDING FUTURE RESOURCES BY SHARING PAST SUCCESSES.
- Michael F. Steger (Colorado State University): MEANING IN LIFE IS DESIRABLE, BUT NOW WHAT? EMERGING RESEARCH ON THE RELEVANCE OF MEANING TO HEALTH.
- Eric Stice (Oregon Research Institute): EATING DISORDER PREVENTION: INDUCING COGNITIVE DISSONANCE FOR HEALTH PROMOTION.

- Azim Shariff (University of Oregon) presented research on the connection between religion and prosocial behavior: EVOLUTION OF RELIGIOUS PROSOCIALITY: HOW GODS MAKE US GOOD AND HOW THEY DON'T.

- Glenn Geher (State University of New York at New Paltz), EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGY'S PLACE IN THE LANDSCAPE OF MODERN HIGHER EDUCATION.

- Frank J. Bernieri (Oregon State University): BODY LANGUAGE: LEARNING TO READ IT LIKE A PRO.

The Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP) program was organized by Heidi Riggio (CSU Los Angeles). It included the STP Last Lecture featuring presentations by Stewart Donaldson (Claremont Graduate University), Delia S. Saenz (Arizona State University), and Ray Hyman (University of Oregon). R. Eric Landrum (Boise State University and President of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology) spoke on APA UNDERGRADUATE GUIDELINES 2.0: ASSESSMENT, SKILLS, AND THE SCIENTIST- EDUCATOR MODEL (OH MY!).

The WPA Statistics Workshop program, coordinated by Chris Aberson, featured:

- Introduction to Item Response Theory OR Don't be afraid of IRT! Andrew Ainsworth, California State University, Northridge
- Advanced Topics in IRT: Evaluating The Effectiveness of Each Response Option with the Nominal Response Model, Kathleen Preston, California State University, Fullerton
- Growth Curve Modeling with Latent Variables, Sanjay Srivastava, University of Oregon
- Multiple Regression: Assumptions, Analyses, and Presentation, Christopher L. Aberson, Humboldt State University

## These organizations were exhibitors at the 2014 convention:

American Psychological Association

American School of Professional Psychology - Argosy University

California School of Professional Psychology

Center for Open Science

Civilian Corps U.S. Army Medical Command

Claremont Graduate University

Noba Project

Northwest University

Oxford University Press

Pacific University School of Professional Psychology

Palo Alto University

Phillips Graduate Institute

Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology

Sinauer Associates, Publishers

The Trust

The Zalkin Law Firm

University of La Verne

Western Oregon University

Western Positive Psychology Association

Worth Publishers

W.W. Norton

Young Living Essential Oils

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## 2014 WPA Student Research Award Winners



Thanks to generous donations by WPA members and endowed funds administered by the Western Psychological Foundation, 22 students received awards at the WPA Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 25, 2014.

The following students received WPA Student Scholarships. All were first authors on a WPA presentation that received outstanding reviews by Program Committee reviewers: Christine M Adame (San Diego State University), Raymond Alvarez (Humboldt State University), Desiree R Azizoddin (Loma Linda University), Keiko C.P. Bostwick (Oregon State University), Sierra K Dimberg (California State University, Sacramento), Kirk J Fortini (California State University, San Bernardino), Margaret S Gross (University of San Francisco), Brianna C Hailey (University of Oregon), Julia F. Hammett (San Diego State University), McKenzie Javorka (Claremont McKenna College), Anneji Kim (University of California, Irvine), Justin C. Mary (Claremont Graduate University), Netasha K. Pizano (Chapman University), Ekarin E. Pongpipat (California State University, Northridge), Jeanette Ramey (California Lutheran University), Sydney Weber (University of Portland), Qing Yan (Claremont Graduate University).



The Robert L. Solso Research Awards were presented to Lindsey N. Butera (University of San Francisco), Jessica D Farrar (University of Oregon), and Mariela J. Rivas (California State University, Los Angeles).



The Christina Maslach-Philip Zimbardo Social Psychology Research Awards were presented to Sherry Hao (California State University, Sacramento) and Kaylee Stone (University of North Dakota).

The Gottfried WPA Student Research Award in Developmental Psychology was presented to Anaid A. Northcraft (San Diego State University)

The recipient of the Dr. Steven Ungerleider WPA Graduate Research Award was Skye Parral (California State University, Fullerton).

### Dr. Steven Ungerleider WPA Graduate Research Award

Dr. Steven Ungerleider, a long time supporter of WPA, has established the Dr. Steven Ungerleider WPA Graduate Research Award. The award will recognize outstanding research by a graduate student presented at the annual WPA convention. Dr. Ungerleider is Visiting Scholar at the University of Texas at Austin and Founding Trustee of Global Sports Development. He is the author of six books including the award-winning Faust's Gold: Inside the East German Doping Machine (St. Martin's Press). WPA thanks Dr. Ungerleider for his generous support of student research.





## 2014 WPA Film Festival Winners

The WPA Film Festival this year was under the direction of Carrie M. Margolin; the projectionists were Cannon Bateman, Jordan Calvert, Taylor Coleman, and Levi Hegney, all from The Evergreen State College. As at previous conventions, we asked each person viewing a film to rate its overall quality, using a 5-point scale ranging from 1 (Very Poor) through 5 (Very Good). A majority (75%) of the films received Good (4) to Very Good (5) average ratings and the overall mean rating was 4.36. In this year's very close race, the top two films received mean ratings of 4.78 and 4.79; these were designated as our Film Festival Winners for their exceptional quality. If you missed these two outstanding films at the Film Festival, you will have another chance to see them during a special encore presentation at the 2015 WPA Convention:

### **In the Shadow of the Sun** (85 mins)

A story about human rights, deep-rooted superstition, and incredible strength, *In The Shadow of the Sun* explores the troubling increase of violence and brutal murders in Tanzania targeting people with albinism. Filmed over six years, *In The Shadow Of The Sun* tells the incredible story of two albino men as they attempt to follow their dreams in the face of prejudice and fear: Vedastus, a quietly determined 15-year-old, who still hopes of completing his education, and Josephat Torner, a young man who has dedicated his life to campaigning against the discrimination of his people. In these two

impassioned individuals, we recognize our most basic human needs: to belong to a community of others, to forge our own sense of personal identity, and the unimaginable lengths to which we must go to preserve our dignity.

The Cinema Guild, (2013, DVD).

Rental Price \$350; Purchase Price \$125

### **School's Out - Lessons from a Forest Kindergarten** (36 mins)

No classroom for these kindergarteners. In Switzerland's Langnau am Albis, a suburb of Zurich, children 4 to 7 years of age go to kindergarten in the woods every day, no matter what the weatherman says. This eye-opening film follows the forest kindergarten through the seasons of one school year and looks into the important question of what it is that children need at that age. There is laughter, beauty and amazement in the process of finding out.

Bullfrog Films, (2013, DVD).

Rental Price \$75; Purchase Price \$225

A complete listing of all the films, their ratings, and information on purchase or rental may be found on the WPA website at <http://westernpsych.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Films2014.pdf>



## Terman Teaching Conference

The Terman Teaching Conference was held on Wednesday, April 23. Heidi Riggio (CSU Los Angeles) coordinated the conference. Highlights included:

- Integrating Media into Introductory Psychology. Deborah Licht & Misty Hull, Pikes Peak Community College
- A Theme-Based Approach to Teaching. Vivian McCann, Portland Community College
- Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning: From Theory to Practice. Sarah Grison, Parkland College
- Accessibility of Master's Programs in the CSU: Challenges for the Future. Kimberly King, Brigitte K. Matthies, & Heidi R. Riggio, California State University, Los Angeles
- Paying It Forward, Paying It Back: Three Generations of Mentors at Fresno State University. Robert Levine, Connie Jones, & Lorin Lachs, California State University, Fresno
- Mentoring Students and Colleagues: An Integrative Approach. Adele Eskeles Gottfried, California State University, Northridge & Allen W. Gottfried, California State University, Fullerton





## 2015 Nominations Sought

**DEADLINE**  
for Nominations  
**JAN. 2!**

### 2015 Multivariate Software Award: Call for Nominations

Peter Bentler and Eric Wu, creators of EQS structural equation modeling software and EQSIRT Item Response Theory software published by Multivariate Software, will award a license for EQS along with a cash prize to a student who presents outstanding multivariate research at the WPA convention. Structural equation methodology has become a very important multivariate technique for the analysis of causal hypotheses with non- or quasi-experimental data. Students wishing to be considered for this award should send a research summary (1,200 word maximum) by January 2, to WPA at [cozby.wpa@gmail.com](mailto:cozby.wpa@gmail.com). Please use the subject line: 2015 Multivariate Software Award.

 Submit

### Nominations Sought For WPA Awards

The WPA Fellows and Awards Committee is requesting nominations from members for awards in 2015 and beyond. The awards include the Outstanding Teaching Award, the Early Career Research Award (10 years post- Ph.D. or less), and the E. E. Jones Award in Psychotherapy and Clinical Research. Members of WPA who have made outstanding and sustained contributions to psychology through research, teaching, or service to the profession are eligible to become WPA Fellows.

Please click the About WPA tab for links to nomination procedures and information on each of these awards and previous award winners. The deadline for receipt of all nominating materials is January 2. Nomination materials should be sent by email with attachments to Dr. Dale Berger, Chair, WPA Awards Committee, at [Dale.Berger@cgu.edu](mailto:Dale.Berger@cgu.edu). Please identify all correspondence concerning a WPA award nomination with a Subject: line that begins with WPA Award ..."

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### New WPA Fellows Announced

The [Fellows and Awards Committee](#) named five new Fellows of the association at the 2014 convention.

They are:

- Lynette H. Bikos, Seattle Pacific University
- Diana Wright Guerin, California State University, Fullerton
- Lawrence S. Meyers, California State University, Sacramento
- Pamela H. Oliver, California State University, Fullerton
- Jerry Rudmann, Irvine Valley College

### WPA Links

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**DEADLINE**  
Submission for WPA 2015  
**NOV. 15!**

Plan ahead by reading all submission information on the WPA website [westernpsych.org](http://westernpsych.org).

### Renew or Join WPA Now

Join WPA for 2014-2015 now. It is easiest to join online at our website using your credit card. You may also mail your payment. WPA dues are very reasonable. A student affiliate membership is \$30. Professional memberships are \$55 for one-year, \$100 for two-year, and \$135 for a three-year membership. Consider a lifetime membership for \$750.

Membership information is online at [westernpsych.org/membership](http://westernpsych.org/membership)

Membership



## Photos from the 2014 Convention in Portland



***Exhibitors included the Western Positive Psychology Association***



***New WPA Fellows: Diana Guerin, Pamella Oliver, Larry Meyers, Lynette Bikos, and Jerry Rudmann***





***Allen and Adele Eskeles Gottfried congratulate the recipient of the Gottfried award, Anaid Northcraft***



***Eugene Wong receives the WPA Teaching Award***



***WPA Early Career Research Award recipient Jason T. Siegel with Victoria Follette***





***Michael Twohig receives the Enrico E. Jones Clinical Psychology Research Award***



***Victoria Follette recognized Robert Levine for his three years of service to WPA as he ends his term of President and Past President***



***Victoria Follette ends her Presidential Address on Friday***







***WPA Award Recipient Photo***



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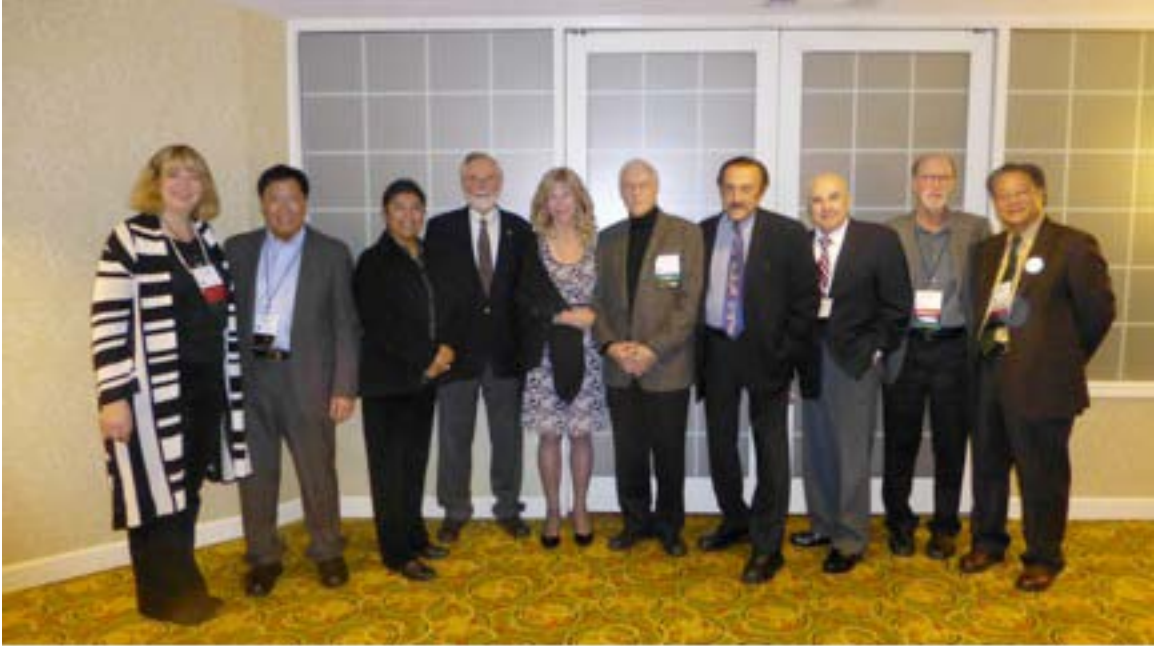
***Over 900 posters were presented during the four days of the convention***





***Student and faculty attendees enjoyed the receptions on Thursday and Friday.***





***Presidents of WPA in Portland: Jodie Ullman, Stanley Sue, Delia Saenz, Dale Berger, Victoria Follette, Peter Bentler, Phil Zimbardo, Joseph Matarazzo, Robert Levine, Jeffery Mio***

