



Candidate Statement  
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I am a Professor of Psychology (Emerita) and a researcher at the Healthy Workplaces Center at the University of California, Berkeley. I received my A.B. in Social Relations from Harvard (1967) and my Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Stanford (1971). I have conducted both laboratory and field research in a number of areas within social and health psychology. However, I am best known as the pioneering researcher on job burnout, producing the standard assessment tool, books, and award-winning articles. Some of my other awards are: Fellow of the AAAS (1991 -- "For groundbreaking work on the applications of social psychology to contemporary problems"), Professor of the Year (1997), and the 2017 Application of Personality and Social Psychology Award.

I served as president of the Western Psychological Association in 1988-89, and helped negotiate an historic first joint convention of WPA and the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association in Reno, Nevada. I have also served on the WPA Council of Representatives, and have been a regular contributor to many convention events. Currently, my husband, Phil Zimbardo, and I have agreed to co-chair the WPA 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration Planning Committee, for the 2020 WPA Conference that will be held in San Francisco. In addition, I will stand again for election to the WPA presidency. If elected, I would certainly continue the ongoing initiatives to increase professional membership and participation in WPA. I would also promote new programs for the annual conventions, and seek new ways to enhance the partnerships between researchers and practitioners on important social issues.



Candidate Statement  
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I have loved WPA since my first attendance during graduate school at Stanford, especially the remarkable welcoming and encouraging attitude of its members toward students with varied backgrounds and interests from a wide range of institutions. It is my hope that WPA will maintain, and even improve, its attraction to young scholars as it approaches its 100 year anniversary, and I would like to help foster this goal. It is not an easy task in this age of specialization where fields become narrower and deeper, and where specialty associations compete with WPA.

My own career represents such increasing specialization. Starting out in clinical psychology working on hypnosis and sexual behavior, and moving to personality research and drug abuse, I often used methods such as factor analysis. However, factor analysis was evolving from an exploratory to a confirmatory method and then extended to structural equation modeling for theory testing with nonexperimental data. These extensions required extensive additional self-study in statistical theory, and quickly showed their relevance to psychology (e.g., the Bentler-Speckart approach to the Fishbein-Ajzen attitude-behavior model; my 1988 book with Newcomb on *Consequences of adolescent drug use*). I was fortunate to be able to create – with students and colleagues -- many technical improvements, including the Bentler-Weeks model, the Satorra-Bentler and Yuan-Bentler statistics (and, in 2017, Arruda-Bentler and Jalal-Bentler statistics), and practical approaches such as CFI, the comparative fit index, and EQS, the structural equations program. These advances have had a huge impact – Google Scholar indicates that I am UCLA's most cited scholar  
[https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&view\\_op=search\\_authors&mauthors=University+of+California%2C+Los+Angeles&btnG=](https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&view_op=search_authors&mauthors=University+of+California%2C+Los+Angeles&btnG=)

As Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Statistics at UCLA, I do attend specialty association meetings. But I am a psychologist first and have been a WPA member for over 50 years, chaired the 1970 WPA convention, and served as WPA President in 2007-'08.

A fellow of APA and APS, I have been an elected president of SMEP, Division 5 of APA, and the Psychometric Society, and have received SMEP's Award for Outstanding Career Contributions to Multivariate Experimental Psychology, APA's Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award for the Applications of Psychology, and Psychometric Society's Lifetime Achievement (Career) award. Finally, I have held administrative positions such as Chair of the Psychology Department at UCLA and Director of the UCLA/NIDA Center for Collaborative Research on Drug Abuse.

I am honored to be considered again for WPA president at this very late stage in my career.