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Welcome Message from WPA President



Victoria Follette

am honored to serve as this year's President of the Western Psychological Association. WPA plays an essential role advancing research, scholarly activity, and teaching in the psychological sciences. Early in my career, when Dr. Robert Solso asked me to serve as a member of the council of representatives I became aware of the unique opportunities provided through WPA. The quality of our membership is evident in our convention that involves presentations by some of the most distinguished scholars in our field. Moreover the statistical workshops that are a part of the annual convention have provided essential training

to new scholars in the discipline. The involvement of students in all of our activities is part of the unique mission of WPA. Our conference is an opportunity to hear presentations by leaders in the field and as well as presentations by our rising stars and students who will carry on the legacy of WPA.

I am delighted to be of service to WPA and am pleased to work with an outstanding board and staff who uphold the organization's excellent reputation of providing opportunities for advancing scholarly and professional work. WPA remains one of the vibrant regional associations with an active membership that provides for a solid base in continuing our organization's activities. An essential part of "keeping it real" at WPA is active participation from our Council of Representatives who give us regular feedback that shapes the convention for the coming year. Moreover, our student membership group is very active and reminds us to keep looking forward in providing a place for mentoring the next generation of psychologists. If you have not renewed or joined WPA, please do it now. Information on how to proceed is listed directly below this message. Your support is vital to our growth and stability. One goal of mine is to reach out to some of our members who somehow "forgot" to renew, so expect to be hearing from us.

This year promises to provide yet another outstanding program with Ethan McMahan and Eric Cooley serving as the program co-chairs. The list of invited speakers includes some of your favorite presenters from prior conferences such as Philip Zimbardo, Delia Saenz, Stanley Sue, and Diane Halpern. There are also many newer voices to WPA that add to the breadth and depth of our offerings. Speakers such as Anthony Biglan, Jennifer Freyd, Gordan Hall, Ira Hyman and Sonja Lyubomirsky, to name a few, are sure to provide new insights into the cutting edge of psychological science. Look for some "surprise presenters" on the new DSM5. Our conference is one of a few where you can learn more about the broad range of psychological science, including topics such as happiness myths, hot topics in memory and cognition, diversity, what makes ordinary people heroes, and new findings in social psychology and brain science. The conference will take place in Portland, Oregon, which is ones of the "greenest" cities (in more ways than one) in the country. The city provides a beautiful setting to enjoy a bit of free time away from the convention. Rumor has it that you can get some of the best coffee and craft beers on the west coast. We are grateful to Western Oregon University for hosting the convention this year.

Over the years WPA has had an amazing list of leaders and I am humbled and proud to join the ranks of so many esteemed colleagues. Dr. Robert Levine carried us though a wonderful convention in Reno last year and next year our President-Elect, Judie Ullman, promises to take us to continued recognition on the national scene. She is one of the only people who ever made statistics "fun" for me so my guess is she can do just about anything.

The conference in Portland promises to be very enriching. Plan to submit a paper so that you can be a part of the action and take those first steps in becoming a part of a great group of psychologists. . Please come and introduce yourself, I want to meet as many of you as I can. Wishing you a wonderful new academic year including every success in making our discipline a better place.

Victoria M. Follette University of Nevada, Reno



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Renew or Join WPA Now

Join WPA for 2013-2014 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 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 <u>westernpsych.org/</u> membership.cfm

Membership



WPA 2014: Portland, Oregon Submission Deadline: November 15, 2013

The 2014 WPA convention is scheduled for April 24-27 at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront. The Terman Teaching Conference will be Wednesday, April 23. The convention host is Western Oregon University. Ethan McMahan and Eric Cooley are Program Co-Chairs.

We are planning many outstanding events throughout the convention. Speakers will include: Philip Zimbardo, Stanley Coren (UBC and author of Do Dogs Dream?), Jessica Henderson Daniel (Harvard University), John Boyd (Social Psychologist at Google), Melinda Blackman (CSU Fullerton), Bettina J. Casad (Cal Poly Pomona), Diane Halpern (Claremont McKenna College), Eric Landrum (Boise State University), Morton Ann Gernsbacher (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Frank Bernieri (Oregon State University), Robert Biswas-Diener (Portland State University, Happiness: Unlocking the Mysteries of Psychological Wealth, Mark Constanzo (Claremont McKenna College), William Crano (Claremont Graduate University), Shelly Gable (UC Santa Barbara), Glenn Geher (SUNY New Paltz), Ira Hyman (Western Washington University), Sonja Lyubomirsky (UC Riverside, The Myths of Happiness: What Should Make You Happy, but Doesn't, What Shouldn't Make You Happy, but Does), Azim Shariff (University of Oregon), Michael Steger (Colorado State University), Stanley Sue (Palo Alto University), Phil Watkins (Eastern Washington University), Sue Frantz (Highline Community College), Jennifer Freyd (University of Oregon), Dare Baldwin (University of Oregon), Gordon Hall (University of Oregon), Eric Stice (Oregon Research Institute), Leslie Hammer (Portland State University), Stewart Donaldson (Claremont Graduate University), Anthony Biglan (Oregon Research Institute), Victoria M. Follette (University of Nevada, Reno), Delia Saenz (Arizona State University)

Begin planning to submit your research to the program and attending the convention in 2014. The <u>Call for Papers</u> with detailed instructions for submitting is on the WPA website.



WPA People News



Jodie Ullman WPA President-Elect

Jodie B. Ullman was elected as our President-Elect for 2014. She will serve as President for the 2015 convention and continue to serve WPA as Past President in 2016. Dr. Ullman is Professor of Psychology at California State University, San Bernardino. She has been active in WPA for many years. Since 2006, she has been the coordinator of our popular WPA Statistics Workshop Series. She served as Program Chair of the WPA Convention in Palm Springs and for the past five years she has been WPA Secretary-Treasurer. In that capacity she has

represented WPA at the APA Education Leadership Conference and participated in APA efforts to lobby members of congress to support education in psychology. In 2012, Jodie was awarded the WPA Outstanding Teaching Award.

Dr. Ullman received her Ph.D. in Measurement and Psychometrics in 1997 from UCLA under the direction of Peter Bentler. Her primary research focus is in applied multivariate statistics with an emphasis in structural equation modeling and multilevel modeling; my primary teaching responsibilities are graduate level statistics. One of her proudest accomplishments is her chapter on Structural Equation modeling in Tabachnick and Fidell's Using Multivariate Statistics textbook. There is a particularly wonderful joy in teaching statistics. Students often begin the class secretly (or sometimes not so secretly) wishing they were someplace else – any place else. Then, as they learn, they see the actual joy and fun of wallowing in stat. As President, she will work to improve and evaluate the activities of WPA and work with representatives of the other regional associations. WPA welcomes Jodie to her three year term of office.



Sharon Hamill Secretary-Treasurer Elect

Dr. Sharon Hamill was elected to a five year term as WPA Secretary-Treasurer. She is a professor at California State University, San Marcos where she has served as chair of the Psychology Department, Faculty Senate Secretary, and chair of the General Education Committee. She recently accepted the position of General Education Assessment Coordinator and Director of Academic Assessment. Prior to coming to San Marcos, she was on the faculty of the University of Puget Sound.

Dr. Hamill was an undergraduate at Orange Coast College and California State University, Long Beach and earned her doctoral degree from UC Irvine. Her

research has focused on the socialization of adolescents and emerging adults for prosocial attitudes and behaviors.

Sharon has been a member of WPA for over 20 years and introduced dozens of undergraduate and graduate students to the organization. She has the unique experience of serving as the Invited Program Co-Chair on two different occasions. The first time was in 1997 when WPA was hosted by the University of Puget Sound in Seattle. Unfortunately, she was not able to attend as her youngest son decided that it would be a good time to be born. Fortunately for WPA, she had another opportunity to co-chair once again when CSU San Marcos hosted the event in 2008 in Irvine (and this time, she was able to attend!). WPA welcomes Sharon Hamill to her new position as Secretary/Treasurer





Melinda Blackman Receives 2013 WPA Teaching Award

The Western Psychological Association is pleased to recognize Dr. Melinda Blackman with the 2013 WPA Outstanding Teaching Award. Dr. Blackman is Professor of Psychology at California State University, Fullerton. She earned her B.A. at Stanford University; her Ph.D. is from the University of California, Riverside with a concentration in Social/Personality Psychology.

Dr. Blackman's rapport with and esteem by students is evidenced by her being voted her department's Teacher of the Year a remarkable five times. Students not enrolled in her classes have been known to linger outside of her classroom just to hear her lectures. Her colleagues named her the Outstanding Teacher for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences in 2005. In 2007, CSUF gave her the prestigious Carol Barnes Excellence in Teaching Award, as the outstanding teacher university-wide. In 2011, she was named the named Distinguished Faculty Member for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences -- an award that recognized Dr. Blackman's well-rounded contributions to teaching and scholarship.

Dr. Blackman is sought after as a mentor, serving on more than 50 thesis committees, supervising many undergraduate research assistants, and authoring numerous research publications and presentations with her students. After seeing that most of the department's master's students desired to teach at the university level, she developed a required M.A. course in which part of the curriculum focused on how to teach psychology at the college level.

Dr. Blackman's contribution to educating students extends beyond the boundaries of her academic institution. She has given symposia on assessment, developed web-based tutorials and class sites, written teaching-related manuals and publications, and she served on the WASC Task Force on Undergraduate Academic Advising. She is a regular presenter at WPA, APA, and SIOP.



Bettina J. Casad Receives 2013 Early Career Research Award

Dr. Bettina Casad is Associate Professor of Psychology at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Dr. Casad completed her Ph.D. in social psychology at Claremont Graduate University in 2006. The focus of much of Dr. Casad's research is on participation and success of women and minorities in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) disciplines. Dr. Casad has been remarkably successful in attaining grant support for her work. Currently she is PI on an NIH grant for over \$900,000 on Effects of Threatening Environments on Women's Success in Biomedical Majors. She has received nearly \$2 million from 17 external grants, plus over a quarter million dollars' worth of internal grants, either as Principal Investigator or co-PI.

As author or coauthor, Dr. Casad has published seven peer-reviewed research papers and seven book chapters, plus multiple encyclopedia articles, online papers, and technical reports. A prolific contributor to WPA for over ten years, Dr. Casad is author or coauthor of 43 conference presentations and 88 poster presentations, many with her students. Recognition of the importance of Dr. Casad's work has led to her giving 17 invited presentations at other universities, professional organizations, and community organizations.

Dr. Casad has a very active research lab, mentoring many students each year. She also is the advisor of an award winning Psi Chi chapter. For all these reasons and more, the Western Psychological Association is pleased to recognize Dr. Bettina Casad with the 2013 WPA Early Career Research Award.





Dr. Jeffery Scott Mio is a Professor of Psychology at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in the Psychology and Sociology Department. He is also the director of the M.S. in Psychology Program and has been since its inception in 1995. Previously, he was an Associate Professor of Psychology at Washington State University.

Dr. Mio is a long-time WPA member, presenting his first research paper at the 1978 WPA Convention in San Francisco. He has been a reviewer of WPA abstracts since the early 1990's, a member of the Awards Committee from 1999–2003, the Director of Awards and Fellows Committee from 2003–2009, the President-Elect from 2009–2010, the President from 2010–2011, and the Past President from 2011–2012. He has served as a member of the Western Psychological Association Foundation Advisory Board since 2011.

Dr. Mio is the author of 11 books and over 50 articles and book chapters in the areas of multicultural psychology, metaphor, and humor. He is a Fellow of WPA as well as APA's Divisions 1, 2, 9, and 45, and the Asian American Psychological Association (AAPA). He is also the recipient of the Outstanding Career Achievement Award for Teaching and Training from the APA Minority Fellowship Program in 1994, the WPA Teaching Award in 1998, the AAPA Distinguished Contribution Award in 2004, and the George P. Hart Award for Leadership at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, in 2009. The Western Psychological Association is pleased to recognize Dr. Jeffery Scott Mio with the 2013 WPA Service Award.



Elliot Aronson Recognized with WPA Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Elliot Aronson is Professor Emeritus at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He received his B.A. in psychology from Brandeis University where he was a protégé of Abraham Maslow and his Ph.D. from Stanford where his mentor was Leon Festinger. He has previously taught at Harvard, the University of Texas and the University of Minnesota. In 2001, he was named by his peers as one of the 100 most influential psychologists of the 20th century.

As a researcher, he is best known for his groundbreaking research on social influence and persuasion. His experiments on the theory of cognitive dissonance helped lay the foundations of this theory. In 1971, in response to racial tension in the Texas schools following desegregation, he invented the jigsaw classroom (a

cooperative teaching technique that improves learning, increases empathy, and reduces prejudice and bullying) now widely used all over the country.

Dr. Aronson has written or edited 23 books including The Handbook of Social Psychology (1968; 1985, with Gardner Lindzey), The Social Animal, Age of Propaganda (with Anthony Pratkanis), Nobody Left to Hate, and Mistakes Were Made But Not By Me (with Carol Tavris, 2007). Most recently, he wrote his autobiography, Not By Chance Alone: My Life as a Social Psychologist (2010).

Aronson is the only person in the 120-year history of the American Psychological Association to have received all three of its highest awards: For Distinguished Research, Distinguished Teaching, and Distinguished Writing. Among his other awards are the Gordon Allport prize for his contributions



to inter-racial harmony and the William James Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for Psychological Science (2007). In 1981, he was named Professor of the Year by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has served as President of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology as well as President of the Western Psychological Association. He lives happily in Santa Cruz with Vera, (his wife of 58 years) and Desilu (his guide dog of three years).



2013 Social Responsibility Award To Anthony Biglan

Dr. Anthony Biglan is a Senior Scientist at Oregon Research Institute and the Co-Director of the Promise Neighborhood Research Consortium. He has been conducting research on the development and prevention of child and adolescent problem behavior for the past 30 years. His work has included studies of the risk and protective factors associated with tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use; high-risk sexual behavior; and antisocial behavior. He has conducted numerous experimental evaluations of interventions to prevent tobacco use both through school-based programs and community-wide interventions, and he has evaluated interventions to prevent high-risk sexual behavior, antisocial behavior, and reading failure.

In recent years, Dr. Biglan's work has shifted to more comprehensive interventions that have the potential to prevent the entire range of child and adolescent problems. He and colleagues at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences published a book summarizing the epidemiology, cost, etiology, prevention, and treatment of youth with multiple problems (Biglan et al., 2004).

On a national level, he is a former president of the Society for Prevention Research. He was a member of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Prevention, which recently released its report documenting numerous evidence-based preventive interventions that can prevent multiple problems. As a member of Oregon's Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, and Chair of its prevention committee, he has helped to develop a strategic plan for implementing comprehensive evidence-based interventions throughout Oregon. The Western Psychological Association is pleased to recognize Dr. Anthony Biglan with the 2013 Social Responsibility Award.





Enrico E. Jones Clinical Psychology Research Award To

Shannon Dorsey

Dr. Shannon Dorsey completed her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Georgia in 2003, began her academic career at Duke University as a Postdoctoral Fellow and Clinical Assistant Professor, and then moved to the University of Washington, first as Assistant Professor in the Medical School and now Associate Professor of Child Clinical Psychology. Dr. Dorsey's research addresses the critical question of how to increase access to evidence-based practices for child and adolescent mental health problems. She has focused her work on reducing the "research to practice gap" for trauma-exposed individuals both domestically in community-based mental

health clinics and internationally in Africa, South America, the Middle East, and Asia. Her international research focuses on feasible and effective strategies for training and supervising providers of evidence-based treatments in low and middle income countries. Notably, Dr. Dorsey and her team are using technology such as Skype and Dropbox to conduct long-distance supervision and communication with local supervisors and counselors in Africa, testing feasible options for scaling up training and supervision.

Dr. Dorsey's ability to obtain funding for her research offers striking evidence for the quality of her work. Within seven years of receiving her Ph.D., she submitted two R01 grants to NIH as Principal Investigator, both of which were funded on the first submission. Both are randomized trials of a trauma-focused intervention. The first is a randomized trial of supervision strategies conducted in public mental health settings and the second is a randomized trial of the intervention itself, using lay counselors in Tanzania and Kenya, piloting greater local responsibility for intervention expertise. She is currently PI or a co-investigator on six federally funded grants with over \$4 million in direct costs, and she has completed work on another nine grants totaling over \$7 million.

In the first nine years of her career, Dr. Dorsey has made exceptional contributions to the psychotherapy research literature, with 29 research publications, many in top journals in her field. She also has authored three clinical handbook chapters and four treatment manuals. Her reviewers describe her as outstanding in every regard of her professional life, including research, grant acquisition, teaching and mentoring skills, collegiality, and interpersonal skills. The Western Psychological Association is pleased to recognize Dr. Shannon Dorsey with the 2013 WPA Enrico E. Jones Award..



2013 WPA Convention Featured Outstanding Program in Reno

he 2013 WPA Convention, held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. welcomed over 1.700 attendees. The meeting was hosted by University of Nevada, Reno, Melanie Duckworth and Tony Papa were Program Co-Chairs. With WPA President Robert Levine, the co-chairs planned an outstanding program. The convention included over 900 submitted posters, papers, and symposia that were reviewed by the WPA Program Review Committee. The WPA Invited Speaker program featured over 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 @ 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 2013 online convention program. The 2013 program may be downloaded or searched online at the WPA website: www.westernpsych.org

Robert Levine gave the WPA Presidential Address program on Friday, April 26. The title of his talk was A Geography of Time.

Jodie Ullman (California State University, San Bernardino) presented the WPA Teaching Award Address, How'd I End Up In Statistics Class? I Just Want To Help People! that focused on the particularly wonderful joy in teaching statistics. Students often begin the class secretly (or sometimes not so secretly) wishing they were someplace else – any place else. Then, as they learn, they see the actual joy and fun of wallowing in stat.

George Slavich (UCLA) gave the WPA Early Career Research Award Address: Human Social Genomics: How Stress Gets Under the Skin and Onto the Genome To Affect Health. The E. E. Jones Award for Research in Psychotherapy and Clinical Psychology Address was given by Jeffry Wood (UCLA): CBT For Youth With Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The Psi Chi program, organized by Jon Grahe (Pacific Lutheran University), featured Brian Nosek (University of Virginia): Scientific Utopia: A Radical View. 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.

The APA Distinguished Scientist Address was given by Lera Boroditsky (Stanford University) on the topic of How Language Affects Thinking.

The Worth Publishers Speaker was Ronald Comer from Princeton University. His talk was Teachers and Students: Psychology's Odd Couple.

Other presentations by distinguished speakers included:

- Allen Gottfried (Fullerton Longitudinal Study) and Anthony Rodriguez (UCLA) spoke on Connecting the Past With the Future In the Course of Human Development: How the Cognitive Experience of Reading To Young Children Leads to Educational Benefits Across the Academic Life-Span.
- Constance Jones from CSU Fresno presented Lives and Science Through Time: Parallel Themes of Stability and Change.
- Howard Friedman (UC Riverside) presented Healthy Models Zoom Out: What The Longevity Project Says About Work, Stress, Love And Health
- Stanley Sue, Past President of WPA and Director of the Center for Excellence in Diversity at Palo Alto University, spoke on Ethnicity and Mental Health: The Strange Case of Asian Americans.
- Jerry Burger from Santa Clara University: What Was I Thinking? Why Good People Sometimes Do Bad Things.

- Deborah Layton, author of Seductive Poison: A Jonestown Survivor's Story of Life and Death in the Peoples Temple, described her story and life since her ordeal.
- Morgan Sammons, Dean of CSPP, focused on Improving Services for Returning Veterans: A Review of Issues, Problems, and Solutions from a Militarily Informed Perspective.
- Steven Hayes (University of Nevada, Reno) discussed the implications of an evolutionary perspective for the core concerns of psychotherapy and applied psychology: Evolution Science, Psychology, and Psychotherapy.
- Steven Neuberg (Arizona State University) presented A Life History Approach to Stereotyping and Prejudice: Age, Sex, and Ecology (Race).

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 Laura Freberg (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo), Steven Bacon (CSU Bakersfield), and Felicia Friendly Thomas (Cal Poly Pomona).

Psychology Teachers@Community Colleges sponsored a presentation by Reagan Gurung (University of Wisconsin, Green Bay) on Building Autonomy: Facilitating Metacognition and Successful Study Behaviors.

The WPA Statistics Workshop program, coordinated by Jodie Ullman, featured:

- Factor Analysis for Understanding and Application, Dale E. Berger, Claremont Graduate University
- R for SPSS Users, Christopher L. Aberson, Humboldt State University.
- Scale Construction with Item Response Theory: EQSIRT, Peter M. Bentler, UCLA.



2013 Student Research Awards

These organizations were exhibitors at the 2013 convention:

American Psychological Association American School of Professional Psychology - Argosy University California School of Professional Psychology Civilian Medical Corps Claremont Graduate University Northwest University Palo Alto University Pearson Assessment / PsychCorp Phillips Graduate Institute Psi Chi - The International Honor Society in Psychology The Psych Store Sinauer Associates, Publishers Taylor Study Method University of La Verne University of Nevada, Reno Western Positive Psychology Association Worth Publishers

Support was provided for the convention program booklet by Multivariate Software, Inc. (EQS and EQSIRT), American Psychological Association, McGraw-Hill, Psi Chi - The International Honor Society in Psychology, Therapy Notes, Oxford University Press, and Discovering Psychology (laurafreberg.com). Worth Publishers sponsored the Terman Teaching Conference breakfast. WPA thanks these organizations for their support.

Generous Donors Fund Two Student Research Awards

Two major donations from long-time WPA supporters have been made to the Western Psychological Foundation WPA student research award fund. Steven Ungerleider from the University of Texas made a donation to honor Philip Zimbardo on the occasion of his 80th birthday. The donation will fund a second Christina Maslach-Philip Zimbardo Award for Research in Social Psychology. The Gottfried WPA Student Research Award in Developmental Psychology was funded by Allen W. Gottfried (Fullerton Longitudinal Study) and Adele Eskeles Gottfried (CSU Northridge).

2013 Student Research Awards

Thanks to generous donations by WPA members and endowed funds administered by the Western Psychological Foundation, 12 students received awards at the WPA Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 26, 2013.

The following students received WPA Student Scholarships. All were first authors on a WPA presentation that received outstanding reviews by Program Committee reviewers: Lauren Brande (University of California, Santa Cruz), Romina Gill (University of California, Irvine), Ryan Miller (Western Oregon University), Wendy Ng (University of La Verne), Jennifer M. Picanso (California State University, Northridge), Benjamin Schnare (Palo Alto University).

The Robert L. Solso Research Awards were presented to Josh Berman (Chapman University), Jaimee E. Munson (California State University, Fullerton), José R. Quiroz (California State University, Fullerton).

The Christina Maslach-Philip Zimbardo Social Psychology Research Awards were presented to Christine Kormos (University of Victoria) and Daniel J. Northington (Loma Linda University).

The Gottfried WPA Student Research Award in Developmental Psychology was presented to Harry J. Meussner (California State University, Fullerton).

Terman Teaching Conference



The Terman Teaching Conference was held on Wednesday, April 24. Anne Duran (CSU Bakersfield) coordinated the conference. Highlights included:

- Scientific Thinking across the Psychology Curriculum: Lessons from Statistics, Susan A. Nolan, Seton Hall University
- Public Speaking and Student Voices: Mastery from the Inside Out. Annan Paterson, School Psychologist
- Coming Soon: Using Movie Trailers to Engage Students, Randy Schultz, California State University, Bakersfield
- Getting to Know You: First-Day Activities, Stacy Teeters, San Diego State University
- Beyond Lectures: How Teachers can use Findings from Psychological Research to Enhance Everyday Learning Environments, Clint Wilkins, Bryan Dickerson, Kristin K. Gundersen, Jerry Rudmann, and Kris Leppien-Christensen, Heroic Imagination Project
- Organizing Effective Team-Based Research: A Hands-On Workshop, Brian
- Detweiler-Bedell & Jerusha Detweiler-Bedell, Lewis & Clark College

2013 WPA Film Festival Winners

he WPA Film Festival this year was under the direction of Carrie M. Margolin; the projectionists were Kameron Bishop, Chanté El, Sadee Jones, and Gabriela Valencia, 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 (94%) of the films received Good (4) to Very Good (5) average ratings and the overall mean rating was 4.39. The top two films received mean ratings of 4.78 to 4.85; 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 2014 WPA Convention:

Inocente (40 mins)

2013 Academy Award Winner, Best Documentary Short Subject

This is the story of a remarkable young artist - a 15-year-old girl named Inocente - who is

undocumented and homeless. It is a vital documentary that confronts the issues of teen homelessness, immigration and the importance of arts education in this country. Inocente is also a moving coming of age story about a brave young girl's fierce determination to never surrender to the bleakness of her surroundings.

The Cinema Guild, (2012, DVD). Rental Price \$95; Purchase Price \$295

Changing Your Mind (44 mins)

Illustrates new research into neuroplasticity and how the changing brain plays an important role in treating mental disorders and diseases.

Icarus Films, (2010, DVD). Rental Price \$60; Purchase Price \$248

A complete listing of all the films, their ratings, and information on purchase or rental may be found on the WPA website at www.westernpsych.org/PDF/Films2013.PDF



2014 Multivariate Software Award: Call for Nominations

Peter Bentler and Eric Wu, creators of EQS structural equation modeling 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. Please use the subject line: 2014 Multivariate Software Award.

DEADLINE for Nominations JAN. 2!



Nominations Sought For WPA Awards

The WPA Fellows and Awards Committee is requesting nominations from members for awards in 2014 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. Please identify all correspondence concerning a WPA award nomination with a Subject: line that begins with WPA Award ..."







Plan ahead by reading all submission information on the WPA website westernpsych.org.

New WPA Fellows Announced

The <u>Fellows and Awards Committee</u> named three new Fellows of the association at the 2013 convention.

They are:

- Gaithri A. Fernando, California State University, Los Angeles
- Leslie R. Martin, La Sierra University
- Heidi R. Riggio, California State University, Los Angeles

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Award Recipients at the Friday Awards Presentation



Melinda Blackman Receives Outstanding Teaching Award from Bob Levine



Early Career Research Award to Bettina Casad





WPA President Bob Levine welcomes incoming President Victoria Follette and recognizes Past President Delia Saenz for her years of leadership in WPA



Tony Biglan receives the WPA Social Responsibility Award





Shannon Dorsey was the recipient of the E.E. Jones Award for her research in clinical psychology



Gaithri Fernando and Heidi Riggio recognized as new WPA Fellows





Phil Zimbardo with the recipients of the Maslach-Zimbardo Award, Christine Kormos and Daniel Northington



Adele Eskeles Gottfried and Allen Gottfried congratulating Harry Meussner, recipient of the Gottfried Award for Research in Developmental Psychology





Dale Berger, WPA Awards Coordinator, with Jon Grahe, Psi Chi Vice President, at the Friday Reception



Presidents of WPA at the 2013 Convention Victoria Follette, Christina Maslach, Elliot Aronson, Phil Zimbardo, Delia Saenz, Robert Levine, Jeffery Mio, Jodie Ullman, Peter Bentler, Dale Berger, Stanley Sue



A special program on Sunday celebrated Phil Zimbardo's 80th birthday with a birthday cannoli.



Club WPA! DJ Steve made sure everyone had fun at the party on Friday evening.





The Psych Store was one of many exhibitors at the convention in Reno.



A poster presentation by students from Irvine Valley College.



