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#### MESSAGE FROM WPA PRESIDENT BOB LEVINE



I am honored to serve as this year's President of the Western Psychological Association. WPA has been an important part of my entire career, beginning with my very first conference

presentation in 1974. It has consistently provided me with exactly what I want from an organization of this type: The opportunity to hear some of the finest psychology has to offer in a relaxed setting that brings together an elegant balance of academics,

professionals, graduate students, undergraduate students and superstars. The meetings can be large and important but always feel personal. Most important to me, WPA has been a focal point in the education of so many of my most promising students. A number of these students are now professors and almost every one of them, like me, gave their first research presentation at WPA. It's where they got to rub elbows with their textbook heroes and, I believe, where many decided once and forever to pursue careers in psychology. I am a great believer in this organization and am committed to enhancing its future.

It is a gift in these difficult times to assume leadership of an organization that is so vital. WPA is by far the largest of psychology's regional associations. We have more than 2000 members. Most are from the Western United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, but there are also active members from all 50 states and several foreign countries. Last year's convention in San Francisco drew almost 2,500 attendees. We anticipate a similarly large turnout for the Reno convention as well.

This year's conference will continue WPA's tradition of cutting-edge invited speakers. In addition, we will celebrate a special occasion in Reno. Phil Zimbardo, who has been the heart and soul of WPA (not to mention practically everything else associated with the best of our discipline) for more years than either of us cares to remember, will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. In his honor, we have invited Phil and some of his prominent peers—including Elliot Aronson, Lee Ross, and Chris Maslach—to reflect upon their career journeys in social psychology. Also of note, we will have a series of invited presentations on the theme of "Science and Goodness." These will include presentations from cutting-edge organizations such as the Heroic Imagination Project and Stanford's Center for Compassion and Altruism Research CCARE). There is remarkable new work being done in this area and WPA is proud to offer a forum for these organizations. In addition, we have invited

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prominent speakers who have applied their psychological knowledge in unique ways. These speakers include the prominent psychoanalyst Neil Altman who will describe his work on urban problems, social psychologist John Boyd who will tell us about his work at Google on the computer user experience, and Deborah Layton who will describe her experiences as a member of the People's Temple at Jonestown.

It is humbling to review the list of WPA Presidents who have preceded me. I follow a dream team consisting of early legends like Lewis Terman and Edward Tolman to contemporaries like Hal Kelley. Eliot Aronson, Phil Zimbardo, Elizabeth Loftus, Gordon Bower, Chris Maslach, Stanley Sue, and many others. My immediate predecessors, Jeff Mio and Delia Saenz, have performed in the best of this tradition and I want to personally thank and laud them for the professionalism and panache they brought to us. They, and a very long list of passionate volunteers--including the Council of Representatives, members of the Program Review Committee, professional and student volunteers, our Executive Officer Chris Cozby, and, more than anything, those who attend and participate each year—are responsible for the outstanding organization that WPA is today. I am committed to adding all I can to these efforts over the next year.

Please join us in Reno. It will be a memorable event.

Robert Levine California State University, Fresno

#### RENEW OR JOIN WPA NOW

Join WPA for 2012-2013 now. It is easiest to join online at our website using your credit card. You may also create a mail-in form on the website when you sign up for membership. WPA dues are very reasonable, \$55 for professional members and \$30 for students. Consider a lifetime membership for \$750. Membership information is online at <a href="http://www.westernpsych.org/membership.cfm">http://www.westernpsych.org/membership.cfm</a>

### WPA 2013 IN RENO SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOV. 15, 2012

The 2013 WPA convention is scheduled for April 25-April 28 at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. The Terman Teaching Conference will be Wednesday, April 24. The convention host is the University of Nevada, Reno. **Melanie Duckworth** and **Anthony Papa** are Program Co-Chairs. We are planning many outstanding events throughout the convention.

Begin planning to submit your research to the program and attending the convention in 2013. The Call for Papers is on the WPA website.

### VICTORIA FOLLETTE ELECTED WPA PRESIDENT-ELECT



Victoria M. Follette
was elected as our new
Representative-at-Large.
She takes over from
Gabriela Martorell who
has moved to Virginia
Weslyan University. Dr.
Follette received her
M.S. from the University
of Washington in 1985
and Ph.D. from the

University of Memphis in 1989. Her first academic position was at the University of Nevada, Reno where she has had the opportunity to serve in many roles as a faculty person. In the clinical program, she was the director of the outpatient training clinic and went on to become the Director of Clinical Training. She had a unique opportunity to serve a term as the Associate Dean and in the College of Arts and Science/College of Liberal Arts. After leaving the dean's office, she was elected chair of the department and has served in that role for six years. Through all of this time in service activities, she has remained constant in her strong commitment to teaching and research. She loves working with students and mentoring them as they advance in their careers. Currently, she is on the Board of COGDOP (Council of Dept. Chairs) and a member of the APA Commission on Accreditation. As a clinical scientist, Dr. Follette is committed to the integration of science and practice. She has published

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edited volumes related to mindfulness in psychotherapy and cognitive behavioral approaches to trauma therapy (Hayes, Follette, & Linehan, 2004; Follette & Ruzek, 2006). Her clinical and research work has emphasized an examination of the long term consequences associated with a history of childhood trauma. In particular, she has investigated the impact of experiential avoidance in the diverse outcomes associated with various forms of maltreatment in the family of origin In addition to investigating intrapersonal impacts of trauma, she has examined interpersonal problems in intimate partner relationships, including revictimization. Victoria is looking forward to her next three years of service to WPA and working to uphold the organization's excellent reputation of providing opportunities for advancing scholarly and professional work.

### JOHN MORITSUGU, WPA REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE



John Moritsugu was named as our new Representative-at-Large for a 2-year term to replace Victoria Follette. John is from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington.

He received his B.A. from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Master's and PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Rochester. At Pacific Lutheran, his focus has been on undergraduate and liberal arts education. John was among the participants at the 1991 APA conference on Enhancing the Quality of Undergraduate Education held at St. Mary's College in Maryland. He was also on the first Task Force for the Infusion of Diversity in Undergraduate Education, under the APA Board of Educational Affairs. He has served as departmental chair, president of the Washington State Psychological Association, co-president of APA Division 45 (Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues), and Representative to the APA Council for Division 27 (Society for Community Research and Actions) and for Washington State. He has co-edited texts on Preventive Psychology, and on Multidisciplinary Contributions to Prevention, and more recently co-authored a textbook

on *Community Psychology*. John's interests have been in stress and coping in relation to people of color, and presently he is interested in compassion and wisdom.

### JODIE ULLMAN RECEIVES 2012 WPA TEACHING AWARD



Dr. Jodie Ullman is Professor of Psychology at California State University, San Bernardino, where her primary teaching responsibilities are teaching statistics at both the undergraduate and graduate level. She earned her PhD at

UCLA in Psychology with specializations in Measurement and Psychometrics with minors in Statistics and Social Psychology. Notably, she also has a teaching credential and experience teaching high school.

Dr. Ullman's approach to statistics is focused on conceptual understanding with a goal of teaching students how to explain statistical analyses and findings in what she calls 'grandma terms." Those of us who teach statistics appreciate the importance of her approach, and also recognize how difficult it is to teach mastery of statistical concepts to a degree that it is possible to explain them accurately in simple terms to people who may not be sophisticated with statistics. Her student evaluations are outstanding. A theme in student comments is that they feel comfortable asking questions in Dr. Ullman's classes, perhaps because of the importance she places on everyday language in talking about statistics.

Dr. Ullman's chapter on Structural Equation Modeling in Tabachnick and Fidell's Using Multivariate Statistics is a trusted resource for many researchers, garnering over 400 citations. She has also published research on classroom social experiences as predictors of academic performance, and presented her work on a student engagement scale. She has been a co-investigator or consultant on four grants focused on teaching and academic support, including an NSF grant to strengthen the scientific workforce.

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As Vice President of Academic Affairs for the Southern California Chapter of the American Statistics Association, she coordinated a career day to introduce students to diverse areas of research design and statistics. For the past five years as the Statistical Workshop Chair for the Western Psychological Association, she creatively designed continuing education workshops for both faculty and students that addressed new developments in statistical techniques.

Dr. Ullman's innovative and creative classroom teaching skills, extraordinary one-to-one mentoring, and dedication, service, and leadership in initiating and developing programs of teaching are of the highest quality standards, making her an outstanding representative of the teaching profession.

# GEORGE SLAVICH RECEIVES 2012 EARLY CAREER RESEARCH AWARD



Dr. George Slavich is
Assistant Professor of
Psychiatry and Biobehavioral
Sciences at the University of
California, Los Angeles.
Following his B.A. and M.A.
programs in psychology at
Stanford University, he
earned his Ph.D. in Clinical
Psychology from the
University of Oregon,
completed his Clinical

Psychology Internship at McLean Hospital and Harvard Medical School, an NIMH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Health Psychology at the University of California, San Francisco, and an NIMH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Psychoneuroimmunology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The volume, substance, and range of Dr. Slavich's work are outstanding. His work has continuing, meaningful impact on understanding basic behavioral processes as well as human gene expression, depression, and the applied technology of teaching. His research on human social genomics shows that social adversity (e.g., social isolation and rejection) can influence our most deeply internal biological processes – namely, the expression of our genes. This work has the potential to completely change our

beliefs about gene X environment interactions in health and, at a more fundamental level, our notions about the "self" as being biologically stable across time and situations.

Currently Dr. Slavich is co-authoring an invited review on stress, inflammation, and depression with renowned psychiatrist Dr. Aaron Beck. The review examines evidence that stress causes depression in part by influencing inflammation. Dr. Slavich has received multiple grants to support his work, including the Branco Weiss Fellowship which provides over \$500,000 in personal research support for the study of how neural and peripheral processes translate the external social environment into the internal biological environment of disease pathogenesis.

The continuing contributions of Dr. Slavich to WPA are also noteworthy. He founded and served as Chair of the WPA Student Council from 2001 - 2005, served on the WPA Board of Directors from 2002 - 2006, has been a member of the WPA Council of Representatives since 2001, and has also given two invited talks at the Terman Teaching Conference. Put simply, he has contributed to WPA in all ways possible – as a scientist, teacher, leader, and innovator.

# RON RIGGIO RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO WPA

Ronald E. Riggio is the Henry R. Kravis Professor of Leadership and Organizational Psychology and former Director of the Kravis Leadership Institute at Claremont McKenna College. Dr. Riggio is a long-time WPA member, presenting his first research paper at a WPA conference in 1982. He was WPA



President in 2009, and served as Secretary/Treasurer for five years. He has also served on many WPA committees over the years including the WPA Awards Committee. Professor Riggio is the author of over a dozen books, and 120 research articles and book chapters in the areas of industrial-organizational psychology and social psychology. He is a Fellow of

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the Western Psychological Association, the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science, and the Society for Teaching of Psychology (APA Div. 2). He has been on the faculties of California State University, Fullerton, University of California, Irvine, UC Riverside, and UC San Francisco. In recognition of his many contributions to the success of our association, the Western Psychological Association is pleased to recognize Dr. Ron Riggio with the 2012 WPA Outstanding Service Award.

# BARBARA TABACHNICK RECOGNIZED WITH WPA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Dr. Barbara Tabachnick is Emerita Professor of Psychology at California State University, Northridge. After completing her PhD studies at UCLA with a focus on sensation and perception, Dr. Tabachnick took her first academic position at CSU

Northridge where she spent her entire academic career, retiring in 1996.

Professor Tabachnick has published many research papers, chapters, and books, and made hundreds of presentations. However, one of her books, written with Linda Fidell, holds a special place on the shelves and in the hearts of researchers in psychology and other fields. Literally thousands of graduate students, faculty, and applied researchers have learned multivariate statistics from this classic textbook, Using Multivariate Statistics. This was the first book to provide both a sound theoretical framework and also examples with computer output and enough practical instruction and interpretations that applied researchers could actually use the techniques with confidence! This book along with her other work has established Professor Tabachnick as an internationally recognized expert in applied multivariate analysis.

Professor Tabachnick is a popular presenter at WPA. Her skill at explaining complicated multivariate statistics is without parallel. She is generous with her

time and has presented WPA statistics workshops multiple times.

Despite "retiring" in 1996, Professor Tabachnick remains research active and she is currently a consultant with research groups across the nation. In addition to her statistical contributions, other recent publications include work on game-based learning, fetal alcohol syndrome, sleep disturbance, and ethics. And, in addition to all of these academic accomplishments, Barbara is an accomplished artist whose work can be seen regularly on exhibit!

## ENRICO E. JONES CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD TO BY JEFFRY WOOD



Dr. Wood is Associate Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, with appointments in the Department of Education and the Geffen School of Medicine. He earned his B.A. degree in psychology at the University of California, Berkeley, and

his PhD in Clinical Psychology at UCLA. Fittingly, Dr. Wood was an undergraduate student of Professor Enrico Jones at Berkeley. He continued to meet and correspond with Dr. Jones, sparking his interest in clinical psychology and his current career of helping others.

Dr. Wood has established an international reputation for his specialty in anxiety disorders, as well as child and adolescent autism. He has studied the etiology and course of these disorders, as well as developed novel cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) treatment programs that are empirically supported. The applied nature of his work is particularly meaningful for all the families and children that he has helped. Dr. Wood has published 38 articles and chapters, most of which are first-authored pieces in top-tier peer-reviewed journals. He has also published two influential books on CBT interventions for practitioners.

Dr. Wood has served as the PI or Co-PI on five NIHfunded grants He has also been PI on four studies

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funded by Cure Autism Now, Autism Speaks, and Organization for Autism Research. His dedication to student training is reflected by the success of his students. For example, five of his graduate and postdoctoral students have received NIMH NRSA training grants. He has trained countless numbers of undergraduate students and provided them an opportunity to experience clinical intervention research.

Dr. Wood's most widely recognized work to date is his development of CBT manuals for childhood anxiety and autism which he has rigorously tested in NIH-funded clinical trials. Notably, Dr. Wood's manual is the subject of a major National Health Services-funded 4-year clinical trial comparing family and child based CBT for anxiety. In a second major research program, Dr. Wood adapted his CBT manual to fit the specific needs of the autistic spectrum population, with enhancements to address social skills, attention, and motivation. Dr. Wood recently received a \$450,000 grant from Autism Speaks to study an extended version of this treatment manual for three more years to evaluate its efficacy for treating the core symptoms of autism. He is also lead PI of an NIH-funded project investigating the efficacy of this manual for anxiety disorders in teenagers with autism.

## 2012 WPA CONVENTION FEATURED OUTSTANDING PROGRAM

The 2012 WPA Convention, held at the Hyatt Regency SFO-Burlingame, welcomed over 2,400 attendees. The meeting was hosted by Palo Alto University. **William Froming** and **James Breckenridge** (Palo Alto University) were Program Co-Chairs. With WPA President Delia Saenz, the cochairs planned an outstanding program.

The convention included over 1,200 submitted posters, papers, and symposia that were reviewed by the WPA Program Review Committee. The Distinguished Speaker program featured over 30 talks 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 2012 online convention program.

**Delia Saenz** gave the WPA Presidential Address program on Friday, April 27. The title of her talk was *Solo Status, Perspective-Taking, and Social Creativity: The Power of One.* 

**Philip Zimbardo** (Palo Alto University) spoke on Why I Am Managing a New Hero Factory in San Francisco. Dr. Zimbardo and **Christina Maslach** (Zimbardo) gave a Sunday morning presentation on The Stanford Prison Experiment: A 40-Year Retrospective.

Mark Costanzo (Claremont McKenna College) presented his WPA Teaching Award Address: *Teaching Psychology Through Its Applications*.

Jason F. Reimer (CSU San Bernardino) gave the WPA Early Career Research Award Address: Development of Cognitive Control: Goal Representation and Maintenance In Children and Young Adults.

**Adele Eskeles Gottfried (**CSU Northridge**)** delivered the WPA Social Responsibility Award address: *From Research To Social Responsibility: Making The Connections.* 

**Barbara Tabachnick** (CSU Northridge) gave the WPA Lifetime Achievement Award address, *The Yellow Brick Roller Coaster*.

The E. E. Jones Award for Research in Psychotherapy and Clinical Psychology Address was given by **George Slavich** (UCLA): *Black Sheep Get the Blues: A Psychobiological Model of Social Rejection and Depression*.

**David Myers** (Hope College), known for both his research and his popular textbooks, spoke on *A Quiet World: The Psychology of Hearing and Hearing Loss*.

**Claude Steele** (Stanford University) delivered an address on *Remedying Stereotype Threat*.

**Sally Mallam** (Hoopoe Books for Afghanistan) described a major program to use literature to change

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the cognitive focus of children who have grown up in the chaotic life of Afghanistan

The Psi Chi program, organized by **Jon Grahe** (Pacific Lutheran University), featured an address by **Hall "Skip" Beck** (Appalachian State University) that described the quest that he and his students undertook to discover the fate of John Watson's famous subject: *Finding Little Albert: Adventures In The Search For Psychology's Lost Boy.* Psi Chi also sponsored the Psi Chi Poster Session and the Psi Chi Chapter Exchange and Awards Program.

The APA G. Stanley Hall Address was given by **Greg Madden** (Utah State University) on the topic of *Behavioral Economics, Impulsivity, and Health Decision Making*.

Other presentations by distinguished speakers included William Froming (Palo Alto University), Comparative Genocide and Social Psychology; Christina Maslach (UC Berkeley) Burnout and Engagement In The Workplace: New Perspectives; Ten Things I Have Learned About Virtual Reality and Behavior by Jim Blascovich (UC Santa Barbara); Howard S. Friedman (UC Riverside) and Leslie R. Martin (La Sierra University), The Longevity Project: The 8-Decade Study of Staying Healthy and Living Long; Stanley Sue (Palo Alto University), Cultural Competency: Necessity Or Political Correctness? Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi and Stewart Donaldson (Claremont Graduate University), Taking Stock of the First Decade of Positive Psychology; Brian Detweiler-Bedell and Jerusha Detweiler-Bedell (Lewis & Clark College), Doing Collaborative Research With Undergraduates: A Team-Based Approach; Fathali M. Moghaddam (Georgetown University), The Psychology of Dictatorship: The 'Springboard Model', Ideology, and Brute Force; Ricardo Munoz (UC San Francisco), Using Psychology and the Internet to Reduce Health Disparities Locally and Globally by; Narrative of Hope for War-Torn Children. Two President's Symposia were held on Saturday: A session with Dan Krauss (Claremont McKenna College) on the State Of The Discipline In Forensic Psychology and a session with Robert Bjork (UCLA) on Self-Regulated Learning,

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 **Nancy Segal** (CSU Fullerton), **Theodore Bell** (CSU Los Angeles), and **Keith Widaman** (UC Davis.

STP and the Psychology Teachers @ Community Colleges sponsored a presentation by **Sue Frantz** (Highline Community College) on *Technology For Today's Academic: Tools That Will Make You Look Like a Techie.* 

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

- Testing Moderation Hypotheses Using Multiple Group Structural Equation Modeling. Jodie Ullman, (CSU San Bernardino)
- Introduction to Latent Class Analysis in Mplus. Karen Nylund-Gibson (University of California, Santa Barbara)
- An Introduction to Item Response Theory. Andrew Ainsworth (CSU Northridge)
- Choosing Your Multivariate Technique. Barbara Tabachnick (CSU Northridge)

#### WPA THANKS OUR SUPPORTERS

These organizations were exhibitors at the 2012 convention:

- American Psychological Association
- California School of Professional Psychology
- Cedrus Corporation
- Claremont Graduate University
- John Wiley and Sons
- Mt. St. Mary's College
- Northwest University
- Palo Alto University
- Pearson Education
- The Psych Store
- Sinauer Associates, Publishers
- Trilogy Financial Sevices
- University of La Verne
- Washington State University
- Worth Publishers

Support was provided for the convention program booklet by Multivariate Software, Inc. (EQS Structural Equation Modeling Software), the American Psychological Association, Mt. St. Mary's College, McGraw-Hill, and *Discovering Psychology* (laurafreberg.com). Pearson Education sponsored the

PT@CC community college breakfast and Worth Publishers sponsored the Terman Teaching Conference breakfast. WPA thanks these organizations for their support.

#### 2012 STUDENT AWARDS

Thanks to generous donations by WPA members, endowed funds administered by the Western Psychological Foundation, and Multivariate Software, Inc., 15 students received awards at the WPA Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 27, 2012.

The following students received WPA Student Scholarships. All were first authors on a WPA presentation that received outstanding reviews by Program Committee reviewers: Tracy L Durksen (University of Alberta), Amy L Erickson (Lewis-Clark State College), Erika Estrada (California State Polytechnic University, Pomona), Joseph E. Gonzales (University of California, Davis), Tiana Hayden (University of San Diego), Eric Malain (Humboldt State University), Cody Packard (Claremont Graduate University), Jennifer M. Picanso (California State University, Northridge). Thelma A. Pinheiro (University of La Verne), Michelle Sloper (Claremont Graduate University), Katherine H. Tsai (SDSU/UCSD Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology.

The Robert L. Solso Research Awards were presented to Francesca Kruk (UCLA), Kizzann Ramsook (Pomona College), Emilio Valadez (California State University, Northridge)

The Christina Maslach-Philip Zimbardo Social Psychology Research Award was presented to Michael Le (Humboldt State University).

The Multivariate Software Award is presented by Peter Bentler and Eric Wu, creators of EQS structural equation modeling software published by Multivariate Software, Inc. The award includes a license for the EQS computer program and a cash prize. The Multivariate Software Award recipient was Christine Victorino (UC Santa Barbara).

# TERMAN TEACHING CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON THE "REAL WORLD"

The Terman Teaching Conference was held on Wednesday, April 25. **Anne Duran** (CSU Bakersfield) coordinated the conference. The theme this year was **Psychology and the Real World**. Highlights included:

- Four Decades Professing Psychology: Lessons I Have Learned, **David Myers** (Hope College)
- Reality Bites: Challenging Cherished Beliefs with Critical Thinking, **Heidi Riggio** (CSU Los Angeles)
- The Most Important Advice for Our Students
   Considering Psychology as a Major or Career
   Path, Amira Rezec Wegenek (Saddleback
   College)
- Recipe for Psychology Student Success: Academic Degree
   + Applied Experience + Networking = Career Success,
   Tanya Boone (CSU Bakersfield)
- Pavlov's Dogs Still Drooled and Freud Still Died in 1939

   Reinventing Introductory Psychology with a Theme
   Based Approach, Diane Simpson Brown (Everett Community College)

Make your plans to attend the Terman Teaching Conference in Reno in 2013.

#### 2012 WPA FILM FESTIVAL WINNERS

The WPA Film Festival this year was under the direction of **Carrie M. Margolin**; the projectionists were Kameron Bishop, Anastasia Daniels, Linnie Hawke, Jamie Macquarrie, and Maximilian Willson, 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 (81%) of the films received *Good* (4) to *Very Good* (5) average ratings and the overall mean rating was 4.30. In this year's very close race, the top three films received mean ratings of 4.82 to 4.84. The highest rated film was designated as our Film Festival Winner for its exceptional quality. If you missed this outstanding film at the Film Festival, you will have another chance to see it during a special encore presentation at the 2013 WPA Convention:

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#### WINNER

#### The Welcome (93 mins)

The Welcome is a feature length documentary about veterans from wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam (along with family members) who participate in an intense and unusual five-day retreat in the woods of S. Oregon. On the final day they bring poetry they have written on the retreat into town to be presented to a sold- out audience of civilians, there to receive them back home. This poetic public "conversation" is a very powerful model that uses art, story and the willing participation of the public in the healing not just of combat veterans and their families, but also the community that has come to welcome them home. The Welcome (self-distributed) (2011, DVD). Rental Price \$125; Purchase Price \$250

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

### Presumed Guilty (88 mins)

In December 2005 Toño Zuniga was picked up off the street in Mexico City, Mexico, and sentenced to 20 years for murder based on the testimony of a single, shaky eyewitness. *Presumed Guilty* tells the heartwrenching story of a man who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time; it is the highest-grossing documentary in the history of Mexican cinema. Shot over three years with unprecedented access to the Mexican courts and prisons, this dramatic story is a searing indictment of a justice system that presumes guilt.

Icarus Films (2009, DVD). Rental Price \$150; Purchase Price \$398

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

#### Where Did I Put My Memory? (48 mins)

Memory loss is a growing epidemic as we live longer and we have more and more information to forget. Are we all doomed to lose our ability to recall, or are there ways to keep our memories intact? This is a light-hearted but enlightening journey that explores the world of memory and shows how there are ways to improve our memory.

Filmakers Library (2011, DVD). Rental Price n/a; Purchase Price \$295

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/Films2012.pdf

# 2013 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 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 December 1, 2012 to WPA at cozby.wpa@gmail.com. Please use the subject line: 2013 Multivariate Software Award.

#### NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR WPA AWARDS

The WPA Fellows and Awards Committee is requesting nominations from members for awards in 2013 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.

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 December 1. Nomination materials should be sent by email with attachments to Dr. Dale Berger, Chair, WPA Awards Committee, at WPA.Awards@Sakai.Claremont.edu. Please identify all correspondence concerning a WPA award nomination with a Subject: line that begins with "WPA Award ..."

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#### ZIMBARDO HONORED AT APA

Phil Zimbardo received the APF Gold Medal Award for Lifetime Achievements in Science and the Distinguished Lifetime Contributions to Media Psychology Award from APA Division 46. Congratulations to Dr. Zimbardo!

#### **WPA LINKS**

Membership and Convention Registration Information:

http://www.westernpsych.org/membership.cfm

Paper and Poster Submission Information for the 2013 Convention:

http://www.westernpsych.org/convention/call.cfm

Advice on Submitting an Abstract for the Convention:

http://www.westernpsych.org/newsletter/article.cfm ?id=132

Hotel Reservations and Travel Information: <a href="http://www.westernpsych.org/convention/hotel.cfm">http://www.westernpsych.org/convention/hotel.cfm</a>

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts for WPA is Nov. 15

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

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# PHOTOS FROM THE 2012 CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO



Student Award Recipients at the Friday Awards Presentation
Michael Le, Eric Malain, Albertina Lopez, Amy Erickson, Michelle Sloper, Tracy Durksen, Thelma Pinheiro, Katherine Tsai,
Francesca Kruk, Tiana Hayden, Cody Packard, Joseph Gonzales, Emilio Valadez, Jennifer Picanso



Jodie Ullman Receives Outstanding Teaching Award from Delia Saenz

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Early Career Research Award to George Slavich



Barbara Tabachnick Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

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Jeff Mio is recognized for his three years of service to WPA as President-Elect, President, and Past President



Delia Saenz Delivers the 2012 Presidential Address

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## POSTER PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITORS AT THE CONVENTION





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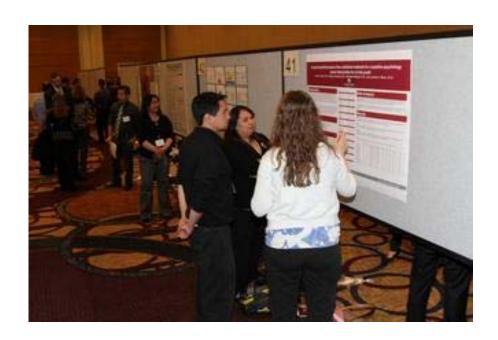
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Christina Maslach, Phil Zimbardo, Terry Cronan, and Al Helix at the WPA Social Hour

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Incoming President Bob Levine at the Reception

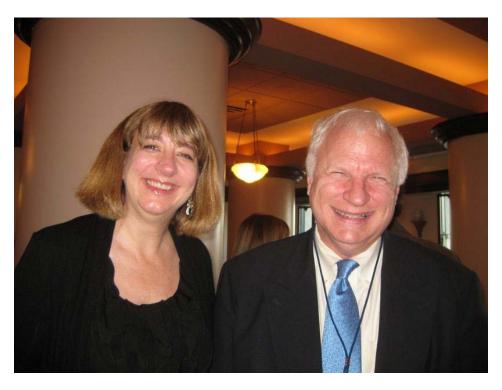


Friday Reception in the Hyatt Atrium

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WPA Film Festival Coordinator Carrie M. Margolin with Psi Chi Speaker Hall "Skip" Beck



Secretary-Treasurer and Stat Workshop Coordinator Jodie Ullman with 2012 Program Co-Chair William Froming from Palo Alto University

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Presidents of WPA at the 2012 Convention Robert Bjork, Christina Maslach, Stanley Sue, Dale Berger, Phil Zimbardo, Delia Saenz, Robert Levine, Jeffery Mio

Join us for WPA 2013 next April at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno

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