



# Police Psychological Services Section Newsletter

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Section Activities Update 2010

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## Special points of interest:

- The Ethics Consultation Committee (ECC) and Early Career Consultation Committee (ECCC) are up and running
- Video-recorded interviews of Robin Inwald and Mike Roberts are “in the can” and online
- PPSS, along with SPCP and APA PPS, has participated in the preparation of an application for submission to ABPP this fall for specialty board status in Police and Public Safety Psychology
- Chair-elect Dan Clark has formed two guideline revision committees (Peer Support and Consulting Police Psychologists)
- A joint resolution with the police physicians regarding behavioral health services still requires modifications and was postponed until 2011
- PPSS was involved in two recent IACP publications, one on returning veterans and the other on police services to persons with mental disorders
- Our colleagues Ellen Kirschman and Robin Inwald were recognized for their many achievements at the 2010 APA Police and Public Safety Psychology Miniconference in San Diego. Congratulations to both!

SPCP and IACP PPSS will hold their 2011 conferences in Chicago back-to-back. Both organizations will coordinate their planning so police psychologists can elect to attend both on the same trip. Mark the dates now—Oct. 19-21 for SPCP and Oct. 22-23 for IACP PPSS.

## OUTSTANDING PROGRAM PLANNED FOR ORLANDO! by Jeni McCutcheon

Education Chair, Jeni McCutcheon, and Program Chair, Jocelyn Roland, with the help of the PPSS Program Committee, have assembled an outstanding assortment of presentations/panels for the annual conference. We don't recall a more diverse program in recent years—the varied topics cover the multiple domains of our proficiency — operations, assessment, intervention and consultation.

There are presentations on tired cops, psychopharmacology issues with cops, important ethical issues involved in crisis negotiations and interrogations, police psychology in small and rural police agencies, a legal update, managing vicarious traumatization in CAC investigations, race relations and implicit bias in policing, reintegration of returning citizen soldiers, technology for police psychologists, a West Coast Post-trauma (cont'd on p.3)



## Rachel Rosenblatt, Psy.D. — New Member Profile!!



**Dr. Rachel Rosenblatt** is the Section's newest member. She completed her bachelor's degree in psychology from Florida State University, and a master's degree in psychology and a Psy.D. in clinical psychology from The Florida Institute of Technology. She completed a one-year clinical internship at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and subsequently completed a postdoctoral program in forensic and child psychology.

Dr. Rosenblatt's professional practice is focused upon psychological testing and evaluation. She currently works at Stone, McElroy and Associates, where she conducts public safety pre-employment evaluations, fitness-for-duty evaluations, and post-shooting/critical incident assessments. She has also conducted evaluations with children and adolescents experiencing disruptive behavior and learning problems, as well as parenting evaluations. She has training and experience in the subspecialty of sex offender and trauma evaluation, and has conducted numerous evaluations with child and adolescent perpetrators and victims of sexual abuse.

## Interviews of Historic Figures in Police Psychology



Robin Inwald, Ph.D., ABPP

One of the primary objectives of this year's PPSS Executive Board has been to establish and promote resources for our early career police psychologists. Part of this effort has included a trial of recorded video interviews of some of our pioneers.

Robin Inwald was interviewed in March 2010 and Mike Roberts in July 2010. Among other topics, each discussed how they entered police psychology. Like

many others in this discipline, it can be argued that police psychology found them rather than the other way around.

At the Section meeting in Orlando, we'll discuss your impression of these interviews. Since it has been a trial, you'll be asked if you think these interviews are worthwhile and whether or not you'd like to see them continue.

If you haven't yet viewed them, you'll find them at: <http://vimeo.com/13227894>

## Section Members Continue to Contribute by Vice Chair Dan Clark



Mike Roberts, Ph.D., ABPP

Our Police Psychological Services Section membership is very active within the larger IACP organization. I would like to take just a few minutes, and bring you up to date on several projects involving our Section members.

In 2009, Scott Allen, Herb Gupton, Phil Trompetter, and I attended the IACP National Policy Summit on Building Safer Communities: Improving Police Response to Persons with Mental Illness. This summit resulted in the document, *Building Safer Communities: Improving Police Response to Persons with Mental Illness. Recommendations from the IACP National Policy Summit*, published in June 2010. You can download this report from [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org) under "Publications and Guides."

Several of our PPSS members were also involved in the *Employing Returning Combat Veterans as Law Enforcement Officers* project, which released two documents in July 2010, the *Law Enforcement Leader's Guide on Combat Veterans and Combat Veterans & Law Enforcement: A Transition Guide for Veterans Beginning or Continuing Careers in Law Enforcement*.

Audrey Honig was a Project Advisory Committee member. Dave Corey, Steve Curran, Herb Gupton, Phil Trompetter, Dick Wihera and I were invited to review the document before final publication. As a Section, we received the following credit: "The IACP Psychological Services Section also played a pivotal role in both guides by their thoughtful commentary and expert advice on veterans health issues." Go to <http://www.theiacp.org/Vets2Cops> for more information, to download the two documents, or to request a hard copy.

In late 2009, a committee formed to work on a resolution to place before IACP, entitled "Support for the Use of Prescription Psychotropic Medications for Police Officers." This committee, chaired by Joel Fay, includes Suzanne Best, Anne Bisek, Robin Greene, Victoria Havassy, Don Herrmann, Mark Kamena, Gary Kaufmann, Mark Kirschner, Charles Milofsky, Mary-Wales North, Andrew Wrobel, and Mark Zelig. They are collaborating with the Physician's Section, and plan to have a completed resolution to submit to the Section in 2011.

Within our Section, we also



have two committees currently revising guidelines last reviewed and approved by our Section in 2006. John Nicoletti (Chair) and Monica Pilarc (Co-chair) are leading the revision of the Guidelines for Consulting Police Psychologists. Their committee includes Azadeh Famili, Lorraine Greene, Ray Hanbury, and John Warren. Joel Fay (Chair) and LaMaurice Gardner (Co-chair) are leading the revision of the Peer Support Guidelines. Their committee includes Frances Douglas, Dan Dworkin, Doug Gentz, Byron Greenburg, Raymond Hanbury, Jennifer Kelly, Mark Kirschner, and Jocelyn Roland. Both committees will be presenting their revisions for our review and approval at the 2011 conference in Chicago.

Please join me in thanking these folks for their hard work, both past and ongoing. I hope to see you in Orlando!

This year's IACP PPSS Program -  
October 23-25, 2010,  
in Orlando at the  
Orange County  
Convention Center,  
9860 Universal  
Boulevard, Orlando,  
Florida

## Membership News *by Membership Chair Elizabeth White*

New applicants are slowly trickling in. Given the current economic times, it is wonderful to still have professionals in our field interested in joining the Section.

We had added four new professionals to our ranks since the last Newsletter. Please welcome James Fico, Ph.D. of Wisconsin, Brenda Rambo, Ed.D. from Tennessee, Thomas Campion, Ph.D. from Illinois and Rachel Rosenblatt, Psy.D. from Georgia. Dr. Rosenblatt has been spotlighted in this Newsletter and will be attending the conference in Orlando. Please take a moment to welcome her, and any of our other new members who attend, when you see them in October!

We are still looking for volunteers for the Welcoming Committee. The time

commitment is minimal and simply involves mentoring first time attendees at the conference. Many attendees have questions or would appreciate a little guidance in how to get the most out of their first IACP conference experience. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Welcoming Committee, please let me know.

Our Young Professional's Scholarship program was a success! We were able to offer free conference tuition to two professionals who are "young" in the profession of psychology. We owe a sincere thank you to Kim Kohlhepp for securing the support and financial backing of IACP in this endeavor. Please keep

the program in mind as the year unfolds. Do you know somebody who is either a post doctoral professional or newly licensed professional? Please consider nominating them for the 2012 scholarship year. The scholarship covers tuition for the conference and is a nice way to welcome in new professionals that are interested in the field of police psychology.

We have continued working on creative ways to identify individuals who might benefit from membership in the Section. Our most recent effort involved an outreach to all of the IACP chiefs. In that outreach, we introduced our Section, described some activities we are involved in, and encouraged chiefs to pass along the information to the men-



tal health professional(s) who provide services to their agency. Many chiefs did exactly that—they forwarded the e-mail announcement, which has resulted in several new individuals initiating the application process. The outreach also allowed us to reach a larger audience, resulting in applications from prospective members outside of the United States, who may not have been aware of the Section. If you have any additional suggestions for identifying potential new members, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## PPSS Annual Conference (cont'd from p. 1)—Oct 23-25, 2010!

(cont'd) Retreat update, healthy habits and improving coping in law enforcement officers, selection and use of the appropriate preemployment evaluation instruments, alcohol use patterns in urban police officers, and others. CEUs through APA will be available.

And that's not all. We have a fantastic social networking evening planned for our members. We will meet at Cuba Libre from 7:00 to 10:00 pm on Saturday, October 23, 2010. This is a local and award-winning Cuban restaurant. There will be wonderful food, Cuban music, salsa dancers, a great beverage or two, and most importantly a chance to catch up with and make new friends. Thank you to IPAT and Pearson for the generous corporate sponsorship. Thank you also to individual donors who have helped make this night possible. And, it is not too late to donate to assist in assuring the success of this evening. If interested, please contact Kim Kohlhepp at [kohlheppk@theiacp.org](mailto:kohlheppk@theiacp.org) for details about contributions.

Our 2010 Police Psychological Services Section conference will start at 8:30 in the morning on Saturday, October 23, 2010, and end on October



25, 2010, at 10:00 in the morning. Make plans to register (or get registration materials) Friday afternoon or first thing Saturday morning. If you haven't registered yet, visit the IACP website at <http://www.theiacpconference.org>. You can

also find the agenda online at the IACP website. So, what are you waiting for? Please go register now. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jeni McCutcheon at [jenimccutcheon@aol.com](mailto:jenimccutcheon@aol.com) or 602-368-2526. We look forward to seeing you there folks!



## BEYOND OUR BORDERS *by Past Chair Dave Corey*

At the annual conference last year, I gave a short presentation on the services provided by the psychologists working for the Austrian Federal Police, and the differences between our respective approaches to assessment, intervention, operations and consultation. I learned about the work of our Austrian colleagues last summer in a Vienna café over apple strudel and coffee, and later at the headquarters of the Bundespolizei, while visiting with their chief psychologist—a contact facilitated by Paul Santiago, Director of the IACP International Policing Division.

During a trip to Paris this summer, I once again contacted Mr. Santiago, who graciously arranged for me to make contact with our counterparts in the French Gendarmerie and the French National Police (each comprised of 30-40 psychologists, and each serving more than 150,000 sworn personnel). Their hospitality was humbling, and the mutual exchange left all of us with invaluable new information and insights.

While preparing to write this article for the newsletter, and while considering what I learned from this trip, I decided against trying to summarize the discoveries I made about police psychological services in France. Instead, I simply want to underscore the benefits of taking the time to meet your colleagues when traveling—whether international or domestic.

Briefly, they are these:

A broader understanding of how culture—both organizational and national—helps to shape the work you do;

The opportunity to explore and challenge your own assumptions, beliefs, and routines, and to learn how those are constructed by others;

Insights that can only come from seeing yourself through the eyes of another;

A firmer and crisper grasp of your work—the product of trying to distill, articulate, and explain to others what you do;

The chance to meet colleagues whose expertise you can tap when you're in need of consultation;

Discovery of new approaches and ways of thinking, alternative theories and techniques, and different systems for delivering familiar services; and

The opportunity to develop new friendships—a perpetual source of joy and fulfillment.

So the next time you travel to a new city or country, take the time to make contact with at least one psychologist there who does what you do. IACP has more than 20,000 members in 89 countries and more than 5,000 different agencies. Take ad-

vantage of this rich tapestry and reap the rewards that come from reaching out.



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