

Police Psychological Services



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APA Recognizes Police Psychology

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General Chair*

After nearly 100 years of distinguished service to American law enforcement agencies and personnel, Police Psychology received the American Psychological Association's formal recognition as a proficiency in professional psychology.

In its August 13, 2008 meeting in Boston, the APA Council of Representatives voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP). The decision by CRSPPP followed an exhaustive review of a petition for recognition prepared jointly by our Section and the Society for Police & Criminal Psychology

(SPCP). The 151-page petition was written by Drs. Gary Aumiller, Herb Gupton, Phil Trompeter, Michael Cuttler, and Dave Corey and was submitted in late December 2007.

With the outstanding support of APA Division 18 Police & Public Safety Section, chaired by our own Dr. Lorraine Greene, CRSPPP gave the petition its endorsement after its initial review in May, and it received unanimous approval from the APA Board of Directors in June.

APA's recognition is valid until 2015, after which we must petition for renewal of the recognition. Over the next seven years, Police Psychology will be expected to be able to show how the proficiency, law enforcement

agencies, and the public at large have benefitted from the recognition.

Towards this end, APA Division 18 Police & Public Safety Section, SPCP, and our Section have agreed to collaborate in a Council of Organizations in Police Psychology to address and resolve professional issues that we face in common, including continuing education, doctoral education, post-doctoral training, and board certification.

APA's recognition of Police Psychology is a tribute to the extraordinary contributions of our many current and past members, and many other pioneers in the field. Congratulations!

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Preventing Law Enforcement Officer Suicide

At the 2008 annual conference in San Diego, IACP released "Preventing Law Enforcement Officer Suicide," an interactive CD-ROM containing a compilation of resources and best practices from leading agencies across the

country. The CD is a compilation of suicide prevention resources compiled by the IACP Police Psychological Services Section under the direction of our immediate past chair, Dr. Audrey Honig. Because many

agencies lack the resources to prevent officer suicide from occurring and are unprepared to respond effectively when it does, this CD-ROM fills a vital need. Contact Kim Kohlhepp at IACP for copies.

Officer Suicide CD-ROM:

- ✓ Rich array of resources for preventing and responding to officer suicide.
- ✓ Available to IACP Members.
- ✓ Contact Kim Kohlhepp for copies:
kohlheppk@theiacp.org

Guidelines Revisions Underway

The Section reviews each of its published guidelines no less than every five years. Here is a listing of the three guidelines now under review, and the names and email addresses for the committee chairs. Please contact them if you have any revision recommendations.

Preemployment Psychological Evaluation Guidelines

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Psychological Fitness-for-Duty Evaluation Guidelines

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Officer-Involved Shooting Guidelines

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Section Initiative to Establish Post-Doctoral Fellowships

Police psychology currently provides few opportunities for post-doctoral training and exposure to its four domains—assessment, intervention, operations, and consultation.

In collaboration with Major Cities Chiefs Association, the Section is working to establish a model program for post-doctoral fellowships in police psychology, identify potential placements for fellowships, and seek sources for funding.

If you are interested in contributing to the long-term viability of your profession and helping to ensure a place for new psychologists to develop competence in the full breadth of the proficiency, please contact Dr. Herb Gupton (hgupton@honolulu.gov) or Dr. Scott Allen (sallen@mdpd.com) to participate on this important ad hoc committee.

New Member Spotlight: Dr. Stephen P. Griffin, Psy.D.



Dr. Steve Griffin

*Phil Trompetter, Ph.D.
General Vice Chair*

Dr. Stephen P. Griffin, licensed psychologist, joined The Chicago School's Forensic Department in 2006 as an adjunct faculty and in 2007 as department faculty. Steve is the chief psychologist of Public Safety and Security Services at IPAT, Inc., one of our sponsors of the Section Networking Event in San

Diego. Part of his role as Chief Psychologist is to consult with agencies, psychologists, and other clients in developing selection protocols, fitness evaluation and promotion tools, and other customized options. Steve also oversees the research agenda and holds contracts to provide psychological screening for high-risk occupations. Prior to joining IPAT, Steve served as a police psychologist at

the Center for Applied Psychology and Forensic Studies with Dr. Marva Dawkins, where he provided assessment services to Midwest law enforcement agencies. Steve received his Psy.D. from the Illinois School of Professional Psychology in 2005, and became a member of IACP PPSS in 2008. With his wife, Ann, Steve has two beautiful daughters, Ruari and Teagan, and a son on the way.

Join the Welcoming Crew to greet, assist, and introduce new Section members.

Executive Board Implements Section "Welcoming Crew"

*Daniel W. Clark, Ph.D.
Membership Chair*

As you may have noticed, the membership of our section has been growing rapidly. We just added 21 members to our rolls, and we have 30 applicants in process. The Executive Board is implementing a *Welcoming Crew* to assist new members.

What will the Welcoming Crew do? First, promptly welcome new members via emails or phone calls. Second, our section itself is an amazing resource, and I'd like to ensure new members are aware of the incredibly broad spectrum of those resources. Personally, I've always felt the training we offer

annually is unique and high quality. So my third goal is to encourage new members to attend our annual conference, then assist them in negotiating their first PPSS conference and introduce them to their colleagues. If you'd like to join the Crew, let me know: wsp-psych@att.net or 360-586-8492. Welcome aboard!

Other Committee Activities

Ad Hoc Committee on Ongoing Membership Requirements

Chaired by Dr. Jocelyn Roland and co-chaired by Dr. Jeni McCutcheon, this committee will survey all Section members to determine interest in setting requirements for maintaining Section membership.

Ad Hoc Committee on PEPSA

Chaired by Dr. Sherry Harden with oversight by Dr. Phil Trompetter, this committee continues its work on evaluating empirical

support for conducting psychological evaluations of police specialty assignments.

Ad Hoc Committee on Recognitions & Awards

Chaired by Dr. Gary Kaufmann, this committee is preparing recommendations for various recognitions and awards to be given by our Section.

Website Oversight Committee

Chaired by Dr. Michael Cuttler, this standing committee maintains the Section Website in consultation with the Section

Board and IACP.

Publications Committee

This standing committee, chaired by Dr. Bruce Cappo and co-chaired by Dr. Paul Detrick, reviews and categorizes all publications and citations submitted for posting to the Website.

Social Networking Committee

In preparation for Denver, outgoing Immediate Past Chair, Dr. John Nicoletti, is chairing this standing committee with the help of fellow Coloradan Dr. Dan Dworkin.

Annual Conference Committee Solicits Members

Elizabeth White, Ph.D. Education Chair

Thank you for all the wonderful suggestions that you have made for topics and presenters for next year's conference! The Conference Committee is usually composed of eight individuals. Each year, we try to keep four of the members from the prior year (for continuity) and recruit four new members. We also try to make sure the

committee has good diversity in terms of longevity in the group and areas of expertise (based on the core domains and competencies). Committee members are tasked with rating all of the proposed presentations in a blind review process. Committee members also will be asked to assist at the conference itself, when the group splits into separate rooms for the two tracks. This commitment

will only be for an hour or two and will consist of assisting with sign-in for continuing education credit, distributing handouts and answering questions. If you are interested in becoming a Conference Committee member, please contact Elizabeth White (ekwhite@lasd.org) or LaMaurice Gardner (lamaurice.gardner@va.gov). We look forward to serving with you!

Section Welcomes 21 New Members in 2007-2008

Phil Trompetter, Ph.D. General Vice Chair

The Section welcomed 21 new members during 2007-2008: James Bruce, Boise, ID; Jason King, Atlanta, GA; Olafur Bragason, Reykjavik, Iceland; Adrienne Bradford, Ft. Washington, MD; Dorothy Tucker, Los

Angeles, CA; Heather McElroy, Atlanta, GA; Lance Baugh, St. Louis, MO; Jack Moran, Scottsdale, AZ; Anne Bisek, Fremont, CA; Austin Frisbie, Joplin, MO; Stephen Griffin, Chicago, IL; Sara Butte, Los Angeles, CA; Norm Katz, Monterey Park, CA; Christine Walker, Los

Angeles, CA; Mark Kirschner, Hamden, CT; Shelley Spilberg, Sacramento, CA; Jennifer Kelley, Haddonfield, NJ; Matthew Guller, Oakland, NJ; Carol Goldblatt, Honolulu, HI; Michael Leland, Portland, OR; and Charles Milofsky, Chicago, IL.

Next Section Conference: Denver, Colorado, October 3-5, 2009



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The Section Newsletter is published periodically as a forum for communicating Section news, committee activities, and information from the Section Board. Have an idea for a future edition? Send your suggestion to any one of the current officers.



Writing the History of Police Psychology

Robin Inwald, Ph.D., ABPP

I am collecting historical information about police psychologists for a series of articles or a book on the subject. If you would like to be included in a list of **any** of the following, please send the information to me at Robinin386@aol.com or call me at 718-846-4622 (home) or 917-757-9063 (cell). **Please send answers to questions 1 and 2 first.**

(1) Your name, highest degree and its institution, state where you lived when you **first** became a paid police psychologist for a law enforcement agency (working with officers or administration), name of that agency, and year of first employment (full or part-time). Add your duties at that time, such as “consultant conducting pre-employment screening

evaluations” or “in-house psychologist conducting stress training in the academy.” If you had worked in law enforcement or were a psychological assistant in an agency prior to paid work as a police psychologist, put that information in a second sentence with the year you began working in that capacity.

(2) If you have written and published police psychology **books** or police-related **testing instruments** or **products**, make a list of them, the publisher, other authors, and year of publication.

(3) Make a one-page (max), single-spaced list of bulleted items outlining your **key** milestones, employment history, accomplishments, etc., that would describe your career so far in police psychology. This can

include books, products, projects, articles, conference presentations, etc.

(4) Write short descriptions or brief stories of your **proudest** moment(s), most **challenging** experience(s), and most **humorous** experiences in police psychology.

(5) Write a one-page (max) single-spaced biographical statement or description (similar to #3 but in narrative form) that would accurately portray your police psychology career. You can include how you became involved in the field, your mentors, key accomplishments and type/scope of practice.