Happy New Year! It has truly been a pleasure serving this Section for the past five years, first as an Education Committee member for two years and Executive Board member for the past three years. I am honored to represent the Section as General Chair for this year and very excited about this upcoming conference in Chicago from October 26-28. The success of our annual conference and sustainability of our Section relies on the hard work and dedication of our wonderful Section members. I am so grateful to all of you who have so graciously volunteered your time and expertise to so many incredible projects and committees, both past and present.

At this past IACP Annual Conference in Orlando, I had the opportunity to attend the Committee and Section Chairs meeting. This meeting provides current and incoming committee and section chairs with updates on the progress of ongoing efforts, policy priorities, and other IACP plans moving forward. The IACP Board of Officers has identified Officer Safety & Wellness as one of just a few “Core Lens” areas for future development, including victim services and engaging people with mental health issues with a focus on de-escalation. Within this “Core Lens,” he included “Substantive Directions,” defined as honing and amplifying the identified trends. One of the four trends is “Mitigating Mental Health Impacts,” which includes mitigating:

- Impact on community
- Impact on officer safety
- Issues impacting the mental health of officers

The Board of Officers initiated a movement to empower Sections and increase Section involvement. As you can see, this “Core Lens” and the “Substantive Directions” directly speak to our Section and what we can contribute as members. I encourage all of you to consider your individual contributions to the communities and agencies you serve, as well as your contributions to this Section and IACP as a whole. I invite you to join a committee, consider leadership positions, and submit a proposal for a conference presentation. Your impact will be greatly appreciated!

** New Directory and Section Page **

I would also like to take this opportunity to share our new Section page on the IACP website: https://www.theiacp.org/working-group/section/psychological-services-section

There is a new Directory link at the bottom of the IACP PPSS web page with a very useful search function. To access an alphabetical directory of section members, click this link: https://www.myiacp.org/memberdirectory

You will be prompted to log in using your email on file with the IACP and password for www.theiacp.org. If you do not know your password, use the "Forgot your password?" link. Once logged in, enter "Psychological" under the "Section or Division" and click on the "Search" button. You can also search for an individual, or by agency, country, city, or state. When searching by state for US members, select "United States" under "Country" before selecting the state.
Vice Chair Update
Evan Axelrod, Psy.D., ABPP

As 2019 is off to a fast start, I would like to thank everyone for their continued participation in the Police Psychological Services Section. It is truly the dedication and experience of all of you that keeps the section thriving. To that end, I would like to encourage everyone to stay involved in the Section, whether through attendance at the annual conference or via discussions on the Listserv. There are also numerous opportunities for members to get even more involved in the Section through serving on committees, work groups, and joining the Executive Board. If you are interested in becoming more involved, feel free to contact myself or anyone else on the Board, we are all eager to help.

I would also like to take this opportunity early in 2019 to remind everyone about two resources that are available to our members. First is the Ethics Consultation Committee, chaired by Jeni McCutcheon, Psy.D, M.S.C.P., ABPP. The other resource is the Diversity Committee chaired by Michael Bricker, Ph.D. Both of these Committees are invaluable resources for anyone seeking consultation regarding issues related to ethics and diversity. These Committees and their Members have worked hard to support the Membership over the years and stay dedicated to being a reliable asset.

Finally, I wanted to say that is was great to see everyone in Orlando and I am looking forward to seeing everyone later this year in Chicago. Of course, one of the highlights of the conference is our Social night, and I am pleased to say that we are in the early stages of securing another great venue for us to enjoy a night of visiting with old friends, catching up with valued colleagues, and taking a moment to unwind. I look forward to giving everyone more details as they emerge.

Continuing Education Brief:
Sample of Additional Police & Public Safety Psychology Conferences 2019

♦ Society for Police & Criminal Psychology (SPCP)
This conference is a wonderful opportunity to share ideas, best practices, and cutting-edge research in the fields of police and criminal psychology. The next meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hilton in Scottsdale, Arizona, September 22 - 25, 2019

For more info:  https://www.policepsychology.org/conference

♦ Consortium of Police & Public Safety Psychologists (COPPS)
Annual Meeting 2019: Daytona Beach, FL  April 25-27, 2019

For more info:  https://www.coppsonline.org/
Happy New Year! Let me first make one final expression of gratitude to the Education Committee from this past year that helped make the 2018 Annual Conference such a big success. Thank you to Drs. Craig, Faul, Garrido-Metz, Harden, Hudson, McMann, and Stewart for their help. And of course, extra gratitude goes to my conference Vice-Chair, Dr. Gina Gallivan, who provided me with wonderful support and was a great partner in making 2018 a successful conference. I know that as our Education Chair for 2019, Gina Gallivan, along with the valuable members of the Education Committee, will have a great slate of offerings for us in Chicago this year.

As your Membership Chair, I am here to help facilitate the livelihood of our section through continued growth in our membership. While there are many prospective applicants in the process, we want to continue to encourage those professionals who are engaged in the work of police psychology to join our section. As always, if you have colleagues who are not yet members, please encourage them to contact me to inquire about membership. In addition, if you know of any students who are interested in the field of police psychology, please encourage them to apply for a student membership in the group. Student membership is an excellent way to gain more information about the field and it ultimately serves as a conduit to future regular membership in the section. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at LZSPHD@aol.com or 646-342-5480.

**New Section Members:** In reinstituting the quarterly Section Newsletter, your Executive Board has decided to return to announcing new Section members in this space as opposed to the list-serv. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members, Drs. Roger Belisle, James Herndon, and Nicole Sawyer, who have recently joined our Section. I look forward to their involvement and future contributions.
**Education Chair Update**  
**Gina Gallivan, Ph.D., ABPP**

Last year’s conference in Orlando, Florida was a great success. I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Lew Schlosser, and his committee for putting together a very informative program. I would also like to thank the following Section members for their services the last two years on the Education Committee: Douglas Craig, Psy.D., Sara Garrido, Psy.D., Sherry Harden, Psy.D., ABPP, B. Lee Hudson, Ph.D., and Casey Stewart, Psy.D., ABPP.

I am honored to provide you with an exciting conference this year, which will be in Chicago on October 26th-28th. We will work diligently to provide you with a stimulating and substantive conference.

Our new Education Committee will include:

- Katherine McMann, Psy.D. (Education Vice-Chair)
- Kiri Faul, Ph.D.
- Krista Dettle, Ph.D.
- Vanessa Perez, Psy.D.
- Maria Galmarini, Psy.D.
- Michael Bricker, Ph.D.
- Craig Childs, Ph.D.
- Monica Pilarc, Ph.D., ABPP

We will be reviewing proposals for our next conference soon. We are encouraging submissions on contemporary topics of interest such as sexual harassment, mass shootings, peer support, diversity, and any new research in psychological assessment of public safety employees. Please also consider volunteering in the future, or being involved in the Education Committee. It is a great way to be involved with IACP, and to help ensure good quality programming. I am looking forward to seeing you in Chicago!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: ginalde@aol.com, or (310) 951-1282.

**IACP 2019 Call for Presentations Now Open**

Do you have an idea or topic you would like to share with IACP 2019 attendees? IACP is now accepting presentation proposals for workshops at the IACP 2019 Annual Conference & Exposition October 26-29 in Chicago, Illinois. Submit your presentation proposal online through February 28, 2019.

Submit Proposal: [https://www.theiacpconference.org/attend/registration-category-and-fees/#site-navigation](https://www.theiacpconference.org/attend/registration-category-and-fees/#site-navigation)
I first want to take this opportunity to thank the Section for allowing me to serve as Chair this past year. It was truly a rewarding and worthwhile experience and I would encourage others to consider serving on the Executive Board in the future. As I move into my “retirement” year as past-chair, I plan to continue to remain active in the Section and continue to work on several of the initiatives that I began during my year as Chair.

Towards this end, I recently participated in the National Work Group on Officer Safety and Wellness sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). This is a group comprised of law enforcement officials as well as other law enforcement stakeholders (e.g. IACP, NSA, FOP, etc.) that is tasked with coming up with recommendations to Congress as well as the law enforcement community on best practices on issues related to officer safety and wellness. The issues that were addressed in the most recent meeting included discussion of both physical and mental health wellness. Specific topics included physical fitness, cardiovascular conditions and testing, department run wellness programs, post-traumatic stress and suicide awareness and education, and mental health wellness checks. I look forward to working with this group in the future and will continue to keep the Section updated on new information or recommendations.

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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**Continuing Education Brief:**
Sample of Additional Police & Public Safety Psychology Conferences 2019

♦ **The Police & Public Safety Section of APA Division 18** will be providing a day-long conference on Wednesday, August 7th, 2019. This is the day before APA’s 2019 Convention in Chicago will begin. Presentations will include:

- Matthew Guller, PhD, ABPP:
  Post-Critical Incidents: A Hybrid Approach

- Richard Wihera, PsyD, ABPP; & Gary Fischler, PhD, ABPP:
  The Psychological Assessment of Police Applicants with VA Disability Ratings

Stay tuned for information from the Police & Public Safety Section of APA Division 18 on specific location and other speakers.
Happy New Year! Are you struggling with an ethical dilemma that you could use help with? Our IACP PPSS Ethics Consultation Committee is here to assist you. Members serve two-year terms and have interest and expertise in resolving ethical dilemmas. Typical consults involve concerns about confidentiality, multiple relationships, conflicts with colleagues, safety concerns, and resolving conflicts between our ethical codes of conduct and organizational demands. We also post Ethical Cases of the Quarter on the IACP PPSS listserv to invite discussion about relevant topics and challenges in our daily practice.

Our committee members consist of:

Jeni McCutcheon, Psy.D., M.S.C.P., ABPP (Chair)
Mariya Dvoskina, Psy.D.
David Englert, Ph.D.
Jennifer Kelly, Ph.D., ABPP
Robin Kroll, Psy.D., ABPP, BCIA
Heather McElroy, Ph.D., ABPP
Katherine McMann, Psy.D.
Loreli Thompson, Ph.D.
Cerise Vablais, MBA, Ph.D.
Mark Zelig, Ph.D., ABPP

The best way to reach the Section’s Ethics Consultation Committee for a consult is through the Chair at jenimccutcheon@aol.com or (602) 368-2526. Please know that all consults are confidential and blinded, so that no one but the Chair is aware of your identity. We strive to provide helpful and timely feedback in response to your inquiries. Give us a try. We would be glad to be of assistance.
Greetings Everyone and Happy New Year to you all. I feel honored to be selected as the new Chair of the Diversity Committee (PPSS-DC) and look forward to serving our section. On behalf of our members, I want to express our deepest gratitude to Ray Turner for his service over the past inaugural year of the committee – he was instrumental in helping form the mission statement that guides our work, while also spearheading our first presentation at the IACP Convention this past fall.

For those who are unfamiliar, the Diversity Committee (PPSS-DC) currently consists of six members and a chair, confirmed by the IACP PPSS board. Members serve a three-year term; however, shorter terms may be assigned if advantageous to the balance of the committee as a whole (e.g., staggered terms to insure continuity). Current Members of Diversity Committee: Adrienne Bradford, PhD, Guy Seymour, PhD, Casey Stewart, PsyD, ABPP, Elizabeth Thompson, PsyD, Ray Turner, PsyD, ABPP, and Cerise Vablais, MBA, PhD. The PPSS-DC’s responsibilities include providing educational and consultative resources to PPSS members, IACP members, and the larger law enforcement community. Specific PPSS-DC activities may include responding to inquiries referred to them by the PPSS Executive Committee or individual PPSS members, planning and implementing training events during IACP conferences, and helping to identify the need for policies or guidelines on specific diversity issues.

The mission of the PPSS Diversity Committee is to bring the highest level of psychological science and practice to the broad range of emotional, behavioral, and cognitive processes that directly or indirectly affect how diversity issues affect law enforcement personnel and agencies in hiring, training, evaluation, consultation, operations, and interventions. Some areas of special interest may be:

- Effects of implicit bias in community policing
- Assessment of cultural competence in pre-employment evaluations
- Diversity consideration in the conduct of occupationally mandated examinations (fitness for duty evaluations, disability and separation examinations, etc.)
- Monitoring systems for detecting and responding to diversity-related behavior issues
- The importance of cultural competence considerations in providing psychological intervention services to diverse populations
- Effects on police personnel and agencies and the services they provide to the communities of recent political and social changes, such as Black Lives Matter and the Ferguson Effect
- The importance of diversity considerations in the development of training and formation of policies, procedures, and practices

The committee will soon be requesting applications for new members and we welcome you to consider applying. A demonstrated history of professional work that has contributed to advancing practice related to diversity issues for members will be strongly encouraged. Members will be recommended for appointment by the committee chair, and granted final appointment by the PPSS Executive Committee. We have just begun work on some exciting new initiatives that we will be sharing with you soon. If you have topics you would like to see the PPSS-DC address or have questions about our work please don’t hesitate to contact me at drbricker@coppschicago.com.
Board Certification in Police and Public Safety Psychology (ABPPSP) – The Gold Standard

Jeni McCutcheon, PsyD, M.S.C.P, ABPP
President, American Board of Police and Public Safety Psychology

A decade ago, several of our notable specialists spearheaded efforts to elevate Police and Public Safety Psychology. Due to their tireless efforts, our specialty was first officially recognized by the APA as a proficiency in 2008 and as a specialty in 2013. The American Board of Police of Public Safety Psychology (ABPPSP) became an ABPP specialty board in 2011. Since then we have worked earnestly to add specialists. Many of you put forth time, effort and energy toward becoming board certified in Police and Public Safety Psychology. To date, 74 psychologists have become specialists.

Currently, only 4 percent of licensed psychologists in the United States are board certified. In contrast, 85 percent of physicians are board certified in at least one specialty. According to research, 91 percent of the public considers board certification “important” or “very important” in choosing a medical doctor. We serve the same population, and clearly, they value board certification.

We need to make board certification for psychologists the gold standard. Let us show our value to the public, our agencies, and the patients and clients we serve. Let us take the initiative to elevate our game and demonstrate competence by obtaining board certification. I believe that we should entice each and every Police and Public Safety psychologist to strive for board certification.

It’s been a privilege to listen to so many of you over the last year. I hear your concerns about seeking board certification. Sure, it is time consuming. I agree, it involves expense. Yes, you have to gain continuing education credits. I empathize that you may even shed a few tears of frustration, drink a little (or a lot) of coffee, lose a bit of sleep, take some time away from other pursuits, and at times, doubt yourself and your competence in the process. I understand. These are valid concerns. I have not forgotten how challenging and intimidating the process can seem.

Applying is worthwhile. Perseverance will pay off for you. There is camaraderie in being part of our group of specialists. You are wanted, and you becoming one of us will better us all. There are practical advantages as Chiefs of Police increasingly recognize the value of board certification. Agencies now have Requests for Proposals with a preference or requirement of being board certified in Police and Public Safety Psychology. There is personal and professional pride and satisfaction in completing this task. Speaking personally, becoming board certified in Police and Public Safety Psychology ranks way up there as one of my greatest life achievements. This is because of the hard work it took to get there, the group of esteemed colleagues that encouraged and welcomed my efforts, and the introspection and professional growth that I experienced along the way.

The American Board of Professional Psychology has an aim of greatly increasing the number of board certified specialists across their 15 specialty areas. I want us to lead the way. It is time to increase our numbers. Please apply. Come join us and let me help you to achieve this goal. Please contact me to talk about how board certification in Police and Public Safety Psychology can become a reality for you. You can reach me at jenimccutcheon@aol.com or at (602) 368-2526.
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