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Notes from SAW Chair

Jillian Wasson, Ph.D.



Greetings SAW
Members,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and looking toward positive change as we hopefully move forward from the challenges of the previous year.

Engagement has been a challenge over the last year as so many have been faced with a need to shift focus and to support ourselves individually, our families, and

communities. I hope as we move ahead we can work on re-engaging SAW membership as a larger community with shared interests and goals.

With that goal in mind, please take our [membership survey](#) (also linked below). We are working to understand our current section membership along with what kind of programming you would be interested in seeing.

I am also excited to announce we will be waiving the SAW membership fee for the next year. It is my hope that we increase both membership as well as membership diversity.

Looking toward August, APA 2021 is fully virtual. This means another year we will miss sharing time and space together. If you are presenting in any capacity, please email our Newsletter Editor, Morgan Grotewiel (mgrotewiel04@webster.edu), so we can be sure to include you in the Summer 2021 APA highlight issue.

Finally, it is my pleasure to introduce our Chair Elect, Dr. Nicole “Nic” Johnson, who will transition into the Chair role in August. I look forward to seeing Nic’s goals for the Section take shape.

Sincerely,

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L I C E N S E D P S Y C H O L O G I S T

Jillian Woodford Wasson
SAW Chair

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Please take our membership survey: <https://forms.gle/hXUz9ViZWaqGaNMe8>

[Please join or renew your SAW membership. Membership is free for 2021!](#)



*Join Division 17's Section for the
Advancement of Women for
FREE in 2021!*

WE INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT, COLLABORATE WITH,
AND HONOR WOMXN IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY
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www.tinyurl.com/SAWmembership

Membership is free to
all until December 31,
2021.

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lifetime membership
is available for \$150.

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Introduction to Chair-Elect

Nicole “Nic” Johnson, Ph.D.

Hi there! My name is Nicole “Nic” Johnson, my pronouns are she/her/hers, I am a queer/bi, white, cisgender woman, and a newly *Associate* Professor of Counseling Psychology at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA, USA. I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio and have a lot of hometown pride for my underdog of a city. I currently reside in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with my amazing wife, Jessie, and our two fur-babies Al and Butters.



I graduated with a PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Akron under the advisement of Dr. Dawn Johnson (no relation, just an extremely common last name) in 2015. My research is dedicated to the exploration and implementation of prevention programming for gender-based violence (e.g., rape, intimate partner violence, violence against individuals with marginalized sexual and gender identities) and the understanding and eradication of rape culture. I have the good fortune of coordinating The Resistance Lab (check us out here: bit.ly/reslab) at Lehigh University. I am also a licensed psychologist whose clinical work focuses on the empowerment of survivors of gender-based violence. In addition to Division 17, I am a member of APA Divisions 35 and 44, as well as the Association for Women in Psychology.

I am excited to join the outstanding leadership of Division 17’s Section for the Advancement of Women (SAW). I have been involved with Division 17 since I began my doctoral program and I have always felt at home within Division 17. I have wanted to get involved with SAW for a while, but life always seemed to get in the way and now I am jumping in the deep end with both feet as the incoming chair of SAW. As someone who is committed to intersectional feminism and undoing the gender binary, I struggle with finding the balance of *both* centering women *and* acknowledging that the gender binary is a social construct that hurts us all. I whole-heartedly believe in Audre Lorde’s quote, “I am not free while any woman is unfree, even if her shackles are very different from my own” and would even extend that beyond just women to anyone, most notably my non-binary and trans masculine community.

My hope for joining SAW is to continue to increase our inclusion of all voices and centering those with the greatest intersections of marginalized identities. I hope to also continue the conversation of who we want SAW to be for and how does our membership/involvement map onto that goal. I am so proud to be joining a legacy of amazing leaders of SAW and to continue in their footsteps.

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Making Feminism Accessible through Zines!

Madison E. Tschauner, Natania S. Lipp, & Nicole L. Johnson, Ph.D.



A group of clinicians-in-training in Counseling Psychology at Lehigh University spent the Spring semester exploring various dimensions of feminism, from its origin in advocacy to the ways it applies to practicing therapy. The course was entitled *Feminist Therapy Techniques* and due to the pandemic took place in a virtual format. While there are cons to the virtual format, this layout sustained a space for rich dialogue where we shared our unique perspectives and posed critical questions.

A theme in our discussions involved the questioning of academia and the frequent inaccessibility of academic work (e.g., paywalls for accessing academic work, complex language and theory) — a condition that we all agreed did not align feminist theory. We brainstormed creative ways to disseminate information to wider, more diverse audiences such as white papers, social media campaigns, and zines.

After completing two academic papers, and with a final paper on the horizon, we were given the opportunity to ditch the paper and instead produce something creative and attainable through designing zines. This offered a fun challenge to delineate knowledge of feminism in small groups using our personal expressive methods. Zines have historically represented DIY counterculture efforts to generate change through the spread of information in abstract ways. These zines are a collection of work that represent our collective experience in a feminist-centered learning environment. The zines range in topics such as decolonizing feminist therapy to feminist therapy for male identified individuals. To check out these zines visit: <http://wordpress.lehigh.edu/there-sistance/2021/05/12/feminist-therapy-zines/>

We encourage you to share these zines widely as a step towards making feminism and feminist therapy, in particular, more accessible!

If you have any questions about this project, the zines, or feminist therapy you are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Nic Johnson, the professor of *Feminist Therapy Techniques*, at nij316@lehigh.edu.



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Joy

Caitlin M. Mercier

Black girl, Black girl,
 Play, play, play!
Your joy shines, and let it stay!
Your curls are big, and that's okay.
Hold your crown up high for this day.

Black womxn, oh, Black womxn
 Smile, smile, smile!
Center your joy, and make it last for a while.
The world may gripe, but chile...
 your excellence reigns supreme, so run your mile!

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Announcements

Division 17 is in the process of transitioning their section webpages. I can no longer edit the SAW webpages myself. I have submitted changes to the leadership and membership pages that I hope will be processed soon. In the meantime, please refer to the leadership list and membership application included in this newsletter.

-Morgan Grotewiel, Ph.D., SAW Newsletter Editor and Web Coordinator



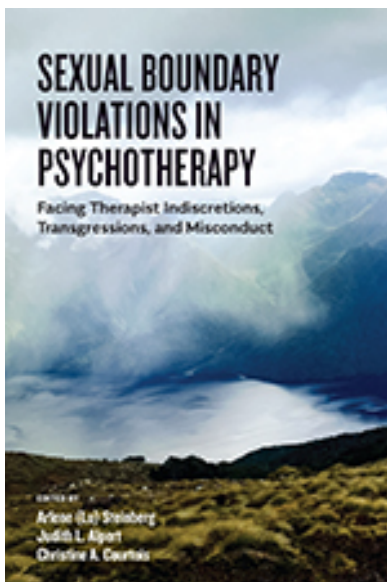
Accomplishments

Awards:

Libby Nutt Williams, Ph.D., won two awards at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. She received the Norton T. Dodge Award for Scholarly and Creative Achievement (given once every three years at St. Mary's College of Maryland) and was named Faculty Member of the Year by the Student Government Association. Congratulations, Dr. Williams!

Book announcement from Christine A. Courtois, Ph.D., ABPP:

We are pleased to announce the upcoming publication of our edited book on sexual boundary violations in psychotherapy which can be pre-ordered via Amazon.



Steinberg, A., Alpert, J. L., & Courtois, C. A. (Eds.) (May 2021). *Sexual Boundary Violations in Psychotherapy: Facing Indiscretions, Transgressions, and Misconduct*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association

The book was designed to be different from other published books on sexual boundary violations (SBVs) in psychotherapy. We set out to reach a broad audience of mental health professionals and lay audiences and to cover topics that have previously received little or no attention. The text begins with an historical overview of the topic of SBVs by psychotherapists by Ken Pope in his foreword and by the co-editors in the introductory chapter. These are followed by a chapter on the evolution of the APA ethics code and the ongoing development of legal statutes followed by one on boundary challenges and the ethics of professional conduct and misconduct.

By deliberate design, victim/survivor clients are given center stage in this book, with consideration of why those who report are typically treated poorly, with suspicion, or outright disbelief. We suggest the need for compassionate and respectful response to them as individuals and for increased understanding of the confusion/ambivalence they often express due to the betrayal trauma inherent in this form of misconduct. We extend the concept of betrayal trauma from the individual therapist/abuser to colleagues and others who remain bystanders or collaborators and to organizations and their attempts

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to cover-up such complaints. We suggest what might be done differently going forward to give victims the care and attention they deserve.

In another contemporary approach to the topic, we consider sexual boundary violations as discussed and proscribed (or not) in various theoretical orientations and their training programs (e.g., cognitive behavioral, sex therapy, gestalt therapy, feminist therapy, psychoanalytically oriented psychotherapy). We consider boundary violations in a variety of settings (e.g., pastoral counseling, private practice, college counseling centers, and community mental health centers) involving new contexts (e.g., digital and social media mechanisms) and with various populations (e.g., racial and cultural and sexually diverse dyads). The most common dyad until recently has been the older male therapist and the younger female client; however, reports of abuse by female therapists are now on the rise as are those that involve dyads of various intersectionalities. The special vulnerabilities of those previously traumatized clients (especially those who experienced child sexual abuse and incest) are addressed as to how they play out in reenactment dynamics. The often-convoluted dynamics of such abuse, the therapist's character, and the range of serious aftereffects to the victim and therapist and to a variety of others who suffer collateral damage are also given consideration. An interview with Dr. Andrea Celenza provides a further focus on common transference and countertransference issues and perpetrator dynamics. Survivor testimonies and interviews elucidate these various dynamics in strikingly personal, detailed, and tragic ways.

The book contains chapters on treating previously abused clients in subsequent therapy and the challenges involved, and treatment and supervision of therapists who have engaged in sexual misconduct, with an eye towards whether rehabilitation is possible or recommended. In the epilogue, major themes are identified as well as directions for prevention and intervention. In his preface, Dr. Ken Pope, a pioneer researcher, author, and victim advocate within professional psychology, provides an historical introduction to the issue of SBVs in psychotherapy. The text includes chapters by some of the other major contributors to the sexual boundary violations literature including Andrea Celenza, Philip Hemphill, Mark Gold, Gary Schoener, Laura Brown, Linda Campbell, Stephen Levine, Elizabeth Goren, and Sue Grand.

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Publications and Presentations

Abbott, D. M., Mollen, D., Anaya, E. J., Burnes, T. R., Jones, M. M., & Rukus, V. A. (2021). Providing sexuality training for psychologists: The role of predoctoral internship sites. *American Journal of Sexuality Education*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15546128.2021.1892555>

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Ways to Get Involved

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When you renew your SAW membership this year, please consider becoming a Lifetime Member for a one-time payment of \$150. We appreciate our members and their support!

Visit the [SAW website](#) to learn more about SAW, including our leadership, task forces, awards, bylaws, and projects. You can also join our listserv and download the membership application.



Visit the [SAW Facebook page](#) for a great way to meet many like-minded individuals seeking to address issues related to gender, sexuality, diversity, and social justice. This page will keep you up to date on the most current SAW information, and provides non-members with a quick and easy way to join SAW.

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Membership dues should be submitted in January of each year in order to remain active within the Section. Annual Dues are \$15 for psychologist members and \$5 for graduate and undergraduate students. We also offer a Lifetime Membership for a one-time fee of \$150.

Please make checks or money orders payable to **Division 17 Section for the Advancement of Women**.

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Is this membership a gift or part of the membership drive? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If so, please share who is gifting the membership to you.	

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