Notes from SAW Chair

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We are excited to showcase with all of you the SAW-sponsored events planned for the APA Convention in Denver. Please make a note of these in your calendar and plan to join us to celebrate the many accomplishments and contributions of SAW students, faculty, and professionals across the career span.

On Thursday, August 4, we will be facilitating a symposium (8:00-8:50AM at the Convention Center Room 111) entitled "Women in the Academy: Diverse Faculty Members Share Their Unique Paths of Success." Join Dr. Laurel Watson and me, along with our esteemed presenters—Drs. Jean Lau Chin, Cirleen DeBlare, Tania Israel, Arpana Inman, Debra Kawahara, Isis Settles, and Wendi Williams—in what promises to be an inspiring group of presentations.

On Thursday, August 4, from 12:00 to12:50PM, we will be facilitating a conversation hour as part of the Division 17
Section Roundtable. Special thanks to Dr. Nadia Hasan who generated the topic, “Putting Our Feminist Values into Practice in the Workplace,” for our discussion. The location of this event is at the Convention Center Mile High Ballrooms 2A and 3A.

At the Division 17 Social Hour on Thursday, August 4, from 5:00 to 6:00PM at the Hyatt Regency Denver, we will be delighted to highlight graduate students’ research related to the advancement of women. Our Student Poster Coordinator, Dr. Jillian Woodford Wasson, and her team of reviewers did an outstanding job evaluating this year’s submissions and determining our presenters. Please come show your support of the following students and their projects:


- Stephanie Harrison and Mary Jo Loughran, Chatham University, “Instrumentality and Self-Objectification: Female Athletes’ Perceptions of Male Coaching Behaviors”

- Elizabeth Harris, Deepta DasGupta, Kristin Hultgren, and Krista Klabo, University of Denver, “Design and Implementation of the Post-nuptial Depression Scale.”

SAW awarded two hundred dollars to Hillary for her submission. This gift was made possible from the fundraiser we conducted in 2015. Thanks to all who helped make this award possible.

On Friday, August 5, from 9:00 to 11:00AM, please join us for the annual SAW Breakfast and Business Meeting in the Division 17 Hospitality Suite located at the Highlands Room at the Brown Palace Hotel at 321 17th Street, Denver. In this event, we will announce the 2016 SAW Woman of the Year, Student of the Year, and Foremother of the Year; welcome our recently elected SAW Executive Board members; conduct regular section business; and enjoy each other’s company in a welcoming and supportive environment. We especially encourage students, early career professionals, and anyone else whose interest in SAW is piqued to come join us. Immediately following this meeting, in keeping with our longstanding tradition, we invite you to stay to honor our 2015 SAW Woman of the Year, Dr. Meghan Davidson, who will deliver her address entitled, “The Love Campaign: How Divorce, Friendship, and Yoga Changed My Life.”

In other SAW news, we are pleased to share with you the 2016 winner of the SAW Student Research Award. Natalie Raymond, a doctoral student in the Counseling Psychology program at the University of North Dakota and our SAW Listserv Moderator, received two hundred dollars in support of her research project, entitled "A Positive Sexuality Class to Reduce Sexual Violence: Initial Findings and Longitudinal Impact." This is a mixed-methods study exploring the impact of a class about sex positivity and healthy relationships for college women. The class aims to foster multiple protective factors shown to reduce the risk of sexual violence, while also teaching media literacy, assertiveness, consent, and other behaviors that promote positive sexuality. Natalie hopes that the results of this study will continue to shed light on what works in prevention programming, particularly regarding feminist and strengths-based approaches. I am indebted to Dr. Ginny Maril and her team of reviewers for overseeing the evaluation of nominees and determining Natalie as this year’s winner.

As I wind down my 2 years as SAW Chair, I am feeling deeply grateful to those whose leadership and mentorship provided me the support, guidance, and encouragement so
integral to my development. Special thanks to Dena Abbott, Sara Aslan, Natalie Raymond, and Drs. Julie Ancis, Meghan Davidson, Linda Forrest, Morgan Grotewiel, Nadia Hasan, Ginny Maril, Roberta Nutt, Yu-ting Su, Jillian Woodford Wasson, and Laurel Watson, who will step into the role of Chair in Denver. Laurel’s steadfast commitment to SAW and dedication to cultivating feminist leadership will undoubtedly serve her and our community well. I am excited to see what’s in store for SAW next. Thank you all for the opportunity to have served our organization.

Finally, please visit us online to keep up with our developments on our website (http://www.div17.org/sections/advancement-of-women/) and take just a minute to like us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/SawDiv17APA).

See you in Denver!

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SAW Presentations at APA

(Please note that these presentations are listed in chronological order.)

Session Title: 1006 Women in the Academy---Diverse Faculty Members Share Their Unique Paths of Success
Session Type: Symposium
Date: Thu 08/04 8:00AM - 8:50AM
Division/Sponsor: 17-Counseling; Co-List: 26, 54, APAGS

Session Title: 1032 Post Docs, Licensure, Research, Oh MY! Preparing for a Career in Academia
Session Type: Skill-Building Session
Date: Thu 08/04 8:00AM - 9:50AM
Division/Sponsor: CPG-Central Programming Group; Co-List: 17, 2, 35, 45
Building/Room: Convention Center/Mile High Ballrooms 2A and 3A Level 3-Ballroom Level

Session Title: 1180 Putting Our Feminist Values into Practice in the Workplace
Session Type: SCP Section Roundtables -- Conversation Hour
Date: Thu 08/04 12:00PM - 12:50PM
Division/Sponsor: 17-Counseling
Building/Room: Convention Center/Mile High Ballrooms 2A and 3A Level 3-Ballroom Level
Presenters: Mollen, D., & Hasan, N.

Session Title: 1353 Student Poster Session
(Please come to support our students’ research projects!)
Session Type: Social Hour
Date: Thu 08/04 5:00PM - 5:50PM
Division/Sponsor: 17-Counseling
Building/Room: Hyatt Regency Denver Hotel/Centennial Ballroom A Third Floor

Event Title: The Annual SAW Breakfast and Business Meeting
Date: Fri 08/05 9:00AM – 11:00AM
Division/Sponsor: 17-Counseling

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Building/Room: Brown Palace Hotel (321 17th Street)/ Highlands Room-- Division 17 Hospitality Suite

Session Title: 2076 Women and Graduate Training Programs: Preparing for Intersecting Identities Requires Collaboration
Session Type: Symposium
Date: Fri 08/05 9:00AM - 9:50AM
Division/Sponsor: 35-Psychology of Women
Building/Room: Convention Center/Room 503 Level 2-Meeting Room Level
Session Summary:
Exploring the perspectives of women in graduate training programs. There is a paucity in the literature, formal meetings and discussions about their personal identities and the responsibilities that accompany them and how this can deeply influence their training and education.
Topics include:
- What it means to be a woman of color in psychology and implications and importance of self-care
- Being a mom and a doctoral student: lessons learned in balance
- Perspectives from an international student
- How can programs be more cognizant of the multiple identities of women and the challenges that may arise and the support they may provide

Session Title: 2273 Poster Session II
Session Type: Poster Session
Date: Fri 08/05 3:00PM - 3:50PM
Division/Sponsor: 35-Psychology of Women
Building/Room: Convention Center/Exhibit Hall ABC Level 1-Exhibit Hall
Poster Title: Qualitative Exploration of Class Participation in the Psychology of Objectification
Authors: Davids, C., Mendez, J., & Watson, L.

Session Title: 3161 Multicultural/Social Justice/Advocacy
Session Type: Poster Session
Date: Sat 08/06 11:00AM - 11:50AM
Division/Sponsor: 17-Counseling
Building/Room: Convention Center/Exhibit Hall ABC Level 1-Exhibit Hall
Poster Title: Insidious Trauma in the Lives of Women of Color: An Additive Intersectional Approach
Authors: Watson, L., DeBlaere, C., & Langrehn, K.

Session Title: 3274 Scientist--Practitioner Perspectives on Multiple Minority Stress among LGBTQ People of Color
Session Type: Symposium
Date: Sat 08/06 1:00PM - 1:50PM
Division/Sponsor: 44-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues; Co-List: 51
Building/Room: Convention Center/Room 403 Level 2-Meeting Room Level
Presentation Title: Testing the Greater Risk and Resilience Perspectives of Sexual Minority People of Color’s Well-Being
Authors: Velez, B. Cox, R., & Watson, L.
Presentation Title: Transgender People of Color’s Experiences of Sexual Objectification: A Grounded Study
Authors: Flores, M., Watson, L., Allen, L., Choo, P., Ford, M., & Serpe C.

Session Title: 4126 Poster Session I
Session Type: Poster Session
Date: Sun 08/07 11:00AM - 11:50AM
Division/Sponsor: 35-Psychology of Women
Building/Room: Convention Center/Exhibit Hall ABC Level 1-Exhibit Hall
Poster Title: Sexual Assault Outreach and Prevention: A Feminist Training Model and Ethical Considerations
Authors: Raymond, N., Hutchison, A., Forbes, A., & Malevich, C.
Poster Title: We Don't Have a Problem: Campus Climate Surveys to Inform University Sexual Violence Prevention

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Authors: Hinnenkamp, S., Raymond, N., Hutchison, A., & Willyard, A.

Session Title: 4148 Tackling Sexual Violence Through Basic, Translational, and Policy Research
Session Type: Symposium
Date: Sun 08/07 12:00 PM – 12:50 PM
Division/Sponsor: 35-Psychology of Women
Building/Room: Convention Center/Room 102 Level 2-Meeting Room Level
Authors: Hutchison, A., & Edwards, S. (Co-Chairs), Bradshaw, K., & Raymond, N. (Presenters).

Announcement: Professional Achievements & Personal News

Please join us in congratulating these SAW members on their outstanding achievements and recent publications!!

Dr. Debra Mollen was selected as the 2016 winner of the Distinguished Faculty Award winner by the Texas Woman's University Graduate Student Council. She was promoted to Professor, effective Fall, 2016. Additionally, Debra became the 7th professional in Texas to achieve Certification as a Sexuality Educator with the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT). She was also selected for and participated in the APA Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology (2015-2016).

Along with Drs. Sharon Lamb and Lillian Comas-Diaz, Debra continued in her role as co-chair for the APA Revisions for the Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Girls and Women. The revised Guidelines are currently under review.

Dr. Jillian Woodford Wasson welcomed her son Benjamin on April 24, 2016.

Morgan Grotewiel will be finishing her internship graduating with her Ph.D. in the next few weeks.

Dr. Ginny Maril was promoted to Director of Student Counseling Services at California Lutheran University.

Dr. Yu-ting Su just became a licensed psychologist in Washington State in June, and she is expecting her first child in July, 2016.

Recent Publications


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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. It also provides non-members with a quick and easy way to join SAW. Like us on Facebook!

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To become a member of the Section for the Advancement of Women, complete the form below and mail it to the Membership Chair, Nadia T. Hasan, Ph.D. at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Department of Psychology and Sociology, MSC 177, 700 University Boulevard, Kingsville, Texas 78363.

Membership dues should be submitted in January of each year in order to remain active within the Section. Annual dues for psychologist members are $15 and $5 for graduate and undergraduate students. Please make checks or money orders payable to Division 17 Section for the Advancement of Women.

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