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*Seaport Village, San Diego*  
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## **AGLP Annual Meeting 2007** **San Diego, California** **May 18 through 24**

### **Roy Harker**

Welcome to San Diego, California's second largest city, where blue skies keep watch on 70 miles of beaches and a gentle Mediterranean climate begs for a day of everything and nothing. Bordered by Mexico, the Pacific Ocean, the Anza-Borrego Desert and the Laguna Mountains, San Diego offers a great setting for the APA Annual meeting and superb tourism opportunities.

For those arriving in San Diego early, a Welcome Reception is planned at the home of Jon Koelle beginning at 7:30pm on Friday the 18th. The

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## Editor's Column George Harrison



George Harrison, MD

Barbara Gittings and I were standing in the porte-cochere of the Marriott Marquis last October waiting for our rides. Barbara had received the first annual John Fryer Award at the IPS in recognition of her lifetime of work for LGBT rights. She mentioned her illness in an off handed way; not trivializing the seriousness of the prognosis but seemingly to hold it in perspective. She talked how her life had changed with age and disability. She was forced to attend to small, daily activities but still felt that there was so much important work to be done.

I was as touched by her humanity at that moment as I was awed by her courageous spirit the previous day when she detailed the particulars of the beginnings of the gay rights movement. Her leadership from the 1950's onward helped put in motion all that we enjoy now. In particular her insistence that the field of Psychiatry see homosexuality in a different light gave us the freedom in our work. The determination by the APA that homosexuality was not a disease laid the foundations for the changes that still are unfolding as societal frames of reference shift.

I think of the work that Barbara felt was left undone. The times have changed from 1965 when Barbara and others picketed the White House demanding an end to discrimination against homosexuals in the government. These were revolutionary and transformative events. The government still discriminates but it is no longer able to simply ignore issues of the LGBT community as they had before. We are out of the closet and into the system. Where it used to be that our love dare not speak its name, it now boasts a couple of networks to do just that.

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## President's Column Dan Karasic

### Saved From an "Awkward" Moment



Dan Karasic, MD

You may have read about Steve, now Susan Stanton, for 14 years the city manager of Largo, Florida, until being fired after being outed as transgender. Stanton's job performance had been considered exemplary, and commanded a \$140,000 salary.

"If Jesus was here tonight, I can guarantee you he'd want him terminated," said Pastor Ron Saunders of Largo's Lighthouse Baptist Church at a Largo City Hall meeting, as reported by the *Sun Sentinel*.

Right-wing legal advocate Mathew Staver, of the Liberty Counsel, described the dire consequences of keeping Stanton on. "It could get awkward," Staver said.

WWJD? Apparently, according to Saunders and Staver, fire Stanton to avoid any potentially "awkward" moments.

Less than four years earlier, the city commissioners of Largo were poised to pass an ordinance to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. The ordinance had the support of five of the seven commissioners, according to the *St. Petersburg Times*. Opposition was organized by local resident Bruce McManus, who stated that "The ordinance puts a seal of approval on behavior most of us feel is immoral, . . . would stifle free speech for people critical of gay/lesbian behavior and lifestyle, and threaten people with discrimination violations in the expression of their religious beliefs as written in the Bible."

"The way the traditional family is under attack, we are continually going to have to fight and stand up for our convictions," Baptist pastor David Joseph said, also according to the *Times*.

The Largo city commissioners also heard from a local trans woman who had lost her job on transitioning. But faced with the arguments that a law banning discrimination against LGBT people would restrict the rights of straight people and destroy their families, two of the commissioners changed their votes, and the LGBT anti-discrimination ordinance lost, 4-3.

In 2003, Steve Stanton had been the city manager of Largo for 10 years. Deep in the closet and publicly presenting as a straight married man, he distanced himself from the debate on the LGBT rights ordinance. Supporters of the proposed ordinance were disappointed that he did not lobby to try to change the vote of just one commissioner.

**A**s LGBT people, we know that human rights is not a zero sum game; a society that respects minority rights is also a better society for all. As psychiatrists, we know that an awkward moment may also be a chance for insight and learning. We still have a long way towards acceptance of these truths by society at large, but have we faith in that the last 40 years of progress towards a more tolerant society will continue."

The religious right's successful lobbying effort in 2003 allowed Stanton's firing in 2007. Of course, no "free speech" or "traditional family" was protected by the failure of the 2003 bill. The "family values" advocates in Largo in 2007 were not concerned about the one family that would be threatened: Stanton's. More important to them, Largo's straight population was protected from an "awkward" moment.

As psychiatrists, we enjoy the societal standing accorded to doctors. Most of us, thanks to the past activism, can be open about being LGBT people, without fear of reprisal. In many ways, we lead privileged lives. It's hard to imagine being the subject of a public hearing, like Stanton, in which our neighbors insist we must be banished for the good of the community, or else, or else, as Staver put it, "it could get awkward."

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The city of Largo calls itself the "City of Progress." We may assume that the natural direction of "progress" is toward enlightenment, towards further tolerance and respect for all. But a path towards an enlightened embrace of our diversity is not the only possible path, and is not the path favored by many in power. The path towards our idea of progress must be maintained by continued vigilance and hard work. We must not look back at lost opportunities once it's too late.

## AGLP Resident Representative Article

## "Power"

By Karl Jeffries, MD  
PGY-1, UCSF Department of Psychiatry



Karl Jeffries, MD

**M**y partner and I received a phone call from our son's school the other day to inform us that he had been calling a fellow classmate "black girl" in a derogatory manner. Our son sheepishly got onto the phone to explain his reason - he wanted her to leave him alone. In his naive approach to problem solving he did what many children do. He searched for a difference and tried to make his classmate feel inferior for her difference. Our discussion with his teacher and the school officials was reminiscent of a discussion we had had the year before when our younger son had made a rule on the playground of his preschool that people with dark skin couldn't play his game. It turns out that there was one child he didn't want to include and he happened to be the only black child who was trying to play the game. Many such examples occur each day in the lives of our children, as they each try to jockey for social position by pointing out differences such as hair color, gender, age, etc. Exclusion of social mates is continually corrected by caregivers, but when those differences happen to be sensitive historically or socially, adults rightfully step in with a stronger reproach than for the usual exclusions. For our older son, that meant a trip to the principal's office, a threat of suspension if such behavior continued and a VERY long discussion at home explaining the many nuanced consequences of resorting to name-calling.

As I prepared for bed that evening, I was secretly proud of the manner with which my partner and I and the very progressive school where our sons attend had handled the situation. However, I paused when I realized that I have personally heard his schoolmates using the disparaging phrase "that's so gaaaaay!" on the playground, and how such language has worked its way into our son's phraseology. Many classmates have said "eeewww" when they realized that our son has two dads, and our son has even been told (in private) that he is a "faggot" for having gay dads. I have been somewhat forgiving of such language (except the faggot part) because I know that we are breaking new ground and that for many people, we are their first experience of a family with two dads. After hours of expressing to our son how powerful and damaging words can be I realized the harm I was inflicting on my own family by acceptance of these slurs against gays. By not responding to inadvertent homophobic language with the same reproach as for that of our son's inadvertent racist language I condoned a different standard. I was angry with the very progressive school for not protecting my son in the same skillful and aggressive manner it had protected his black peers. I was ashamed that my partner and I had overlooked such an egregious misstep.

*Find comfort and strength in remembering that I am not alone, nor are my sons. The power to deal with social challenges like homophobia comes not from one person, but in collections of people. It comes from as many LGBTI persons as possible coming-out to society and speaking up for personal rights and self-esteem. It is found in groups of like-minded people banding together to reach common goals.*

Then, for hours, I couldn't sleep, as I became overwhelmed at the task ahead. As a first year psychiatry resident, I am charged not only with learning about how such social language contributes to the development of personality, self-esteem, and coping skills of individuals, but also how to step in and treat those for whom such constant messages lead to dysfunction or disruption of daily living. I kept wondering if the complexity of psychology is too great. And how am I to tease out my own psychology from that of my patients? How different will it be from the issues I am dealing with as a parent? Or as a gay man in a predominantly homophobic society?

I awoke the next day, however, with renewed optimism. As healers, the "answers" are not concrete, and are not found in the end product. Rather, the solution actually develops out of the process undertaken to deal with the problem. Even for an internist treating an IV drug user's bacteremia, the treatment does not end when the antibiotic course is complete. We are not expected to solve our patients' dilemmas, but to help guide them through the complexities of life that may contribute to their poor health, both physical and mental. From this perspective, the career and parenting seem much less daunting and much more of a privilege.

I find comfort and strength in remembering that I am not alone, nor are my sons. The power to deal with social challenges like homophobia comes not from one person, but in collections of people. It comes from as many LGBTI persons as possible coming-out to society and speaking up for personal rights and self-esteem. It is found in groups of like-minded people banding together to reach common goals. This, to me, is wonderful.

## AGLP San Diego 2007

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following evening, Saturday the 19th, the women will meet at 7:00pm for their annual **Women's Dinner**.

Our Symposium, **Substance Use Disorders in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Populations**, begins at 8.30am on Saturday the 19th and runs until 1:00pm. Led by **Mason Turner, MD**, (CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY KAISER PERMANENTE MEDICAL CENTER, SAN FRANCISCO, CA), **Petros Levounis, MD, MA**, (DIRECTOR, THE ADDICTION INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL PSYCHIATRY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, NY), **Jodi Prochaska, PhD**, (THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO MEDICAL CENTER) and **Ali Hall, JD**, (DIRECTOR OF TRAINING: WALDEN HOUSE, INC., MEMBER: MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING NETWORK OF TRAINER SAN FRANCISCO, CA), the topics will include epidemiology of substance use disorders, pharmacotherapy, treatment of nicotine dependence and motivational interviewing directed towards our LGBT populations. You can register for this course by completing the form on page 10, or visiting our website at [www.aglp.org](http://www.aglp.org).

Our **Hospitality Suite** is located in the **Omni Hotel** this year, across from the Convention Center. The Suite is open Sunday through Tuesday and will house most of the AGLP-scheduled events for the meeting. New to the Hospitality Suite this year is a Media Training Session on LGBT Issues, presented by the Rockaway Institute and GLAAD; a session on Enhancing Cultural Competence: Welcoming Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Clients in Mental Health Services, featuring a new toolkit, developed by Planned Parenthood presenters **Ellen L. Pendegar, RN, MS, CS**, and **Jane Elven**.

**Kenn Ashley** has put together a fine series of events both educational and entertaining in our Hospitality Suite. Discussion groups for Medical Student, Resident, and Early Career Psychiatrists, Psychiatrists of Color and International Psychiatrists, Women's Issues, and Parenting Issues, round out the schedule with time for social interaction and networking. The complete schedule begins on page 12 and is available on the AGLP website.

The **AGLP Annual Opening Reception** will be at Hilton Gaslamp Hotel, 401 K St, Enclave Level, Santa Rosa Room this year on Sunday, May 20, from 7:00-9:00pm. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided. There is no admission charge.

The **21st Annual Closing Banquet and Awards Ceremony** will be at the picturesque Prado at Balboa Park (1549 El Prado in the heart of Balboa Park). Canadian-born chef **Jeff Thurston**, who studied with **Wolfgang Puck**, promises an exciting menu of California and Pacific Rim cuisine. This year we will honor **David Kessler, MD**, and the **San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center**. RSVP today at [www.aglp.org](http://www.aglp.org), or complete the form on page 11 of this newsletter. Space is limited to 80 people, so get your RSVP in now!

**Jon Koelle, MD**, has worked tirelessly to ensure that our AGLP members will have a memorable time in San Diego. He and the Local Arrangements Committee have scheduled, in addition to the receptions listed above, an outing to Hike in Torrey Pines Park with an optional extension to Black's Beach. Another event of note is a Chamber Music Concert, featuring the music of gay composer **Virgil Thomson** on Sunday at 4:00pm. This concert will be a prelude to Tuesday's Symposium on Modern Gay and Lesbian Identities at the San Diego Convention Center. **Drs. Tommasini, Nakajima, Bullock, and David Case** will be featured performers.

*San Diego Convention Center**Skyline/Marina view from Pt. Loma*

And while you are at the San Diego Convention Center, plan to visit the AGLP Booth, Number 334, and please consider volunteering to staff the booth for an hour-long session. Sign-up sheets will be available at the booth and at the Hospitality Suite.

Continuing education, social interaction and networking, and leisure-time fun — all in the beautiful and gay-friendly city that is San Diego. I hope to see you there!

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## International and Minority Psychiatrists

### Gene Nakajima

AGLP will host their annual reception for psychiatrists visiting from outside the US and Canada and for minority psychiatrists (Asian Pacific Islander, Latino/a, African American, Native American, and other people of color). This year it will be on Monday May 21st at 700 Front St # 511 (Between F and G St) from 7:30-9:00p. Afterwards we will go to dinner at Kous Kous, 3940 4th Ave. between Washington and University in Hillcrest. All AGLP members are welcome. On Tuesday May 22nd we will have a discussion group for International and Minority Psychiatrists in the hospitality suite (see schedule for details of location) at 11:00a.

A few of us will be going to the World Psychiatric Association meeting in Melbourne from Nov 28 — Dec 2. Deadline to submit a proposal is April 30th. For more info see [www.wpa2007melbourne.com](http://www.wpa2007melbourne.com) The next WPA world congress will be in Prague, Sep 20-25, 2008. ([www.wpa-prague2008.cz](http://www.wpa-prague2008.cz))

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## Anthony Tommasini, *New York Times* Critic, to Discuss Gay Composer Virgil Thomson and Play His Music



*Virgil Thomson:  
Composer on the Aisle,  
WW Norton, 1997*

Anthony Tommasini, DMA, Chief Classical Music Critic of the *New York Times* (and partner of AGLP member Benjamin McCommon, MD) will participate in a symposium on Tuesday May 22nd and perform in a recital on Sunday May 20th featuring the gay composer and music critic Virgil Thomson (1896-1989). His talk, "I Didn't Want to be Queer": *Virgil Thomson's Adaptation to His Homosexuality Identity* will be part of Symposium #30, *Formation of Modern Lesbian and Gay Identities: Personal, Historical, and Mental Health Perspectives*, at Room 5A, Upper Level, San Diego Convention Center, from 2-5p on May 22nd. Dr. Tommasini is the author of *Virgil Thomson: Composer on the Aisle*, WW Norton, 1997. This biography vividly brings Thomson to life; it is also a gay history of New York in the 20th century. Tommasini will speak about Thomson's conflicts with his sexual orientation and discuss how he compartmentalized his social networks into "normal" (mostly straight and well-behaved) and "queer" in reaction to the homophobia he experienced as a young adult. When gay liberation arrived in the 1970's he was dubious and continued to separate his social spheres.

Two papers in the symposium will examine the artists, Gertrude Stein (1874-1946) and Bryher (1894-1983). Gene Nakajima, MD will speak about Stein's medical education at Johns Hopkins, which coincided with her exploration of her lesbianism and her feminist identity. Among Thomson's most frequently performed works are two operas (*Four Saints in Three Acts* and the *Mother of Us All*) that he wrote to librettos written by Stein who is probably most famous for *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas*. Maggie Magee, PsyD and Diana Miller, MD, will speak about the filmmaker, writer and student of psychoanalysis, Bryher, who was also an arts patron who provided support to publish Stein's books. Bryher's life long partner, the poet H.D. (Hilda Doolittle), was analyzed by Freud. Bryher was perhaps the first lesbian in psychoanalytic training and helped many psychoanalysts escaped Nazi rule. This paper is derived from Magee and Miller's book, *Lesbian Lives: Psychoanalytic Narratives Old and New*, The Analytic Press, 1997. David Kessler, MD, who was one of the first presidents of AGLP will present the last paper on the symposium. He will speak about the early history of AGLP, and the struggles to make gay and lesbian voices heard in the APA. He will also discuss the important roles of "radicals" and activists as well as closeted gays working behind the scenes. Carolyn Robinowitz, MD, President-elect of the APA will co-chair the symposium. Clayton Bullock, MD, PhD, a psychiatry resident at UCLA and violinist will perform a musical portrait that Thomson composed of Stein. Robert Cabaj, MD will be the final discussant.

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*Diana, MD, and Maggie Magee, PhD*



*Gertrude Stein in Medical School*



*Anthony Tommasini, DMA*  
Photo courtesy *The New York Times*

In conjunction with the symposium, Tommasini will perform in a chamber music concert featuring gay American composers on Sunday May 20th at 700 Front St. #511 between F and G St. The doors open at 3:30p, the concert will be from 4:00 to 5:00p. A reception will follow from 5:00 to 6:00p. Throughout his life, Thomson composed musical portraits of people, composing them much the way his artist friends made portraits. Thomson's subject would sit before him, silently, while he literally "sketched" the musical portrait, usually in one session lasting not less than an hour. Tommasini will perform a selection of musical portraits for solo piano, with comments on the subjects and the music. Tommasini wrote his dissertation on Thomson's portraits which was eventually published as *Virgil Thomson's Musical Portraits*, Pendragon Press, 1986. He has also recorded many of the portraits in the CD *Virgil Thomson, Portraits and Self-Portraits*, Northeastern, 1990. He will also play recorded excerpts of a few of Thomson's settings of Stein's texts, and offer his commentary on how the relatively simple music reflects and resonates with Stein's hermetic writing. Drs. Nakajima, Bullock, and David Case will also perform chamber music of other gay American composers.

## AGLP Awards

### Mary Barber, MD Immediate Past President

It is my pleasure to announce this year's AGLP awards. These awards help us to acknowledge the important contributions of longtime members, prominent individuals, and community organizations in working toward mental health and civil rights for LGBT people. The James Paulsen and Stuart Nichols Awards also serve as a tribute to the founding AGLP members for whom they are named, who were instrumental in helping us become what we are as an organization today.



David R. Kessler, MD

The James Paulsen Award is given to one of our members for distinguished service to AGLP. This year's Paulsen Award will be given to David R. Kessler, MD. Dr. Kessler was the first president of the San Francisco-based gay physicians group, Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, from 1978-1980. He was the fourth president of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists from 1980-1982. Dr. Kessler endowed the David R. Kessler lectures in Lesbian and Gay Studies at the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies (CLAGS) of the City University of New York. This series, the first of its kind at an academic institution, has spotlighted prominent figures in the lesbian and gay community with an annual lecture since its inception in 1992. Past lecturers have included

Judith Butler, Samuel Delany, and Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick. Dr. Kessler was on the University of California at San Francisco faculty from 1962 until his retirement as Clinical Professor of Psychiatry in 1986. His other role has been as a forensic psychiatrist consulting to the California courts, work which he had continued after his retirement. In addition to serving as one of AGLP first presidents, Dr. Kessler has remained an outstanding financial supporter of the organization, giving at well above the "Founder" membership level for years. His quiet example is one we are happy to recognize in this way.

The Stuart Nichols Award is given to an organization in the host city which contributes to the mental health of LGBT people. This year, the Nichols Award goes to the San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center. The San Diego Center is the nation's second oldest and third largest LGBT community center. The Center has more than thirty-three years of experience as a health and human services agency, and in 2006, provided direct services to more than 25,000 community members and through its events, activities and advocacy, affected thousands more. Among the direct services the Center provides are health and mental health services, but clearly the support groups, referrals, and education the Center provides also benefit the health and mental health of the San Diego LGBT community.

Please join us on Tuesday, May 22 in San Diego at our Awards Dinner where we will present these awards. In addition to an event with great food, music, and friends, it's an opportunity to celebrate these honorees who have given so much to our community.

### Mission Statement

*The mission of The San Diego LGBT Community Center shall be to enhance and sustain the health and well-being of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and HIV communities by providing activities, programs, and services that*

- Create community,
- Empower community members,
- Provide essential resources,
- Advocate for civil and human rights, and
- Embrace, promote and support our cultural diversity.

### NOMINATIONS

There are no nominations this year, since all officers elected last year are serving a two-year term under our new bylaws. President-Elect Ubaldo Leli will become AGLP President at the end of this year's meetings. If anyone out there is interested in pursuing office for next year, feel free to contact me or Dan Karasic.

### APA FRYER AWARD

First of all, a big shout of CONGRATULATIONS! is in order for everyone who helped us meet our goal of fully endowing this award. We have met that lofty goal (\$50,000) thanks to the help of a matching grant from the Gill Foundation, a bequest from the estate of founding member Frank Rundle, and the generous donations of many of you. We all built this together and we should be very proud.

**The John Fryer, MD Award**, sponsored by AGLP and given by the APA annually, honors an individual who has made significant contributions to LGBT mental health. It is named for our own "Dr. H. Anonymous" whose 1972 speech at the APA Annual Meeting was a critical piece in moving the APA to remove homosexuality from the DSM a year later. The first Fryer Award was given to Barbara Gittings and Frank Kameny in 2006 at the Fall APA Meeting in New York City. Both gave moving talks about their activism and the struggle for LGBT rights. Sadly, Barbara Gittings has since passed away, but we are fortunate that we had the opportunity to hear her words and honor her while she was still with us.

The second Fryer Award will be given this May in San Diego, to Lawrence Hartmann, MD. Dr. Hartmann came out toward the end of his term as APA President, from 1991-1992, becoming the first openly gay person to lead APA. In the late 1960's and early 70's he worked within APA to reform the organization and to help set the stage for the declassification of homosexuality as a mental illness. He has taught at Harvard Medical School for many years and maintains a private practice in Cambridge, MA. Dr. Hartmann's Fryer Award lecture, "Homosexuality and Ignorance," will be given on Wednesday, May 23, 9-10:30 am at the San Diego Convention Center, Upper Level, Ballroom 6 C/D/E/F.

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### John Fryer, MD Award Fund Raising Campaign a Complete Success

With the arrival of funds from the Frank Rundle, MD, Estate, AGLP has successfully completed its campaign to raise \$50,000 to endow the APA John Fryer, MD Award. Congratulations to all involved in this important campaign, and thanks to all who contributed. The successful completion of this project represents a huge milestone in the combined efforts of our AGLP members.

### NAMI Seeking Speakers For Their National Convention On LGBT Issues

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness is planning to hold sessions at its National Convention in San Diego at the end of June on LGBT issues facing consumers with severe mental illnesses and their families. Since NAMI has tremendous political credibility, I am hoping that we can use this convention as a springboard to getting more LGBT friendly-language into their policy platform. They have requested my help in identifying speakers for these talks. Because of the limits of their travel budget, ideally, we would identify speakers from California. Interested individuals should contact me via e-mail.

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**The AGLP Documentary Film ABOMINATION: Homosexuality and the Ex-Gay Movement** is now commercially available through Amazon.com and CustomFlix.com. The documentary film was created by a group of AGLP members who saw a need to counter an increasing wave of Fundamentalist Christian propaganda being put forth in the media. These groups who have made it their mission to pathologize homosexuality for an increasingly political goal. Meanwhile these so called therapies leave devastated individuals and families in their wake.

**Abomination** features a number of national mental health experts who have studied and written about the ex-gay movement's treatment failures, including prominent psychiatrist, Robert Spitzer, MD, who cuts through the media sensationalism and explains what his controversial research on reparative therapy actually means. Despite the pain chronicled in this groundbreaking film, *Abomination* is a poignant testament to human resilience and to the sometimes difficult journey to self-acceptance.

*Abomination: Homosexuality and the Ex-Gay Movement*. A documentary by the Association of Gay & Lesbian Psychiatrists (34 min.) © 2006. All rights reserved.  
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Also available at [www.aglp.org](http://www.aglp.org).

## AGLP Resident Representative Article The Search for Intelligent Life in the Universe

By Andy Tompkins

PGY 3, Johns Hopkins Department of Psychiatry



Andy Tompkins, MD

I admit that my absence in this column has been from my increased duties at work. Life as a PGY3 at Johns Hopkins has not left me with as much free time as I had thought.

However, I have joined forces with one of our gay-identified social workers to help facilitate a day-long, coming-out group to combat issues of masculinity, shame, and homophobia in gay and bisexual men. This was a project sponsored by the state of Maryland to help identify, support, and establish a sense of community in at-risk individuals. We also referred them to appropriate care if need be. Yesterday, we had another group session which was made up of an ex-convict, a platoon sergeant, a man-facing a mid-life crisis, a divorced man in his 60s, and others. Early on, the group bonded and was led through an emotional day of sharing and mutual uplifting.

For me, one man stood out. I had an intense experience hearing the life-story of an ex-convict. He had spent more than 20 years behind bars but had a greater command of the English language and sense of his emotional needs than many of my suburban patients who gasp at the mention of prison. Because of his isolation, he knew nothing of Will and Grace or on-line cruising or the proper attire for a night out in the gayborhood. As well, he mentioned that it did not bode well for gay men inside the walls unlike many of the group members who wondered aloud about the homoerotic elements of a self-contained male community. He had become an advocate and teacher in prison. He often withstood the pressure to label repeat offenders as "all bad" and was currently trying to pass legislation allowing convicted criminals the right to vote. If he could maintain decency and begin to work on anger issues at mid-life, why had it been hard for him to find community outside those prison walls?

Answers to that question lay within other discussions held that day. We talked intelligently about the propensity for a minority group to discriminate even more so than the major social group. One member recalled a scene from *Showgirls* where one dancer kicked another down the stairs in her bid to get ahead. We in the GLBT community have been known to use such high-heels tactics in a similar fashion. Ex-convicts or those still in prison represent still another group whom I struggle to accept. Experiences such as these raise those thoughts into consciousness so I can work on being more inclusive. I ask AGLP members to do likewise. At the end of the day, my patient felt more included and inspired to live a fuller life. Practically, I know one day-long session can only do so much. Idealistically, though, it takes only one positive experience to change the life of a human being. And, the power of one determined individual is immeasurable.



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SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS IN THE  
LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND  
TRANSGENDERED POPULATIONS**

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333 WEST HARBOR DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

**Saturday, May 19, 2007**

**8:30-9:00am Registration & Continental Breakfast**

**8:45-9:00am Welcome and Introductions**  
Kenn Ashley, M.D.

**9:00-9:40am Epidemiology of Substance Use  
Disorders among LGBT**  
Mason Turner, M.D.  
*Chief, Department of Psychiatry  
Kaiser Permanente Medical Center  
San Francisco, CA*

**9:40-10:20am Pharmacotherapy of Alcohol  
Dependence**  
Petros Levounis, M.D., M.A.  
*Director, The Addiction Institute of New York  
Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry,  
Columbia University  
New York, NY*

**10:20-10:35am Break**

**10:35am-11:45am Treatment of Nicotine Dependence in  
Special Populations**  
Jodi Prochaska, Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor  
The University of California, San Francisco  
Medical Center  
San Francisco, CA*

**11:45am-12:40pm Motivational Interviewing: Moving  
Patients Toward Positive Change**  
Ali Hall, J.D.  
*Director of Training: Walden House, Inc.  
Member: Motivational Interviewing Network of  
Trainer  
San Francisco, CA*

**12:40-1:00pm Panel Discussion/Q & A**

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619-231-3784 • [jonkoelle@pol.net](mailto:jonkoelle@pol.net)**SATURDAY 19 MAY****AGLP ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM 2007****Substance Use Disorders in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Populations****8:30am-1:00pm**Location: MARRIOTT SAN DIEGO HOTEL AND MARINA  
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Kenn Ashley, MD

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Director of Training: Walden House, Inc.  
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San Francisco, CA**12:40-1:00pm Panel Discussion/Q & A****5:00-7:00pm Welcoming Reception**

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**7:00-8:30 pm Women's Dinner**Meet in the lobby of the Omni Hotel at 7:00pm and then go to dinner. Indigo Grill; A 15-minute walk to the restaurant.  
(<http://www.cohnrestaurants.com/cohn/cohnrestaurants/indigo.php>)RSVP: [rharker@aglp.org](mailto:rharker@aglp.org) or call 215-498-0577**SUNDAY 20 MAY****8.30am-12.00noon AGLP Annual Board and Advisory Council Meeting**  
OMNI HOTEL, GASLAMP 3, LEVEL 4**10:00am-4:30pm AGLP Booth Open**

SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, BOOTH #334

**2:00-3:15pm AGLP Annual Membership Meeting**

OMNI HOTEL, LEVEL 4, GRAND BALLROOM C

**2:00-7:00pm AGLP Hospitality Suite Open**

OMNI HOTEL, TERRACE SUITE

**3:15-5:30pm Media Training--LGBT Issues**

AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, OMNI HOTEL, TERRACE SUITE

To counter antigay groups' distortion of the research on LGBT issues, the Rockway Institute and GLAAD are joining forces to provide media training to a large group of mental health professionals, social scientists, and physicians during the next year. After training, Rockway Institute will take a proactive role in helping attendees at these media trainings connect with local and national media outlets. Leaders of this session will be Robert-Jay Green, Ph.D., Executive Director and Rick Moore, Director of Communications, Rockway Institute; and Cindi Creager, Director of National News at GLAAD ([www.GLAAD.org](http://www.GLAAD.org)).**3:30pm to 6:00pm Chamber Music Concert** (Doors open at 3:30pm, Music from 4:00 to 5:00pm, reception afterwards).  
700 FRONT ST #511 (BETWEEN F AND G ST).

Anthony Tommasini, Chief Classical Music Critic of the New York Times, will perform and discuss piano portraits composed by gay composer Virgil Thomson. Thomson's subject would sit before him, silently, while he literally "sketched" the musical portrait. Gene Nakajima, MD, Clayton Bullock, MD, Ph.D., and David Case, Ph.D., will perform chamber music of other gay American composers. This concert will be a prelude to Tuesday's Symposium on Modern Gay and Lesbian Identities.

**5:30-6:30pm Parenting Issues**Margie Sved, MD, Ellen Haller, MD, Marshall Forstein, MD  
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**7:00-7:30pm Women's Pre-Reception**  
HILTON GASLAMP HOTEL, 401 K ST, ENCLAVE LEVEL,  
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**7:30-9:00pm AGLP Annual Opening Reception**  
HILTON GASLAMP HOTEL, 401 K ST, ENCLAVE LEVEL,  
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**MONDAY 21 MAY**

**7:00am-7:00pm AGLP Hospitality Suite open**  
OMNI HOTEL, TERRACE SUITE

**9:00am Outing for AGLP Members, Significant Others, and friends.**

Hike to Torrey Pines Park (3 miles) with an optional extension to Black's Beach (5 miles). Bring sun screen, sturdy shoes, water, lunch, and beach stuff, if you are planning to stay at the beach after the hike. Meet at AGLP Hospitality Suite, Omni Hotel, Terrace Suite

**10:00am-5:30pm AGLP Booth Open**  
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**10:00-11:30am "Suicide Attempts and Depression in the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Community: A Comprehensive Review"**

Andy Tompkins, MD  
AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, OMNI HOTEL, TERRACE SUITE

**Noon-1:30pm Enhancing Cultural Competence: Welcoming Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Clients in Mental Health Services**

Ellen L. Pendegar, RN, MS, CS, Jane Elven  
AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, OMNI HOTEL, TERRACE SUITE

**2:00-3:00pm Psychiatric Residency and Training Issues**  
Marshall Forstein, MD

Discussion for applicants to residencies regarding how to get good advice on where to apply and how to interview, current residents will be asked to discuss how they made their decision and what happened in the interviews related to sexual orientation. There will also be a series of case vignettes illustrating the particular issues that face GLBT residents in training; being out, hostile faculty homophobic transference, erotic transference and countertransference, self disclosure in psychotherapy.  
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**3:00-4:00pm Medical Student/Resident/Fellow/Early Career Psychiatrist Networking and Discussion**

Andy Tompkins, MD, Marc Manseau, MPH., Shelly Cohen, JD  
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**2:00-3:30pm HIV Affected Psychiatrists Meeting**  
AGLP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ROOM, OMNI HOTEL

**4:00-5:30pm Women's Issues**

Margie Sved, MD  
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**7:30-9:00pm Psychiatrists of Color/International Psychiatrists Reception**  
700 FRONT ST # 511 (BETWEEN F AND G ST).  
All AGLP members are welcome

**9:00-11:00pm Psychiatrists of Color/International Psychiatrists dinner**  
KOUS KOUS, 3940 4TH AVENUE (619)295-5560  
(located between Washington and University in Hillcrest)

**TUESDAY 22 MAY**

**7:00am-7:00pm AGLP Hospitality Suite open**  
OMNI HOTEL, TERRACE SUITE

**10:00am-6:00pm AGLP Booth Open**  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, BOOTH #334

**11:00am-12:00pm Psychiatrists of Color/International Psychiatrists meeting**  
AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, OMNI HOTEL, TERRACE SUITE  
Group will go to lunch afterwards.

**2:00-3:00pm Psychoanalytic Committee Meeting**  
Chris McIntosh, MD  
AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, OMNI HOTEL, TERRACE SUITE

**3:00-4:30pm Psychoanalytic Committee: Workshop on Shame in the Therapeutic Relationship**  
Ubaldo Leli, MD  
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**7:00-11:00pm AGLP Closing Awards Banquet**  
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6:00-7:00pm VIP Reception (Invitation Only)

7:00-8:00pm Open Bar /Cocktail Hour

8:00-11:00pm Dinner and Award Ceremony, dancing afterward

**WEDNESDAY 23 MAY**

**9:00-10:30am Lecture 20 APA's John Fryer Award Lecture sponsored by AGLP: Homosexuality and Ignorance**  
Lawrence Hartmann, MD  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL,  
BALLROOM 6 C/D/E/F

**10:00am-3:00pm AGLP Booth Open**  
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**APA Events of Interest to LGBT Psychiatrists**

CW=Component Workshop  
MP=Media Workshop

IW=Issue Workshop  
S=Symposium

Note: Poster and New Research Sessions are not listed and times/locations of listed events should be confirmed at the meeting

**SATURDAY 19 MAY**

- 6:30-8:00pm Lecture 01 Simon Bolivar Lecture: Hispanics and AIDS**  
APA Committee on AIDS  
SAN DIEGO MARRIOTT, NORTH TOWER, LOBBY LEVEL, SAN DIEGO BALLROOM B

**MONDAY 21 MAY**

- 9:00-10:30am CW09. Mental Health and Men who Have Sex with Men in the African-American Community: Controversies About the "Down Low"**  
APA Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL, ROOM 9
- 9:00-12:00noon MP02. "Brokeback Mountain"; the Myth, the Reality, and the Controversy**  
APA New York County District Branch Committee on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues.  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL, ROOM 11 A
- 2:00-5:00pm S11. Ethics, Human Rights and Dynamic Psychiatry**  
A Reorientation Toward Professionalism in Medicine: Our Ethics—Our Future Joseph P. Merlino, M.Div.  
Ethical Issues in Sexual Conversion ("Reparative") Therapies — Jack Drescher, M.D.  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL, ROOM 11 A

**TUESDAY 22 MAY**

- 11:00am-12:30pm CW36 HIV and Metabolic Syndrome**  
APA Committee on AIDS  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL, ROOM 28 A
- 2:00-5:00pm S30 Formation of Modern Lesbian and Gay Identities: Personal, Historical, and Mental Health Perspectives**  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL, ROOM 5 A  
Co-Chairs Gene Nakajima, MD and Carolyn Robinowitz, MD  
**Gertrude Stein's Medical Education, Her Evolving Feminism and Lesbian Identity**  
Gene Nakajima, MD  
**Superior Guinea Pig: Bryher and Psychoanalysis**  
Maggie Magee, PsyD, Diana Miller, MD  
**"I Didn't Want to be Queer": Virgil Thomson's Adaptation to His Homosexual Identity**  
Anthony Tommasini, DMA (Chief Classical Music Critic New York Times)  
**From the Closet to the Table: A 40 Year History of Gays and the APA**  
David Kessler, MD  
Discussants: Clayton Bullock, MD, PhD and Robert Cabaj, MD

- 2:00-5:00pm S44 HIV and AIDS Pandemic: Changes in Populations, Perceptions, Practices, and Promises**  
APA Committee on AIDS  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL, ROOM 30 A

**WEDNESDAY 23 MAY**

- 9:00-10:30am CW43 The Isms: How Racism, Sexism, Classism, and Heterosexism Affect Mental Health Care.**  
APA/SAMHSA Minority Fellows  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL, ROOM 31 A
- 9:00-10:30am Lecture 20 APA's John Fryer Award Lecture sponsored by AGLP**  
**Homosexuality and Ignorance**  
Lawrence Hartmann MD  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL, BALLROOM 6 C/D/E/F
- 9:00-12:00noon MP05. "Rock Bottom": Understanding the Methamphetamine Experience and the Struggle for Sobriety.**  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL, ROOM 10
- 9:00-12:00noon MP06. "We Are Dad": HIV-positive Children and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender Parenting**  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL, ROOM 11 A
- 11:00am-12:30pm CW47 Public Policy, HIV and Mental Illness: Politics, Ideology or Science.**  
APA New York County District Branch Committee on AIDS  
ROOM 7 A, UPPER LEVEL, SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER
- 11:00am-12:30pm IW76. Gay Men and Crystal Methamphetamine: A Review.**  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL, ROOM 32 A
- 2:00-5:00pm S52. Behavioral and Substance Addictions in Minority Populations**  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL, ROOM 2  
**Implications of Black/African American Race, Ethnicity, and Culture for Addiction**  
**Native American and Hispanic Veterans with Addictive Disorders: Comorbidity with "Internalizing" and "Externalizing" Disorders**  
**Asian-Americans, Addictions, and Barriers to Treatment**  
**Addictions within the Gay and Lesbian Community**  
**Clinical Challenges to Addiction Treatment within the Latino Community**
- 2:00-5:00pm S73 HIV Update for Psychiatric Care**  
APA Committee on AIDS  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, UPPER LEVEL, ROOM 32 A

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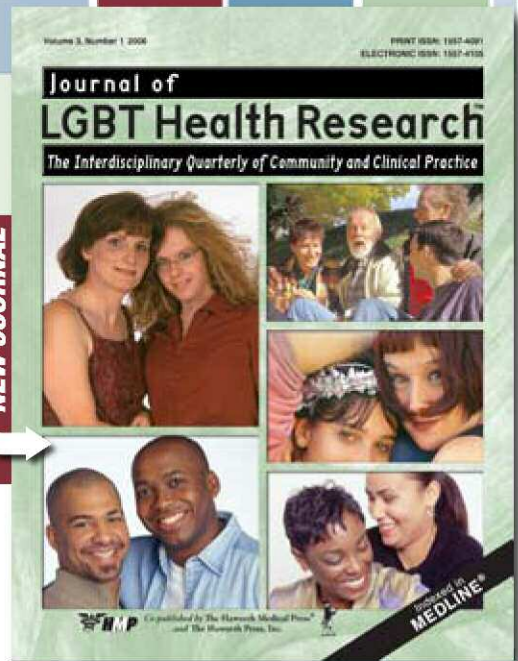
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