



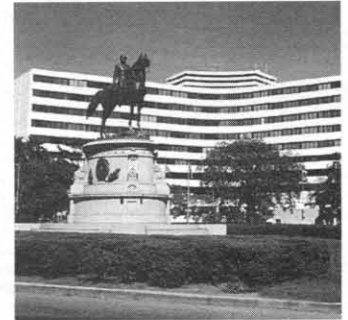
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AGLP Fall Business Meeting

Roy Harker

I hope your planning for the Fall includes AGLP and our annual Fall Meeting! As our organization continues to grow in numbers, vitality, and influence, the importance of these meetings becomes increasingly acute. 1998-1999 may represent our most ambitious year ever with the support and planning of our membership, Executive Committee and Council members. Please make plans to attend now. This year's Fall Meeting will occur on Saturday, September 12, 1998, in Washington, DC, in conjunction with the APA component workshops. The meeting is scheduled to take place in the J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1400 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. The meeting will run from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The Council Meeting is an open meeting which any member may attend. (Only Council Members can vote, however.) The Bylaws allow the president of AGLP to appoint task forces whose chairs serve on the Council. If you have an issue that you feel needs to be brought to the attention of the membership, this is your opportunity! Your concerns and suggestions should be made known to Dan Hicks, AGLP President, at least two weeks before the meeting date to allow for proper agenda scheduling.

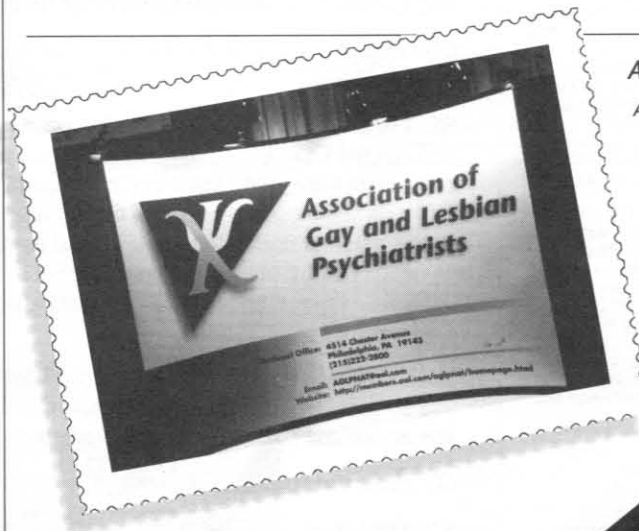


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The evening before the meeting, Friday, September 11, at 7:00pm, Jeff Akman

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AT THE ANNUAL
MEETING IN
TORONTO, MAY-
JUNE 1998**

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Editor's Column: An Interview with Svend Robinson

Guy Glass, M.D. (with help from Steve Atkinson, M.D.)

Svend Robinson, Member of Parliament representing Burnaby-Douglas, British Columbia, Canada was the 1998 choice for AGLP's Distinguished Service Award "for his many years of support and advocacy for the gay and lesbian community and for enhancing the visibility of gay and lesbian issues within the Canadian political arena." The award was given to Robinson on June 3, 1998 during AGLP's 11th Annual Awards Banquet, held in Toronto. Steve, my lover Lewis, and I met with him just before the Banquet...

Guy Glass: I noticed from your biography that you were originally from Minnesota. How did you end up in Canada?

Svend Robinson: I was born in Minneapolis, and bounced all over the States. I was baptized in San Francisco, lived in Seattle, Pennsylvania, Missouri, North Dakota and various other places. It was the mid-60's and my parents were very much opposed to the war in Vietnam, and so my father accepted a position teaching in British Columbia, and moved north as did a lot of Americans at that time. For reasons of conscience they didn't want to support the war with their taxes, so that's how I ended up in Canada. But I still have close links with the United States.



SVEND ROBINSON

GG: For those of us who are not Canadian and who don't know much about Canadian politics, can you tell us something about your party?

SR: Actually in Canada, I used to say we had a three-party system, but now we have five parties represented in our national Parliament. And my party is on the left of the political spectrum. I suppose in the American context we'd probably be considered liberal Democrats as much as anything else. We've never been close to forming a government nationally; at our peak we got about 20% of the vote, in the last election we had 11% of the vote. We have 21 Members of Parliament out of a Parliament of 301; we're the fourth largest party. We form a government in my own province of British Columbia, in the province of Saskatchewan, and up in the Yukon Territory. But basically we're a Democratic Socialist party that is allied with sister parties in other parts of the world.

GG: How did you come out as a gay man, and how has that affected your career positively or negatively?

SR: I had been in Parliament for nine years. I was first elected in 1979, and from the time I was first elected I had hoped to be in a position to come out, but there wasn't anybody else that had come before me, and I knew that it was politically, to say the least, a leap into the unknown. And so I took some time to establish myself, both in my own district and also to hopefully develop a strong national reputation as well. And so, in the spring of 1988, about six months before the election, I came out on national television, in both official languages, on the major national newscast. From there it was a very intense period of media coverage; you probably remember, it was crazy!

I was, of course, the first to do that, and I did a lot of interviews across the country. My objective was so there wouldn't be a young gay or lesbian person in the country who didn't know there was an out and proud Member of Parliament.

GG: How did your party react?

SR: The leader and most of my colleagues thought this was probably political suicide. My dis-

President's Column

Dan Hicks, M.D.

The Annual Meeting in Toronto was such a high, I am still running on the energy despite being buried with work since return. I hope all who attended had a similar experience, and I hope everyone else will try to attend next year in Washington, May 15-20. Special thanks go to Dr. Steve Atkinson and the Local Arrangements Committee who did a fabulous job with finding a hotel right in the heart of our people, and arranging the best closing dinner yet. Thanks also to Dr. Phil Bialer for a thought-provoking seminar on Saturday with Gabriel Rotello, and for planning the hospitality suite events. Thanks to Roy Harker, who worked non-stop to get the booth set up and staffed (which he designed and it was terrific by the way), as well as signing up new members, registering people for the dinner, and making sure everything ran as smoothly as possible. The biggest drawback was that our business meetings were far away from the hotel and most of the convention (but in a beautiful space), so unfortunately, we had very few at the business meetings. Remember, we can't run the organization or plan all the events without everyone being involved.

The new slate of officers elected were Dr. Phil Bialer, President-Elect, Dr. Mary Barber, Vice-President, Dr. Richard Hire, Secretary, and myself, Dr. Jim Slayton, and Dr. Guy Glass staying on in their positions. We also voted to raise dues for next year, because we had a major shortage at the end of the year due to increased costs generated by having a national office and being more involved in different projects. (Dues had not been raised in several years.) General and associate members will pay \$150, residents will pay \$30, and med students \$15. Remember, pay your dues!; 20-25% have not yet paid, despite regular reminders, and this affects everyone. Also, if you can afford it, don't forget the special new categories of founding member, patron, and sponsors; this helped raise quite a bit more for us in the year we have offered it, and it is a valuable investment for you.

Several of our committee chairs were not present and had no representative there to speak for them, so we appointed new chairs. For membership, Dr. John Gosling, and Dr. Cheryl Chessick, and for women, Adrienne Schlang and Dr. Chris Sekaer. Also, we formed a new committee to represent all our international members, as well as increasing efforts in organizing on the international scene. Drs. Kenn Ashley and Gene Nakajima are the new co-Chairs for that committee, which will consist of all of our international members, and others who are working on those issues. Dr. Ken Campos has agreed to take over as co-Chair (with Dr. Debbie Carter) of the Minority Outreach Committee. Remember, committee chairs are members of the council and need to be present at the fall meeting and the annual meeting where we do our business. If you cannot attend, make sure someone from your committee does.

We also made some recommendations for students (Adrienne and Dennis Lin will continue as reps): that they must be AGLP members for at least 6 months before we will sponsor them for the annual meeting, and those who are sponsored will be asked to give at least 4 hours service, staffing the booth or helping in other ways.

We spent quite a bit of time discussing an affirmative therapy position that we will try to get the district branches and the Council of APA to move forward into the Assembly.

If you can, try to go to the Institute of Psychiatric Services meeting in October in Los Angeles. The Southern California district branch gay and les-

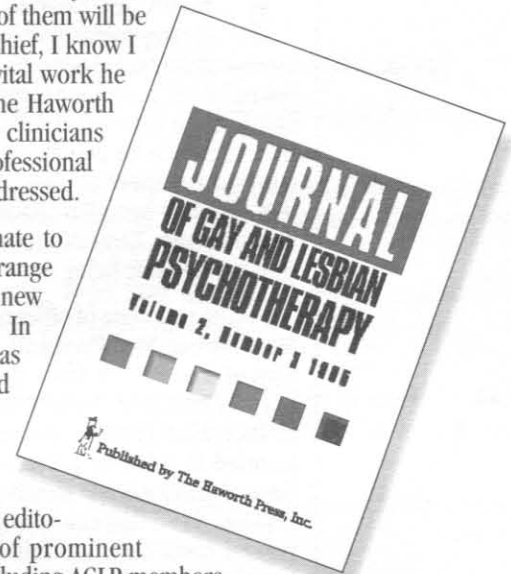
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treatment, it is clear
we still have a lot of
work to do. But
many people came
forward with new
ideas and new
energy in Toronto...*

Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy Update

Jack Drescher, M.D.

I wish to thank Guy Glass for providing this opportunity to update the AGLP membership about some forthcoming changes in its official journal, the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy*. First, as shown in this issue of the *Newsletter*, the *Journal* has a new cover design by AGLP's Office Director, Roy Harker. Second, David Scasta, the outgoing Editor, is presently preparing his last two issues of the *Journal* before the new editorial board will be taking over. Hopefully, one of them will be in your hands before you read this column. As the new Editor-in-Chief, I know I speak for the entire AGLP membership in thanking David for the vital work he did in getting the *Journal* up and going. Thanks to David and the Haworth Press, the *Journal* is now poised to serve as a unique forum for clinicians treating lesbian and gay patients as well as one in which the professional concerns of lesbian and gay mental health professionals can be addressed.

As the *Journal* changes editorial hands, AGLP is fortunate to have the support of an incoming group of individuals with a wide range of clinical experience and theoretical approaches. The *Journal's* new editors are Ann D'Ercole, Joseph P. Merlino and Christina Sekaer. In addition, Richard O. Hire and Erica Schoenberg will be serving as book review editors, although both of them have been helping, and will continue to assist, with other editorial duties as well. It is our fervent hope that this increased editorial [wo]manpower will get the *Journal* up and going on a regular, that is quarterly, basis.



It is, in fact, one aim of the new editorial board of the *Journal* to translate these academic debates in a way that can be of clinical utility to psychotherapists trying to make sense of their gay and lesbian patients' problems in living.

The *Journal's* new editorial board is comprised of prominent clinicians and theorists, including AGLP members Bob Cabaj, Marshall Forstein, Richard Isay, Robert Kertzner, Martha Kirkpatrick, Diana Miller, David Scasta, Bertram Schaffner, Terry Stein, and Mark Townsend. Other board members are William Byne, Bertram Cohler, Muriel Dimen, Martin Steven Frommer, Virginia Goldner, Douglas Haldemann, Adrienne Harris, Ronnie C. Lesser, Kenneth Lewes, Maggie Magee, Judd Marmor, Adria Schwartz, David Schwartz, and Dennis Shelby. Furthermore, although the *Journal's* editorial board has always been interdisciplinary, the new board builds upon that tradition in a different way. The *Journal* has invited non-clinicians to participate in the clinical dialogue. Adding to this editorial diversity are intersex activist Cheryl Chase, historian Martin Duberman, molecular biologist Anne Fausto-Sterling, anthropologist Gilbert Herdt, and queer theorist Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick.

Needless to say, many cultural changes have occurred since the *Journal* first came out in 1989. Since that pioneering issue, there have been unprecedented public debates regarding the rights of lesbians and gay men, including contentious issues like their suitability for military service and the right to same-sex marriages. At the forefront of the movement for gay and lesbian equality, AGLP has become well-integrated into the APA and is about to offer its third consecutive year of continuing education courses at the Psychiatric Institutes meeting this fall. Bob Cabaj and Terry Stein's landmark *Textbook of Homosexuality and Mental Health*, published by American Psychiatric Press, has established a new standard of scholarship and clinical thoughtfulness for those wishing to seriously address the mental health needs of lesbians and gay men. The American Psychoanalytic Association, a formerly implacable foe of affirmative gay and lesbian identities, in addition to its new nondiscriminatory policies in regard to sexual orientation, has astonish-

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ingly endorsed same-sex marriages.

Changes like these are also reflected in contemporary academic discourse. The debates of an earlier generation were between antihomosexual, psychoanalytic theorists who argued that homosexuality was a pathological, psychic adaptation caused by a certain kind of family environment and, on the other side, progay essentialists who argued that homosexuality was a purely biological, and nonpathological trait. Today, the heirs of those discredited psychoanalytic theories, so-called reparative therapists, have been marginalized from the mental health mainstream. Yet, somewhat ironically, progay essentialists now argue with progay constructivists about the origins and meanings of the categories of gender, sexual orientation, and sexual identity. That debate is fueled by diverse disciplines: genetic mapping, neuroendocrinology, epidemiology, anthropology, social learning theory, literary deconstruction, and postmodern psychoanalysis, just to name a few. Furthermore, the growing academic fields of gay and lesbian studies and queer theory have contributed greatly to the epistemological fray.

To some, these ongoing dialogues and debates are integral to understanding the ways in which modern lesbian and gay identities are articulated and lived. It is, in fact, one aim of the new editorial board of the *Journal* to translate these academic debates in a way that can be of clinical utility to psychotherapists trying to make sense of their gay and lesbian patients' problems in living. In future volumes, the *Journal* plans to address the clinical implications of biological vs. essentialist theories of homosexuality, modern psychoanalytic approaches to gay and lesbian patients, controversies surrounding gender identity disorder of childhood, sexual ecology and the HIV/AIDS epidemic, antigay attitudes among mental health professionals, including the clinical impact and ethical implications of reparative therapies, and the implications of surgical procedures performed on intersexed individuals. It is hoped that the articles on these subjects and others will foster a lively debate and that AGLP members will find the discussions clinically useful, not only for their own professional development, but therapeutically helpful to their patients as well.

If you or anyone you know are interested in contributing articles to the *Journal*, a manuscript submission form is included in this issue of the *AGLP Newsletter*.

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APA Takes a Stand Against Homophobia

Senator Trent Lott said in an interview for a cable TV program that he believed all homosexuals are sinners, but that we should love them and offer them help, like we do to alcoholics, sex addicts and kleptomaniacs. I contacted APA about their response to this, and they suggested I contact Dr. Nada Stotland, Chair of Public Affairs. Dr. Stotland was very supportive and immediately sent out memos to her committee about appropriate responses to this issue. Later, I received a letter from APA saying they believed it merited an official response. Enclosed is the letter sent by Dr. Steven Mirin, APA's Medical Director.

Dan Hicks, M.D.

This office has received a copy of a letter that was sent to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott by APA Medical Director Steven Mirin, M.D., in response to Lott's remarks about homosexuality in a television interview on June 15. The Mississippi Senator's comments were quoted in an article entitled "Flurry of Anti-Gay Remarks Has G.O.P. Fearing Backlash," which appeared in June 30th's New York Times, and equate homosexuality with psychopathology.

Mirin's letter was sent to "interested members" of the APA with a memorandum from Katherine Becker, Deputy Director, State Affairs of the Division of Government Relations. The memorandum notes that "the APA's offer to share with him [Lott] its 'research-based understanding of homosexuality' has not yet been responded to by the GOP leader..." and promises that "in the highly unlikely event that Senator Lott should respond in any meaningful way to the APA letter, I will be sure to let you know."

Guy Glass, M.D.

The text of Dr. Mirin's letter is as follows:

June 24, 1998

*The Honorable Trent Lott
Senate Majority Leader
SR-487, Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510-2403*

Dear Senator Lott,

On behalf of the American Psychiatric Association (APA), a national medical specialty representing more than 42,000 psychiatric physicians, I am writing to express our concern and objection to your recent statements comparing homosexuality to alcoholism, kleptomania and "sex addiction." Your reported comments are a misrepresentation of scientific evidence.

In 1973, reflecting extensive research findings, the APA removed homosexuality from its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. For a mental condition to be considered a psychiatric disorder, it should either regularly cause emotional distress or regularly be associated with generalized impairment of social functioning. Based on numerous scientific studies, the APA concluded that homosexuality does not meet these criteria, emphasizing that "homosexuality per se implies no impairment in judgement, stability, reliability, or general social or vocational capabilities." The APA's action in debunking the myth that homosexual orientation is inherently linked to psychopathology or maladjustment has been endorsed by the American Psychological Association.

While respecting your right to your religious views, your assertion that homosexuality is somehow analogous to alcoholism, kleptomania or "sex addiction" is unfortunate, as it perpetuates stigma rooted in fear and ignorance which regrettably often becomes a source of discrimination. As one of our nation's most visible Congressional leaders and influential opinion-makers, you have a special responsibility to educate people and a unique opportunity to fight stigma. We would be pleased to share with you the American Psychiatric Association's research-based understanding of homosexuality.

*Sincerely,
Steven M. Mirin, M.D.
Medical Director*

ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .

Ed Nix, M.D., pictured here with his lover Peter Bryg, has received the 2nd Annual Georgia Association of Physicians for Human Rights Recognition Award for his many accomplishments in the community, including being a founding member of GAPHR and holding many offices within GAPHR over the past 12 years. Congratulations!



Attention LGBPM alumni! Bill Sirotky, co-founder of Gay People in Medicine (GPIM) and Drs. Andy Elliott and Howard Rubin, former co-coordinators of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual People in Medicine (LGBPM) are trying to contact former GPIM/LGPIM/LGBPM co-coordinators and members to start a history of the group and establish an alumni group of former members for socializing and support. Time and memories are fast slipping away...Please contact Bill Sirotky at 341 Sand Pit Road, Mason, NH 03048-4206, thebills@banet.net, phone (603) 878-4677, Andy Elliott at 430 NE 57th St., Seattle WA 98105, aelliott@u.washington.edu, phone (206) 525-3459, or Howard Rubin at 1740 Butler Ave., #301, Los Angeles, CA 90025-4186, hrubin@ucla.edu, phone (310) 268-7811 for further information.

Georgia Association of Physicians for Human Rights staffed a booth at the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians' Association Meeting, February 12-15, providing information about AGLP and the Position Paper of the APA on gay and lesbian issues. Thanks to Peter Bryg, Dan Chapman, Sheri Mann Stewart, Ed Nix and Dan Rendleman for making this event a success.

Dr. Frans Korb, who can be reached by e-mail at fakorb@global.co.za, has offered to serve as a contact person for members who will be attending the conference in September 1998 in Johannesburg, South Africa, to be held in conjunction with the Association of Psychiatrists in Africa as well as a regional conference of the World Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Michael Armstrong has sent preliminary information about next year's Annual Conference of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Interest Group in Psychiatry in Sydney, Australia. The conference will take place on February 25-26, 1999, and the Mardi Gras Parade and Party are on February 27. Proposals are now being accepted from those who would like to present papers or workshops - a brief summary would suffice. Please e-mail to Dr. Armstrong at msa@ozemail.com.au, fax to +61 2 9231 3117, phone +61 2 9231 3230. Some information about the conference has been posted at www.ozemail.com.au/~msa and will be updated from time to time.

Gene Nakajima has offered to organize a number of activities for AGLP members at the Institute on Psychiatric Services in Los Angeles, including a reception for AGLP members, which is tentatively on Saturday evening October 3, and a theatre outing to see Carol Burnett perform in a Sondheim musical review at the Mark Taper Forum on the evening of Sunday, October 4. Details will be available at the conference, and on the AGLP website. If you are interested in the theatre trip, contact Howard Rubin at (310) 268-7811 or at Hrubin@ucla.edu so that they can prebuy tickets, or if you have any questions.

Janice Taylor of the APA has asked that if you are planning to attend the full-day AIDS Program at the Institute on Psychiatric Services in Los Angeles, you RSVP to her (jtaylor@psych.org) or Diana Pennessi (dpennessi@psych.org) by September 14 so that lunches can be ordered. (This applies to those who are only attending the one-day session ; if you are attending the full Institute, you should eat at industry-supported symposia.) The Program is entitled "Women and AIDS," and

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is to be held on Friday, October 2 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, and is co-sponsored by APA AIDS Education Project and the Columbia University HIV Mental Health Training Program. Speakers include Drs. Francine Cournos, Vivian Brown, Francine Coeytaux, Patricia Gay, Marshall Forstein, Joyce Hunter, Cynthia Telingator, Meg Kaplan, Mari Radzik, and Tom Donaho and Rich Herman.

Maggie Magee and Dr. Diana Miller, authors of *Lesbian Lives: Psychoanalytic Narratives Old and New*, are shown here with friend, Dr. Chris Sekaer, at a book party at which they were honored, held in New York on June 7, 1998.



Wanted!

Archival material, photos of AGLP events, reminiscences, for projected Newsletter article celebrating AGLP's 20th Anniversary.

Please contact Guy Glass, Editor, or Roy Harker, Office Director, as soon as possible...

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and Steven Dixon have graciously offered to host a welcoming dinner. Their address, in Washington, is 1936 Calvert Street, NW. You may make your reservation for the dinner party by sending in the RSVP form at the back of this *Newsletter*. Your donation of \$25 for the dinner will help AGLP defray the costs associated with the caterer.

Directions to Jeff Akman's home, 1936 Calvert Street, NW:

Parking in Adams Morgan during the week is competitive but possible. The house is located 1-1/2 blocks east of Connecticut Avenue, NW (north of Dupont Circle but south of the Zoo). It is easily accessible by Metro if you are not arriving by car or taxi. Take the Red Line and exit at Woodley Park/National Zoo. Coming out of the station walk straight ahead (south) one block to the corner of Connecticut and Calvert Streets. Cross Connecticut Avenue and walk across the Duke Ellington bridge. The house is on the right side of the street 11 houses from the traffic light at Biltmore and Calvert Streets.

I am, as always, available to provide assistance and answer any questions you may have. National Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 1:00pm to 6:00pm Eastern Time. The new AGLP Office phone number is (215)222-2800. I'll look forward to greeting you in Washington.

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bian committee, under Dan Fast, will present "Lives of Lesbians and Gay Men: What You Must Know," on Monday October 5th, as an all-day symposium on the regular program schedule.

Our block of 150 rooms in Toronto sold out slowly, despite announcing it several months ahead; many of you were scrambling for rooms at the last minute. I tried to get more rooms in our host hotel for next year, but the hotel is already closed. I suggest that you call now to make your reservations at the Washington Plaza Hotel for the APA (Friday, May 14-Thursday, May 20, 1999). Rates at that time will be \$140/night and call 1-800-424-1140 and ask for the AGLP block, #6137. We are looking for other rooms, but I encourage you to sign up as soon as possible. Besides the hospitality suite, the opening party, and our business meetings will take place here, and it has a large lobby with a bar attached, so I think it will be more conducive for people spending time socializing together.

With comments from our nation's leaders like Senator Lott saying we are ill like kleptomaniacs, alcoholics, and sex addicts and need treatment, it is clear we still have a lot of work to do. But many people came forward with new ideas and new energy in Toronto, so I know this will be an exciting year. Please join us in the fall meeting, where we do much of our important planning and strategizing.

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trict is a suburban and middle class community. There isn't any kind of a strong gay community. I think they thought six months before a national election this was at least a risk. But they were fully supportive, absolutely no question about that. To a person, my local executives backed me up, my colleagues and caucus supported me. So it was actually a very empowering experience....[but] it became the issue in my district and in the subsequent federal election, and there was a huge amount of hate propaganda directed at me. The Prime Minister attacked me, making a couple of speeches saying "Imagine Svend Robinson as Minister of National Defense," and got the usual guffaws from that but was forced to apologize for that when there was a real outcry. In the adjacent district, the conservative Member of Parliament said "Do you want a confessed homosexual to be a role model for the children in our community?" My office was smashed to bits... But it was enormously liberating, politically and personally.

GG: You're being honored by AGLP for your work in support of gay and lesbian causes. Can you tell us about some of your achievements that you're especially proud of.

SR: I wouldn't term them as my achievements. I think collectively in this country we have achieved a great deal over the past decades, and I've been privileged to be at the heart of some of those struggles. I think the most significant victory was helping to write a constitutional bill of rights for Canada that ultimately has been interpreted by the highest court in the land as prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. We're one of two countries in the world [Eds. note: the other is South Africa] whose fundamental document, the constitution of the country, actually prohibits discrimination. I was a member of the committee that wrote that constitution, and particularly worked hard around the bill of rights. I fought hard to get an explicit inclusion of sexual orientation.

...The Canadian Armed Forces: a huge battle and a very important victory. In 1992, in response to a challenge by a gifted young captain, the courts struck down the policy and we now have a policy of total nondiscrimination in our armed forces, including strong anti-harassment legislation, and effective just recently, recognition of same-sex relationships. It's a far cry from "Don't ask, don't tell!"

...Defeating the customs censorship provisions; I worked long and hard on that area as well.

...I'm actually one of the founding advisory board members of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. They do very important work, to highlight ongoing areas of discrimination, and to mobilize public opinion in the gay, lesbian and bisexual community, and also broader public opinion to change some of those policies. For example, just two weeks ago I was able to confront the president of Romania on the very archaic and destructive Romanian laws which effectively banned for many years any form of homosexual activity. So I've done a lot of work internationally. I travelled to Romania and worked with groups there. I've done work in China, in India, in the former Soviet Union. I confronted the Ukrainian Minister of Justice and was told there were no homosexuals in the Ukraine, "All our men like women!" I spoke at the first ever gay and lesbian pride celebration in front of the Bolshoi Theater, which was an historic cruising area in Moscow. It was the first ever in the history of the former Soviet Union.

GG: How do you feel about being honored by a group of gay and lesbian sbrinks?

SR: I think it's wonderful. It means a lot to me. You people are on the front lines of dealing with the impact of the policies that I've been fighting for. You're out in a profession in which I suspect it's not always easy to be out. I have great respect for what you do and for the organization, and so to be honored by people who are doing really important work for our community means a lot to me.

GG: Do you have any thoughts about what role gay and lesbian psychiatrists can play in the community?

SR: One, and I would say this to any health care professional in the United States, is to work for universal health care. It's incredibly important, not just for the gay and lesbian community, but for all citizens. I think there's something fundamentally uncivilized about the fact that more than 30 million Americans have no health insurance whatsoever, and many of those people need access to services that are provided by, among others, psychiatrists.

In more specific terms, psychiatrists are enormously respected in their communities. Where you're way up in public esteem, politicians like me are generally way down! That's the reality. So I think you have a very important platform from which to speak. And, of course, a particular knowledge base from which to speak. Personally, my major priority now is gay and lesbian and bisexual youth. We've changed a lot of laws, but there's still enormous work to be done in confronting the sense of alienation and being alone, lack of self esteem, and in many cases self hatred of our youth. I see that as a form of child abuse, and I think that it's really important that we all speak out on that and identify it as being a really top priority and challenge those in positions of leadership to deal with it. In our school systems there are huge challenges. You as psychiatrists know very well about the levels of attempted suicide among youth. I think if I would identify one area where I'd focus more energy it's on this area. I think that's one where your profession can do a lot of work.

And I think also just reminding people of the pathology of the closet, how destructive it is, encouraging people to come out, and encouraging people in the community to make an environment in which people can feel comfortable coming out.

Steve Atkinson: Was it hard for you to be closeted and yet a public figure for that period of time?

SR: Oh, it was impossible! Some of my friends joked that when I



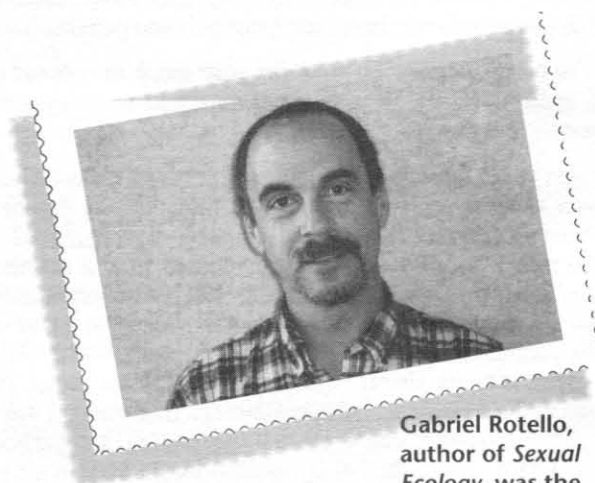
DAN HICKS, M.D., AGLP PRESIDENT, HONORS SVEND ROBINSON WITH THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



View of Toronto captured from the roof of Casa Loma



TORONTO 1998



Gabriel Rotello, author of *Sexual Ecology*, was the keynote speaker at our Preconvention



AGLP member Julie Schulman, M.D. is APA Member-in-Training Trustee-Elect



Jim Krajeski, M.D. is shown here with the James Paulsen Award



Dr. Mary Barber, M.D., AGLP Vice-President, is pictured here with daughter Kennedy and partner Dr. Alleyne Fraser

AGLP Council Meeting Minutes

May 31, 1998

Best Western Primrose Hotel, Toronto

1. President Dan Hicks, M.D. reported that deficit spending has been happening at the end of the year, dues increase suggested as a solution -- general and associate would go from \$125 to \$150, resident from \$25 to \$30, med student \$10 to \$15 ==> approved by council. Dr. Jack Drescher pointed out that we need to get more people involved at the patron level.

2. Dan and Roy Harker noted that the AGLP booth staffing schedule was not done because Membership Committee members were not at meetings. AGLP could lose the booth next year or get a fine from APA if the booth is seen empty at any time. Council and committee members hastily signed up for unfilled times. This points out the need to appoint a representative when someone can't come to meetings.

As a way to help with future booth staffing, Jack suggested med student funding for AGLP/APA meetings could be contingent on the funded students helping staff the AGLP booth. It was further suggested that the students be chosen among those who had been AGLP members for a period of time, to better insure we were funding students committed to psychiatry and likely to continue in AGLP.

3. Newsletter Editor's Report: Dr. Guy Glass announced that the due date for submissions to the next issue is July 15. He asked that anyone who wants to review books for the *Newsletter* let him know. This year marks the 20th anniversary of AGLP - Guy would like an article about AGLP's history for the *Newsletter*, but solicitations have yielded nothing so far. The group suggested possible writers and strategized on how to get it done.

4. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy*: Jack Drescher reported that the new editorial board is meeting regularly, first issue is to come out in Fall '98. Another issue was just finished by Dr. David Scasta, another guest edited by Dr. Laura Post. The board is soliciting articles and getting some coming in, nonclinical and nonpsychiatric viewpoints/authors welcomed.

Some previews of the new issue: Anne D'Ercole will discuss essentialism vs. social constructionism, Dr. Petros Levounis will present a case, the new cover has been accepted by Haworth and will be full color.

The journal *Gender and Psychoanalysis* has had many resignations, and a new journal will be created from the exodus.

We should consider having a writers' workshop next year as part of the AGLP conference, to encourage ecp's (early career psychiatrists) to write.

5. National Office Director: Roy Harker announced AGLP's new address, 45154 Chester Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143, phone (215) 222-2800, effective June 15, 1998.

Roy noted that the office had been much busier in the past year. One source of extra work is the website -- requests for referrals and info come in via this route. Membership activity, however, has been static.

6. Local Arrangements Chair: Dr. Steve Atkinson discussed the problem of defining the local arrangement committee's responsibilities and the various other committees' responsibilities for arranging conference activities. Getting committees to the point where they could work autonomously would be helpful. Council agreed that for this to happen, membership recruitment is key, and critical mass is key, eg. having enough minority, women, and ecp members in many cities. Steve pointed out that the official set of guidelines for the local arrangement committee details what needs to be done, but could benefit from some process/structure suggestions, ie. who is in charge of what? how will other committees report to local arrangements, vp, etc...Council agreed this is a good idea.

Members also felt we need to review what historically included activities might no longer be needed, what needs to be added, etc. regularly, so that the program will remain fresh. The Council looked at who is an AGLP member in Chicago, thinking of possible recruits for the year 2000 meeting local arrangements committee. Steve is willing to meet with whoever decides to chair the committee for Washington, D.C. in 1999. Council members discussed whether we need to have an estimated budget for the meeting, rather than the current pay-as-you-go method. This would be hard to do because of difference in cost in each city.

7. Nominations Committee Chair: Dr. John Gosling reported that the Nominations Committee, consisting of Drs. Kenn Ashley, Mary Barber and himself, met, solicited people, and met again, and came up with the following nominations for AGLP officers: President-Elect Dr. Phil Bialer, Vice President Dr. Mary Barber, Secretary Dr. Richard Hire vs. Dr. Todd Mandell, *Newsletter* Editor Dr. Guy Glass, Treasurer Dr. Jim Slayton. Nominations are still open and will be presented at tomorrow night's AGLP business meeting.

John has also compiled a huge bibliography on les/gay parenting, which will be put on the AGLP website for legal and clinical reference.

8. Dan has appointed Dr. Gene Nakajima to chair a new International Members' Committee. Jack suggested that Gene invite known international members to be members of this committee; council concurred.

9. Decision of who gets AGLP awards at the closing reception is usually done by the president and past president, but this needs better definition. Dan suggested that in future this should be a more open process, council should solicit nominations from the membership-at-large, and possibly form an awards committee.

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Council members brought up the possibility of fellow designation, and recognition awards for longstanding AGLP members, to help keep members active in the organization.

10. Saturday Educational Program: Vice President Phil Bialer wondered about whether to change the title of the Saturday Preconvention, noting that more AGLP people are doing talks in the larger APA and wondered whether the AGLP program is less relevant than it used to be. Council members who attended the Gabriel Rotello talk thought it was excellent and pointed out that although general gay topics are now in the APA program, AGLP is doing cutting edge discussion which is not yet seen in the APA program.

Council thought about ideas for next year's preconvention - Jack suggested applicability of queer theory to private practice.

11. Women's Committee Report: Mary Barber reported that 24 women attended the women's dinner despite late planning and difficulty getting info out. There were many new faces. Mary discussed the conundrum of women's involvement and leadership in AGLP. She also has noticed that many AGLP members, male and female, have children, and suggested a parents discussion with family time in the hospitality suite for next year.

12. Med Students' Committee Report: Dennis Lin had nothing to report.

13. Early Career Psychiatrists' Committee Report: Guy Glass has been having trouble getting the next generation involved.

14. Ethnic Minority Members: Ken Campos, M.D. noted that the name has been changed from people of color, as some minority groups do not identify with the POC name, and thus do not get involved. The group has been pretty stable and needs new recruits. This is clearly a theme for many of the committees, and Council brainstormed the issue.

15. Psychoanalysis Committee: Jack Drescher reported that the talk was very well attended. He also made Council aware that the American Psychoanalytic Association endorsed the same-sex marriage position of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

16. Treasurer's Report: Roy reported that membership is flat. There has been an increase in membership revenues largely because of patron membership levels and student travel money added to membership fees by members, but there is still not enough cash to make it to the end of the year.

Roy has explored the idea of being able to pay AGLP dues by credit card -- this appears to be too expensive, plus credit for AGLP has not been established, so the pres or Roy would have to have the account on their credit.

Meeting adjourned, 1:00 PM

AGLP Business Meeting Minutes

June 1, 1998

Westin Hotel, Toronto

Dan Hicks, President, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

1. Announcements: Steve Atkinson, Local Arrangements Chair, announced that tickets to the Awards Banquet were still available, and thanked the Committee for their work.

Dan officially thanked Steve for his work on local arrangements.

Dan then asked for volunteers to staff the AGLP booth, and announced a meeting on June 3 to discuss a gay affirmative treatment statement.

Dan recognized Dr. James Krajewski (new Psychiatric News editor) and Dr. Julie Schulman (MITTE), AGLP members who have had great achievements within APA.

2. Caucus of Gay, Lesbian and Bi Psychiatrists: Drs. Margie Sved and Phil Cushman. Margie reported that Jim has stepped down from being representative from the Caucus to do Psych News, so Phil Cushman will now be Deputy Rep and Margie will be Rep. Phil will finish out what would have been Jim's term, then both positions will be up for reelection. Margie described duties of the reps, involving sitting on the APA Assembly as minority representatives at many meetings. A motion was made to officially make Phil the acting Dep Rep, this was seconded and approved by the membership.

Margie further reported:

--32 action papers have been discussed in Assembly -- many significant ones were defeated. A lot of discussion on papers had already happened in reference committee, a recent development for APA procedure. For example, a proposal to film 15 minutes of Assembly meeting for public to see, to demystify working of the APA, was defeated. Position paper on term limits for Assembly members was defeated. Mean term currently 6 years, but many members serve much longer; however, there is benefit from continuity of members.

Margie has used e-mail to get information out to AGLP/Caucus members on papers. Get her your e-mail address if interested in receiving information.

Phil reported that the APA Auxiliary recently voted to recommend extending membership to significant others, including those who are same-sex.

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Margie has noticed that approximately 50 AGLP members sit on various APA Components, are DB presidents, etc.

Marshall Forstein, M.D. brought up that a person with HIV who has an APA disability policy (old), found out since APA no longer has disability insurance he might never get benefits. Marshall asked the Caucus reps to bring this up in Assembly.

Phil said that his understanding of the problem was that APA had sold their policy to another company, and now that company went bankrupt. The reps will explore this issue.

3. Dan and the AGLP membership present officially thanked Phil Bialer for planning the AGLP Hospitality Suite program.

4. Treasurer's Report: Jim Slayton noted, "It's coming in faster, and we're spending it faster." Several educational grants were received this year, solicited by Phil Bialer, Todd Mandell, and Jim, all from pharmaceutical companies. This made revenues higher.

At the same time, expenses have been higher because Roy's time was increased by five hours/week, and Toronto is slightly more expensive than was San Diego.

Roy is estimating another deficit, will have dues increase (first in four years), gave numbers as in May 31 minutes (item #1). Jim urged members to renew in a timely fashion.

Two last thoughts:

-- AGLP has become a larger organization, could consider a budget instead of a pay-as-you-go.

--Patron category has been great for revenues and members are invited to renew at this level.

5. Nominating Committee: John Gosling read nominees, (May 31 minutes, item #7) and read statements from secretary candidates, neither of who could be present at the meetings.

Dan announced the gay/lesbian parents biblio that John did, which will be on the AGLP webpage (May 31 minutes, item #7), and Margie added that she has written a review article of child custody issues which is coming up in the APL (Association of Psychiatry and Law) newsletter.

Other nominations for AGLP office were invited, and John announced that the floor was open for more names until June 2's meeting.

6. Newsletter Editor: Guy Glass reminded members of AGLP's 20th anniversary year, and asked members to submit archival material to Roy. Members could also consider writing an article about AGLP history.

7. Dan urged AGLP committee members to stay involved in their committees, and underlined the need to get more people involved to take over for members who are moving on.

8. Members took issue with the AGLP business meetings being quite far from the AGLP hotel, and Dan noted we will try to get AGLP business meetings in the AGLP hotel next year (APA decides the location). Margie will try to get Caucus meetings in close proximity as well. Dr. Chris Sekaer suggested a flyer for the AGLP business meetings be handed out at the opening reception, to make members aware and hopefully increase attendance.

9. Women: Mary Barber and Margie reported on the women's dinner and reception, asked for a new Women's Committee leader, and brainstormed ways to get more women involved. Many new faces were seen at both women's events.

10. HIV-affected Members: Marshall reported that a change in name has been proposed for the Commission on AIDS to Committee on HIV/AIDS to emphasize that although AIDS has declined, HIV positivity is on the rise. Practice guidelines for patients with psychiatric illness and HIV are being written, due in the Fall of 1999. Spinoffs from the guidelines will include training manuals for residents/med students, and a primary care neuropsych curriculum. Marshall is currently on the council for CMHS but will rotate off, and is looking for someone else to represent g/l concerns and HIV concerns.

Two policies are currently before the Board of Trustees -- 1. neuropsych illness and impairment, important for workplace discrimination issues, 2. HIV testing education sheets revisions, to reflect new developments in treatment.

Marshall mentioned educational activities at APA pertaining to HIV issues, which have had good attendance.

The g/l health conference will be in San Francisco in July; Marshall has info and urges anyone to attend.

New APA Medical Director Dr. Steve Mirin in charge of cutting APA budget, will possibly affect Commission on HIV/AIDS funding and staffing. CMHS grant to HIV/AIDS Commission has been phased out over years and the Commission can't afford any APA staff cuts. Marshall asked that AGLP members write letter to Mirin pleading for no cuts in HIV Commission.

Meeting adjourned, 7:30 PM

AGLP Business Meeting Minutes

June 2, 1998

Westin Hotel, Toronto

1. Caucus of Gay, Lesbian and Bi Psychiatrists meeting reopened -- Margie called for nominations for rep and dep rep when current reps' terms expire -- Jack Drescher nominated. Anyone else interested, contact Margie or Phil Cushman.

2. John Gosling announced nominees for AGLP office. No new nominees were brought forward, so elections were held. Results ==>

Phil Bialer, President-Elect
 Mary Barber, Vice-President
 Richard Hire, Secretary
 Jim Slayton, Treasurer
 Guy Glass, Newsletter Editor

New officers and returning officers were given a round of applause.

3. Julie Schulman, MIT Trustee Elect, was recognized. Julie thanked fellow AGLP'ers for electing her, and welcomed folks to contact her about APA Board of Trustee issues.

4. Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bi Issues Report: Howard Rubin, M.D. is coming from national council, and an affirmative therapy resolution will go to Assembly, meeting announced (see June 1 minutes, item #1) to go over resolutions we will try to submit, local DB's will submit resolutions also.

The white paper on same-sex marriage was accepted, committee members gave feedback.

There is now a case brought up from one of the local DB's, being handled by the APA Ethics Committee, of a woman who feels she was harmed in reparative therapy with Socarides.

5. Membership Committee: Roy Harker gave the report as no committee representatives were present. For the first year, we have a slight decline in membership (about 30 members) of the full membership category, although a new category of patron/sponsor has partially offset the revenue loss. Membership is still mostly men (76%). About 1/5 of new members have come from the website. 25% of members have not yet paid their dues (\$14000 in potential revenue).

Mark Townsend noted that personal appeals have worked for GLMA (phone calls and letters to potential members).

New people leading the Membership Committee are to be Drs. John Gosling and Cheryl Chessick.

6. National Office Director: Roy Harker announced AGLP's new address and phone (May 31 minutes, item #5). Roy's contract has been renewed at 20 hours/week. Some of his newer duties include new designwork responsibilities, accounting, the referral service (the office gets about 3 requests a week for referrals), coordinating the CME course in past Institutes, coordinating the *Journal*, maintaining an archive of AGLP historic material, and acting as webmaster for the AGLP website (gets 250 hits/month).

7. A new committee on international issues is being formed, and Gene Nakajima and Kenn Ashley will be chairs. Howard gave a report -- for the past couple of APA's and at the World Psychiatric Association conference in Madrid, Gene and Kenn have made efforts to recruit international psychiatrists into AGLP. A group of Dutch gay psychiatrists organized their own APA talk this year. We are trying to form a section on g/l issues in WPA, and Gene organized and submitted 15 symposia for the WPA meeting in Hamburg for 1999, no word on whether any will be accepted yet. Other ideas for the WPA meeting are to get together a pamphlet on g/l activities and to do an AGLP booth, possibly jointly with GLMA.

The international/people of color party at Steve Atkinson's was very successful -- about 70 people attended.

8. Adrienne Schlang, med student rep, will be the new women's rep, Chris Sekaer will be co-chair. Adrienne reported that four med students came funded by AGLP to the APA meeting this year.

9. Dr. Salma Khan, representing the Residents Committee, reported that their Hospitality Suite session focused on the subtleties of homophobia in training programs, and how the general climate has changed. The Resident/ECP meeting brought up the need for mentoring of senior residents. It was suggested that a database of elective opportunities for med students and residents be put together.

10. Minority Committee: Ken Campos will take over for Gene Nakajima.

11. Child/Adolescent Committee: Chris Sekaer reported that LAGCAP has 82 members, and did several educational programs at the child psych meeting last fall in Toronto: a symposium on working with transgendered youth, a panel on child psychiatrists as sex educators in schools, a showing of the film *Beautiful Thing*. The next meeting will be in October in Anaheim, and planned LAGCAP events include a symposium on presumed risk factors in g/l youth suicide, a talk on risk-taking in g/l youth. LAGCAP has submitted a fact sheet on g/l adolescents, and papers are being written on homosexual parents and g/l youth to submit to the Academy of Child Psychiatry. Chris is the new Treasurer of LAGCAP.

12. Psychoanalysts: Jack Drescher reported that the Hospitality Suite discussion of Dr. Diana Miller and Maggie Magee's book and Jack's forthcoming book was well attended, including several international attendees. At the Committee meeting, Dr. Ralph Roughton of the

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American Psychoanalytic spoke about how that organization came to endorse Lambda Legal's same-sex marriage position.

13. President's report: Dan had several items to report:

This year for Institute on Psychiatric Services, in Los Angeles, in October, AGLP will do an all-day symposium, "Lives of Lesbians and Gay Men: What you must know."

APA Fall Components will be from September 11 to 13 in Washington, D.C. The AGLP meeting will be Saturday, September 12.

The AGLP hotel for the 1999 Annual Meeting of APA in D.C. is already set, we need to do these things way ahead now.

Things needed for next year:

- a. get information out to committees on what to do, what meetings they need to attend, need to delegate, etc.
- b. set up more of a framework for budgeting
- c. build up membership

Lots is happening at the local level: in Vermont, an amicus brief has been filed for the marriage suit, and Dr. Mark Townsend is working on helping repeal Louisiana's sodomy law.

14. AGLP members reported on personal news....

Meeting adjourned, 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Barber, M.D.
Secretary, AGLP

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came out it was like Jesse Jackson coming out as a black man! I wasn't hugely closeted, but I lived my life a bit like W.H. Auden who said once that his credo for living as a gay man was "neither proclaim nor pretend." I was honest, but I chose my words so carefully, and I wasn't able to share a whole dimension of who I was with my constituents. The closet is enormously stifling for a politician. I've had colleagues in Parliament approach me in tears, they wish they could come out but they just can't do it. In many cases they would think this would destroy them politically. Or if they're involved in a relationship with a person who themselves can't come out. By them coming out as a public figure, then it's outing the other person.

SA: *Speaking of that, does Max live with you in Ottawa.*

SR: No, he's back in Burnaby. And actually it was only after my accident that I decided to talk in a very personal way about our relationship. It was a difficult decision, more for him than for me. He's a very private person and he came from a culture in which being openly gay was totally unacceptable [Eds. note: Robinson's partner is Cuban].

SA: *And he came into Canada as your spouse.*

SR: Yes, I sponsored him. Ironically, I was the person who led the fight to bring in policies that recognized same-sex relationships for immigration sponsorship in the late 80's, and I was able to help to change those policies. He's a member of the Parliamentary spouses organization. I think Barney Frank's partner is a member of the equivalent organization in the States.

SA: *I have one more question. You got into politics so young, at 25. How does a 25 year old know that much about what he wants to do, and can make such a courageous choice?*

SR: It's funny you should ask this; I actually was going to be a doctor from the time I was in high school. I love kids, and wanted to become a pediatrician. I did science courses in high school, premed at UBC [University of British Columbia], was accepted to medical school, and at the last minute changed my mind. What led to the change was an increasing level of political involvement, I always loved public speaking and debate, and a sense that this was where one person could really make a difference in their community, even more than a doctor. A doctor can make a huge difference, but for me it was always a question of national policy...

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ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS AND PSYCHIATRY RESIDENTS

AGLP is interested in compiling a database of clinical, teaching, or research elective opportunities for medical students and psychiatry residents interested in gay and lesbian mental health. Plans are underway to create an additional web page on our national site for on-line access of this information. Please complete the form and return it to Robert Kertzner, M.D., The New York State Psychiatric Institute, Box 10; New York, NY 10032 (for questions or comments, E-mail: rmk3@columbia.edu).

Name of elective: _____

Name of mentor/preceptor: _____

Address, telephone, or E-mail contact: _____

Host institution, when applicable: _____

City & State where elective will take place: _____

Description of elective: _____

What time commitment would be expected of participants (i.e., months, days/week, hours/week)?

What is the nature and responsibilities of direct clinical care, if any?

How often would the preceptor meet with the student/resident?

What other teaching activities can a student/resident participate in?

What are the opportunities for research involvement?

What experience or requirements are necessary to prior to the elective?

Other information (please specify):

The Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Society, & the Alliance for Psychoanalytic Thought

“Lesbian Lives: Current Psychoanalytic Perspectives”

Saturday, September 26, 1998

Educational Objectives

Historically, psychoanalysis has viewed homosexuality through a lens which is now considered to both highly biased and inaccurate. The educational objective of the Symposium is to introduce a reconsideration of the lesbian and her development from a neutral perspective recognizing that object choice is very complex and multi-determined.

Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits: As an organization accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education, the American Psychoanalytic Association certifies that this continuing medical education activity meets the criteria on an hour for hour basis in Category 1 for the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. As such, 4 hours of CMEs are offered for this course.

Continuing Education for Psychologists (CE) Credits: The Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Institute and Society are approved by the American Psychological Association to offer 4 Continuing Education credits (4 CEs) for psychologists. The Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Institute and Society maintain responsibility for the program.

Continuing Education Credits for Social Workers (CEU) credits: Application for approval for Pennsylvania Social Works has been made (and is expected to be received) for 4 hours of CEUs.

Program Schedule

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 **Katherine M. Reed, M.D.** - Welcome and Introduction
Program Chair; Faculty, Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Institute
Clinical Assistant Professor; University of Pennsylvania, Dept. of Psychiatry
- 9:15 **Ruth Fischer, M.D.** - "Lesbianism: Some Developmental & Psychodynamic Considerations"
President and Training and Supervising Analyst
Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Institute
- 10:00 **Elizabeth Young-Bruehl, Ph.D.** - "Beyond the Female Homosexual"
Professor, Haverford College
Associate in Psychoanalysis, Philadelphia Association for Psychoanalysis
Author of *Anna Freud: A Biography* (1988) & *The Anatomy of Prejudices* (1996)
- 10:45 Brunch and Networking
- 11:30 **Eva P. Lester, M.D.** - "Homosexuality & Female Sexual Response: Vicissitudes in Middle Age"
Professor of Psychiatry, McGill University
Training and Supervising Analyst, Canadian Institute of Psychoanalysis
- 12:30 **Susan C. Vaughan, M.D. Discussant**
Teaching Faculty, Columbia University for Psychoanalytic Training & Research
Chairperson, American Psychoanalytic Association Committee on Issues of Homosexuality
Author of *The Talking Cure: The Science Behind Psychotherapy*
- 1:15 Panel Discussion with Audience Participation
- 2:00 Adjourn

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REGISTRATION FORM

“Lesbian Lives: Current Psychoanalytic Perspectives”

Saturday, September 26, 1998

Admission Fee \$75 (Includes Lunch). Late registration fee after September 10 - \$85. Psychoanalytic candidates - \$25. Residents, interns, full-time students (documented proof of status required) - \$15. Cancellation policy: A refund will be granted for cancellations received in writing before September 15, minus a \$15 administrative fee.

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International Committee Column

Gene Nakajima, M.D.

We had much more participation of international psychiatrists in AGLP activities in Toronto than ever before. This was in large part due to the efforts of the International Affairs Office of the APA. About 6,000 of the 16,000 people who came to the Annual Meeting were from abroad. Over 50 psychiatrists came to our joint reception of international psychiatrists and psychiatrists of color. Many thanks to Stephen Atkinson, M.D. who hosted the party and in addition organized most of the local arrangements. The two international workshops were well attended. The international psychiatrists are planning to submit another workshop next year. If you would like to participate, please contact Dr. Nico Hettinga from Amsterdam at 31 20 624 0255.

Concerning the World Psychiatric Congress in Hamburg in August, 1999, we are concerned that the WPA will reject many of our symposiums. Most of the "non-gay" symposiums have already been accepted. We met with the co-chair of the Scientific Program Committee and he told us that they are holding all the gay and lesbian symposiums until the Committee meets in July. If the symposiums are not accepted, we are encouraging everyone to submit their portion of the symposium as a free paper. If you are interested in presenting a free communication paper/poster or video in Hamburg, the deadline is December 31, 1998 (but this may be extended).

Unfortunately, the World Psychiatric Association has denied our request to start a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Issues Section. They would like us to join a new section of sexology. We have written back to them stating we would like them to reconsider. They will be meeting in South Africa in early September to reconsider our request. If you know anyone who has any influence on the WPA Executive Committee, please have him or her contact the Executive Committee about this issue. The members are:

- President: Norman Sartorius (Switzerland)
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We have realized that part of the difficulty with having gay and lesbian issues in the WPA is that there has not been much history of gay/lesbian participation in WPA activities. We are now encouraging AGLP members to consider teaching about gay and lesbian issues at other WPA-sponsored conferences. The next conference that the WPA executive meeting will be at is the WPA Regional Meeting in Johannesburg on September 6th-13th, 1998. (This conference is in conjunction with the Biennial Congress of the Society of Psychiatrists of South Africa/ Association of Psychiatrists in Africa). The contact person for the conference is Professor C.W. Allwood, Fax: (27-11) 647-2423. AGLP member, Dr. Frans Korb, encourages all AGLP members to contact him if they are planning to go to Johannesburg for this conference (27-11) 783-1588.

In addition, AGLP member Dr. Francisco Gonzalez is planning to submit a gay/lesbian symposium for the WPA co-sponsored, 20th Congress of the Latin American Psychiatric Association in Havana, Cuba. That conference is from October 19-23rd, 1998. For more information, please contact Francisco at (415) 206-9626.

We need volunteers willing to coordinate gay and lesbian submissions and be a contact for gay and lesbian psychiatrists attending the following conferences. We will publish your name in future issues of the *Newsletter* as the AGLP contact person:

Upcoming WPA Sponsored Congresses and Meetings:

August 24th - 29th, 2002, XII World Congress of Psychiatry in Yokohama, Japan.

October 8th - 10th, 1998, WPA Thematic Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, Manage or Perish. Contact: Professor J. Guimon, Fax: (41-22) 718-4699.

October 28th - 31st, 1998, WPA Regional Meeting in Guadalajara, Mexico, Psychiatry in Transition. Contact: Dr. Luis Ruiz, Fax: (525) 652-5516.

April 13 - 17th, 1999 WPA Thematic Conference in Athens, Greece, Psychiatric Prevention. Contact: Professor G. Christodoulou, Fax: (30-1) 724-2032

November 2000, WPA Regional Meeting in Paris, France, From Clinical Practice to Research.

2001, WPA Regional Meeting, Madrid, Spain.

Upcoming WPA Co-sponsored Meetings:

March 11th - 13th, 1999, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting in Granada, Spain, The Community Care of the Long Term Mentally Ill Patient. Contact: Professor F. Torres-Gonzales, Fax: (34-58) 275-214.

September 29th - October 3rd, 1998, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting of the 34th Turkish National Psychiatry Congress and International Symposium, Culture and Diagnosis Across the World in Izmir, Turkey. Contact: Dr. I Kuey, Fax: (90-232) 422-3805.

October 15th - 17th, 1998, WPA Co-Sponsored Meeting 4th Congress of the International Wernicke-Kleist-Leonhard Society in Göttingen, Germany. Contact: Professor H. Beckmann, Fax: (49-931) 203-427.

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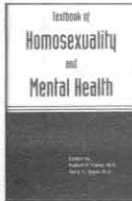
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**TEXTBOOKS AVAILABLE
FROM AGLP**

Textbook of Homosexuality and Mental Health

Edited by Robert P. Cabaj, M.D., and Terry S. Stein, M.D.
American Psychiatric Press



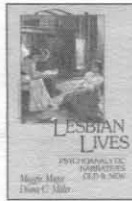
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Starting from the belief that homosexuality is a normal variation of human sexuality and not a mental illness, this revolutionary book presents current information on homosexuality from a mental health and medical perspective. Sections focus on demographic, cultural, genetic, biological, and psychological perspectives; development throughout the life cycle; relationships and families; psychotherapy; multicultural identities and communities; professional education; and medical care. A variety of special issues, such as sexuality, substance abuse, violence, suicide, religion, and HIV/AIDS are discussed. Also included are several unique chapters that cover material not readily available elsewhere, among them transsexuals, minority gay, lesbian, or bisexual people, the impact of the sexual orientation of the therapist, latency development in prehomosexual boys, and clinical issues specific to psychotherapy with gay, lesbian, and bisexual patients.

AGLPB001-1996/1016 pages/ISBN 0-88048-716-X/hardcover/\$89.95

**Lesbian Lives; Psychoanalytic Narratives
Old & New**

Maggie Magee and Diana C. Miller
Analytic Press



In this groundbreaking revisioning of lesbianism, Magee and Miller transcend a literature that, for decades, has focused on the timeworn and misconceived task of formulating a lesbian-specific psychology. Rather, they focus on a set of inter-related issues of far greater salience in our time; the developmental and psychological consequences of identifying as homosexual and of having lesbian relations. *Lesbian Lives* is a heartening sign of the generous scholarship and humane impulse that are transforming psychoanalysis in our time.

AGLPB0018-1997/448 pages/ISBN 0-88163-269-4/hardcover/\$55.00

Violence in Gay and Lesbian Domestic Partnerships

Edited by Claire M. Renzetti and Charles Harvey Miley
Haworth Press



Violence in Gay and Lesbian Domestic Partnerships provides a thorough look at same-sex domestic violence, addressing the major theoretical and treatment issues for both its victims and perpetrators. Its contents raise awareness among readers of the problem of same-sex domestic violence and emphasize the need for special services for both victims and perpetrators.

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Edited by Lester B. Brown, PhD
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Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy

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David Scasta, M.D., Editor
The Haworth Medical Press

The *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy* is the official journal of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists (AGLP). Offered free of charge to Full and Associate members of the AGLP, the *Journal* is available in limited quantities to the general public. It is offered in direct opposition to Joseph's Nicolosi's book, *Reparative Therapy of Male Homosexuality*, whose underlying assumption that homosexuality is something to be cured or "repaired" was found repugnant by the Psychotherapy Book Club.

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VIDEO TAPES

Anatomy of Desire

Directed by Jean-Francois Monette and Peter T. Boullata
The Cinema Guild, Inc.

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