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Drs. Dan Hicks and Cheryl Chessick staffing the AGLP booth, Washington Convention Center

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## AGLP Fall Meeting Saturday, September 25, 1999 Roy Harker, National Office Director

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. The meetings will run from 9:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday, September 25, 1999 in conjunction with the APA Component meetings.

The Fall meeting is open to all members, but only Council members may vote. 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 Phil Bialer, M.D., AGLP President, at least two weeks before the meeting date to be included on the agenda. The Meeting will take place in the JW Marriott Hotel, 1400 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The room assignment will be posted in the lobby of the Marriott on the day of the meeting.

A block of rooms is reserved for AGLP members at the Washington Plaza, Massachusetts Avenue at 14th (10 Thomas Circle), NW, Washington, DC. The discounted room rate is \$130.00 per night (single/double), \$150.00 (triple), \$170.00 (quad). Call (800) 424-1140 and ask for block #8608. The block runs Friday, September 24, and Saturday, September 25 (two nights only). A very large convention is running simultaneously in Washington and hotel rooms are at a premium, so make your reservations now! The cut-off date for reservations is August 25.

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The Newsletter of the  
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## Editor's Column

### AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. PEGGY HANLEY-HACKENBRUCK RECIPIENT OF AGLP'S 1999 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD Guy Glass, M.D.

*Guy Glass: What was it like for you to win the Distinguished Service Award? Were you surprised?*

Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck: Oh my goodness! I was surprised... it was really a moving experience for me, and it also gave me a chance to think back over all the years that I've been involved with AGLP and the changes that have been made, and I think that my favorite part about it, especially the night of the Award, was to reexperience all the good feelings that I had about how important AGLP had been to me personally, and how proud I am about all the things that we've done.

*G: One of the major achievements that you are credited with was the introduction to AGLP of a sizable lesbian contingency. How was this accomplished?*

P: Well, in the early days there were really very few women, and we just tried to make contact with each other and get to know each other a little better, and really discuss what we wanted for women in the organization. That was in the early 80's, and about the same time that AGLP was getting going the Association for Women in Psychiatry was also getting going, and the women who were active in AGLP were also checking out the Association for Women in Psychiatry, and we started to have discussions about where the lesbians really belonged. And we had a disagreement in that area, which we dealt with by having some of the lesbian meetings in the women's Hospitality Suite, and also trying to coordinate lesbian activities with the women psychiatrists' activities so we didn't conflict. And that was also a way to introduce women who weren't yet comfortable about being out to AGLP. And through these things we developed a list of lesbian psychiatrists who either signed up through AWP or through AGLP, and I took it upon myself throughout the year to invite the women to the women's activities and the lesbian activities. We had special speakers; we developed the tradition of having the lesbian dinner and the lesbian reception during the week. And we advertised these things not only through AGLP, but also through a special newsletter just for women. My feeling was always that I wanted the women to be a part of AGLP, and not just have this autonomous wing. We encouraged women to join committees and to become officers in AGLP. There was a lot of personal contact with people at meetings and in mailings throughout the year to make the women feel that this was an organization that wanted women. It was a lot of work! But I wasn't the only one; there were quite a number of women active, starting with Shelly Klinger and Margie Sved, and later on the people who are active now.

*G: At the Awards Banquet you spoke about your own personal and professional coming out and the role that AGLP played in it. I wondered if you could recapitulate this for the NEWSLETTER...*

P: During medical school and internship in the 60's, I had psychotherapy to change my sexual orientation in the pre-DSMIII-era, so I started my psychiatry residency in 1970 thinking that I had become heterosexual, and through the influence of feminism and the changing thinking in psychiatry on homosexuality, the decade of the 70's allowed me to really embrace for the first time my being a lesbian. When I was beginning to come out in 1979 I was wanting to have some professional affirmation of homosexuality being a normal thing, and I was really amazed when I



**Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck, M.D.**

**President's Column**

Phil Bialer, M.D.

**N**otes from a convention: The meeting in Washington D.C. now seems a distant memory and will be even more distant by the time this newsletter arrives in the membership's mailboxes. What I do remember is the joy of seeing friends and acquaintances from around the country (and the world), the pleasure of making new friends, the satisfaction of learning from excellent AGLP presentations and gay/lesbian presentations at "the big meeting," and the work of running a large organization such as AGLP. Finally, I remember the sheer excitement and terror of stepping into the office of president.

I've had some experience as an officer or leader in voluntary and not-for-profit organizations in the past – board member and vice-chair of the New York City Gay Men's Chorus, chair of my district branch AIDS committee, president of the Society for Liaison Psychiatry – but somehow, this seems different. As a gay man and psychiatrist, AGLP has had a very special, personal and emotional meaning for me. I first joined as a resident and quickly became involved with our local New York group and then on local arrangements committees when the Annual Meeting was held here. I watched in awe as AGLP grew under the skillful leadership of past presidents, many of whom were at the Washington meeting: Jim Krajeski, Terry Stein, Bob Cabaj, Marshall Forstein, Peggy Hackenbruck, Margie Sved, David Scasta, and of course, Dan Hicks who just finished his term. When I was approached about running for vice-president a couple of years ago, I jumped at the opportunity (well, maybe I hesitated a little) to get involved with a group that had been so important in my professional and personal life. This has been a very rewarding experience, but as I said, very different from my previous experiences. I think the distance involved (to be expected in an international organization such as this one) creates a feeling of isolation; the support of monthly board meetings and more frequent events isn't there. Sure, we have e-mail, faxes, even telephones to keep in touch, but these don't allow the personal contact that was so stimulating in D.C.

Phil Bialer, M.D., began his term as President of AGLP in May

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Which brings me back to the meeting. Just to recap some of the highlights as I recall them. We began with an extremely interesting and profound educational symposium on "Queer Theory" organized by our Vice-President, Mary Barber. The symposium was well attended and provoked much discussion during the course of the week. If you have never attended one of the Saturday morning conferences, start making plans to arrive early for the meeting in Chicago in May. Mary is hard at work planning the next Saturday morning meeting. The informality, ease and collegiality of these meetings make them a very different experience from the hustle of the big meeting. Our opening night party was attended by more than 300 people poolside at our hotel and for the first time was co-sponsored by GLMA. Which reminds me that our booth was situated directly next to the GLMA booth and the PFLAG booth in the convention center creating a proud display of our gayness amongst all the overblown drug company booths. Ironically, a religious right group was in the next booth over. AGLP sponsored an important meeting about "How to Lobby" in the Hospitality Suite with a representative from the Human Rights Campaign Fund. A lunch meeting for medical students, residents, and early career psychiatrists was attended by more than 50 people – very exciting since they represent the future of AGLP. The week ended with the annual Awards Dinner where we honored Peggy Hackenbruck for her supreme efforts in expanding our female membership and Terry Stein and Bob Cabaj for their outstanding work of editing the *Textbook of Homosexuality and Mental Health*.

Then there were the business meetings. Much was accomplished in planning for the future but much is left to do. An important issue was raised which caused some controversy. There was a proposal to add the term "transgender" to the terms "gay, lesbian, and bisexual" in various sections of our bylaws. Some people objected stating that "their issues are not our issues"; some were concerned this would diminish the founding objectives of our organization. Others questioned how we, as a sexual minority, could discriminate against another sexual minority. To be honest, the discussion was much more complex than I am reporting and the proposal included additional wording. I have asked Lowell Tong to act as a consultant and head up a task force to explore the bylaws proposal further. I have also asked him to speak directly with several people who were expressing their opinions during the discussion. Further details of this proposal will follow.

Now, for the future. My goals as president are simple and straightforward: Increase our membership; tighten our relations with other gay professional organizations such as GLMA; expand our fundraising while exploring our relationship with the

**Past President's Column**

Dan Hicks, M.D.

*[Editor's Note: The following remarks are excerpted from Dr.Hicks' comments delivered at the Awards Banquet, May 19, 1999]*

I am happy to have served AGLP as President, President-Elect, and Vice-President for four years. My work began as Local Arrangements Chair for APA in DC in 1992, so it is fitting that we are back here for me to finish. AGLP has been personally and professionally rewarding to me.

I was a resident at the APA in Atlanta in 1978 and Chicago in 1979 when AGLP was just starting – but still very much in the beginning stages and not much to offer – Frank Rundle, Dave Kessler, Jim Paulsen, Ed Nix, Jim Krajeski. After residency, became busy in getting my career going and returned to AGLP in Dallas in 1985; it had grown, changed, and I came back in 1986 to Washington – saw people like Terry Stein, Stu Nichols, Bob Cabaj, Jim Krajeski giving talks, running courses and seminars, and being respected and listened to in the APA. Began making life-long friendships; asked by Bob Schwartz to help with a workshop in Chicago in 1987. This helped give me confidence and assurance that I could also be more active and involved; started gay and lesbian doctors' group in Indiana, put on gay and lesbian seminars, ran HIV support groups, became active in the Indiana district branch.

I think AGLP is meant to help people in their "coming out" process, become more accepting of themselves, especially professionally. *Psychiatric Times* last week had an article about why people become psychiatrists: often related to sense of emotional pain and distress that we have experienced in coming out and feeling different – more sensitive and aware of emotional pain of our patients. In working through our own process and healing, the affirmation of our colleagues can play a big role in being more positive and confident in ourselves and our lives.

Dan Hicks served as President of AGLP from 1997-1999

**My message to you is to take the love and nurturing we give to each other here, and be willing to use it to continue to open doors and work toward the improvement of health of our whole community.**

The next step is to take back what we learn, to share it in our communities and with our patients, to become educators and activists to help relieve others' pain, and to help make changes so that the world can be a safer and better place for other gay and lesbian people. Despite our own fears and anxieties, we have achieved a certain level of status and recognition in the world; we are looked upon as leaders and healers, if we have faith enough to take on the roles. AGLP needs people to become more involved : many willing to come to parties and socials, but not pay dues, not come to business meeting, not serve on committees, work on planning meetings, workshops, serving as officers; couldn't find people to be on nominating committee, people to take on roles of committee chairs,etc. Much work to be done – on transgender issues, on domestic partner issues, etc. Get involved in your community – in your schools, neighborhoods, district branches, politics – share your knowledge and expertise. Be role models to talk about substance abuse, unsafe behaviors in our community, help people move toward greater health and maturity. As Armistead Maupin said at the GLAAD awards in receiving an award for his *Tales of the City*: there are still many closeted people all over Hollywood – actors, writers, directors, producers, many people of power who believe that their sexuality is not important or they can get by without taking a stand. Events like the death of Matthew Shepard show that by not coming out, speaking out, working to change the system, we must take our share of responsibility when these things happen.

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## BOOK REVIEW

FAMILY SECRETS  
GAY SONS--A MOTHER'S STORY

Jean Baker, Ph.D.  
Harrington Park Press, 1998  
Review by John Gosling, M.D.

*"In this book I wish to tell the story of our family and of what we learned as we coped with homophobia, with AIDS, and with the shame and secrecy that are their consequences."*

So writes Dr. Jean Baker in the introduction to her deeply moving account of one woman's struggle to come to terms with both her sons being gay and then losing one of them in death to AIDS. What makes it unique is the fact that Dr. Baker tells her story not only from the perspective of a caring and loving parent but also from the perspective of a psychologist. Dr. Baker has practiced as a psychologist in Tucson, Arizona since 1970. She has been a member of the American Psychological Association for many years and is a past president of the Arizona Psychological Association for which she is Chair of its Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Committee.

In spite of her training which had helped her to be accepting of homosexuality in her professional life and her image of herself as tolerant and unprejudiced, she desperately resisted accepting that her own child was gay. She had to struggle with the realization that her understanding of sexual orientation was quite shallow and limited. She also became aware of how oblivious she had been to the pervasive homophobia in our society until her own sons were its target. She describes her inner struggle with her own emotions related to motherhood -- her concern that her mistakes and failures as a mother somehow may have caused her sons to be gay. She points out that none of what she learnt from books and articles or in her training as a psychologist even remotely prepared her for being the mother of homosexual children -- a dilemma faced by all parents in our society who are privileged to raise homosexual children. She eventually reaches the following conclusion: *"I no longer believe that the mistakes Jack (her husband) and I made explain why Andy and Gary both turned out to be gay. I have come to believe that the questions of why someone is homosexual is not a question that should even be asked since, first of all, it suggests that there is something wrong with being homosexual, and secondly, the question cannot really be answered."*

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Neither did any of her training prepare her for the most difficult lesson of her life: the experience of learning to live with the grief of losing one of her beloved sons to AIDS. Her description of her son's illness, his death and her process of mourning on many occasions moved me to tears. *"Now that my son had died, how strangely insignificant seemed the fact of his gayness. How difficult to believe that I had ever thought his being gay was a tragedy. Being gay is not the tragedy; what is tragic is that any parent can reject a child simply because the child is gay."*

This book offers insights into the developmental needs of lesbian and gay children from a very personal and unique perspective, that of a mother of two gay sons. She offers an extensive guide to resources that parents who are raising lesbian and gay children may find invaluable (such as P-FLAG -- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). However, as a psychologist, Dr. Baker also adopts a thoughtful and scholarly approach to the literature offering many references to research and scientific findings that debunk many of the myths and stereotypes surrounding homosexuality. She addresses the pervasive and damaging (though curable) social disorder of homophobia and antigay prejudice that gives rise to intolerance and a painful and destructive inner core of shame. It also creates a climate in which an increase in antigay violence may occur. She offers her eloquent voice to the increasing number of people calling for education and acceptance to end the disease of homophobia. The recent high profile brutal murders of two gay men, one in Wyoming (Matthew Shepard), and the other in Alabama (Billy Jack Gaither) were both motivated in part by antigay prejudice. The New York City Police Department has reported an 81 percent increase in antigay bias crime in the first nine months of 1998 compared to the same period in 1997 with the incidence climbing from 59 to 114. These homicides are occurring at a time when crime is falling across the nation. In New York City, homicides are at a more than 30-year low. Dr. Baker offers a wide range of helpful suggestions in this regard mainly focusing on the edu-

## White House Conference on Mental Health: June 7, 1999

Dan Hicks, M.D.

**I**t was an honor to be invited to attend the White House Conference on Mental Health, chaired and organized by Ms. Tipper Gore, President Clinton's Mental Health Advisor. There were 400-500 people invited from all over the country, representing a diverse group of mental health providers and consumers, including around 50 psychiatrists. My first thought was this was a very public and political way to put on a show of reaching out to the mental health community, but there was no way any of these "experts" could be heard or have any impact on changing the mental health system. In reality, the purpose was to use the power and office of the President to provide intense focus on the needs of the mentally ill and to use this spotlight to bring mental illness out of the closet and help begin to remove the stigma. It was also a platform to announce several broad initiatives on mental health research and treatment that were being launched by the President.

I heard about the conference through Margie Sved who sent an announcement from Nada Stotland of public affairs, suggesting that minority reps should try to be participants. I sent information to some staffers I knew at the White House, and was pleasantly surprised to be included, probably due to my gay and lesbian background. Other community representatives were AGLP members, Dr. Richard Isay, and Dr. Jeff Akman from George Washington University and the Gay and Lesbian Public Health Association; Rea Carey from the National Youth Advocacy Coalition, Kirsten Kingdon from the national PFLAG office, Kate Frankfurt from GLSEN, Verna Eggleston from the Hetrick-Martin Institute and a 17 y.o. student, Dr. Joyce Hunter from Columbia University, and Dr. Robert Washington from the St. Francis Center here in DC.

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The day began with a breakfast at the White House, where Mrs. Gore and Mrs. Clinton made some welcoming and introductory remarks. Then the participants were bussed to Howard University, where we broke into smaller groups on various topics such as Research, Mental Health in the Justice System, Access Issues, Children's Mental Health, Education and Training, Ethnic and Cultural Issues, Privacy, Advocacy, Prevention, and Public Health. At the Plenary Session, all participants gathered in a large auditorium where the President, Mrs. Clinton, the Vice-President, and Mrs. Gore each participated in presenting various aspects of mental health. Mrs. Gore interviewed Mike Wallace about his experiences with treatment of his major depression over the years. Mrs. Gore also talked about her experiences, and the Vice-President interviewed several other patients and their families. Mrs. Clinton then presented Dr. Steven Hyman from NIMH who gave a very exciting talk about advances in understanding mental illness, the brain, and treatments. Finally, President Clinton presented several major initiatives to support advancements in mental health:

- 1.. Parity for mental health treatment for all Federal Employees, which will cause all insurance carriers covering Federal employees to offer coverage of mental illness on an equal basis with medical illness
- 2.. Increasing research funding for mental illness
- 3.. Improving coordinated treatment of mental illness through Medicaid initiatives
- 4.. Increasing efforts to improve mental health treatments so those on disability may be able to return to work
- 5.. Increasing housing opportunities for mentally ill through HUD
- 6.. Increasing mental health treatment to crime victims and victims of terrorism
- 7.. Improving mental health treatment to those in the criminal justice system and using diversion programs to help prevent the mentally ill from ending up in jails and prisons
- 8.. Comprehensive approach to prevent combat stress and its complications
- 9.. Improving mental health access and treatment for children

## AGLP goes to the World-Wide Web

Roy Harker, National Office Director

**A**GLP's award-winning website has now moved to worldwide web status. Our new address is [www.aglp.org](http://www.aglp.org). The Council approved this expenditure at our May meeting as part of our continued broadening of outreach and service to the community. You may wonder just how this move affects the site overall. The changes and available options with the new site are significant:

- **The site is available to and serviceable by a larger audience worldwide**

More servers, web browsers, and search engines will have direct and easy access to the site.

We can now offer truly interactive pages including:

- **On-site membership application**

With our present site, AGLP receives on average two new members per month via the web. It is expected that with greater access and the ease of online registration that number may double.

- **Shopping for textbooks available through AGLP using a credit card**

With our present non-interactive site, book sales online are not an option. It is hoped that with "shopping cart ease" textbook sales will be stimulated.

- **On-line search for a psychiatrist**

A database of members, who agree to be available in this electronic format, will be accompanied by a search engine which will allow the visitor to look for psychiatrists in their own region or city. Currently, AGLP averages two referrals per day online. With this new interactive ability, it is expected this service will become even more popular.

- **Animation, sound, and more memory space for photographs and other graphics**

- **Expanded utilities for online information and resources.**

Online interactive courses, fact-sheet information, and extended bibliographies will now be easily available to the visitor.

- **Direct email access to the National Office and all members of the Executive Board**

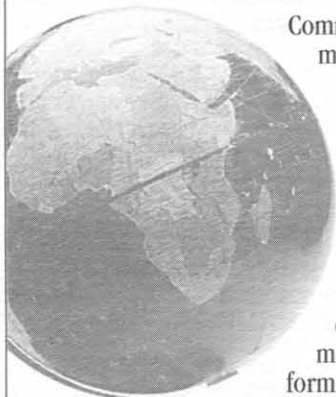
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- **An easy to remember and less cumbersome name.**

Do you wish to be part of the electronic referral service at AGLP Online? The information provided to the visitor will include only your name, office phone number, gender, and any specialty listed in your profile. To date, 60 members, or about 10% of the membership, have agreed to be listed online. Included with your *Newsletter* is a consent form to be included in this electronic format. You do not have to have Internet access to be listed. We presently have 345 members listed for referral in our printed referral directory. It is my hope that we can approach this number in the online directory. Please take a moment to sign the enclosed form and mail/fax to the National Office as soon as possible. You may also email your consent to [aglp@aglp.org](mailto:aglp@aglp.org). Simply state "I wish to be listed in the Online Referral Service" and type in your full name. A printed copy of all consent forms is kept on file at the office.

With this move, AGLP will be entering the new millennium in a state-of-the-art mode. Each new phase of the offering listed above will be phased in over the next few months. Make your visits to AGLP Online a regular part of your connection to the cyberworld.

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**"OUR KIND OF TOWN..."**

**Bill Gilmer, M.D.**

**Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, 2000**

The Chicago Local Arrangements Committee has been busy preparing for the 2000 APA Annual Meeting. We're pleased to announce that the Allerton Crowne-Plaza Hotel will be our AGLP hotel. This historical hotel has just reopened after undergoing a major renovation. The hotel is sure to please our members. The Allerton sits conveniently on North Michigan Avenue - better known as "The Magnificent Mile." The hotel is in the heart of the city - and walking distance to most of the other convention hotels, transportation, and major sites. Our opening reception will be held on the top floor of the Allerton - in the former site of the historic Tip Top Tap, featuring vaulted ceilings and tremendous views of the city. Plans are being finalized for another special location to host the closing party.

Spring is a perfect season to visit Chicago. The city glistens - and its gay and lesbian communities are more vibrant than ever. You can enjoy strolling up and down flower and tree-lined Michigan Avenue. Just a few steps from the Allerton, you can visit the historic Water Tower, our new Museum of Contemporary Art, the Terra Museum of American Art, and the observatory deck of the John Hancock Building - or walk along our beautiful lakefront to Navy Pier. You also might consider a walk through Grant Park or the Lincoln Park Zoo - or a boat ride on Lake Michigan.

Bill Gilmer, M.D.



A must on any itinerary is the Art Institute of Chicago - a world-class museum with incredible holdings. Especially outstanding is the Impressionists collection. And then there's Museum Campus - which features the Field Museum of Natural History, Shedd Aquarium, and Adler Planetarium - all nestled on Chicago's beautiful lakefront.

Did I mention great architecture? Remember, this is the city that discovered the skyscraper - and is the home of Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Mies van der Roë. An architectural boat tour down the Chicago River gives unparalleled views of works by some of the world's greatest 20th century architects. You may also want to spend some time exploring the Loop on foot - allowing you to enjoy the city's outdoor art and public sculpture including magnificent works by Picasso, Chagall, Calder, Miro and Dubuffet.

If you enjoy shopping - this is definitely the place for you. Within a few blocks' radius are some of the nation's most prominent retailers - Marshall Fields, Saks, Neiman-Marcus, Bloomingdales, Lord

and Taylor, and Tiffanys - you get the picture - plus hundreds of specialty shops, boutiques, and galleries - and discount merchants such as Filene's Basement.

Chicago also boasts some of the finest restaurants in the country - several within just blocks of the Allerton. If exquisite dining is your fancy, you will want to make reservations (or have your drug reps do it!) well in advance for local favorites such as Tru, Charlie Trotters, Ambria, Topolobampo, or Spruce. Of course, there are a multitude of other interesting, ethnically diverse and affordable restaurants and sidewalk cafes - all conveniently located near our AGLP hotel.

Don't forget that Chicago is home to a vibrant theater scene which continues to be a source of exceptional plays and great actors to Broadway and Off-Broadway. If you enjoy theater, you'll definitely want to check out the Goodman and Steppenwolf, as well as several other theaters which produce many plays of special interest to the gay and lesbian community. Chicago also supports a thriving cabaret scene. And don't forget the venerable Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Hall.

Chicago is also a major sports city. In May, the place to be is Wrigley Field. Despite the Cubs' pathetic record, an afternoon at Wrigley Field is as American as apple pie - something every baseball fan should experience - and it's just a few blocks from Halsted Street! If you're a runner or biker, then bring your gear as there are few places that can

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**A**BC News is compiling a list of psychiatrists for a national database of expert sources who can provide information on such issues as gay and lesbian mental health for use in their broadcasts. If you would like to be on ABC's list, send your name and address, along with your specialty area, to Sarah Adler at sarah.m.adler@abc.com.

**G**GLMA invites submissions for papers at the Women in Medicine Conference in Washington, D.C., April 27-29, 2000. Deadline for submission of proposals is September 15, 1999. Information may be obtained at GLMA's website at [www.glma.org](http://www.glma.org), or by phoning GLMA at (415) 255-4547.

**T**he Department of Psychiatry of the School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) seeks a clinician-teacher at San Francisco General Hospital, a major teaching hospital of UCSF. This position will be subject to a formal academic search process in the future. The position is in the Clinical series at the Clinical Instructor or Assistant Clinical Professor level, and is available July 1, 1999. The position is Team Leader Attending Psychiatrist on the Gay/Lesbian team of the HIV/AIDS, Gay and Lesbian Focus Inpatient Unit. The ideal candidate will be a board-certified or board-eligible psychiatrist, with a commitment to an academic career as a clinician-teacher, and demonstrated interest, commitment and cultural competence in working with underserved and culturally diverse populations. Experience and interest in working with gay and lesbian issues is essential. California licensure is essential. Please send your letter of interest, resume, and names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references to Mark Leary, M.D., c/o Susan Brekhus, Department of Psychiatry-Room 7M36, San Francisco General Hospital, 1001 Potrero Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94110. If you require further information, please call Francis Lu, M.D. at (415) 206-8984. UCSF is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer; women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

**T**he World Psychiatric Association will be sponsoring a conference to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the First World Psychiatric Congress in Paris, from June 26-30, 2000. We will be organizing a group of gay and lesbian psychiatrists to present workshops and symposiums. For information about the conference, ask for a Second Announcement, Preliminary Program.MTV Congres Du Jubile De l'A.M.P.; BP 38; 92502 Rueil Malmaison Cedex France; phone 33 1 41 39 88 82; (fax) 33 1 41 39 88 85. E-mail: [wpa.jubileecongress@mtv.fr](mailto:wpa.jubileecongress@mtv.fr) Web-site <http://psydoc-fr.broca.inserm.fr> (You will still want to request a brochure even if you look at the website because it is only in French and not as detailed.) The deadline for submission for the conference is September 15, 1999. If you are interested in presenting, please send me the abstract and its title by August 20th. I will group the abstracts received into several symposia. Please send the actual abstract on its official form and your registration form to me by September 1st, and I will mail them out to the WPA. (If you plan to submit an abstract, you must register for the conference at the same time.) Please note my new address: Gene Nakajima, M.D.; 90 Divisadero #12; San Francisco, CA 94117 Tel & Fax (415)934-9162; [GNakajima@alumni.stanford.org](mailto:GNakajima@alumni.stanford.org)

**M**y name is Ariel Shidlo. I am a gay NYC psychologist who is co-researching the effects of "conversion therapies" on lgb persons. Our study is being done in association with NGLTF. Would you consider visiting our Web site: <http://www.jasperweb.com/therastudy>. We have interviewed 190 subjects and are looking for another 60. It would be great if AGLP members would be informed of our study, so that they could consider referring subjects.

**M**ary Barber, M.D., submitted the following announcement, adding: "This is the place I work. It's a gay-friendly clinic in a gay-friendly community (Woodstock and New Paltz are nearby), and has a group of excellent psychiatrists. Feel free to ask me more if you are interested: At Ulster County Mental Health Department we are currently recruiting a general psychiatrist to offer treatment on our substance abuse and adult mental health units. The Ulster County Mental Health Department is a large outpatient treatment system located in Kingston, New York (90 miles north of New York City) in the beautiful Hudson Valley. We practice true community psychiatry, as it should be practiced. We treat a wide array of patients who run the gamut of diagnoses. Our psychiatrists play pivotal roles in a team-based approach as diagnostic consultants, supervisors, and psychopharmacologists. We have an unusual amount of on-site educational programs, including weekly pharmacology supervision from a national expert. Competitive salary, excellent benefit package inc. top rate health care, no on-call, and opportunities for flex-scheduling all contribute to high degree of job satisfaction for community-minded psychiatrists. There are no restrictions on ample oppor-

**CLGBP Column****Margie Sved, M.D.**

**T**he primary information to include in my quarterly column this time is information from the May Assembly and Annual Meeting. The APA is doing some significant restructuring at this time, both in the governance hierarchy as well as the organization of the central office. For the second year in a row, the APA experienced a decrease in the total membership. There is a commitment to a decrease in national APA dues in the next few years (national dues have remained the same for the past several years, after a succession of yearly increases), both by decreasing the cost of running the APA as well as by increasing other income.

One of the significant, though quite controversial, areas for all the minority groups this past May was the continuing discussion as to whether one of the APA trustee-at-large positions should be changed to a minority trustee. Although many individual APA members who identify as a member of a minority group have had high profile APA positions, still very few minority members have been elected to any Board of Trustee positions. Be prepared to discuss this issue further in September component meetings.

I see my job as your elected representative to the APA Assembly to advocate for the needs of GLBT patients and the needs of GLBT psychiatrists and members-in-training. However, many of my tasks in that role are more important than my vote in the Assembly. Both the CLGBP Rep and Dep Rep are members of the Assembly Committee of Minority and Underrepresented Groups (MUR Committee). The MUR Committee meets together often, and tries to have an agenda that we all agree on. We are over represented on most other Assembly committees, so our voice has many places to be heard. We all usually are also Assembly Liaisons to one or more committees, councils, etc. on the Component side. For instance, for the past year I have been the MUR representative on the Assembly Profiles in Courage Committee, a representative on various Assembly reference committees, Assembly Liaison to the Commission on AIDS, alternate representative to the Assembly Rules Committee, and on the Area V Nominating Committee. This coming year in addition to continuing most of those I will be on the Assembly Committee on Public and Community Psychiatry as well as Chair-Elect for the MUR Committee. I will become Chair of the MUR Committee for the 2000-2001 year, and will for that year be a member of the Assembly Executive Committee.

I will continue to try to publicize items of interest and items that need membership feedback. I have enjoyed the interactions with many of you that I have had on e-mail the past year. The best ways for me to have contact are by sending items to Roy in the office to send out to his AGLP e-mail list as well as to post on the APA list-serve GLBiNet. Please officially join the Caucus of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Psychiatrists (application is on the back of this *Newsletter*) if you haven't. If you don't know whether you have previously joined, either just join again or contact me. Also, continue to write/call/e-mail me directly about any issues.

Again, I want to thank Phil Cushman for his time as Deputy Representative, and to extend a welcome to Jack Drescher who will join me for his first official Assembly meeting in November.

Thanks! Welcome

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tunities in region for private practice, hospital-based work and other consultant positions. The Hudson Valley offers a perfect way to escape the hassles and expense of urban living without sacrificing quality of life. Interested candidates should send CVs or call: Julia Eilenberg, M.D., Medical Director, Ulster County Mental Health Department, 239 Golden Hill Lane, Kingston, NY 12401; (914) 340-4000; FAX (914) 340-4094

**T**he Psychoanalytic Connection is pleased to announce an international online seminar starting in October, 1999. Taught by Drs. Jack Drescher and Ralph Roughton, this new online learning opportunity will explore contemporary psychoanalytic knowledge and perspectives about homosexuality and about psychotherapy with gay male patients. For further information, contact [IOS@psychoanalysis.net](mailto:IOS@psychoanalysis.net) or call (212) 243-1575.

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## Update from St. Louis

Alice Dean Kitchen, M.D.

In May 1998, the Eastern Missouri Psychiatric Society became the fifth district branch to establish a local committee to deal with gay, lesbian and bisexual issues. Outgoing EMPS President Carol North was supported by the Executive Committee as she set up the committee (later named the Committee on Homosexualities) and appointed Alice Kitchen, Life Fellow, to chair the committee. Soon a committee of a dozen members was formed, including women and men, gay and straight, white, African American and Hispanic, psychoanalysts and biological psychiatrists, public psychiatrists and private practitioners, and MIT's to Life Fellows.

The Committee first met in June 1998, exploring as widely as possible all the areas in which their energies might be fruitful for GLBT medical students, residents and psychiatrists, for the gay community at large, and in combatting prejudice against homosexuals by religious groups and the general public. It was clear from the beginning that efforts should be educational, interventional and probably political.

A letter and two-page questionnaire was sent to each of over 300 EMPS members, asking about practice characteristics, knowledge about and comfort with homosexuals, numbers of gays and lesbians seen per week, and whether or not the psychiatrist wanted referrals of gay and/or HIV+ patients. These were followed up by two letters. The letter to those wanting referrals of homosexual patients gave advance information about the day-long session at the APA Institutes on working with gays and lesbians. The other described the St. Louis mental health "system" for HIV+ people supported by the Ryan White monies and informed the psychiatrists as to how they could participate.

A liaison with the Mental Health Association was quickly formed, and the committee contributed two columns for the MHA's column, "Open Mind," in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Committee members with experience in writing letters to the editorial page have shared their knowledge with us, and we have actively begun to respond to newspaper articles, etc.

The Committee has researched and studied "reparative therapy" and "conversion therapy," or the "Ex-gays." We submitted a news article and an ad to the *Gay News-Telegraph* about the research study (Schroeder and Shidlo) that looks at the experience of those who have been in these therapies.

Because a new hate crimes bill - with additions of sex/gender, mental or physical disability, and sexual orientation - was in the Missouri legislature, the Committee decided to go "all out" politically. We drafted a letter to the members of the judicial committees of the MO Senate and House, urging their support of the bills - and the EMPS Executive Committee voted to send it out as from EMPS President, Wilson Compton III. Two months later when the bill was about to be debated on both floors, another letter was similarly written to all EMPS members, requesting that they call their legislators and urge the passage of the bill. Literally ten min-

utes before the end of the legislative session in late May the bill passed, with its very precise definitions and consequences still intact. Wow - talk about being encouraged to be politically active! It couldn't have been more heady!

Other projects are underway: 1) the development of a gay mental health referral system, 2) collaboration with Washington U., St. Louis U., and the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute in presenting lectures not only for the Institute and the university psychiatric departments and EMPS, but also for the gay community and gay and lesbian psychotherapists, 3) and an attempt to create a "model" cultural competence curriculum for psychiatric residency programs which may move the learning from the reading and discussing mode to one that involves seeing, hearing and experiencing.

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10.. Special Outreach to Native American Youth due to increased mental illness risks

11.. Encourage Congress to pass proposed legislation for parity insurance coverage, effective patients' rights, privacy legislation, and a record increased funding for mental health research and treatment

At lunch, participants could network informally with each other and obtain materials from an incredibly diverse group of mental health proponents and organizations. After lunch, the Vice-President and Mrs. Gore presented a forum where they went through 10 myths about mental illness, allowing selected consumers and providers in the audience to counter these myths and educate about the facts of mental illness and its effective treatment. The day ended with a young African-American man reading an essay describing his battle with mental illness and how treatment had allowed him to finish school and graduate from Howard this spring. The audience joined Mrs. Gore in a standing ovation, awarding a graduation gift to this man who demonstrated the best of what all of our efforts are striving to achieve - treating mental illness and helping persons achieve their full potential.

This was the first time there had been such a major national health focus on mental illness, hopefully demonstrating a breakthrough in acceptance and access to full treatment for those with mental illness. It was also broadcast on the Internet live, several designated sites downloaded it, and there were participating satellite hook-ups in Michigan, Portland, Oregon, and Atlanta. The entire proceedings can be accessed on-line at [www.mentalhealth.gov](http://www.mentalhealth.gov).

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## AGLP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, May 15, 1999  
Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Members present: Drs. Dan Hicks, Phil Bialer, Cheryl Chessick, Jim Slayton, Jack Drescher, Mary Barber, Richard Hire, John Gosling. Staff: Roy Harker.

President Dan Hicks opened the meeting at 8:30am and welcomed members. Dan and John announced the need to staff the AGLP booth and urged members to be sure the sign up sheet is filled so the booth is fully staffed. Roy announced there are still many tickets to sell for the closing night dinner. Dan mentioned that on Monday morning Donna Redwing of the Human Rights Campaign will be conducting lobbying training in the Hospitality Suite so that members can lobby their congressmen and urged as many members as possible to attend.

### I. Treasurer and Budget Report, and Director's Report

Jim Slayton presented the treasurer's report. Highlights included the receipt of \$14,000 in grant support. The Janssen grant supporting the closing dinner was \$10,000 this year, \$15,000 had been requested. We also received grants from Glaxo, Lilly, Pfizer (for the Symposium) and Bristol Myers Squibb (for Residents' and Medical Students' Lunch) and First Union Mortgage (which supported the Early Career Psychiatrists' Brunch). Jim spoke about the importance of diversifying fund raising and thanked members who had helped in securing grants.

Jim noted that the convention expenses for this year are projected to be about \$36,000. In an attempt to improve financial planning for the organization, he presented a formal proposed budget for FY2000 which the Board had requested him to do at the Fall Meeting. The Board decided to review the budget and vote on it at the 5/16 Meeting.

Dan thanked Jim for preparing the proposed budget and Jim thanked Roy Harker for his many hours of help in putting together the budget. Roy said we now have 580 members and are hoping to increase membership at the opening reception and closing party. Roy reported that adding the capacity for processing payments by credit cards has added a large volume of work for his office but that he thought it was worth it because of the potential of adding new members because of the ease of dues payment, and that book sales are up and membership renewals came in faster this year. We were able to avoid deficit financing at the end of this past year because of earlier renewal and the dues increase.

Dan thanked Jim for his work over the year and noted Jim was retiring as Treasurer partly due to his becoming a parent.

Roy mentioned that AGLP's endowment which started at \$10,000 is now worth \$20,000 and is in a money market account. He reminded the Board that he will need new bank signature cards for the new President and Treasurer. He also discussed plans to change the Webpage listing for AGLP from .com to .org and to get us on the world wide web which will allow for an interactive site, which will offer us many more options. This will involve a cost of about \$2000./year and we need to seek a grant that will support this expense. The internet address on our stationery will have to be changed along with the change in new officers' names. New address is [www.aglp.org](http://www.aglp.org).

### II. Hospitality Suite

Mary Barber reviewed the week's rich program for the AGLP Hospitality Suite and thanked everyone for their cooperation in putting the program together. This year's Saturday symposium is titled "Queer Theory and Treating Patients: What's the Connection?;" Presenters are Biddy Martin, PhD. and Carol Maxwell Miller, PhD. Discussants are Jack Drescher, M.D., Maggie Magee, CSW, and Diana Miller, M.D. Mary mentioned again the program on training in political lobbying with Donna Redwing which will be on Monday morning. Jack encouraged everyone to attend the APA Business Meeting on Sunday at noon because of a possible protest against the APA's statement on Reparative Therapy and that our votes might be needed.

### III. Report from Journal

Jack reported that the first issue of the AGLP's journal, "The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy" has been submitted and will be coming out in the Fall. He is planning for four issues of Volume 3, with two possibly being a double issue. He and the editors are busy building inventory since there is little inventory now. He said there will be guest editors for several issues on topics including Gay Parenting, Substance Abuse, Issues related to patients with HIV, Reparative Therapy, and Ethical Issues. Anyone wanting to contribute to the journal or guest edit an issue on a special topic was encouraged to contact Jack, or one of the other editors.

### IV. Nominating Committee

Dan said Howard Rubin has been nominated and agreed to run for Treasurer. The other members of the Board have agreed to be nominated to serve another term. The student members, Adrienne Schlang and Dennis Lin both resigned just before the meeting and Dan is trying to recruit new student members.

### V. New Business Items

Dan brought up a proposed change in the bylaw suggested by member Wynelle Snow. Dan handed out the draft of the proposed change for members to review for Monday's Business Meeting. The change proposes to add "sexual minorities," to "gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons" in the bylaws. Jack said he thought "sexual minorities" was too inclusive a term and might be construed by the right wing to include, for example, pedophiles. He suggested changing the proposal to "transsexual and intersexed" individuals. The Board agreed to review this further and bring it to the general membership for discussion and a possible vote.

Roy mentioned that his contract is up for review and the officers would need to fill out evaluation forms and decide whether to renew his contract. Dan reported on his work with a local interdisciplinary coalition that is working to counteract the reparative therapy focus of activity in the local schools, which is being advocated by right

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wing religious groups. His group is trying to come up with alternative ways for principals and school staff to help gay and lesbian youth. He distributed a draft of this group's response and asked for feedback and ideas. Jack reinforced how important it is to form links with other professions for this purpose and felt this was a good way to structure this response.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.

## AGLP Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, May 16, 1999

Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Members Present: Drs. Dan Hicks, Jim Slayton, Jack Drescher, David Scasta, Mary Barber, Sharon Flynn, John Gosling, Cheryl Chessick, Chris Sekaer, Ken Campos, Kenn Ashley, Rick Imirowicz, Phil Bialer, Howard Rubin, Petros Levounis. Staff: Roy Harker

Dan called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

I. Treasurer and Budget report: Roy distributed the revised budget. David noted that the expenses for distributing the Journal are not included in the budget. He estimated this expense could be as much as \$15000, and thinks the budget needs to be redone to reflect this expense. Others pointed out that we need to do more fund raising on the national level, especially to help support the Journal. Roy said we need to develop guidelines to help members in their fund raising efforts and that this should be the responsibility of the new treasurer. Dan moved that the budget be approved by the Executive Committee and that we reconsider in September after we've had time to work on fund raising for the Journal. The Budget was approved.

The schedule for booth was discussed and the few missing staffing slots were filled. Roy noted that we needed to keep track of the number of visits to the booth as Glaxo wants that information. Roy also pointed out that we have a lot of material to hand out this year. Dan reminded everyone again about the Monday morning session with Donna Redwing on political lobbying. Jack reminded members to attend the APA Business Meeting today because of a possible protest against the APA's new position on Reparative Therapy and the need for our votes if this issue were to come up for a vote.

Dan explained that we're having a joint Opening Reception with GLMA because of a conflict of schedules between the two groups. Having the joint reception was the compromise that was worked out and GLMA will make a financial contribution to help with the expenses.

### II. Report from Director:

Roy announced the new location for the national office. He noted that the AGLP website has resulted in his making two or three referrals a day to members, and that he receives about 50 e-mails a day. The website has been time-consuming but productive. Credit card processing has also been time-consuming. The website address will be changing to AGLP.org. The WWW site will provide for more interactive functions but will cost about \$2000./year. Petros asked about putting the referral directory on the Website. It was agreed this was a good idea but members would have to approve of their names being included. A form for this will be included in the August Newsletter. David raised the issue of the additional work Roy is

doing because of the Website and credit card processing. His current hours are twenty hours/week, Monday through Thursday, 1pm-6pm.

### III. Newsletter

Editor Guy Glass was not able to attend the meeting. Dan reminded everyone of the importance of getting information to the editor at least a month before publication time.

### IV. Journal

Jack said the first issue of the Journal will be coming out this fall and will feature an a case study by Petros Levounis with several discussants along with book reviews and a discussion of a paper on homophobia. Jack reminded members that he would like to publish the clinical presentations made by members at the APA, especially since this is the official journal of AGLP and requested that members write their presentations and submit them for publication.

### V. Nominating Committee

David announced that Howard Rubin was nominated for the office of treasurer.

### VI. Hospitality Suite

Mary reported that the Saturday symposium was well attended and that no one left the room during the presentation and discussions, indicating how well received it was. A discussion ensued about offering CME credits in the future for the symposium, but several members pointed out there is a lot of work and expense in obtaining the certification to do this. Mary spoke about the need to start thinking about next year's symposium and hospitality suite program. Someone mentioned an interesting resource might be The Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies, a national think tank, which is assembling a guide to experts concerned with LGBT people. The website is <http://www.iglss.org>. The Institute president is Lee Badgett, e-mail [badgett@iglss.org](mailto:badgett@iglss.org). David said we need to have more going on in the hospitality suite. Mary said she would ask people to come up with ideas. Several suggestions were made about possible topics and presenters for the Saturday symposium next year, which Mary will pursue. Interest was expressed about a symposium about intersexed people.

### VII. Committee Reports

Membership - John and Cheryl discussed their efforts and plans to recruit new members and said of all their efforts, approaching people personally is what works best. They invited members to join the membership committee and come to the meeting in the afternoon and help with the opening reception, when we hope to sign new members. David suggested we consider having a special event, like a black tie dinner next year in Chicago, for those members who contribute at the sponsoring level, to generate more interest and income.

Women - Mary reported that the Women's dinner went well and that about 20 women attended. Chris will be leading the women's meeting in the hospitality suite. Everyone agreed we need to focus on increasing women members in AGLP.

ECP - Rick reported that the early career psychiatrists' brunch will be held today and is being sponsored by the First Union Mortgage Company, and he is expecting a good turnout. Minority Outreach - Ken Campos said he has been personally meeting individuals and trying to bring them in as members. Jack suggested using the AGLP web page to help publicize minority outreach.

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New Business - Roy pointed out the need to start the planning process for the annual meetings three years in advance, that hotels and meeting space gets booked up well in advance by the APA, and suggested forming local arrangement committees three years in advance. Bill Gilmer is heading the local arrangements committee in Chicago. Mark Townsend has agreed to head the committee in New Orleans. David Scasta offered to head the committee in Philadelphia with Roy's help.

Mary said we need new people involved in the significant others' group to help plan activities and generate interest.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40

## AGLP and CLGBP Business Meeting

Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington, D.C.  
May 17, 1999

1. President Dan Hicks opened the meeting at 5:30 pm and welcomed members. Dan announced that the AGLP booth was well staffed and thanked those who volunteered. He reminded members there are still closing dinner tickets available and reminded people to purchase tickets. Dan thanked Mary Barber for her work in putting together an excellent Saturday symposium and hospitality suite program. Dan also thanked the Local Arrangements Committee for doing an excellent job, including Mike Golder, Leslie Goransson, Rob Stasko, Rick Imirowicz, George Saiger, Stuart Sotsky, and Doug Woodruff.

2. Nominating Committee Report: David Scasta requested a change in the minutes of the Fall, September 12, 1998 Meeting, to reflect that the nominating committee's nominations for the Paulsen Award and the AGLP Distinguished Service Award, were voted on and passed at the meeting. This change in the minutes was approved. David announced the current officers for vice-president, secretary, newsletter editor have agreed to be renominated. The Committee nominated Howard Rubin for Treasurer. David noted that nominations for further candidates are open until tomorrow's meeting. Dan thanked David and asked for further nominations. There were no further nominations. There were no nominations for President-elect because the President serves a two year term. The slate was accepted by the Committee.

3. Treasurer's Report and Budget: Jim Slayton presented the proposed budget. He noted that this year we are \$7000 ahead of our expenses and appear to be in good financial shape. He said that having credit card capacity helped with having dues paid earlier and avoiding the year end deficit that we've had in the past, and he also hopes it will help with membership retention. He said the organization needs to explore other corporate donors in addition to Janssen, and need to find additional funds to support the Journal. Janssen lowered their grant this year. We also received grants from Pfizer, Lilly, Glaxo Wellcome and First Union Mortgage. Dan noted that having better budget planning this year as well as higher dues and earlier collection of dues helped improve the organizations finances this year. The proposed budget was passed by the Executive Committee. Jim thanked those present for electing him to serve as Treasurer, announced that he will not run again because he is soon becoming a parent which will take up more of his time. He said he will assist the new treasurer in the transition. Dan thanked Jim for a job well done. Jim thanked Roy for his help in fund raising efforts and preparing the budget.

4. Newsletter: Editor Guy Glass reminded everyone that the deadline for the next *Newsletter* is July 15th. He also requested

any photographs of the Annual Meeting that could be included in the *Newsletter* be submitted to him. Dan announced that Phil Bialer and David Scasta are being inducted as APA Fellows at the APA Convocation and congratulated them.

5. Journal: Jack Drescher, the new Editor-in-Chief of AGLP's "Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy," announced that AGLP members Richard Hire, Joseph Merlino and Chris Sekaer are on the editorial board. Jack noted that much valuable material was being produced by AGLP members in their presentations, panels and symposia but is not being published. He encouraged everyone who presents clinical material to submit it to the Journal. Also anyone interested in guest-editing an issue should let him know. Currently in the plans are issues guest-edited on gay parenting, substance abuse, reparative therapy, HIV issues, and ethical issues. One of his goals is to have the Journal listed in the Index Medicus.

6. Caucus Report: Margie Sved thanked the group for electing her to serve as our representative, a job she greatly enjoys and looks forward to continuing. She thanked Phil Cushman for their work together and is looking forward to working with Jack Drescher as the deputy representative. She reminded members to join the APA CLGBP. Only 180 members of APA have joined which is a small percentage of gay and lesbian members. She noted that confidentiality of the CLGBP is not guaranteed but that it is helpful politically for the APA to know of our greater numbers. She also noted that 53 members of the Caucus are not members of AGLP, a possible source of recruiting new members. Jack suggested giving this information to the Membership Committee to help in recruitment, and also using the APA list serv through the minority affairs office to communicate with other representatives. Margie is becoming the chair-elect of the executive committee. A very significant issue under discussion is whether to convert a position on the Board of Trustees of APA to a minority position from an at-large position. Another area of controversy is that all past presidents of the APA serve as members for life on Board of Trustees and effectively control an enormous amount of power in the organization. One proposal being considered is to limit past presidents to three years on the board. Another proposal would likely be offered at the same time to grandfather in the current past presidents to their lifetime terms. Both proposals have to be voted on by the membership because they would involve changes in the bylaws and constitution of the APA. She urged that members write letters to let the Trustees know that grandfathering in the past presidents is unacceptable. Margie said there are many position papers she votes on and said she could communicate with members by posting papers on the APA Website on Minority Affairs, or through the AGLP *Newsletter* and members can then give her feedback. Jan Taylor in the office of Minority Affairs of the APA has forms to sign up for the Minority Affairs list serv.

7. Local Arrangements Chicago 2000: Bill Gilmer reported on plans for the Chicago Meeting. He said he is looking for lesbians interested in helping plan the Chicago Meeting. The Allerton Hotel has been selected and has just been renovated and opened as a Crown Plaza Hotel. It is located on Michigan Avenue, close to other hotels and attractions. The opening party will be at the top of the hotel. The committee is still looking for a location for the closing party. Funding for the Women's dinner on Saturday is in place. The committee is also trying to find minority members in Chicago to help with the Minority Outreach activities.

8. AIDS Commission: Marshall Forstein reported that the APA Institute will take over contracts the AIDS Commission is now doing, which will allow for better administrative function. Dr. Forstein was reappointed Commission chair for one more year. Neuropsych guidelines are being expanded. First draft of prac-

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tice guidelines is finished and second review is coming. If anyone is interested in reviewing they should let Marshall know. The hope is to publish the guidelines by the end of the meeting next year. The Commission is looking for ways to disseminate information more widely, especially to underserved communities. There are many changes in the administration in the APA. Marshall noted how important it is to let Medical Director, Steve Mirin, know how important the Commission and its work is to GLB members as well as other members of the APA. The Commission came close to losing funding so it is very important Dr. Mirin hears from us about issues that are important to us. Diana Miller thought we should write him about the APA's decision on reparative therapy and indicate our support so he can know that the decision is important to us, our patients and families. Marshall reviewed the many presentations at this year's APA by the AIDS Commission.

9. New Business: Dan presented the proposed changes to the bylaws proposed by Wynelle Snow to include "sexual minorities." The Executive Committee changed the language of the proposal from "sexual minorities" to "transgendered and intersexed individuals." The proposal was approved by the Executive Committee to be presented to the general membership for further discussion and a possible vote. The Executive Committee recommends it be voted on but does not recommend a position. Diana Miller suggested that the proposed changes be published in the *Newsletter* to allow more members to be aware of the issues and a vote be postponed to a later meeting. A vigorous discussion followed with several members voicing pro and con opinions and the opinion that more time was needed for members to process this proposed change. Dan reviewed bylaws about how to change the bylaws and said that the bylaws can be changed by a membership vote at a general business meeting or by mail vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

## AGLP and CLGBP Business Meeting (continued)

Tuesday May 18, 1999

Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington, D.C.

President Dan Hicks called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. He announced that there are 70 dinner tickets left to sell. Dr. Howard Grossman suggested inviting any APA staff members we wish to thank.

1. GLB Committee: Leslie Goransson is taking over as chair from outgoing chair Lowell Tong who has served for six years. Leslie discussed the committees' work in getting the APA's Reparative Therapy position finally approved by the APA and all the work it took. The Board has asked the GLB Committee to work with the Committee on Psychotherapy on a narrative report to amplify the APA position on reparative therapy. Jack Drescher heads the psychotherapy committee. We are hopeful that report will be passed by the APA within the year. The Committee has developed a report on same-sex marriage and mental health but has decided to hold off on issuing statement until we enlist support of the district branches and different geographic areas. Six DB's have GL committees which is a way of building support in the DB's before bringing the report to the Assembly. Marshall Forstein says we need to develop a procedure to be sure to get the support from the DB's. The Committee is reviewing the Factsheet on Homosexuality, including a possible name change. Margie and Leslie are working on this. Dan says it is important to involve the DB's. He spoke of the example of how one GL Committee was started in

eastern Missouri: Alice Kitchen gave a report on ex-gay ministries to the DB. The president of the DB wanted to start a Committee on homosexual issues and the executive committee named Alice chair. The GL committee now has 12 members, both gay and straight. They surveyed the general membership regarding contacts with gay and lesbian patients and their needs. Many members responded with interest about referrals for gay and lesbian and AIDS patients. The committee has become very active in education and training of members, and also in lobbying for state hate crimes legislation. Howard says this would be an excellent article for the *Newsletter*. Lowell Tong said that the APA Auxillary contacted the Committee about how to include more gays and lesbians. They are changing their name to the APA Alliance, and are trying to outreach to the gay and lesbian community. Either gender is welcome. Will ask Mrs. Lazarus to write a letter for the *Newsletter* to advertise this change. Dan thanks Lowell for his service as chairman of the committee and his many hours of service.

2. Elections: Dan asked for any further nominations for officers. There were none. Nominations were moved to be closed and seconded. The slate was voted in as follows: Mary Barber - Vice President; Richard Hire - Secretary; Howard Rubin - Treasurer; Guy Glass - *Newsletter* Editor. President-Elect Phil Bialer was voted in last year for a two year term.

3. Report from the Board of Trustees: Julie Shulman, MIT, reported on the Board of Trustees. She reported that the statement on reparative therapy passed easily, and voted to approve the report on same-sex marriage. It voted to propose the World Psychiatric Association should urge elimination of homosexuality as a disorder and to take a position against mental health treatments which assume homosexuality is a mental disorder. Gene Nakajima notes that Chinese psychiatry still considers homosexuality a mental disorder and hopes the Board's position will help educate them. As for the issue of minority board member, Julie reports that no one on the Board has a position on it. She feels nothing will be done about it unless minorities get together and come up with a united position. Julie will serve as MIT during the coming year, having just served as MIT-elect.

Marshall Forstein spoke about the need for an overt proposal by the minority groups to push to get a minority member on the Board. One problem to resolve is that there is some conflict among minority subcommittees about which group will be rep and how that rep will represent all the minorities. Jack Drescher said there are seven groups and that all are in favor of a minority trustee. Trustees serve three year terms, so there has to be an ongoing relationship with all seven groups. Jack attended a meeting of the seven groups today and found them to be thoughtful and interested in the others' concerns and feels much of the conflict among the seven was resolved today.

4. Report from the Director: Roy Harker has completed his fourth year as Director. Roy gave a report on some of his duties which include helping get out the *Newsletter*, assisting the Board in getting jobs done, and in assisting members when they call. The activity in the office has increased because of maintaining the Website, an increase of request for referrals ( volume has increased to 3-4 referrals/day). Roy says the referral service is appreciated by patients as evidenced by the number of thank you notes he receives. There has also been an increase in the volume of e-mail. The office moved to a larger space this year. The Website will be changing to www.AGLP.org which will allow for an interactive site, which will allow for referrals online and membership renewal and book sales on line, which he sees as a big step forward for the organization. Forms will be sent to members about whether they want to be listed on the referral list on the website. We will be able to track where

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referral requests come from and will have hard statistics on web activity. Our Website won an award for graphic content and has about 300 hits/month. Jack Drescher suggests that the Membership Committee let prospective members know of this web referral service of AGLP. Roy says that he has greatly enjoyed his job and looks forward to the new year.

5. Committee Reports:

**Membership:** John Gosling and Cheryl Chessick  
Cheryl reported the Committee meeting this week was well attended. Since the opening reception is when we sign up most new members, in the future the Committee will sponsor the "membership opening reception." Committee members will be calling new members to ask if they have any questions. Phil Bialer said that personal contact is important and urged Committee members to help out with this task. Kenn Ashley suggested setting up a phone tree. John said he planned to have members from different regions call new members in their regions. Cheryl also plans to contact residency training directors so they can inform residents about AGLP. Cheryl also thanked Roy for his help in setting up the booth and providing literature and reported that the booth was well staffed this year, with over 250 visits so far. Jack said we might want to use APA's seven regions as a way of contacting new members. Members from hosting cities could also help in coordinating membership recruitment locally. Bill Gilmer spoke of his contacting lesbians in Chicago who often didn't see the relevance of AGLP, especially those with interests other than psychotherapy. Mary said we could have more programs in the hospitality suite that are career focused rather than patient focused. Cheryl suggests we invite people to present sessions in the hospitality suite next year that reflect their interest. Two "senior" members have agreed to present a session next year on issues relating to the older psychiatrist. Offering CME credit for the Saturday program was discussed. Phil noted that this can be expensive and that our program has always been free. A discussion ensued about how one gets CME certification, why it costs so much and requires so much work. Mary said she would get more information through the APA.

**Women:** Chris Sekaer will chair the women's committee for next year and is planning an opening welcoming dinner and program in the hospitality suite.

**LAGCAP (Lesbian and Gay Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists):** Rick Imirowicz reported that LAGCAP showed a movie ("Ma Vie En Rose") this year in hospitality suite that was well attended. LAGCAP reception and dinner is tonight. He plans to have membership forms at the AGLP booth and hospitality suite. Jack asks if LAGCAP can be added to the AGLP webpage. Roy agreed to this and mentioned that more and more people want to be linked to website. These requests should go through the president and then the Executive Committee for approval.

**Early Career Psychiatrists:** Rick Imirowicz reported that 30 people showed up for the luncheon and that a dinner is planned for tonight. He would like names of early career psychiatrists from Chicago who can help in planning next year's activities. Laura Perri has resigned so the Committee needs an additional representative.

**Psychoanalysis:** The group did not meet as Paul Lynch did not show up or contact anyone to fill in for him. Jack said the group will find a new representative if Paul is no longer interested.

**HIV:** John O'Donnell could not make meeting this year.  
**Medical Students:** The committee needs new representatives and Dan asks members to help in seeking interested students. Gene Nakajima suggested working with AMSA and their list serv to get the word out.

**Members in Training (MIT):** Phil says the MIT luncheon went well. Julie reported that women were well represented. Attendees were invited to join AGLP. New representatives for the Committee are needed. Two possibilities were mentioned from Boston and New York and will be asked.

**Minority Outreach:** Gene reported that attendance by minorities was low at the opening reception. Next year the committee will call people before the meeting to try to get better attendance. Several members plan on attending the WPA meeting in Hamburg in August and plan a reception there. Three years later there is a WPA meeting in Japan and next June there is a regional conference in Paris. There is a joint conference between the APA and China psychiatrists in China coming up and the Committee may get involved in that conference. Gene has information about that meeting if anyone is interested.

**6. New Business:** The discussion resumed on the proposal to change the AGLP bylaws to include transgendered and intersexed people. David Seil spoke about his work with transgendered people over many years and said this is the one group with no protection. He supports changing the by laws and thinks many members of these groups would join if AGLP recognized them and that the change would serve as a wake up call to the APA that these are groups which have been denied protection and treatment. Leslie Goransson spoke against the change and made a motion to table the proposal until next year. Kenn Ashley felt membership needed more time to discuss the issues involved before voting. Jack Drescher noted that the name of the organization would not be changed and that he favored the change at this time, but realized more discussion was needed. He suggested we decide what sort of forum we could set up to facilitate a discussion of the issues involved. David Scasta said there could be many consequences of making these changes and that the proposal to change the bylaws needs careful study and suggested a committee be set up to study the issues. Frank Rundle, one of the founders of AGLP, reminded the group how important the sheltering and protective functions were when our group was first founded and how it encourages people to dig themselves out of the closet. He does not see how being more inclusive would hurt our organization's purpose. Guy Glass suggested a committee on issues of transgendered and intersexed people be formed which could communicate with the membership through the *Newsletter* and vice-versa. In this way the issues could be debated and discussed before next year's meeting. Lowell said he wasn't sure about the change, that it is an important matter, and that he feels there needs to be more discussion and education of the membership about the issues involved and he would enjoy learning more about the issues. Jack said he hopes the committee will include people in favor of the proposal and against the proposal so a meaningful dialogue can occur. A motion was made by Leslie to table the proposal until next year. The motion was seconded, and passed by vote. Dan appointed Phil Bialer to appoint a committee to study the proposed bylaws change and related issues, called for additional discussion through the *Newsletter* and that perhaps we could have a special forum next year on the issue. He thanked Wynelle for making the proposal and bringing up this important issue before the membership, acknowledging her courage is doing so.

The meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard O. Hire, M.D.  
Secretary, AGLP

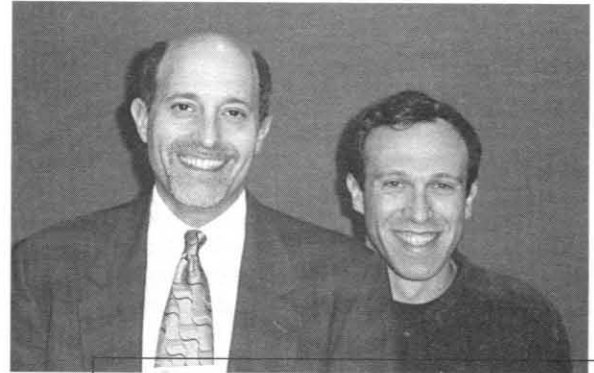




# Convention Highlights



'Ex-gay' protesters demonstrate outside the convention center



New AGLP Executive Board members Philip Bialer, M.D. (President) and Howard Rubin, M.D. (Treasurer)



Revellers at the Closing Banquet



Dr. Dan Hicks presents Terry Stein, M.D. with his award



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read the advertisement in *Psychiatric News* advertising the Gay and Lesbian Members of the American Psychiatric Association meeting, and my reading coincided with my coming out personally and with my then husband's coming out, and we agreed that it would be good for me to go the meeting and meet other psychiatrists. And I did, and that first meeting was unbelievable, and it made me feel that I could belong to psychiatry and to the APA, and that I had other people I could identify with, and I knew right away that this was the area that I could contribute to in psychiatry, and that could be my specialty, and could give me meaning in my professional life. In my personal life it gave me a feeling of coming home and being who you are. It was the start of a very exciting decade plus for me, and being president of AGLP was certainly the highlight and the pinnacle of my career.

*G: Speaking of AGLP, I wondered if you had any observations on how AGLP has changed through the years.*

P: I think that that would take almost a whole chapter of a book, because it's really changed phenomenally, and the changes in AGLP parallel the changes in the American gay and lesbian community at large. So that when I started to go in 1979 most of the people involved were men, many were not out themselves, and many of them could not imagine that there were other psychiatrists who were gay or lesbian. In the beginning it seemed to me that there was a sense of furtiveness; some of the people were leading heterosexual lives and to come to the meetings was the only time they could be themselves. It was frightening and exciting at the same time. We both hid ourselves and we were hidden by the APA. For instance I can remember a time in Chicago when the booth in the exhibit area was hidden so that people could hardly see it...

*G: Now it's right next to the Christian Medical Society!*

P: The other thing that was moving at that time was that there a number of people who had been out for a while and had suffered serious discrimination in the armed services or professionally. A number of people had lost children or families, so there was a lot of shared pain as well as exhilaration in finding our families there. So that was the way it started.

And then in the 80's we started to become more outspoken, addressing issues not only of psychiatrists, but of patients. Then the next thing that hit was the AIDS epidemic; that hit us very hard not only in terms of our membership, but in terms of the impact on our patients. All of these things show how there were parallel tracks going on; the issues that were happening within our group were the same issues that were going on among our patients and our families.



**Dr. Hanley-Hackenbruck receiving her award from David Scasta, M.D.**

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The Friday evening before the meeting is an opportunity to socialize with your colleagues and other members of AGLP. We will gather in the lobby of the Washington Plaza at 7:00pm and, from there, adjourn to a restaurant in the vicinity. If you plan on attending this get-together, please call/email/fax the National Office as soon as possible. I will be making reservations according to the number of respondents. You may call as late as Thursday, September 23.

I will look forward to seeing you all again in Washington, being part of what will most certainly be lively discussion and working together on the many important issues that face AGLP for the coming year.

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cation of parents and teachers in order to create a safer, more accepting environment both in the home and in our schools for lesbian and gay youth. Although her list of resources is fairly extensive, she fails to mention the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) that are very actively involved in the promotion of education for teachers and students regarding the acceptance of homosexuality in the educational system.

My only discomfort with this book is the detail that Baker goes into regarding Gary's illness and his one significant love relationship. She quotes extensively from his journal, taped interviews with his psychiatrist and personal letters to his brother Andy and his lover Darryl. This seemed a little unnecessarily intrusive to me. However, this is a minor criticism of an overall engagingly written and informative book.

I deeply regret that my own parents are both deceased because this is the kind of book I would have loved them to read. I think it would have helped them to better understand who I was and it also could have provided them with a framework within which to process their own feelings about having a gay son. I highly recommend this book to all lesbian and gay youth, to their parents, teachers, friends and other interested persons. In fact, this is a "must read" for every loving parent, for any family may include a beautiful, soulful lesbian or gay child. Healthcare professionals of whatever sexual orientation could also benefit enormously from this book. Dr. Baker ends her book on this positive note: *"I foresee a time when antigay prejudice will be viewed as identical to prejudice toward those of a different race or religion, when homophobia will no longer be an acceptable prejudice. I have the hope that gay youth will one day grow up in a society that will accept them as they are, and the hope that all parents of gay children will one day love and appreciate them just as they love and appreciate their heterosexual children. And I have the hope that one day no child will have to grow up thinking he is inferior just because he is homosexual."*

Books of related interest include the following:

- 1) *Loving Someone Gay* - Revised & Updated by Don Clark.
- 2) *Straight Parents Gay Children: Keeping Families Together* by Robert A. Bernstein.
- 3) *Beyond Acceptance: Parents of Lesbian and Gays Talk About Their Experiences* by Carolyn Welch Griffin, et al.
- 4) *Now That You Know: A Parents' Guide to Understanding Their Gay and Lesbian Children* by Betty Fairchild, Nancy Hayward.
- 5) *The Family Heart: A Memoir of When Our Son Came Out* by Robb Forman Dew.

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The next issues were family issues.: when the discussion group about gay and lesbian parenting first started out it was those of us who had children through heterosexual marriages and we were talking about coming out to them and being closeted, and issues of loss of custody, and then all of a sudden there were young people coming to the discussion group wanting to know how to have children and how to adopt.

The current issue which is big in the gay and lesbian community that I think we're dealing with is that of gender and transgender and transexualism, and I think that's a continuation of this trend that we've had since the beginning.

There was a point in the late 80's and early 90's when I realized we had been around long enough that we had two generations with different concerns. We had people who were old enough to be the parents of other people in our organization.

Lastly, we have dealt with racial and minority issues in the last 10 years or less.

*G: Can you tell us what you're doing now professionally and personally?*

*P:* Right now I am in semi-retirement. I am cutting back professionally. I am living in the woods of western Oregon, working three days a week, and trying to accept myself more as I am, and to develop those parts of myself that I didn't develop when I was actively involved in psychiatry and AGLP. I still have a private practice, and I'm trying to make it be more fun!

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compare to the running and bike paths that expand for miles along our lakefront.

Nightlife is abundant throughout the city. Within walking distance of the Allerton are jazz clubs, night clubs and many interesting bars including a couple of gay bars. And then there's North Halsted Street and the Lakeview neighborhood (aka Boys Town) - one of several centers of gay life in Chicago - an easy cab ride from the hotel. Chicago has long been a city favored by gay and lesbian tourists - many of whom end up moving here. Significant others are in for an exceptional week, with all the city has to offer as well as the special events being planned just for S.O.'s. For everyone, the challenge will be how to choose from all the options. Of course, for those professionally inclined, I suppose you could always attend the meetings which will be held in our newly expanded convention center.

Mark your calendars now - May 13-18, 2000. In the next issue of the *Newsletter*, we'll provide more information on reserving your rooms. Please be prepared to make your reservations early so as not to lose out on the special reduced rate at the Allerton. The Local Arrangements Committee looks forward to welcoming you to Chicago... our kind of town!

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drug companies who have been so helpful and what this means to our membership; form committees to write position statements of our own and in conjunction with the APA Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Committee; reach out to our international members; start planning now for AGLP'S future.

To accomplish all of this I need your help and input. Never hesitate to contact me with your ideas, comments, or criticisms. The best way to reach me is by my e-mail at work (pbialer@bethisraelny.org) or through the AGLP's new web page. You can also call, write, fax, visit. Talk to you soon.

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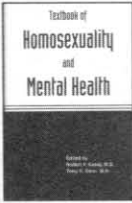
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**This month's  
Highlighted Reading...**

**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



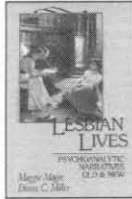
*Textbook of Homosexuality and Mental Health* brings together in one volume the entire range of material and variety of perspectives concerning homosexuality and mental health. With more than 50 chapters written by leaders in the field, this book is the most complete review of the topics of homosexuality and mental health and treatment of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transsexuals to date.

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; multi-cultural 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 transsexuality, 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.

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

*Maggie Magee and Diana C. Miller*  
 Analytic Press

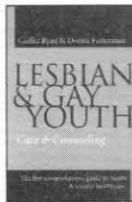


In this groundbreaking revisioning of lesbianism, Magee and Miller transcend a literature that, for decades, has focused on the timeworn and misconceived task of formulating a lesbian-specific psychology. Rather, they focus on a set of interrelated issues of far greater salience in our time; the developmental 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.

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**Lesbian & Gay Youth; Care & Counseling**

*Caitlin Ryan & Donna Futterman*  
 Columbia University Press



Here at last is the first handbook on the care, counseling, and support needs of lesbian and gay youth for providers, advocates, parents, and interested readers. This book includes guidelines for assessment, treatment, prevention, and referral along with the latest research, knowledge, and practice wisdom on lesbian and gay youth by leading experts.

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**Psychoanalytic Therapy and the Gay Man**  
*Jack Drescher, M.D.*  
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*"Jack Drescher has comprehensively gathered and usefully interpreted a vast amount of material relating to psychoanalytic therapy and gay men. His book is a measure of the huge distance the therapeutic community has come over the past several decades in its compassionate understanding of same-gender relationships - and in itself a significant contribution to further progress."*

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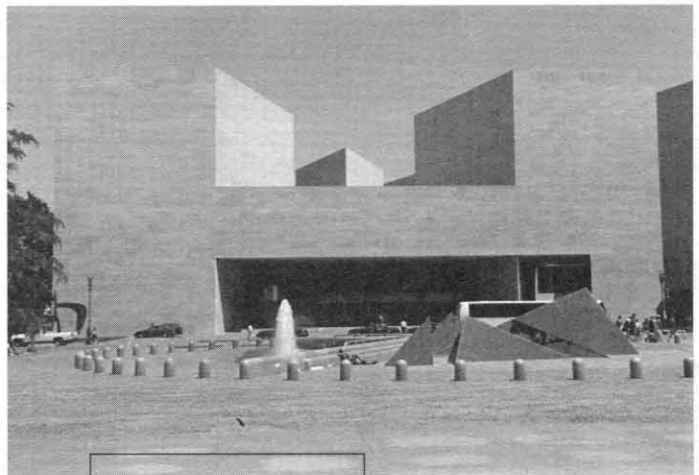
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