

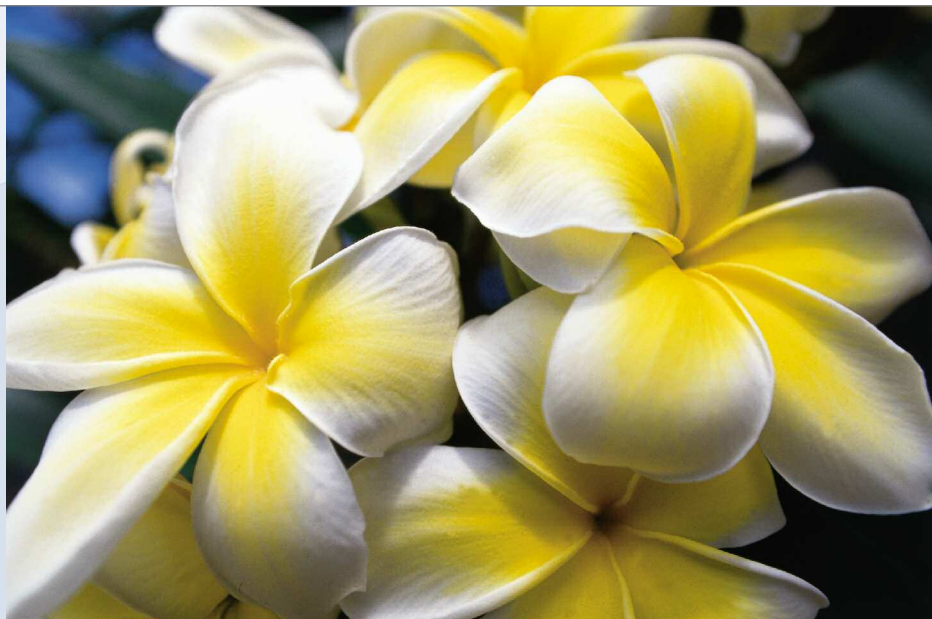


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Aloha! Ho'olu komo la kaua "Please join us" in Honolulu, Hawaii!

Vice President's Column
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The Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists has put together a great annual meeting in paradise with the tremendous help of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). This meeting will allow you to experience nature like never before while taking in social, networking and educational events. Members will see a remarkable sunset over Waikiki Beach and Diamond Head Crater while riding aboard a private catamaran. The LOC has also arranged a FREE guided hike of Kaluanui. Hike leaders are very familiar with the territory and will offer pertinent discussions along the way on habitat, sights and geology of Hawaii.

In addition, you will have the chance to speak and meet some of the recent heroes of the LGBT civil rights movement. Bishop Gene Robinson, the first openly gay man consecrated Bishop in the Episcopal Church, will receive the John E. Fryer, M.D., Award on Saturday, May 14th. Additionally, Representative Blake Oshiro, Majority Leader in the Hawaii House of Representatives, will be the discussant in the AGLP sponsored symposium, Mental Health and Legal Perspectives of Same-Sex Civil Marriage in the United States. This Symposium will be a part of the larger APA meeting and will occur on May 18th in the Hawaii Convention Center, Room 321A. Rep. Oshiro spearheaded the recent passage of a Same-Sex Civil Unions law in Hawaii. We are especially lucky to have these heroes present in Honolulu as the last time APA was in paradise for an annual meeting in 1973 the organization was debating homosexuality as a mental disorder from the DSM-II. The eventual removal

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My tenure as Editor of the *Newsletter* is an embodiment of the old saying, "No good deed goes unpunished." In 2003, I'd edited the Annual Meeting Pink Shrink Guide for the San Francisco Local Arrangements Committee (SFLAC). It was a bigger project than I thought it would be, but luckily it was a one time deal. What was great was how nice it looked when Roy got done with it. I still have a copy on my shelf.

When it was announced that Cheryl Chessick was stepping down as Editor, Ellen Haller, who had worked with me on the SFLAC, approached me about taking on the *Newsletter*. I did my best to avoid saying yes as it seemed like it would be like putting together a Pink Shrink every three months. But I eventually found I didn't have any good reasons to say no and I signed on.

Cheryl got me started with a blue print of what each of the quarterly editions looked like and some tips on how to bring it together. I headed to New York for the 2004 Annual Meetings which would be the substance of the first edition on my watch. That first year was a learning process, which was particularly challenging as it was so public. I figured it would be easier the next go around and was mainly correct about that.

As the years have stretched on there have been some changes; of process, personnel and my comfort in the role. Something fundamental has shifted about the way we expect to have communication. In a way, the process of the *Newsletter* is "so last century," and has little to do with immediacy of our digitally connected world. The *Newsletter* runs at a relative glacial pace occurring only four times a year compared to minute to minute updates on your Facebook page. Events that we cover in an issue happened in the previous months which are distant memories when compared to the perpetual now that occupies most of us day to day. The rhythm of response and call of Twitter is lost. Instead issues are published and it may be months before I encounter someone at a meeting that follows up about an article.

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While the players have changed seats, what has been constant has been the support of the entire Executive Team. While I've often said, "I serve at the pleasure of the President," I've always felt the presidents have gone out of their way to support me in my post. This support has not always been easy for them as the *Newsletter* has had an independent voice which can mean that it would be at odds with the wishes of the President. Mary Barber, Dan Karasic and Ubaldo Leli all were unfailing in assisting me while allowing the *Newsletter* to be something other than simply a mouthpiece for the Executive.

It's been my good fortune to see the inner workings of the Executive Team and Advisory Council. This relatively small number of people forms the life blood of AGLP. They make it all happen from the annual events to holding our organization together sometimes with scotch tape. These are the individuals that accomplish our most important work which is assisting the APA to pay careful attention to our issues. As a result of these few people advocating for us our lives have changed. Even when our organization as a whole takes a position, it's nothing compared to the amplification we achieve when we are effective with the APA and they do the talking. That gets results.

I should say before I go that while I couldn't find a good reason to say no to Ellen all those years ago I did think of

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President's Column

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Ubaldo Leli, MD

This is my last columns as AGLP President: I cannot help but reflect back a little on the changes that have occurred during my tenure and speculate regarding the course of AGLP's future. First, though, I would like to offer a few words of tribute to our devoted Newsletter Editor, George Harrison, who will be departing his post after attending for many years with intelligence, patience and insistence to this important task.

Much credit and thanks is due to our previous editors—David Scasta, Guy Glass and Cheryl Chessick, among them—who all have contributed to the growth of this instrument of communication within AGLP. George, however, deserves special acknowledgment for having developed the Newsletter from a concise summary of AGLP activities into the vital, challenging, and unifying voice of our association it has become. The current version of the AGLP Newsletter publishes not only announcements of AGLP events and achievements, but also opinions, commentaries and debates of key issues, as well as the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Executive Board. All of this encourages and enhances the participation of the membership in the practical functioning of AGLP.

It has been George's invaluable achievement to have transformed the *Newsletter* into the pulsating heart of our organization—an especially meritorious contribution at a time when, like many other professional associations across the nation, we have suffered from diminished membership commitment.

On a personal level, I cannot express enough my gratitude to George for his work during my time as President. His consistent support of my efforts to allow opposing voices within the organization to be heard and to integrate divergent points of view, has been pivotal to the successful resolution of a number of difficult situations that could have led to bloody divisions within AGLP. George's loving, understanding and infinitely patient nature; his natural tendency to respect all sides of a conflict; his readiness to reach out, especially to neglected and oppressed minorities, including those within the LGBT population; his knack for finding common ground—all these are qualities that have made him an exemplary Editor. He will be sorely missed.

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Reflecting on significant developments during my past five years of service for AGLP, I am happy to say that our hopes and expectations regarding the battle for LGBT equal rights have been rewarded with some degree of progress, particularly since the election of President Barack Obama. Although we have yet to achieve full victory, we have reasons to rejoice that the unjust and hideous "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military policy, which penalized valorous LGBT individual's ready to fight for our country, has been repealed. Even though marriage between persons of the same sex has not yet been federally recognized, the President's recent Executive Order to cease defending the federal policy sanctioning marriage as an institution legally recognized only between a man and a woman is encouraging; I am confident that it is the first step towards the legalization of homosexual marriage. Other developments on the horizon, such as health care reform, are more difficult to gauge, but this is just part the struggle in which we are enmeshed. These and other advances in human rights are part of the hopes that were sparked by Mr. Obama's election.

Despite witnessing the undeniable progress towards achievement of equal rights for LGBT individuals, we cannot ignore the multitude of problems of a global magnitude which challenging all of us, not just as LGBT individuals, but as human beings. Of late, Nature's heavy hand has resulted in a variety of major catastrophes, including the array of devastating earthquakes that shook the world only weeks ago. Human greed and prejudice continues to stir wars and environmental disasters even as I write.

All of these things demands continued concern, involvement, cooperation and generosity. United as LGBT psychiatrists, we can maintain our hopes for a healthier, better world. To achieve this, we contribute everyday through our work to heal illness, open minds, educate mental health professionals and the public at large, and support the oppressed minority groups to which we belong.

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Introducing Our New Women's Committee New Chair Sarah Noble, MD

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*New Chair of Women's
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Hello! Let take a moment to introduce myself; my name is Sarah Noble and I'm both a recent member of the AGLP and the new chair of the Women's Committee. I have a degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and will be graduating from a psychiatry residency at Albert Einstein Medical Center in June 2011. For the past two years, I have been working with our Obstetrics Department to develop a postpartum depression screening program and will be continuing on as a full-time employee of Einstein both evaluating and treating women for postpartum depression.

I look forward to working with the board and members of the AGLP to expand membership in both the Women's Committee and the organization as a whole. As I'm new to AGLP, I look forward to hearing from you about ideas, thoughts, or concerns you might have regarding women's issues.

I'll be in Hawaii for the APA, so I hope to meet many of you in person. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at SNoble@aglp.org.

Introducing Our New Minority Outreach Committee Chair

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*New Chair of Minority
Outreach Committee,
Amir Ahuja, MD*

It is a truly exciting opportunity to be the new Chair of the Minority Outreach Committee for AGLP. I look forward to working with everyone in the organization to promote LGBT issues in psychiatry, and particularly those that disproportionately affect the minority populations.

First, a little about myself. I am a first year resident at Drexel University College of Medicine for Psychiatry. I grew up by the shore in New Jersey, and went to NYU for undergraduate studies, majoring in psychology. After that, I went to St. George's University for medical school and did my clinical rotations in New Jersey and New

York. For residency, it was important to be close to home and I was very impressed with the program at Drexel. I ended up here and am really enjoying my first year as an MD.

My involvement with LGBT issues has always been something close to my heart. I was a member for LGBT groups in college and medical school, and have worked with Lambda Legal and the ACLU in the past. Now, I am excited to bring my passion for equal rights and LGBT visibility to the AGLP. I am especially excited about my involvement with the Minority Outreach Committee, as my South Asian heritage is very important to me and I feel that being an LGBT minority comes with its own special rewards and challenges.

As chair of the Minority Outreach Committee, I plan to connect the AGLP members through online social networking and through social events. I want to organize seminars and workshops around LGBT issues in psychiatry, and educate both patients and providers about issues that affect LGBT minorities. In addition, it is a goal of mine to increase the number of minority members of the organization, particularly at the resident level.

I would like to thank everyone on the AGLP board for this wonderful opportunity. I eagerly anticipate working with all of you.

Introducing Our New Psychiatric Residents and Fellows Co-Chair

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*New Chair of
Residents and Fellows
Committee, Tauheed
Zaman, MD*

After a nomadic childhood spent among Bangladeshi monsoons, Middle Eastern camel farms and the bustle of Lagos, Nigeria, I was mostly puzzled when my family finally settled in exotic Rhode Island. I escaped to Boston and majored in English and Biology at Tufts University. I spent two post-grad years learning to be an adult: paying bills, jockeying for parking spots, and working as AIDS Research Coordinator at Massachusetts General Hospital and Shattuck Hospital. This involved being mugged by a patient during my first week, but also allowed me to publish some interesting papers with over-long titles.

I also delved into my non-medical interests: singing a cappella, acting at the Boston Center for the Arts, and writing for a food magazine. I worked part-time at Fenway Community Health doing HIV outreach in Boston nightclubs among the LGBT community. This unlikely job, along with clinical research, convinced me to take the plunge and head to Tufts University, School of Medicine. My rotations there fostered a passion for addiction medicine and psychiatry. As a current psychiatry intern at the Harvard/Cambridge program, I've realized the importance of ensuring representation of LGBT-oriented psychiatrists in our training programs, and building cultural competence among our peers and leadership in engaging the community. I hope that my work on the Residents' Committee allows me to further these goals with the guidance of peers and senior members alike.

Request for AGLP Advisory Council Committee Chairs Roy Harker, Executive Director

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The Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists Advisory Council, who along with the Board of Directors provides the ongoing leadership for AGLP, is looking for AGLP members to serve on two key positions that are currently open. The Chairs of these Committees provide focused representation and development for constituent groups. The Chairs attend our bi-annual business meetings in May and October and participate in monthly phone conferences. Current AGLP membership status is the only requirement. The Council currently has vacancies on the following committees:

- Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists
- Transgender Members

If you feel you would like to get involved with AGLP on a deeper level, please contact me at RHarker@aglp.org and let us know of your interest. Your time and efforts will be vital to the ongoing work of AGLP.

We wish to encourage Resident and Early Career members especially in this effort: Networking with other Council members and the Executive Committee can provide invaluable experience.

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News from the Basement

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David Scasta, M.D.

Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

The Assembly has been quite active over the last several months. I had the opportunity to be the lead author of two Action Papers (AP), cosigned by 22 Assembly Representatives, on the new American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology's (ABPN) Maintenance of Certification requirements. If you get a chance, go to the ABPN website and check out what will be required of psychiatrists to continue to list themselves as "Board Certified." The requirements, as initially described, demand a substantial investment of time – and money.

One of the requirements that I felt was particularly egregious was the requirement of solicitation of patient feedback. Psychiatrists would be required by the third year of the 10 year cycle of recertification to solicit feedback from five patients, develop an action plan to address the problems revealed by the feedback, and then by the sixth year solicit feedback from five more patients to ascertain if corrective action was effective. One of our AP's called for the APA to denounce the use of patient solicitation of feedback as a criterion for MOC, based on the conviction that such solicitation contaminates the therapeutic process leading to grooming of patients for the benefit of the psychiatrist's feedback. The APA staff submitted the AP to the Ethics Committee and reported that the Committee found no ethics violation in soliciting patient feedback. When I complained that the Ethics Committee had been given a solitary view of the issue, I was informed that it is improper for members of the APA to present arguments on an ethics issue which is before the Committee. The second AP called on the APA to explore the possibility of setting up its own separate recertification board.

Our two Action Papers went to the Reference Committee 4, headed by Dr. Eric Plakun, who spoke out strongly in favor of patient solicitation. The Reference Committee elected to scrap both Action Papers and instead recommend a taskforce to explore the ramifications of the MOC requirements. We agreed to accept the Reference Committee's recommendation but elected to still bring the Action Paper on patient solicitation to the plenary floor. That Action Paper was defeated based on Dr. Plakun's eloquent plea to allow the taskforce time to deliberate and come back to the Assembly with its recommendations. President Carol Bernstein appointed Mary Helen Davis from the BOT (Board of Trustees) as chair of the taskforce. Dr. Plakun also was appointed to the taskforce. As best I know, the taskforce does not have one person on it who opposes patient solicitation. Dr. Plakun suggested to me that the probable reason that the taskforce does not have anyone on it who opposes patient solicitation is because the Ethics Committee has already ruled on such.

In the meantime, Dr. Ramaswamy (Vis) Viswanathan, an Area II representative, initiated a referendum calling on the APA to oppose the ABPN requirements. I think it is fair to say that there was little support for the referendum among much of the APA leadership. Vis had difficulty finding a venue to get his message out to APA members about the issues that were behind the refer-

endum. Dr. Robinowitz, the interim Psychiatric News editor, at least initially, was reluctant to discuss the issue publicly in Psychiatric News, preferring a negotiated resolution. Vis was able to gather just short of 800 signatures to force the referendum on the ballot. (500 were needed.) One of the past presidents of the APA reportedly demanded that the referendum be reworded to correct what she saw as misinformation. The BOT correctly opined that a referendum from the membership cannot be modified by the BOT. In the latter half of the voting period, both Vis and I were able to get letters to the editor published in Psychiatric News regarding the referendum. Dr. Robinowitz accepted my letter only on the condition that I eliminate a paragraph regarding the predominance of psychiatrists from academia in the leadership – which may lead to a more pedantic stance that might not be in touch with the experiences of the rank-and-file working out in the trenches.

A stunning 80% of the membership that voted supported the referendum. The referendum however failed on technical grounds because only 25% of the membership voted. A minimum of 40% would have had to have voted and a minimum of 33% of the entire membership would have had to have been in favor of the referendum for it to pass. The referendum called upon the APA to inform the ABPN that:

- 1) The patient feedback requirements for the purpose of reporting to the Board are unacceptable, as it creates ethical conflicts, and has the potential to damage treatment.
- 2) The requirements other than a cognitive knowledge examination once in 10 years, regular participation in continuing medical education, and maintenance of licensure, pose undue and unnecessary burden on psychiatrists.

VOTE: 5525 in favor, 1418 opposed.

As the issue unfolded, the patient solicitation requirement kept getting redefined to the point that the requirement now is simply to hand out five brief, single-page questionnaires that asks for check-off responses to a dozen general questions such as whether the therapist listens to the patient. The questionnaires are to be seen only by the applicant but the applicant must be ready to explain to the ABPN how that feedback was used to foster improved care. In my opinion, if the requirement is that trivial, why do it? It is not needed to prove certifiability. The ABPN responds that it is trying to meet the requirements of its parent organization, the American Board of Medical Specialties, which demands patient feedback for certification by every medical specialty. There are a number of Action Papers coming up for the May annual meeting demanding that the APA give credence to the referendum despite its technical failure. In the meantime, efforts are being made to confront the American Board of Medical Specialties through the American Medical Association.

Bishop Tutu

One of the most contentious issues which is still churning up the APA has been the selection of Bishop Desmond Tutu as the featured speaker at the Convocation of Fellows in Hawaii. Bishop Tutu is a Nobel Prize winner for his work challenging apartheid in South Africa. Some of the Jewish members of the APA have been outraged over the selection, feeling that Bishop Tutu's opinions regarding the Palestinians are anti-Semitic. Bishop Tutu was selected by President Carol Bernstein who herself is Jewish. Much of the fight that followed the selection has been waged by APA Jewish members on both sides of the debate. Some members have indicated that they will boycott the Annual Meeting because of the selection. Non-Jewish APA members by and large have been keeping their heads down, trying to avoid getting involved in any public

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AGLP Congratulates Jeff Akman, MD, on Recent Promotion to Interim Dean of GW School of Medicine

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Jeff Akman, MD

AGLP sends hearty congratulations to our long time member, Jeff Akman, MD, who has been appointed Interim Vice Provost for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences at George Washington University. For the past 10 years Jeff has been Chair of the School's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences before stepping into this new role at the University.

The University's official announcement of this transition details the breadth of his contributions to the University and to the larger field of psychiatry, particularly in the areas of HIV and LGBT mental health:

"Dr. Jeffrey S. Akman, chair of the George Washington Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, will serve as interim dean of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and Vice Provost for health affairs. Dr. Akman brings to the position more than 33 years of service to the school, including 25 years as a full-time faculty member and numerous leadership roles. A graduate of the M.D. program, Dr. Akman also completed his residency at GW.

Dr. Akman currently leads a department of more than 300 faculty members, oversees the department's clinical practice of general adult psychiatry and serves as Chief of the Psychiatry Service of The George Washington University Hospital. In addition, Dr. Akman has directed and taught all of the major psychiatry and behavioral sciences courses for GW medical and health sciences students; taught medical humanities courses and has counseled, advised and mentored countless GW medical students and residents. A recipient of the school's Distinguished Teacher Award, he was inducted into its Society of Distinguished Teachers in 1998. He is a recipient of the GW Chapter of the AAMC Physician Humanism Award and was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society."

And this from the University's biographical sketch:

"One of a handful of psychiatrists who defined and developed the field of HIV/AIDS psychiatry in the mid-1980's, Dr. Akman is nationally recognized for his expertise in HIV/AIDS neuropsychiatry and in the psychiatric care of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals. He continues to have a clinical practice of general adult psychiatry with a particular interest in HIV/AIDS neuropsychiatry and GLBT mental health issues.

Dr. Akman has provided extensive volunteer service to the community, including providing pro bono service to the clients and staff of several nonprofit community organizations, and serving on the boards of directors of Food & Friends, the Whitman-Walker Clinic (President, 1992-3), the National Lesbian & Gay Health Association (President, 1996-98), the Washington Psychiatric Society (President, 2003-04), the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, and the Samaritans of DC.

Dr. Akman is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and a member of the American College of Psychiatrists. He was named one of 'America's Top Psychiatrists' and one of the 'Best Doctors in America'."

Since this announcement, Washington, D.C., Mayor Vincent Gray has appointed

Jeff to serve on the newly created Mayor's Commission on HIV/AIDS. Again we congratulate Jeff on his achievements and deserved recognition. We wish him well with the challenges ahead.

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2011 JGLMH Outstanding Resident Paper Award

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Arthur Robinson Williams, MD

The *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health* is thrilled to announce this year's recipient of the annual award for an outstanding paper written by a resident. The award goes to Arthur Robinson Williams, M.D., a first year resident at New York University School of Medicine Residency Training Program in Psychiatry, for his paper, "Transsexualism, Personality Disorders, and Spinal Cord Injury."

A generous donation from the membership of AGLP makes this annual award possible, supporting the development of the next generation of providers for the LGBT community. The award includes a \$500 honorarium as well as travel expenses to the Annual Meeting of AGLP to present the award winning paper and take part in the Annual Awards event.

Dr. Williams will present his paper on Monday, May 16, 9:00 - 11:00am, at the Moana Surfrider Hotel, third floor Board Room, as part of AGLP's Hospitality Suite events. The discussant will be Alan Schwartz, MD.

There were several excellent submissions for the award this year, but the selection committee finally settled on Dr. Williams' paper. The Journal will publish the paper in a future issue. If you are attending the AGLP/APA annual meetings this year, please plan to attend Dr. Williams' presentation to hear his paper and congratulate him personally. And be on the lookout for an announcement of details of the 2012 resident paper award which will be presented at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Contributions to continue to support this event may be made by contacting the Executive Director, Roy Harker at RHarker@aglp.org.

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The **AGLP Guide to Honolulu** will be available at the AGLP Booth and the AGLP Hospitality Suite starting Sunday, May 15. Be sure to pick up your copy of this ever-popular publication with information on things to do, places to go, and our favorite restaurants!

AGLP 2011 Awards Winners

The Executive Board and Council of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists congratulates the following people and organizations for their outstanding contributions to the organization and the mental health of the LGBT community. This year's award winners are:

The Stuart Nichols Award is given for outstanding achievements in GLBT Community Mental Health: **Equality Hawai'i**



George Harrison, MD

The James Paulsen Award is given to an AGLP member who has made significant contributions to the ongoing life of the organization: **George Harrison, MD**

The AGLP Distinguished Service Award given to an individual for outstanding contributions to the LGBT community: **Hawaii State House Representative, Blake K. Oshiro and Jeff Akaka, MD**



Ellen Haller, MD

The Barbara Gittings Award is presented to a woman who demonstrates exceptional leadership and advocacy for lesbian issues: **Ellen Haller, MD**

Join us at our Annual Awards Reception at the Waikiki Aquarium, 2777 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, on Monday, May 16. The reception begins at 7:00pm and awards will be conferred at 8:00pm. The event is open to the public free of charge.

Gene Robinson winner of the 2011 AGLP John Fryer, MD Award



Gene Robinson

AGLP will honor The Right Rev. V. Gene Robinson with their 2011 John Fryer, MD Award in Honolulu in May of 2011. The award will be presented before Bishop Robinson's lecture on Saturday, May 14, 2011, 12:00pm, at the Hawaii Convention Center, Room 311.

Rev. Robinson was elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire on June 7, 2003, after having served as Assistant to the Bishop for nearly 18 years. He was consecrated a Bishop on November 2, 2003, and was invested as the Ninth Bishop of New Hampshire on March 7, 2004. Bishop Robinson, who married his partner in 2008, is the first openly gay, non-celibate priest to be ordained a Bishop in a major Christian denomination. In reaction to his elec-

tion and its ratification, some theologically conservative parishes have aligned themselves with bishops outside the Episcopal Church in the United States. Bishop Robinson had to wear a bullet-proof vest at his consecration, and has been under intense public scrutiny as a lightning rod for the Church's and public's conflicting views on homosexuality.

A 1969 graduate of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, Bishop Robinson has a B.A. in American Studies/History. In 1973, he completed the divinity degree at the General Theological Seminary in New York, was ordained deacon, and then priest, serving as Curate at Christ Church, Ridgewood, New Jersey. Upon moving to New Hampshire in 1975, he co-owned and directed an ACA accredited horseback riding summer camp for girls. As Founding Director of Sign of the Dove Retreat Center in New Hampshire, he led retreat programs for all kinds of parish groups.

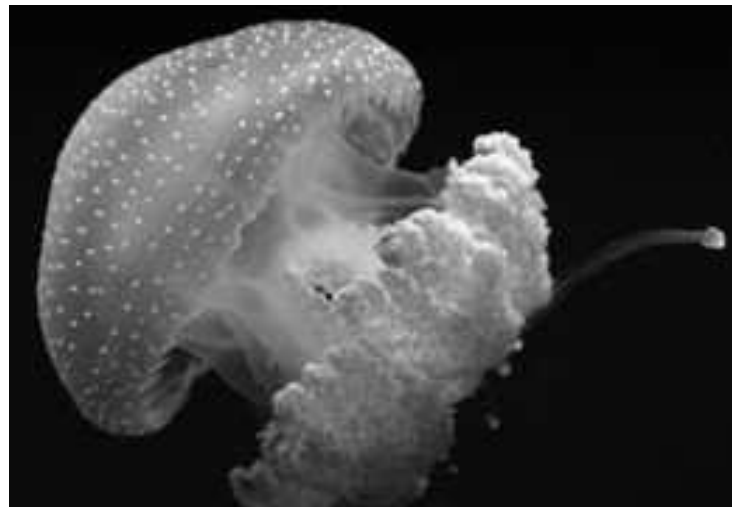
Co-author of three AIDS education curricula for youth and adults, Bishop Robinson has done AIDS work in the United States and in Africa. He has been an advocate for anti-racism training in his diocese and in the wider Church. He helped build the Diocese of New Hampshire's close working partnership with the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, and is a past member of the Board of the New Hampshire Endowment for Health, which works for access to health care for the uninsured.

Bishop Robinson has been an advocate of full civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people. Working at the state, national and international levels, he has spoken and lobbied for equal protection under the law and full civil marriage rights. In international visits, he has met with lesbian and gay Christian groups, some of whom must meet in secret, thus providing them with support and exposing as fiction the idea that gay people or gay Christians do not exist in those countries.

He has been honored by many LGBT organizations for this work, including The Human Rights Campaign, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Bishop Robinson was invited by President Barack Obama to give the invocation at the opening inaugural ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial on January 18, 2009.

The John E Fryer, MD Award honors an individual whose work has contributed to the mental health of sexual minorities. The award was endowed through a generous grant from the Gill Foundation, a bequest from the estate of psychiatrist Frank Rundle, and contributions from many AGLP members. Other past awardees include Barbara Gittings and Franklin Kameny; Past APA President Laurence Hartmann; Psychiatrist and Researcher Richard Pillard; San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsome; and the most recent, LGBT activist Evan Wolfson.

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A Jellyfish at the Honolulu Waikiki Aquarium - the site of the 2011 AGLP Awards Ceremony.

Spotlight on AGLP Benefactor: David Kessler, MD

Roy Harker, Executive Director
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AGLP Benefactor,
David Kessler, MD

News that got our new year off to a great start: once, again, David Kessler has made a \$10,000.00 membership payment to AGLP, the second year in a row he has made this exceptional contribution. I hope you will drop him a line or give him call in the near future to express thanks on behalf of AGLP for his continued support. As it did last year, his generosity took our year-end numbers from red to black.

This being said, the challenge for the year to come is an overall drop in membership revenue of \$5,100.00, and a net loss of 32 members as of January 1 (10% of the current membership).

While we have done a good job of reducing our spending, our primary revenue stream - our membership dues - continues to decline. Our membership incentive program has, to date, not produced any results. Clearly, additional thought and creative ideas for membership development must be a priority. If you have ideas, please contact me or any other member of the Executive team.

Dr. Kessler wrote, in the note accompanying the check, "Thank you for all your work during the past year." Goodwill like this should be an inspiration to all of us!

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a lot of bad reasons. I wasn't sure that I would be able to do the job and was afraid that I'd feel ashamed and diminished. I had a reading and writing problem when I was young which was a challenge because I was smart enough in other ways. Let's just say I've never particularly liked writing or reading and here I was taking on a job with a lot of both. Luckily for me, I said yes to Ellen and had the sense to see that the only diminishing thing is to close the door to opportunities.

The shoe was on the other foot when I asked the next Newsletter Editor, Eric Yarbrough, if he'd like to take on the *Newsletter*. Eric has been an energetic member since 2002. (Were you even out of high school, Eric?) Eric is just what the *Newsletter* needs. A bit of dash, a shot of youth and a lot of can-do. I know that I'm leaving my baby in good hands.

And one last thing. Can I just say two words? Roy Harker. I'm probably giving away all the secrets, but Roy is the reason that many things work in the organization, not the least the *Newsletter*. If you could see the before and after of the random patch of text files and pictures that I send him and compare it to any issue he's massaged into being, you'd be wondering why he doesn't hold the title as Editor. And if you look at the bylines in this or any issue you'll see that he's the number one contributor. Roy is not just a nice guy but smart, talented and - this is especially helpful as the Executive Director - he's very patient. That's a potent combination of skills.

Roy, thank you for being my partner in this effort all these years.

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of homosexuality was one of the pivotal steps in the long journey towards LGBT civil equality. A full list of the other educational programs can be found the AGLP website including the presentation of the JGLMH award for Best Resident Paper to Dr. Arthur Robin Williams.

Social events include a welcome reception honoring the Rt. Rev V. Gene Robinson, winner of the 2011 John Fryer, MD on Friday, May 13th. This will be an informal time to network with other AGLP member and to meet Rev. Robinson before his lecture on Saturday morning. The Women's Dinner on Sunday, May 15, and the AGLP Awards Banquet on Monday, April 16, will allow members to sample the exotic cuisine in Hawaii. The Award's Banquet will be a traditional Hawaiian luau at the Honolulu Aquarium and will feature a cash bar and passed hors-oeuvres. Members will be able to wander through the entire Aquarium, including the famous Hawaiian monk seals, sharks, and octopus exhibits. Check aglp.org for a current list of events before arriving!

Finally, take some time on your own to explore the exciting nightlife, natural beauty, and museums on the island of Oahu. You can see the only Royal Palace in the United States, the 'Iolani Palace, and the USS Arizona Pearl Harbor memorial. You may even have time to take a flight to other islands to explore volcanoes, black sand beaches, and some of the best star gazing in the world. Hui hou kakou "Until we meet again!"

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Honolulu Help: AGLP App for Smart Phones

Roy Harker, Executive Director
RHarker@aglp.org

A new App for AGLP members is now available for download. If you use an iPad, iPhone, or other Smart Phone or portable wireless device you can access AGLP schedule information, the AGLP Membership Directory, and even the new AGLP online Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health through your portable device.

To add this:

- On your smart phone, go to the App Store and search for "Memberclick" to download this app for free.
- To set up your connection, you will need the Organization Name: "aglp" (note: lower case only); your AGLP Username; and Password just like you use on the AGLP website.

Real time schedule information is updated constantly, as is the AGLP Member Directory. You'll find this especially useful if you plan to join us at the APA in Honolulu this year. If you have any questions regarding this new feature, contact me for help.

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AGLP Gay-Guided Hike of Kaluanui

Sunday, May 15, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Roy Harker, Executive Director
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The local organizing committee in Hawaii has organized a planned hike of Kaluanui (Mariner's Ridge) with the aid of LikeHike, a local gay hiking club.

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AGLP Executive Committee Phone Conference Minutes**Date: January 28, 2011, 3:00 p.m., EST**

Reported by Eric Yarbrough (Edited by George Harrison for the Newsletter)

Present: Kenn Ashley (Acting Chair), David Scasta, Roy Harker, Amir Ahuja, Eric Yarbrough, Andy Tompkins, Serena Volpp

The agenda was approved.

Reports from the Executive Committee:

- Executive Director's Report: Roy Harker: AGLP has paid for all planned Honolulu events. The Catamaran event had a remaining 20 seats. Members were urged to register soon. Roy noted that clarification of the leadership of the Committee for Residents and Fellows was needed. Roy will send an email asking for residents and fellows to be a part of the Board. The residents as a group have been the fastest growing group in the past 4 months. The organization needs someone who would be active and could keep the residents excited. There continues to be a lack of representation in the minority outreach committee and membership committee. Karl Jeffries, current Chair of Membership, said he couldn't consider looking at the membership committee until July. There have been a large number of committees, which need to be strengthened.
- Vice President's Report: Andy Tompkins: The Symposium has been organized for Wednesday morning. Outlines for presentations will be due by March, which will then be reviewed with the Board. Presentations should be finalized by the end of April. There has been a question about switching things on Saturday due to the overlapping schedules. Kenn Ashley has been in touch with the APA about switching the times due to conflict. Details were unavailable for the Women's Reception.
- Secretary's Report: Eric Yarbrough: The approval of the minutes from the last meeting will be done by e-mail.
- Treasurer's Report: Serena Volpp: As of the meeting, AGLP cash accounts were ahead of last year by 30%. The membership drive incentive will be changed to \$50 as agreed upon in the Fall Business meeting.
- Journal Editor's Report: Mary Barber and Alan Schwartz, presented in their absence: A considerable number of submissions were in the pipeline for the next two years. Taylor and Francis, publisher, has wanted to meet and work on marketing strategies. There has been a call for the Journal submissions regarding video and web-based. Royalties don't come close to offsetting the cost. The Journal is a very costly thing and AGLP has to pay per issue price. Online search for the Journal would greatly help this.
- Newsletter Editor's Report: George Harrison, presented in his absence: The latest Newsletter has been sent out.
- No reports from President or President-elect.

Reports from Committees:

- Awards Committee: Mary Barber, presented in her absence: The John Fryer award recipient and date has been announced.
- AGLP Representative to the APA Assembly: David Scasta, presented in his absence: The APA AMA delegation has been trying to get AMA to remove "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." They have turned their attention to the Defense of Marriage Act and will move it through the AMA. AAOL will do a seminar on bullying with David presenting the gay and lesbian section. A reminder was given to vote for the APA elections.
- Education Committee: Andy Tompkins and Amir Ahuja: A proposal to incorporate the AGLP lecture series module into the lecture series at Philadelphia. The request was for seven separate lectures for the modules and someone in AGLP to give them in the form of a workshop. Another Education Committee meeting will be needed to address this.

- International Committee: Gene Nakajima, present in his absence: Two presentations have been set at the World APA in Buenos Aires.
- No reports from Early Career Psychiatrists Committee, Medical Students Committee, Membership Committee, Minority Outreach Committee, Psychiatric Residents and Fellows Committee, Psychotherapy Committee, Religion and Spirituality Committee, Transgender Committee and Women's Committee.

New Business

- Fall Business Meeting: Discussion of this will be added to the next meeting. It was proposed to move the meeting to Philadelphia.
- Website Revision: An Education Page was added with upcoming conferences deadlines for submissions. The GAP curriculum could move to this page. AGLP will post a grand rounds lecture series. There will be further discussion regarding what will be on the Resources vs. the Education Page.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be on February 25, 3:00 p.m., EST.

AGLP Executive Committee Phone Conference Minutes**Date: February 25, 2011, 3:00 p.m., EST**

Reported by Eric Yarbrough (Edited by George Harrison for the Newsletter)

Present: Ubaldo Leli (Chair), Kenn Ashley, Andy Tompkins, Eric Yarbrough, Serena Volpp, David Scasta, Chris McIntosh, Roy Harker

Reports from the Executive Committee:

- Executive Director's Report: Roy Harker: Finances have been doing well and expenses for Honolulu have been paid.
- President's Report: Ubaldo Leli: Several residents have come forward interested in participating in the organization as Committee Chairs. After some discussion, consideration was made for the following positions: Minority Outreach - Amir Ahuja; Women - Sarah Noble; and Residents and Fellows - Laura Erikson-Schroth and Tauheed Zaman. The HIV committee has a history of poor attendance in the past. A decision was made to remove this Committee pending further consideration.
- Vice President's Report: Andy Tompkins: The Education Symposium was set for the Drexel residents with input from Amir Ahuja, Andy Tompkins, and Roy Harker. The residents are requesting information on taking a sexual history and transgender mental health. This symposium would take place sometime between July 2011 to June 2012. The format and lectures will be determined. More discussion on the Education Page/Website Revision was tabled for a future meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Eric Yarbrough: Ubaldo asked to table the acceptance of the meeting minutes until the next meeting.
- Journal Editor's Report: Mary Barber and Alan Schwartz, presented in their absence: In March, the Journal Editors will meet the publisher, Taylor and Francis, in Philadelphia to discuss the Journal being more available online.
- Newsletter Editor's Report: George Harrison, reported in his absence: George has asked to step down as Editor. A suitable replacement was unclear. This is a Presidential appointment. Roy will send out an e-mail to announce this change and ask interested parties to contact him.
- No reports from President-Elect and Treasurer.

Reports from Committees:

- AGLP Representative to the APA Assembly: David Scasta: Dr. Dilip Jeste a Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry at University of California, San Diego was elected to the President Elect post of the APA.

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The Member Referendum raising concern about the new standards of the ABPN's Maintenance of Certification failed because less than 40% of members voted. Of the 25% that did vote, 80% supported the referendum. The referendum position was that the patient feedback requirements for the purpose of reporting to the Board was unacceptable, as it creates ethical conflicts, and has the potential to damage treatment. Additionally, the requirements other than a cognitive knowledge examination once in 10 years, regular participation in continuing medical education and maintenance of licensure, pose an undue and unnecessary burden on psychiatrists.

- Early Career Psychiatrists Committee: Chris McIntosh: Below in Local Arrangements Committee (LAC).
- Education Committee: Andy Tompkins: Below in LAC.
- Local Arrangements Committee: Dan Mardonis, Scott Masters, Maurice Sprenger, Andy Tompkins:
 - o Catamaran Tour: This event has sold out.
 - o Hospitality Suite: The psychotherapy conference coordinated by Chris McIntosh was proposed to occur from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on 5/16. The resident presenter has already been selected with Ubaldo Leli as the discussant. 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. was tentatively set for the Resident Award Lecture. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. may work for Resident Talk with Marshall Forstein. Marshall will need to be contacted.
 - o Local Events: It has been difficult finding a home in the area to host local events. There may be a reception for medical students and residents on Friday, 5/13. The opening reception may take place in the AGLP hotel. David Scasta offered his suite, near the convention, for some of the social events and meetings.
 - o Partner's Event: A hiking tour was set for 5/15 as a half-day event. It would start at 8:30 a.m. and transportation will take place to the hiking site. Up to 15 people can attend and there will be the possibility of swimming in a waterfall. Everyone would be back by to the general member's meeting by 3 p.m..
 - o VIP Reception: The VIP reception will likely be before the award reception. The AGLP website will have an updated schedule. A special tour may happen for the aquarium for the VIP members. An open bar would also be available as well as some food. Timing was as follows: 6-7 p.m., VIP Reception; 7-10 p.m., General admission; 8-9 p.m., Awards presentation. Everyone must be out by 10 p.m..
 - o Women's Reception: This event will be held at a local Thai restaurant at 7 p.m. on Sunday, 5/15. More information and registration will be available on the AGLP website.
- Psychotherapy: Chris McIntosh: Above in LAC.
- Religion and Spirituality Committee: David Scasta: It was proposed that there be a formal time to have a meeting to discuss this committee in Hawaii.
- No reports from Awards Committee, International Members, Medical Students Committee, Membership Committee, Minority Outreach Committee, Psychiatric Residents and Fellows Committee, Transgender Committee and Women's Committee.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be on April 1, 3:00 p.m., EST.

AGLP Executive Committee Phone Conference Minutes

Date: April 1, 2011, 3:00 p.m., EST

Reported by Eric Yarbrough (Edited by George Harrison for the Newsletter)

Present: Ubaldo Leli (Chair), Roy Harker, Sarah Noble, David Scasta, George Harrison, Kenn Ashley, Andy Tompkins, Amir Ahuja, Mohammed Zaman, and Eric Yarbrough

Reports from the Executive Committee:

- President's Report: Ubaldo Leli: A formal welcome was made to Sarah Noble and Amir Ahuja who have been added as committee chairs.
- Vice President's Report: Andy Tompkins: See Local Arrangements Committee Report below.
- Newsletter Editor's Report: George Harrison: The last edition under his direction will be the next. It was announced that Eric Yarbrough has been appointed by the President as the new Newsletter Editor. George thanked everyone and particularly Roy for his ongoing contribution to the Newsletter. George will request short columns from the new Committee Chairs.
- No formal report from Executive Director, Treasurer, Secretary, or Journal Editors.

Reports from Committees:

- AGLP Representative to the APA Assembly: David Scasta: APA committees are currently getting ready for the DSM-V. Many changes will occur and psychiatrists will likely need to retrain themselves for the new system. David continues to follow and advocate for the APA and it's relation to the situation in Uganda.
- HIV Committee: No current Chair: Paul Browde was invited to the next board meeting to discuss the possibility of him being Chair for this Committee.
- Local Arrangements Committee: Dan Mardonis, Scott Masters, Maurice Sprenger, Andy Tompkins:
 - o The hospitality suite programming continued to develop for the resident/medical student session. Eric will follow up with Marshall about plans.
 - o The resident award presentation has not been organized. A possible screening of a movie at lunchtime with a discussion might be added. This would be organized by the Religion and Spirituality members.
 - o A medical student, resident and early career psychiatry mixer is also being organized. Most likely it would be on May 13 at 7:30 p.m.. Interested people should be directed to meet in the host hotel lobby.
 - o Proposals for the Bishop Robinson reception included the sunset cruise on 5/14 or a lunch 5/15
 - o One request had been made for a student travel award. Typically, a flight is paid for. It was proposed and adopted that the travel for the medical student would be paid for up to \$750 per award.
- No reports from Early Career Psychiatrists Committee, Medical Students Committee, Membership Committee, Minority Outreach Committee, Psychiatric Residents and Fellows Committee, Psychotherapy Committee, Religion and Spirituality Committee, Transgender Committee and Women's Committee.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be on April 22, 3:00 p.m., EST.

**APA/AGLP Annual Meeting
May 14-May 18, 2011
Honolulu, Hawaii**

Shaded areas require Registration/RSVP
Register/RSVP online at www.aglp.org

AGLP Host Hotel

Moana Surfrider
A Westin Resort
0.8 Miles to Convention Center
365 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815
Phone: 808.922.3111

Friday, May 13, 2011

7:30pm-10:00pm
AGLP Fryer Award Reception honoring Bishop Gene Robinson
Moana Surfrider, The Banyon Courtyard

Saturday, May 14, 2011

12:00noon
John Fryer Award Lecture
The Right Reverend V. Gene Robinson, Bishop of Vermont, winner of the 2011 AGLP John Fryer, MD Award
Hawaii Convention Center, Room 311

1:00pm to 3:00pm
Workshop: All in the Gay Family--Lesbian and Gay Families: Past, Present, and Future
Presented by the APA New York Count District Branch Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues
Room 322B in the Hawaii Convention Center

Shelly Cohen, MD
A legal overview of the state of same sex marriage/unions

Lorraine Lothringer, MD
The Psychological Cost of Anti-Gay Politics

Littal Melnik, MD
Adoption by gay and lesbian parents

Daniel Medeiros, MD

Eric Yarbrough, MD
The Particulars of Gay and Lesbian Relationships

4:30 to 7:30pm
AGLP Members Sunset Catamaran Cruise
AGLP Members and invited guests/friends only
Limited to 45 passengers
Currently sold out.

Sunday, May 15, 2011

8:30am - 1:00pm
AGLP Annual Board and Advisory Council Meeting
Surfrider Hotel, Honolulu, Parlor Room, Third Floor
Breakfast will be served

9:00am - 1:00pm
AGLP Gay-guided Hike of Kalaunui
RSVP through the AGLP website www.aglp.org

12:00noon - 3:00pm
S33. Transgender Care Across the Life Span, Noon - 3:00pm
Location: GARDEN LANAI in the Ala-Moana Hotel

Mental Health Care Across the Life Span and the Gender Spectrum
Dan Karasic, M.D.

Prises, Smoothies, and Transys—Transgender Development in Its Beginnings: The Early Childhood Years
Diane Ehrensaft, Ph.D.

Variables to Success for Gender-Variant Children and Adolescents
Michele Angello Ph.D.

A Path to Metamorphosis: Recounting the Journey From Female- to Male-Bodied
Nathaniel Sharon M.D.

Partners and Families of Transgender People
Randall Ehrbar, Psy.D.

Transgender Care Across the Life Span: Aging and the Transgender Person
Lin Fraser, Ed.D.

3:00 - 5:00pm
AGLP Membership Meeting
Roof Garden
Moana Surfrider Hotel

7:00 - 9:00pm
AGLP Women's Dinner in Honolulu
Keo's Thai Cuisine: Casual Thai restaurant
<http://www.keosthaicuisine.com/>
2028 Kuhio Avenue, Waikiki, HI 96815; 808-951-9355
RSVP through the AGLP website www.aglp.org

Monday, May 16, 2011

8:30am
AGLP Hospitality Suite Opens
Moana Surfrider Hotel, 365 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815
The Board Room, Third Floor

9:00am-11:00am
JGLMH Outstanding Resident Paper Award
Winner: A. Robin Williams, M.D.
Title: "Transsexualism, Personality Disorders, and Spinal Cord Injury."

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AGLP Schedule of Events
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11:00am-12:30pm
Psychotherapy Case Conference
Discussant: Ubaldo Leli, M.D.

12:30pm-2:30
Film Screening: Latter Days
Discussant: David Scasta, M.D.

3:30pm - 5pm
Medical Student/Resident/Early Career Psychiatrist process group
Discussant: Marshall Forstein, M.D.
Organizers: Eric Yarbrough, M.D.; Andy Tompkins, M.D.

3:30pm - 5pm
Convocation of Distinguished Fellows
Kalakaua Ballroom, Hawaii Convention Center

7:00pm
AGLP Awards Ceremony
This year honoring Equality Hawaii, George Harrison, MD, Ellen Haller, MD, Hawaii State House Representative Blake Oshiro, and Jeff Akaka, MD, Waikiki Aquarium
(Five minute walk from AGLP Host Hotel)
2777 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, HI
Open to the public free of charge

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

8:00am to 10:00am
Bullying: Understanding Its Impact and Etiology
Room 325 A, Hawaii Convention Center

Louis Kraus, Moderator
Academy of Child and Adolescent Medicine

Paul Cox, Presenter
American Group Psychotherapy Association

Debra Pinals, Presenter
Academy of Psychiatry and the Law

David Scasta, Presenter
Association of Gay & Lesbian Psychiatrists

12:00noon - 1:30pm
Workshop: Sexuality: Biology as a Destiny
Room 326B in the Hawaii Convention Center
Discussant: Ron Holt, M.D.

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

8:00am to 11:00am
Mental Health and Legal Perspectives of Same-sex Civil Marriage in the United States
Hawaii Convention Center, Room 321A

Discussant: Hawaii Rep. Blake Oshiro

Presenters: Jack Drescher M.D.
Robert Kertzner M.D.
Mary Barber M.D.
Ellen Haller M.D.

1:00pm to 4:00pm
Visit to Shangri La, home of the late Doris Duke
Meeting place: Honolulu Academy of Arts, Banyon Courtyard, 900 S. Beretania Street between Victoria and Ward Streets – private round trip to Shangri La is provided.
Cost :\$25
Please RSVP by contacting Andy Tompkins, M.D. at atompkins@aglp.org

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This hike is the shortest trail to the Koolau Summit Ridge and is about 1.25 miles each way. The difficulty level of the hike will be moderate because of the elevation gain/loss is approximately 860 feet. It generally takes about an hour each way, so it is a half-day hike. Members and their partners are encouraged to RSVP online for the FREE excursion.

The hike will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 15. Proper hiking gear should be worn, including tennis shoes/hiking shoes, hats, sunscreen, and comfortable clothing. Be sure to bring plenty of water and a light snack. Hike leaders are very familiar with the territory and will offer pertinent discussions along the way on habitat, sights, and geology of Hawaii. You will have breathtaking views of both the windward and leeward sides of Oahu. You don't want to miss this FREE event! The hiking group size is limited to 25 people.

Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Ala Moana Shopping Center in front of Hilo Hatties. (It used to be McDonalds) It is on the lower level on the ocean side of the shopping center, between the food court and Sears. Your guide is Bob Lohaus.

Reserve now. You will need your AGLP Member username and password to access the reservation page. For more information, contact me at RHarker@aglp.org.

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Mariner's Ridge. Photo by Connie Hoong, <http://hawaii.wr.usgs.gov/oahu/photo.html>.

News from the Basement

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way. The Assembly turned down an emergency Action Paper calling for the APA to rescind its invitation to Bishop Tutu. Parenthetically, with regard to LGBT matters, Bishop Tutu admonishes his African brethren that homophobia is akin to racism – a stand which is particularly important in a continent in which one country (Uganda) is proposing death sentences for gays and another (Kenya) is contemplating a plan to start arresting gays.

Uganda

Speaking of Uganda, The Hon. David Bahati, a member of the Ugandan Parliament, has introduced an Anti-Homosexuality Bill in the Ugandan Parliament calling for:

1. Seven years of imprisonment for anyone who attempts to engage in homosexual contact
2. Life imprisonment for anyone who engages in sexual penetration of a member of the same gender
3. Death for "aggravated homosexuality" which includes repeated offenses of homosexuality or engaging in a homosexual act while HIV-positive
4. Imprisonment of up to three years for failing to report violations of the statute within 24 hours of awareness of the offense

The bill has been supported by the Ugandan National Association of Social Workers using concepts drawn from religious ideology (Uganda is 85% Christian) and from "scientific" studies of 50 years ago that have long since been discredited by the scientific community. The bill has gone back and forth as international pressure has mounted. It is unclear if the bill will come up in this session of the Ugandan Parliament or whether it will remain tabled. In the meantime, I have submitted an Action Paper asking the APA, through the Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities, to reaffirm the APA position that there is no credible scientific evidence that: same sex attraction is pathological; that same sex attraction is chosen; that there is any need for "cure" of same sex attraction; or that same sex attraction entails a threat to heterosexual families or to children. The AP further asks the APA to reaffirm its condemnation of societal scapegoating, criminalization, and stigmatization of gay, lesbian, and bisexual peoples.

Closing

One of the lessons that I have learned from the issues described above is that so much of what happens in the APA is managed by a relatively small group of insiders. A number of us in the Assembly are committed to reaching out to the membership to make certain that members' views and issues receive ample representation. I therefore want to emphasize that I welcome and seek views and issues coming directly from AGLP members. I would like nothing better than to bring Action Papers to the Assembly (or to other arms of APA governance) that were suggested and developed by individual members of AGLP.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Dr. George Harrison, who has edited the AGLP Newsletter over these many years and tolerated the gastric distress that I have given him with some of my more controversial postings. I wish him the best of all good wishes as he completes his tour of duty with this issue and look forward to working with Dr. Eric Yarbrough who is stepping into to fill George's very large shoes.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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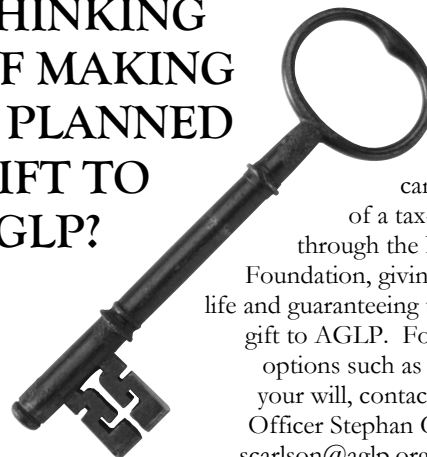
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Listings of Upcoming Subspecialty Meetings of Interests to Members

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Many AGLP members are members of other organizations such as the ones listed here. As a way to increase the visibility and effectiveness of AGLP, members that participate in other organizations are encouraged to hold gatherings at these meetings to increase networking potentials. In the past these have ranged from a hosted get together at a member's home to more formal presentations combining the issues central to AGLP and the primary meeting issue. If you are interested in improving communications between the subspecialties and AGLP, contact our President, Ubaldo Leli, MD, at ULeli@aglp.org for more details and suggestions.

Listings of Upcoming Subspecialty Meetings of Interests to Members

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
58th Annual Meeting
Sheraton Centre Toronto
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
October 18-23, 2011

59th Annual Meeting
Hilton San Francisco
San Francisco, California
October 23-28, 2012

60th Annual Meeting
Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel
Orlando, Florida
October 22-27, 2013

American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL)
<http://www.aapl.org/>

American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry
<http://www.aapdp.org/>

American Association for Emergency Psychiatry
<https://www.emergencypsychiatry.org/>

American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP)
<http://www.aagppa.org/>
2012 Annual Meeting
Washington, D.C.
March 16-19, 2012

American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training (AADPRT)
<http://www.aadprt.org/>
40th Annual Meeting
Austin, Texas
March 2011

American College of Psychiatrists
<http://www.acpsych.org/>
Meetings
<http://www.acpsych.org/meetings.html>
Naples Grande Resort
Naples, Florida
February 22-26, 2012

Grand Hyatt Kua'i
Koloa, Kua'i, Hawai'i
February 20-24, 2013

Grand Hyatt
San Antonio, Texas
February 19-23, 2014

American Psychiatric Association (APA)
<http://www.psych.org/>
164th Annual Meeting
Honolulu, Hawai'i
May 14-19, 2011

2011 APA Institute on Psychiatric Services
San Francisco, California
October 27-30, 2011

165th Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
May 5-10, 2012

2012 APA Institute on Psychiatric Services
New York, New York
October 4-7, 2012

2013 APA Institute on Psychiatric Services
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
October 10-13, 2013

2014 APA Institute on Psychiatric Services
San Francisco, California
October 30-November 2, 2014

2015 APA Institute on Psychiatric Services
New York, New York
October 8-11, 2015

Association of Women Psychiatrists
<http://www.associationofwomenpsychiatrists.com/index.php>
Meetings have been in conjunction with the Annual APA Convention
For more details, please see the website above.

Black Psychiatrists of America (BPA)
<http://www.blackpsych.org/>

