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Annual Meeting: New Orleans, 2001

Mark Townsend, M.D.

Come on down! Now is the time to start planning for the AGLP in New Orleans, Saturday May 5 through Sunday May 10. New Orleans is just as you remembered it: romantic, raucous, and embracing of LGBT people.

The first weekend in May, though, is the second half of the annual New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, which will end Sunday, May 6th. This means that AGLP members—and the entire APA—will be able to experience the Jazz Fest: simultaneous rock, traditional jazz, zydeco, fusion, Caribbean, and folk acts; Creole, Acadian, African, and Southern food everywhere; and hand-crafted work reflecting regional culture and the international cultures that influenced them. Tickets can be purchased online with Ticketmaster, and buses rumble out to the Fairgrounds on a regular schedule. Other venues are throughout the city.

AGLP's hotels are both in the French Quarter, just as they were the last time we were in the Big Easy. The Chateau LeMoyne, named for the founder of New Orleans, was built in 1851, and is very atmospheric. It is a about an eight-block walk to the convention center, and is near the APA bus stop. The Saturday pre-Convention will be there, as well as the hospitality suites. We will have a private courtyard and the hotel itself has several.

Our other hotel is the French Quarter Holiday Inn. It's a high-rise hotel at the edge of the Quarter, a five-block walk to the convention center. The Holiday Inn is convenient and comfortable. Both hotels have swimming pools and fit-

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President's Column

Philip Bialer, M.D.

The debate continues. Or at least it felt that way over much of the summer as I worked with several of our members, and others outside of AGLP, to organize a symposium addressing the clinical ethical issues of reparative therapy.

Isn't this an old issue? After all, the APA approved a position statement opposing therapies designed to change sexual orientation more than two years ago. Then last year, Robert Spitzer, widely esteemed as the "author" of DSM III and DSM III-R and the chief of Biometric Research at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, proposed a debate on reparative therapy. Dr. Spitzer was a strong and influential supporter of the efforts to remove homosexuality from the DSM as a disorder. Reportedly, he was swayed by the sound clinical studies that demonstrated that homosexuality per se was not an indicator of psychopathology or psychiatric disorder. Apparently, he still believes this. However, now Dr. Spitzer has again been swayed by reports that therapies to change sexual orientation can be effective (I can't say which reports he read exactly, but we know what is out there in the literature by Socarides, NARTH, and others). If there is evidence that such therapies can be effective, then how can the APA oppose them? Thus, the birth of the debate proposal.

I have mentioned in this column previously, whether to participate in such an event provoked much internal debate and discussion. As it became clear that this was not the proper forum to address this issue, particularly due to the underlying political and religious agendas of those supporting reparative therapy, the debate was cancelled. I felt, however, that reparative therapy remains an issue important to our organization and it is definitely not going away. Discussion about a symposium to present the scientific evidence regarding the outcomes of reparative therapy began at the annual meeting in May. The ethical issues became intertwined in these discussions. I decided to invite Dr. Spitzer to present his outcomes study with the belief that a researcher of his caliber should be able to present the data of his study objectively, but our talks quickly devolved into a "our side versus your side" discussion. The Scientific Program Committee of the APA asks that symposia proposals present differing views on a particular topic and I was interested in doing that without producing a debate redux. With much support and advice from Marshall Forstein and Jack Drescher, I believe we were able to put together a comprehensive symposium proposal that will include Dr. Spitzer. At the time of this writing, I do not yet know if the proposal has been accepted, but I am hopeful that it will be.

The process of organizing the symposium was quite an eye opener. Especially disturbing was the dearth of credible and valid research in the area of reparative therapy. While most of our membership empirically believe that such an approach is harmful and basically doomed to failure, there are actually no good studies that I am aware of to support this. I am not necessarily expecting that our proposed symposium will shed any new light, so this column is partially a call for long-term research on the outcomes and psychological effects of attempts to change sexual orientation. If our empiric beliefs can be proven through valid studies, then this should solidify and strengthen the stand that the APA, and other professional organizations, has taken against reparative therapy. I believe such studies would also be the strongest argument against the ethical belief in this case that patients should have the right to chose therapies even if they are potentially harmful.

Of course, there were many other areas of interest that were discussed the Fall Business meeting of AGLP as well as the Fall Components Meeting of the APA, and these should be noted in other parts of the *Newsletter*. Particularly noteworthy is the work of the Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues on a position statement supporting civil unions for same-sex couples. The effort to get the motion passed to accept this statement has been gaining momentum and there is some hope that it will get through the Assembly this year. Stay tuned. Gender

Vice President's Column:**Plan to attend AGLP educational events in New Orleans**

Dan Karasic, M.D.

AGLP knows we'll have to compete for your interest with the many activities of New Orleans and the APA meeting and we plan to make our educational events lively, compelling, and enlightening. Our Saturday program, May 5, will feature Patrick Califia-Rice, a widely-published author, sex educator, social critic. As Pat Califia, Califia-Rice has authored 17 books of non-fiction and fiction, on topics including lesbian sexuality, S/M, censorship, and transgenderism. For years, as the Advocate Advisor, and now for Girlfriends magazine, Califia-Rice has been an advice columnist, dispensing the wisdom Dear Abby would were she a leatherdyke. In a better (and much hipper) world, Califia-Rice, not Dr. Laura, would have a broad forum to dispense advice on relationships and sexuality.

From amazon.com's biography of Califia-Rice: "Pat Califia needs no introduction for lesbian and gay readers. Her writings on sexuality, pornography, censorship, S/M, and other controversial topics have earned her the reputation of a fearless defender of the rights of perverts - and a fearless intellectual adversary. Pat Califia is well-known as a long-time activist for gay rights and the right to free sexual expression, and a sharp critic of repressive American attitudes toward sexuality and pornography. She lectures widely on university campuses and at the invitation of community-sponsored conferences, workshops and other gatherings. Among her best-loved books are *Sex Changes: The Politics of Transgenderism*, *Public Sex: The Culture of Radical Sex*, *The Advocate Advisor*, *Macho Sluts* and *Melting Point*. Her numerous articles and essays have appeared in *The Journal of Homosexuality*, *The Advocate*, *Co-Evolution Quarterly*, *High Times*, *Brat Attack*, *Taste of Latex*, *Skin Two*, *Invert: The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Sensibility*, *On Our Backs*, *Drummer*, and *The Spectator*. She received her M.A. in counseling psychology from the University of San Francisco. She lives in San Francisco where she writes and works as a therapist intern serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities."

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Califia-Rice began gender transition about a year ago, and lives in San Francisco with his domestic partner, Matt Califia-Rice, and

their son. The compelling story of Patrick's transitioning and Matt's pregnancy was featured in *The Village Voice* last June. It can be read on the web at: <http://www.villagevoice.com/issues/0025/califia-rice.shtml>

Califia Rice wrote a few thoughts about the New Orleans AGLP session: "There is no melting pot at the end of the rainbow flag. The shorthand phrase 'LGBT' may be politically correct, but it is as awkward to put into practice as it is to say quickly three times. Lesbians, gay men, bisexual people, and transgendered people have barely begun to talk about where our political agendas and cultures overlap, let alone where they diverge. Even people who are aware of the existence of transsexuals as a sexual minority tend to assume that this means male-to-female only. Yet the numbers of genetic males and genetic females seeking sex reassignment are roughly equal. The Bay Area is home to a thriving FTM community, and many FTMs identify as gay or bisexual. While achieving greater visibility for FTMs is important to me, I also hope we can critically assess the impact of DSM-IV-TR paradigms on the gender community, and draw some parallels between the history of psychiatric treatment of homosexuality versus 'paraphilias' and 'gender identity disorders' today."

The Saturday program intends to explore the lines between, and the overlap of sexual orientation and gender identity, and the commonalities and divisions between LGB communities and the trans communities. Please e-mail me soon if you may be interested in speaking or being on a panel as part of this half-day conference. We also hope to be joined by Matt Califia-Rice, who facilitates workshops on the relationships between gay men and gay male-identified FTMs, and runs the Trannyfags e-mail group for gay-identified FTMs.

HIV-Affected Psychiatrists Column

Marshall Stiles, M.D.

To bring the membership up to date, we had our committee/support group meeting in Chicago during the APA on Sunday afternoon in a private room provided by one of the attendees. Apparently, at past APA's, some HIV + psychiatrists have been reluctant to attend these meetings because they were held in the AGLP Hospitality Suite, which has become a very busy place, with back-to-back meetings scheduled, and some felt entering the suite at the published time of our group's meeting was like a coming-out-with-HIV process, so they avoided attending. Early in the weekend prior to the meeting this was brought to my attention by someone I had not met before, and he volunteered his room for the meeting, since it was big enough for our group.

We had 7 persons including myself in attendance. It was a good meeting, but the time we had allotted for it, 1 1/2 hours, was insufficient, considering that some had to come late and/or leave early. People shared as they were comfortable, and some of us knew some of the others, so that helped with the trust issue. Obviously, HIV treatment issues

were discussed as well. People agreed that the meeting was useful, but that it would be nice to have it at a less crowded time in our schedules, if it were possible to find such a time. Basically, most people present wanted to protect their privacy around HIV within the AGLP, and that is respected. We decided that it was good to have S/O's present, but the invitation to include S/O's came out late. Next year, please know that S/O's are encouraged to attend as long as their partners are comfortable with that, and I would also invite couples, in which the AGLP member is (-) but the S/O is (+), to attend. We will try our best to have the meeting in New Orleans in a room other than the Hospitality Suite to assure more privacy.

Currently, we as a group have communicated recently by email, and I was gratified that one person ventilated freely to me, feeling this was one of the only venues in which he felt the safety to share some very personal feelings about his journey with HIV. That email alone made me feel that our network of infected psychiatrists was accomplishing its goal, namely of providing an avenue of support.

One person besides myself is willing to be listed by name with the AGLP as a resource person for members of our organization who have yet to attend a group meeting or otherwise contact someone in the AGLP for support around HIV issues. Others on the East Coast have expressed willingness to serve as resource persons if I receive requests from their area.

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PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT EITHER OF US FOR HELP WITH YOUR OWN JOURNEY WITH HIV

Members of the AGLP: Please REMEMBER that MANY OF YOUR COLLEAGUES ARE HIV-POSITIVE, and need your recognition as a group, and support as individuals. As you well know, AIDS is not over, and many of our membership are still working while taking the life-prolonging but often toxic anti-virals. Others, like me, are retired, but still want to be involved. If you are also HIV (+) and either would like to be on our committee's list (kept confidential) and/or would be willing to be a resource person to the AGLP, either out or not, please contact me. Be Well!

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Two Years of a District Branch Committee on Homosexual Issues:

Factors Contributing to Valuable Outcomes

Alice Dean Kitchen, M.D.

In early '98 the Executive Council of the Eastern Missouri Psychiatric Society accepted a proposal, made by an outgoing president, that a new committee on homosexual issues be started, and that I be appointed as committee chair. I share this report from a workshop presented for AGLP during the APA meetings in Chicago, May 2000, to look at the outcomes of the committee's work and the factors, serendipitous and otherwise, which contributed to the success of this District Branch committee.

Background: The Situation in EMPS, '98 to Present

The Eastern Missouri Psychiatric Society, with over 300 members, is largely composed of urban psychiatrists. The outgoing EMPS president who initiated the committee is a woman academic psychiatrist, a "straight ally." The presidents who have succeeded her were a gay academic psychiatrist and a male "straight ally" in private practice.

In recent years EMPS has not only been increasingly involved in seeking legislation for adequate mental health care in Missouri and nationally, but also in year-round collaboration with non-professional agencies such as the Mental Health Association and NAMI in sponsoring Mental Health Awareness activities and mental health education. However, in the last five years, the numbers of psychiatrists working with HIV+ patients under the aegis of the Ryan White program had precipitously decreased.

Background: The Gay Community in St. Louis

St. Louis is the epitome of conservatism, quasi-Southern, with a core of "Bible Belt" and Roman Catholic populations and institutions. The urban area, with both manufacturing and business enterprises, emphasizes the "hi-tech." Educational and cultural opportunities abound. This city, with its suburbs and surrounding small cities on the west bank of the Mississippi, is located on an agricultural prairie with rolling hills. Beyond that to the west are the Ozark Mountains with their many lakes.

In the St. Louis area, most gays who are professionals are "out" to varied limited degrees but perhaps a third or so are rather tightly closeted.

The gay community as a whole, though it includes some bright and outstanding leaders, has stayed rather "splintered," with male/female divisions, as well as racial ones. Through the years there have been multiple failed attempts to form an organizing group or "umbrella." In the last two to five years several gay organizations, especially P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) and PREP (Privacy Rights Education Project) have become increasingly active, not only within the gay community, but also involving more straight allies in work in the general community as well. And the St. Louis PRIDE organization is successfully beginning to give attention to the gay community's year-round needs and opportunities, not just the annual march.

Formation of the new DB Committee

As the Chair forming the new committee, I felt that a committee of ten to twelve diverse people would be useful, including at least a core who were already active in EMPS. Twelve of the first 13 invited said "yes," and the president of EMPS was happy to be named an ex-officio member. After one year, a member retiring from practice also decided to retire from our committee, so returning it again to twelve members.

The makeup of the committee psychiatrists included:

- 8 males and 5 females
- 7 gay or lesbian and 6 straight
- 11 Caucasian, 1 African-American and 1 Hispanic
- 3 with psychoanalytic, 5 biological, and 5 biopsychosocial (or eclectic) orientation
- 7 in academic psychiatry, 3 child psychiatrists, 1 in addiction psychiatry, 2 in public psychiatry,
- 6 in private practice (FT or PT), 2 psychiatry residents (WU and SLU), and 3 retired psychiatrists

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The Committee decided to adopt the name Committee on Homosexualities, because of agreement about perceived differences between male homosexuality and bisexuality.

First Year of Committee on Homosexualities (COH)

In each meeting we included a brief report on recent books dealing with a pertinent subject. We also:

- 1) brainstormed, identifying needs of EMPS, the residency programs and the gay community, links each of us had with local gay organizations, and naming projects that we might undertake.
- 2) presented two-hour seminars on working with same sex-oriented patients at both psychiatry residency departments
- 3) became a contributing group to the Mental Health Association's "Open Mind" column in the Post Dispatch.
- 4) surveyed EMPS membership about experience in working with or interest in learning more about HIV+ or gay and lesbian patients; follow-up was done by periodic letters alerting these psychiatrists to good educational programs at APA meetings and elsewhere.
- 5) joined in an active and successful campaign (led by PREP – Privacy Rights Education Project), involving ourselves and EMPS members at large in lobbying for the addition of "gender, sexual orientation and disability" to hate crimes legislation in Missouri. (Fortuitous timing!) This, our first activity involving significant collaboration with a gay organization, was successful!
- 6) discussed the value of working to set up a gay mental health referral system and of collaborating with other groups working with gay adolescents.

Second Year of COH

We continued to build on the activities listed above. Since no AIDS education programs for psychiatrists had been held in the city for some years, we contacted the APA AIDS Education Program for their help/advice in setting up a four-hour Saturday morning session (3/18/00) and obtained the cosponsorship of the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society and drug company funding. The EMPS program chairman was surprised at the turnout, and the presentations were excellent.

Serendipity

Serendipity played a large part in our most exciting and successful endeavors of the second year. Lourdes Henares, M.D., one of our committee members, had been named to the national American Psychoanalytic Association's Committee for Homosexual and Bisexual Issues, which not only made her privy to all that committee was doing, but also enabled her to meet many others with similar concerns. She told us about an "on the road lecture show" about sexual orientation and homophobia that Susan Vaughan, M.D. and Ralph Roughton, M.D. (the first two chairs of the American Psychoanalytic Association's Committee) had been taking to analytic institutes around the country by invitation, and informed us that she had been named the St. Louis Institute's chair of a committee commissioned to arrange several days of meetings

for them here in April 2000. We agreed to assume the primary responsibility for : 1) planning and implementing a 4-hour Sunday afternoon program for the gay community and straight allies, 2) getting EMPS to have a meeting (with CME) at which Dr. Vaughan would speak on "Homosexuality: Where Did the Psychoanalysts Go Wrong?" and 3) co-sponsoring with the Institute a 3-hour Saturday morning session for gay and gay-friendly psychotherapists. And so, we embarked on a large, exciting and rewarding endeavor.

The events were well-attended, with the 200+ people at the program for the gay community far exceeding what some said was possible in this town. About one quarter of that crowd were straight allies (most specifically and personally invited) and there was little sense of "preaching to the choir."

The EMPS meeting with Dr. Vaughan had 2 to 3 times the usual turnout. And in addition to the EMPS honorarium to her for that presentation, the Executive Council contributed \$500 for refreshments for those who came to the Sunday afternoon program for the gay community and straight allies!

The most important consequences of our work, however, can't be measured in numbers. Without a doubt the most valuable outcome lay in the relationships that individuals on the COH made with those in the cosponsoring gay organizations as the planning committee brainstormed about the needs and strengths of the gay community and identified objectives for the four-hour program (including 7 concurrent workshops after the two main speakers). We all enlarged our knowledge of the nature and scope of other organizations' activities and made some rich and valuable friendships with both gays and straight allies. With so little time since the April programs, we cannot yet assess the outcome in terms of specific gains for the gay community or increase in support by straight allies.

Opportunities Unfolding for 2000-2001 include:

- 1) To continue to work with the EMPS membership, to educate about homosexuality, heterosexism and homophobia and about the care of HIV+ patients
- 2) To continue to bring active legislative needs for gays in EMPS members for their individual action.
- 3) To continue to facilitate the active involvement of more child psychiatrists in EMPS and in the committee
- 4) To proceed to develop and operate a non-emergency telephone-accessed Gay Mental Health Referral Service (including gay and gay-friendly mental health professionals of various disciplines).
- 5) To consider forming a Resident Education subcommittee, including psychiatrists from WU, SLU and the Analytic Institute, to prepare a residency training curriculum segment aimed at producing "cultural competence" in working with GLBT people.
- 6) To consider participating in a committee-related, but separate, "homosexual studies group" for committee members and others

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Resident's Column

David Spiggle, M.D.

Third year of residency. Frequent nights on call. Learning how to manage outpatients. Case conferences. Play therapy. Gabbard. Barlow. Stahl. AGLP. I spend a lot of days running from conference to clinic to supervision, trying to keep up with reading and hopefully helping a few of my patients along the way. In my rush to get all the places I need to be, sometimes feeling a sense of accomplishment by just getting there, it is easy to lose sight of the big picture. I am doing all this so that I can be a competent, empathic clinician. With all these responsibilities, what can the AGLP offer me and other busy residents?

The AGLP can enrich your residency experience, as it has mine, in many ways. Through membership, you can help support and even participate in formulating policies and guidelines that greatly impact the way GLBT people are viewed and treated in this country. AGLP members have been very active in formulating position statements not only in the AGLP, but also in the APA on issues such as reparative therapy and same sex unions. AGLP members have also been instrumental in formulating HIV practice guidelines for the APA, which consolidates information about HIV related disorders and has the potential to greatly improve their treatment. The AGLP can also provide you with information on treating individual GLBT patients. The *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy* is produced by members of the organization. This journal not only provides a means to contribute to the body of literature for GLBT patients, but also information about issues in psychotherapy specific to this patient population. The annual meeting is also a forum for sharing information. This meeting runs concurrently with the APA convention. The AGLP has its own educational program and many members also make presentations concerning GLBT issues in the APA convention. Finally, the AGLP can be a source of support. The annual meeting also is a time to meet and share your experiences with other GLBT psychiatrists.

There is a resident meeting to facilitate this, as well as an opening reception and a closing banquet. The meeting is an opportunity to network with practicing psychiatrists and obtain informal mentoring. The annual meeting is, of course, not the only time this can happen. The AGLP also has a fall business meeting that all members are encouraged to attend. The quarterly *Newsletter* and a list serv are also ways to keep informed and in contact with other AGLP members.

I would encourage other residents to utilize the AGLP as a resource throughout your training and beyond. The AGLP can benefit your patients as a promotor of policy and a source of up to date clinical information. The AGLP can benefit you in professional development and a source of support. If any of you have questions or suggestions about how the AGLP can be more helpful to you, please contact me at dspig@yahoo.com.

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Caucus of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Psychiatrists Column

Margie Sved, M.D, representative

By the time you are reading this, the November Assembly will likely be over. Maybe Action Papers will have been passed supporting same sex unions, and asking for a yearly meeting of APA Officers with the presidents of the various allied organizations of those groups the APA identifies as "Minority and Underrepresented," including AGLP. If you are reading this before November 9, 2000, contact your District Branch Assembly representatives and ask them to support these Action Papers.

The nominations for APA elections this year have been announced. As usual, shortly before ballots are sent out, I will post my comments both to the AGLP email list, as well as on the APA's Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Psychiatrists list-serve. I would like to increasingly use the APA's Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Psychiatrists list-serve for information and discussion of issues relevant to the Caucus of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Psychiatrists. This list-serve can be joined on the APA website, www.psych.org, or by contacting Janice Taylor in the APA office, jtaylor@psych.org or 202-682-6097. Although the list-serve is not confidential, its membership has been guarded as closely as the membership of the Caucus.

This is the time to let the current President-Elect, Richard Harding, and the current Speaker-Elect, Nada Stotland, know if you are interested in being appointed to any of the APA components. It is helpful to send them a CV with areas of expertise, and what committees you would be interested in. Letting Jack Drescher and myself also know of your interest would give us the opportunity to support you. Both Richard and Nada have been very supportive of our issues as well as increasing minority representation. Do feel free to contact me, or anyone who has ever served on a committee, to discuss what the options are. It might also be helpful to have an article in this *Newsletter* about the various AGLP and/or Caucus members who serve on APA committees, and what these committees do.

Several District Branches have very active Gay and Lesbian Committees, and this has been an easy place for some people to get involved in District Branch activities. Recently, several District Branches and other organizations (such as the American Association of Community Psychiatrists) have chosen to initiate committees such as Diversity Committee, Cultural Diversity Task Force, or other variants. It is important that we have a presence on these committees as well. Ask to start one if your District Branch is not addressing minority issues.

Sometime in the next several months, those of you who are Caucus members will have the opportunity to elect the next Representative and Deputy Representative. There is a three-way race this year, David Scasta, Margie Sved, and Mark Townsend. The person with the most votes becomes the Representative; the second most will be the Deputy Representative.

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AGLP Needs Lesbians!

Mary Barber, M.D.
President-Elect

Last May, we had a lower-than-usual turnout of women at the annual AGLP programming. This happened despite having a lesbian keynote speaker for the Saturday symposium, and a funded women's dinner. Was it the meeting location? The AGLP hotel's distance from the APA convention center? The sometimes-divisive discussions the previous year about amending AGLP's bylaws to include transgender people? The inactivity of AGLP's women's committee?

I believe we have all been complicit in the lack of significant women's involvement in AGLP. That includes me. I've spent my two years as vice-president of AGLP concentrating on getting women into the May program, but sometimes neglecting to keep in touch with women I so enjoy seeing at the meeting, to let them know their presence is important. I was so busy with the nitty-gritty plans of getting to DC this September for AGLP's fall business meeting, that I overlooked planning to get together with Margery Sved and Diana Miller, two women who have been vitally important to my growth as a lesbian psychiatrist and whose friendship I hold dear. So we only briefly saw each other in our respective meetings.

To move beyond personal regrets, what does AGLP need? We need more women on the Executive Board. I will start my term as president in May, and Cheryl Chessick has agreed to run for newsletter editor as Guy Glass finishes his long term of service in that position. The positions of secretary and treasurer will also be open. We need an active women's committee. With no representative attending the last two AGLP business meetings, the women's committee has been effectively vacant, and now especially, we need a strong representative on that committee. If you are a woman reading this article and want to know more about any of these positions, please call me.

If you don't think you have time to run for national office, consider getting involved in AGLP in other ways. Do a workshop in the hospitality suite at the convention this May (call Dan Karasic, our VP, with your ideas). Write an article for the *Newsletter*. Return the survey sent to all AGLP women with your thoughts and ideas. Call another AGLP woman with whom you haven't spoken in a while. Make plans to get together in New Orleans this May.

If you are a gay man reading this article, you also have a job to do. Call a woman friend and urge her to get involved in AGLP. Men from the New York District Branch of the APA, including Jack Drescher, Kenn Ashley, and Bob Mitchell, have consistently encouraged and nurtured me in my involvement with gay organizations, and their support has made all the difference.

Well, I've kept you reading long enough. Get up and act!

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AGLP NEEDS YOU!

Dan Hicks, M.D.

There are at least two positions open for office at our elections next May in New Orleans, secretary and treasurer. Richard Hire and Howard Rubin have served admirably and would like to move on to bigger and better things. We would also be happy to have more than one person running for office for a change. Much of the work of AGLP gets done behind the scenes at the Board meetings in the spring and fall and over the internet. We plan the annual meeting events, including social and educational, and we deal with important issues for our community. To make an impact and have more influence in our future, please volunteer to get involved. If interested in being an officer, contact me at 202-687-3116 or at drdanhicks@prodigy.net. There are also many active committees, including membership, women, early career, member in training, people of color, HIV; plenty of places to get involved.

If you are interested, contact Roy Harker at the national office and he will put you in touch with the committee rep.

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Minutes, AGLP Meeting September 9, 2000 JW Marriott, Washington, D.C.

Present: Phil Bialer, Dan Karasic, Mary Barber, Rick Imirowicz, Guy Glass, Howard Rubin, Ubaldo Leli, David Scasta, Mark Townsend, Kenn Ashley, Dan Hicks, Greg Hannahs, Keith Young, Diana Miller, Serena Volpp, Jack Drescher, Margery Sved, Roy Harker.

Welcome and announcements: Secretary Rick Hire injured his ankle and couldn't be here, so Mary Barber volunteered to do minutes.

I. Report on Annual Meetings:

Phil emphasized hotels go fast, need to book way in advance.

A. New Orleans, May 5 through May 10, 2001

Local Arrangements Committee Chairperson - Mark Townsend

Hotel— Holiday Inn French Quarter (larger hotel, 100 rms), Holiday Inn Chateau Lemoine (quieter and further into French Quarter, 50 rms) will be 2 official AGLP hotels. Problem was coincidence with New Orleans Jazzfest, but we lucked out and got 2 hotels within walking distance of convention center. Meeting space is in Chateau Lemoine, very charming 19th century courtyard. People are required to come in Friday night to get the special rate, but not required to do so to get the Holiday Inn French Quarter. Reservations for French Quarter=800-747-3279, reservations for Lemoine 800-747-3279, cutoff is April 4, 2001. Mention Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists for great rate. AGLP is only allowed a 25% room reduction after cutoff, so membership discussed whether to reduce number in block now, based on lesser attendance at recent meetings. Mark would need to find out if we lose any perks if we go down in number of rooms. However, paying for a suite might be less than paying a penalty for empty rooms. Consensus was need to reduce rooms, can't take financial risk of penalties, but how much we reduce block depends on the perks and other details, such as minimum stay requirements. If people come Thursday night, they can go to Jazzfest, so this may be a draw too. Jazzfest includes not only top name jazz acts but folk and a women's tent. We discussed again the issue of whether to take our chances with APA assignment of business meeting rooms, or to have business meetings in our hotel. Last year, problem was we used our own rooms but APA literature listed their rooms for meetings. This will be avoided this year.

Booth is taken care of, price list is not available yet

Brochure— Milton Anderson and Mark Townsend are attempting to write the brochure themselves, but trying to get help from early career and resident members in New Orleans. Committee is small so far (3 people) but energetic! Mark spoke passionately about restaurants and other New Orleans attractions, booklet should be well sought-after as usual.

Women's events— Nancy Haslett is out lesbian psychiatrist and on the committee, she will contact Chris Skaer to start planning women's events— dinner, prereception, hospitality suite workshop. Mary Barber spoke about doing a mailing to invite women to women's events and having a separate women's email list to remind of events. Roy suggested beefing up the prereception to increase its importance and thus hopefully increase attendance. Mary suggested having the prereception in the same or adjacent room to the general reception, conducive to women getting right into the reception when it starts.

Sig Other events discussed

General ways to increase attendance at may meeting discussed, such as personal phonecalls to friends, email, personal notes attached to mailings. Agreed we need to reach out to our friends and acquaintances to not let them drift away. This should be attacked through Membership Committee.

Opening reception at old board of trade, downtown New Orleans, really cool space with trading floor. Mark will find out if we could get part of the space, allow one hour for women. Mark will get more details. Goal is to keep cost in 7500 range, for rental plus

food. 9450 is budgeted. Food includes shrimp appetizers, duck pate, crab dip, sushi bar, plus passed desserts in last half-hour. Costs are reasonable, especially with cash bar.

ECP brunch, Rick Imirowicz, Sunday brunch competes with APA activities, sometimes including food, so need to provide enticements. Someone's home would be a draw. Michael Higgins is ecp contact in New Orleans, he has a nice home, but perhaps a nearby place would be more convenient. Will try to avoid ecp or resident oriented conflicts. There has often been resident HIV training on Sunday. Should we contemplate another day or time? Rick should confer with Marshall about HIV events.

Closing Reception— negotiating with 2 places: 1. the great room of the W hotel, a sleek modern place to contrast with the old world charm of the Chateau Lemoine, and 2. The Riverview room, which as it sounds, has a great river view. Both offer dinner for 75.00 a person. Mark thinks Riverview has the better atmosphere, less sterile than the W. W has no windows. Riverview wins, therefore. We discussed whether to have no alcohol in deference to both recovering members and our budget, or to compromise and have wine at the table but cash for drinks. Phil pointed out we need to lower number of guaranteed people from 130 to 100, then ask if we could go up if needed, and how much advance notice would be needed. We had 103 in Chicago, but might get more this time. Mark will find out price with wine and open bar, since it appears it will not add much in cost. Dan Karasic pleaded for a vegetarian option.

Barbara Menard from Human Rights Campaign joined. One area HRC could use help is with family issues - adoption, parental rights, etc. Battles have increased, especially in states, could use experts to testify, make official statements. Also could use experts for resources for gay families for new 'Familynet' service. Also could use help on gender identity and potential declassification of gender identity as a disorder. Report on reparative therapy, "finally free," is available on the website, hrc.org. Barbara further described what she does, she is a lobbyist, deals with multiple issues including immigration, family issues, funding of religious right orgs, lesbian health, hiv issues. David stressed AGLP and HRC should develop closer ties, Barbara agreed. Diana asked about relationship to Nat Center for Lesbian Rights, they have close ties, although NCLR's focus is litigation rather than lobbying.

Back to New Orleans, Dan Karasic gave educational program and hospitality suite reports. Dan is proposing to do something on transgender issues, suggested Pat Califia as possible speaker, was lesbian writer and psychotherapist, has transitioned and now id's as a gay male. Topic would be relationship between gender identity and sexual orientation and issues with two communities. Alternatives are available, such as a more general discussion of gender id issues, or a discussion of people of color issues. Mary brought up whether topic would alienate lesbians. Ubaldo asked if topic was too narrow. Dan said, topic would not be restricted to ftm lesbians who become gay men only, and since Pat Califia has credentials as an activist dyke, she has credibility in lesbian community. Jack said gender always offends people, and that shouldn't stop us, but want to avoid a side-show and have a scientific discussion. Diana pointed out that issue with tg/ts people has not been that they have tried to break down gender stereotypes, but that traditionally they have reinforced rigid gender roles. However the suggested speakers are not doing that, and that might be refreshing.

There was some discussion on the rest of the program, Jack wants to nix the writers workshop but instead do a journal club for residents and anyone else, using a JGLP article.

Keith Young, AGLP member and APA Board of Trustees member reported on APA activities. Reorganization, budgetary restrictions are major concerns this year. Keith has perceived that glbt concerns are well-received in the BOT. He would like us to help him identify allies and nonsupportive people so that he knows who to approach and how to approach them. Phil asked if Keith would have any influence on passage of the gay union statement. Margie said that after the joint ref comm, the statement will likely go back to the assembly, so the BOT will not be involved for now. If it's anything like the revised reparative therapy statement, it will go through easily, although it will be important to go through our DB's again. Phil asked about impact of budget cuts on glb committee and other of our concerns. Keith noted that specific information on where cuts will affect APA has not been provided. Margie pointed out that due to computer problems, APA people may not know which part of budget pays for what, so it's impossible to get data. Mark noted that because of the change in status to a 501c6 org, APA can now spend more on lobbying and there will necessarily be less for committees. Margie had to pay her way to this meeting, and 1 of 6

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Igb committee members have to pay from now on. The committees have less control of how they spend money now. We won't know for a while how budget will affect committees and components. Keith made it clear he wants to be available as a liaison to the BOT for AGLP and committee members. He expressed his appreciation for the support of AGLP in winning his position.

Finishing up with the pre-convention symposium proposal. Mary suggested that Dan focus on the keynote speaker, while remaining somewhat flexible on the topic, so that if Pat Califia is not available, Dan would seek other well-known speakers, even if the topic got changed. Expenses were discussed, with suggestion of getting a local speaker to cut down on expenses. Margie suggested Leslea Newman, author of kids' books including "Heather has 2 Mommies." Whether this is a good expenditure of money for the organization was debated, Mary strongly advocated for it as the only scientific presentation in AGLP's program. Mary said CME credit would help with attendance, Margie suggested Phil talk to Steve Goldfinger about accomplishing this through APA. Ubaldo also has some experience with getting CME through the psychoanalytic community. Mark suggesting pitching the tg topic to drug companies as an access to care issue. Members talked about publicity, including Dan writing an article for Psych News, and the Psych News ad featuring the symposium prominently.

B. Philadelphia, May 18 through May 23, 2002
Local Arrangements Committee - David Scasta, Roy Harker

Doubletree is the hotel, Broad and Locust streets. Closing party possibilities include old PSFS building, art deco building, renovated to be a Lowe's hotel. AGLP at Phillies got no interest, but carriage ride through Society Hill will fly. Roy is working on "10 good reasons to come to Philly" for emailings to entice people. Tours of the national office will be included!

C. San Francisco, May 17 through May 22, 2003
Local Arrangements Committee - Dan Karasic, Howard Rubin

Courtyard by Marriott, opening in 2001, will be the hotel. Near Moscone Center, so good location, very hot area. Several great restaurants are nearby. We have 100 rooms. Rate is 219 a night, subject to a possible 6% a year increase after 2001. We may be able to get a smaller, more affordable block in a less convenient area as well. We don't get any free rooms for the block of 100 at the Courtyard. Needs to be negotiated further.

D. New York, NY, June 30 through May 6, 2004
Local Arrangements Committee - no report

II. Board and Committee Reports

Roy Harker ran costs of membership, and without *Newsletter* category average cost is \$184 per member. So regular dues do not cover costs. International members only pay \$40. It would be reasonable to increase this, although not so much as to deter international members, who may not earn as much as US members. *Newsletter* Only category should be increased, cost is \$20 and it costs us \$17. Dues increases are proposed by Exec Committee and approved by Council, either by mail or in person. Exec proposes increasing international dues to \$60 and newsletter only to \$40.

Roy has enrolled in classes at Penn in grantwriting and development, one of AGLP's goals for the future. This was outcome of discussion between Roy, Phil, Dan on the development issue.

Treasurer - Howard Rubin/Roy Harker; development progress, budget. Chicago cost more than we anticipated, and more than DC. Saturday pre-convention was expensive - \$2500 honorarium, \$2500 for food and the room. The booth cost much more than usual. The closing banquet was expensive, and we sold fewer tickets. We were over 30 short of what we booked for in the closing banquet. ECP and Resident lunches were only partially funded, so added to expenses. Having these events in members' homes would save money and make the events more interesting and personal. We spoke generally about increasing expenses as a trend for AGLP, a good sign in terms of growth of the organization, but it has to be thought out and planned. We agree we need to get more organized about funding. Also need to have approval for expenditures so that expenses don't get out of hand. Mechanism proposed: local arrangements person should send written proposal to Roy, who

will CC it to president and treasurer. Committee heads also need to be more involved and aware of plans for receptions and costs, and should be partly responsible for getting funds. A general principle is that we should not commit to anything on the promise of funding, only on receiving funding.

President - Phil Bialer

Over summer, Phil put together a symposium for APA on the debate about reparative therapy, which grew out of last year's cancelled "debate." Phil ran down the list of speakers about the ethics and scientific issues around reparative therapy (Marshall Forstein, Ariel Shidloh, Jack Drescher, Robert Spitzer, Paul Appelbaum). The proposal is in, we'll hear in November if it's accepted. David suggested people presenting should be prepared to talk to the media, and polish their talks as if they'll be quoted in the media. Mary suggested we contact gay media beforehand, Phil will do this through APA Media Affairs committee.

Phil reminded us that we passed a motion to form a task force to examine the TG issue and make a recommendation to the board about how to include TG people in the organization without changing the whole bylaws. Mary was asked to head the task force, other members suggested were Jack Drescher, Diana Miller, Dan Karasic. If there are to be any changes, it seems they should be brief and modest.

Secretary - Richard Hire - not here.

Newsletter - Guy Glass - next newsletter due Sept 30. Guy is not running again, so we'll need to nominate new candidates for *newsletter* editor.

Journal - Jack Drescher, vol 2 nos 3 and 4 are coming out soon, future volumes are also in the works. Double issues will be reissued by Haworth as books. Jack wrote a letter requesting funds for subsidizing med student subscriptions. Submissions are coming via solicitation.

Women's - Chris Sekaer not here. Mary Barber reported on letter sent to AGLP women, one response from a woman upset about the amount of attention given to the TG issue and how this has alienated some women. We discussed general ways to get women involved, including a separate email list for women, a mailing to women advertising women's events, articles in the *newsletter* on women's involvement, a forum in the hospitality suite to discuss the issue of women's involvement in AGLP, a "recruit women" campaign whereby members would pledge to recruit women and would wear some sort of identifying button. Dan has approached Cheryl Chessick to run for *newsletter* editor, which will increase women in Executive Committee.

Minority Outreach - Ken Campos - not here.

Early Career - Rick Imiowicz reported before on plans for next year's brunch.

Residents - David Spiggle - not here.

Medical students - Greg Hannahs sent out email on the LGBPM listserv (AMSA group) about AGLP and got back several replies. Brochures will be sent. Greg will play up the convention to med students. The educational symposium, and funding are draws to get more students to attend. He wants to lead a med student activity at the convention; we discussed the usual reception combined with residents. If there are enough med students, maybe they could have a separate reception. As a bigger project, Greg would like to put together some sort of guide to residencies. A start would be to put together a list of contact people at various programs. We have not always spent all med student travel money, we agreed we need to recapture those funds for future years.

Membership - John Gosling, Cheryl Chessick - not here. Report was emailed but lost. Guy asked if people would like personal updates to be printed in the *newsletter*, consensus was yes.

International - Kenn Ashley, Gene Nakajima. Kenn reported working with people in Norway and Lebanon, helping give them materials to further gay rights in those countries. Attended meetings in Paris. International movement on reparative therapy is not going anywhere at present, since WPA meets only every 3 years. Kenn had no news from people of color/minority outreach committee.

Psychoanalysis - Paul Lynch, Ubaldo Leli. Ubaldo reported, is planning to write a *newsletter* article on results of his survey of attitudes toward psychoanalysis. He is starting to think about what to do in the suite in May. Anyone with suggestions for psychoanalytic topics should approach Ubaldo.

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LAGCAP – Rob Pinney not here.

HIV affected – Marshall Stiles not here.

III. Report from Committee – Jack Drescher.

Jack Drescher reported statement on same sex marriage shown to joint reference comm of APA, sent back for revisions. JRC members were uncomfortable with term marriage, will change it to union. Fact sheet on homosexuality revised, but unfortunately APA public affairs had produced their own, so will have to merge them.

IV. Report from Caucus – Margie Sved and Jack Drescher.

Margery Sved reported that budget effects will not be clear until 1-2 years from now, we are trying to get same-sex union statement through, talk to you local DB leaders if you have contacts. MUR subgroups struggle to reach one consensus opinion at times, because of the diversity of groups represented. The MUR Trustee issue has gone away for the time being. It is important for LGB members (and all other minority group members), to spread out into other APA committees, to become part of every aspect of APA. Phil needs to talk to Jan Taylor about the Caucus ballot, since the names on the ballot are not the same as the names we recall putting forth at the May meeting. We spoke about making the caucus listserv more of a forum for discussion, Margie reminded us that to join the listserv you should email Jan Taylor or go to the APA website. Margie Sved asked all present if anyone was interested in being appointed to an APA committee. You can get involved by writing to Richard Harding or Nada Stotland, approaching Margie, sending an abbreviated CV showing your qualifications. Deadline is next 3 months. That way, you get funded to the September meeting. Go through the component book to determine your interests and which committees have openings.

V. Nominating Committee, Awards – Dan Hicks

Members discussed potential awardees. Approach Dan if you have ideas for secretary and treasurer candidates, current officeholders will not be running again.

Meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Barber, M.D.
President-Elect

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If you are not a Caucus member, and want to be, send the form on the back of this *Newsletter* to the APA office. If you don't know if you are a Caucus member, send the form in anyway, or contact Janice Taylor in the APA office, jtaylor@psych.org or 202-682-6097. She serves as the APA staff member to this Caucus. Every APA member can join one of the seven minority caucuses of the APA. The primary purpose of the Caucus is to elect the Representative and Deputy Representative to represent us in the APA Assembly.

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Make your travel plans to arrive in New Orleans on Friday night, May 4, and to make it to the Saturday morning conference. We plan a group trip to Jazz Fest for Saturday afternoon after the half-day conference.

I'd also like to hear from AGLP members about their experiences in the hospitality suite meetings in Chicago. Which sessions should be repeated, and which not? Please also e-mail me soon if you're interested in repeating your hospitality suite session in New Orleans, or if you are interested in new programming for the hospitality suite. The hospitality suite can be the setting for small group discussions on any number of subjects.

Please e-mail me at karasic@itsa.ucsf.edu and let me know what you think!

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(including non-psychiatrists).

7) To collaborate with PFLAG, GLSEN and GAY (Growing American Youth) in projects promoting the health and wellbeing of gay adolescents. (Some of these would be in schools, some in "orphanages" and some in detention centers.)

8) To explore the possibility of sponsoring a 4-hour AIDS education program for psychiatrists and nonpsychiatrists during the Missouri Medical Association meeting in St. Louis in April, 2001.

Probable Factors Leading to Committee Success

As discussed in the May AGLP workshop, the following factors were perceived to be important to the Committee's successful outcomes:

1) The composition of the Committee on Homosexualities, including in its 12 or so members a core of people already actively working in EMPS, plus additional diverse members genuinely concerned about homosexual issues.

2) The Committee's careful assessment of the needs of the District Branch, the area psychiatric community with its educational institutions and the gay community – followed by a focus on those identified needs, utilizing area strengths.

3) Collaboration with gay organizations and straight allies

4) A willingness to quickly assess and respond to new opportunities

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Fall Meeting Highlights



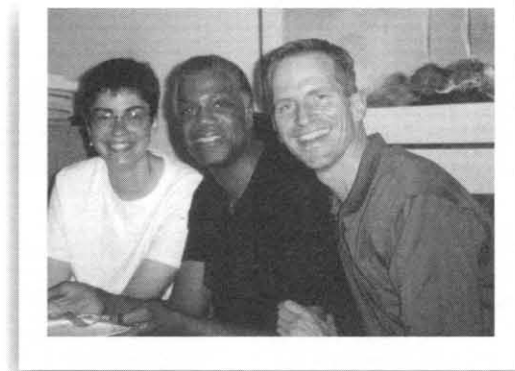
Barbara Menard of the Human Rights Campaign



Mark Townsend, Local Arrangements Committee Chairperson, New Orleans, 2001



Keith Young, AGLP's link to the APA Board of Trustees



Meeting Attendees enjoying the hospitality of Dan Hicks in Washington, D.C.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED AT THE SPONSOR AND PATRON LEVEL, AND TO THOSE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF AGLP WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE STUDENT TRAVEL FUND FOR 2000.

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ness rooms.

We have a great rate at \$179, especially at Jazz Fest. Many of the city's hotel rooms have been booked a year in advance. The Fest draws a hundred thousand people a day! The same people manage both hotels, and this is the hitch: you must come for the Saturday pre-convention in order to stay at the Chateau LeMoyné, otherwise you must stay at the Holiday Inn French Quarter. [Editor's Note: ie., reservations at the Chateau LeMoyné will require you to stay beginning Friday, May 4th; otherwise, you must stay at the other hotel]

Either way, AGLP has performed a member service that many folks who have never been to Jazz Fest might not appreciate. You get a terrific pre-convention organized by Dan Karasic, an afternoon at Jazz Fest, and a reasonably priced room in the French Quarter.

So, reserve your room now! Call 800.747.3279, 504.581.1303 and ask for the AGLP block. Our sales manager is Heather Wortmann at 504.529.7211. Folks who usually travel first-class will find that suites are more plentiful at the high-rise, although personally we'll take the banana trees and the fountains at the Chateau!

We'll pass along more details about the great week we have in store, as we get closer. We've booked the old Bourse for the opening reception, which we hope will help bring everybody back into dignified focus after another day of jazz in the sun. Speaking of the sun, the closing banquet will be held in the Riverview Room, one of the very few places in this working port with wrap-around views of the Mississippi. We'll be there right at sunset.

One last thing! Call the hotel right away, yes. But also call those AGLP friends you haven't seen in awhile. New Orleans has always been a place to start new friendships, but especially to renew old ones.

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issues – gender politics, transgender issues, gay men versus lesbian similarities -have also have been a recurring theme in our discussions. Preliminary work on a pre-conference symposium addressing this topic is now underway.

Finally, by the time you receive this *Newsletter*, our country may have elected a new president and a new congress. What effect this will have on lesbian and gay issues, as well as health care issues, I dare not speculate. Maybe in the next column.

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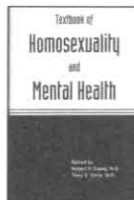
**This month's
Highlighted Reading...**

**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.

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

**Hope & Mortality
Psychodynamic Approaches to AIDS and HIV**

Edited by Mark J. Blechner

Analytic Press



"AIDS has humbled us." Thus observes editor Mark Blechner in introducing readers to this powerful collection of essays on psychodynamic approaches to AIDS. It is the disease, Blechner tells us, that "has forced us to rethink our relation to sickness and health, mortality, sexuality, drug use, and what we consider valuable in life." In the chapters that follow, experienced clinicians shatter myths about the inapplicability of psychodynamic approaches to work with AIDS patients.

AGLPB0023-1997/258 pages/ISBN 0-88163-223-6/hardcover/\$45.00

Lesbian & Gay Youth; Care & Counseling

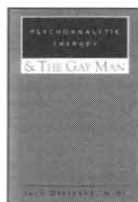
Caitlin Ryan & Donna Futterman

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.

Analytic Press

"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 is itself a significant contribution to further progress."

Martin Duberman, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of History, CUNY

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