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FROM THE 2004 AGLP MEETING’s LOCAL ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE

Welcome to New York City

As Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2004 AGLP Spring Meeting in New York City (April 30-May 5), I must first extend my gratitude to the many colleagues who, as members of the Committee, have dedicated their time, expertise, and energy to organizing what we are sure will be an exceptionally informative and congenial conference. New York is a city whose pace and pressure collude to make even the smallest event require enormous planning and flexibility. I can not praise enough the work of the Arrangement Committee in designing a great program, and securing excellent venues for it. We are now ready to welcome AGLP members, their friends, significant others, and guests.

The convention’s official hotel, The Park Central, has significantly lowered its initially quoted rate (from $198.00 to $159.00 per night) thanks to negotiation on the part of Roy Harker in the Central Office. The Hospitality Suite will be located in the hotel’s lobby.

Events will kick off with two welcoming parties. These parties will be hosted in conjunction with Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists of New York (GLPNY), New York Gay and Lesbian Physicians (NYGLP), and Gay and Lesbian Analysts (GALA).

This year’s Symposium is entitled “Homosexuality and Psychoanalysis: New Directions,” in recognition of New York’s historical position as a mecca of psychoanalysis, comparable perhaps only to San Francisco, Buenos Aires, and Paris. An underlying theme of the

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Editor’s Column

By Cheryl Chessick M.D.

The AGLP/APA meetings are coming around again. Get your party clothes on, because we are going to New York City! Ubaldo Leli and the local arrangements committee have been hard at work. Please be sure not to miss details for meeting times and hotel arrangements in this edition of the newsletter.

Sadly, this will be my last column. I thank you for the privilege of being your Newsletter Editor for the last three years, and I hope to have the opportunity to return in the future in some capacity.

I have been working on a book review of Ann Cvetkovich’s An Archive of Feelings. Either the contents of the book are getting to me, or I have heard too much negativity from our federal government, or possibly I have been lately listening to the conservative sector of Colorado for too long, but I seem to be plagued by what we call “internal homophobia.” It has been much better since I recognized that these feelings have crept up again, but I wonder why I have been going through this. I presume I am not alone and also worry about my patients—whether total projection on my part or not.

I looked back over the last six months and realized that I have been getting a lot of negative input. First, a family member with whom I have not had contact in some time found it necessary to tell me about the Biblical reasons why they cannot support my “lifestyle.” Next, some of our family proceeded at Christmas to tell us how much they support our federal government’s views. Then I turned on my new favorite radio talk show and heard all the reasons why gays and lesbians should not be allowed to marry. I was so disappointed but realized in part why I might be feeling the way I was.

Over dinner the other night with friends, we talked about how relationships need a supportive environment, that we cannot always be the Lone Rangers. This is after I realized what was going on and found the dinner conversation sad but helpful.

I then queried a few of our members to see how different parts of the country are doing with the political scene. I received a wonderful array of responses. From the New York area, I got a resounding heads up. People are excited about the changes in Massachusetts and San Francisco, and for the most part are ignoring our President’s stance. From the Midwest, I got a frustrated but “let’s keep moving on” attitude. From the West Coast, I got “I’m going to a wedding” and from Washington DC, “we have to fight for our rights—we have to keep talking with friends and family.”

I guess I had always had the fantasy or hope that homophobia was a one-time experience. But with my current family makeup and the area I live in, I will need to be mindful of the possibility and work to counter the feelings should they creep up again.

I think that is part in reason why I am so grateful for AGLP. Even though we are all busy and may only be able to participate to differing degrees, the experience of being involved has been quite helpful over the years to support each other and provide information and data to clarify our developmental pathway both individually but also as a group.
President’s Column

Mary Barber, M.D.

Who would have guessed that getting married would become an act of civil disobedience? As I write this column, thousands of gay couples have been married in San Francisco’s City Hall, defying the state’s discriminatory marriage laws with the help of the mayor and city clerk. So far, the courts seem unwilling to force them to stop. In a small town in New Mexico, more than a thousand same-sex couples were issued marriage licenses before the state attorney general told the mayor to cease and desist. Just up the road from where I live, the mayor of New Paltz, New York, has performed several marriage ceremonies for same-sex couples, without the accompanying license when his clerk refused to issue them. Meanwhile, everyone is waiting to see what will happen in Massachusetts this spring, when the state will be compelled by their Supreme Court to begin allowing same-sex couples to have civil marriages.

These times strongly echo happenings fifty years ago in this country, when simple acts of sitting at a lunch counter or sharing a bus seat were revolutionary for black Americans. And perhaps it is fitting that Massachusetts’ decision has come about at around the fiftieth anniversary of another landmark judicial decision, Brown v. Board of Education.

It would seem that Americans are being forced to quickly move outside of their comfort zone with respect to gay marriage. Polls reveal that the majority of Americans believe it would be fair to give same sex couples some rights in terms of property and child custody, but the same majority gets squeamish about the word “marriage” being applied to our relationships. Even to many LGBT people, the word marriage, with its traditional, patriarchal, and strict gender-role connotations, can have an unsettling ring. Still, for getting all the benefits, including federal ones, and for having those rights translate across state lines, there’s nothing like the existing institution of marriage.

Many of you are familiar from past newsletter articles with my tap dancing foibles. I started taking adult beginning tap lessons a couple of years ago, when my oldest daughter started her dance lessons. As goofy as I feel in many ways while dancing, I have really enjoyed it. So this year, when group adult lessons were not offered, I decided to move beyond my comfort zone and try private lessons. Having all the attention on me in an arena in which I am very unskilled has been a little nerve-wracking. Yet it has been exhilarating as well, and has given me energy and a fresh perspective I can bring to other areas of my life. I am finding the whole marriage debate to be similarly exhilarating, and cannot wait to see what happens next.

This is our convention newsletter issue, and there are a lot of exciting things to anticipate in NYC this May. This year’s symposium is an ambitious follow-up to last year’s full day event. Jack Drescher and Ubaldo Leli have organized an all day forum on psychoanalysis and homosexuality, exploring the history or psychoanalytic views...
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on LGBT people, newer theories of gay development, and updated clinical practice in treating LGBT patients from a psychoanalytic point of view. In the past thirty years, psychoanalysis has undergone a big shift from viewing homosexuality as developmental pathology to seeing sexualities other than heterosexual as alternate normative developmental tracks. Many of the symposium presenters and discussants were instrumental in psychoanalysis’ growth and evolution around LGBT patients, so the day promises to be an exciting and informative one. As with last year’s symposium, CME credit will be offered.

Phil Bialer has made some terrific choices for awardees at AGLP’s closing dinner. This year, we’ll be giving out a brand new award; named after a psychiatrist on whose shoulders we all stand today, Stuart Nichols. The Nichols award will be presented to a community organization in our host city each year, and this year the inaugural Nichols award will go to the much-deserving Hetrick-Martin Institute. This will begin a new tradition for AGLP of giving to organizations that improve the mental health of LGBT people, and raising everyone’s awareness of those organizations.

This spring, I invite you all to move beyond your own comfort levels and get more involved with AGLP. If you have never attended our annual meetings before, look over the program and find something that interests you. Aside from the symposium and closing awards dinner, the week’s events include small discussion groups and informal presentations on many topics, and networking and mutual support opportunities for women, residents, international psychiatrists, and others. If you have attended before, maybe you’d like to encourage a friend to come this year. Or if you’ve attended AGLP events but never gotten more involved, maybe you’d like to figure out how to contribute. Come to our business meetings during the annual meeting – they are open to all.

See you in New York!

Frank Rundle, M.D. –
First AGLP President
Richard Hire, M.D.

We are saddened to learn that Frank Rundle died January 5, 2004. He had retired from his position at Anchorage State Hospital in Alaska, in October, after becoming ill and was with family and friends during his final days.

Frank was a founding member of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists and was our first President. He was honored by AGLP with the James Paulsen Award last May in San Francisco, which was a moving celebration for all who were present.

Frank had a long and distinguished career in psychiatry. When interviewed for the Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy (2001: volume 5, no 2), he said he felt his work in fighting homophobia in psychiatry and his work for greater justice in the country’s prison systems were the accomplishments he most valued in his many faceted career. He served as an expert witness in nearly 200 court cases which were instrumental in providing more humane conditions, as well as providing health and mental health services for prisoners in the federal as well as in many state prison systems.

I corresponded with Frank regularly after interviewing him for the Journal. He sent this final email, as he was getting ready to leave Alaska.

“Thanks for the good wishes… The movers come tomorrow and will deliver in Oakland in about three weeks. In the meantime I will stay with a friend in Seattle whom I have known since high school – 51 years… I was pursuing a book by Kubler-Ross; I think she went over the edge a bit but she had much to say about caring for patients who are dying. I think I have been through all the stages she outlines and am in the acceptance phase. The Buddhists say (I am told) that all human misery is due to attachments, and I suppose the ultimate attachment is to life itself. When it comes, I will be ready. Love and Good Wishes, Frank”
The symposium is that psychoanalysis and homosexuality, although currently undergoing an apparent rapprochement, were never actually antithetical. The event, which will consist of three symposia—Historical Perspectives, Theoretical Perspectives, and Clinical Perspectives—will be held on Saturday at the midtown St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, which, along with the William Alanson White Institute, The Haworth Press, and the Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy, is co-sponsoring.

Board meetings will be held on Sunday. In the afternoon, at the home of Bert Slaff, adjacent to the Guggenheim Museum, there will be a concert of music by a composer member of AGLP (Ubaldo Leli). Special thanks goes to Gene Nakajima of San Francisco for organizing this event.

The opening reception will be held on Sunday night at Therapy, a recently opened gay nightclub in the heart of Manhattan’s latest gentrified neighborhood, Clinton, or Hell’s Kitchen, as it’s more commonly known. Take a detour—just two blocks north from the Park Central—on your way to the reception to check out the just-opened Time Warner Building on Columbus Circle. Opinions vary as to the aesthetic and cultural merits of the double-towered, glass mega-complex, but it has undeniably transformed not only the Circle, but the New York skyline as well.

On Monday evening, minority and foreign psychiatrists will gather at Petros Levounis’ home in Chelsea, and women members will congregate at a location yet to be confirmed.

Outings for significant others have been planned for Monday and Wednesday mornings into the afternoons. With the aim of exploring corners of New York that could easily be overlooked by infrequent visitors, Monday’s excursion will commence with a brief tour of Lower Manhattan, followed by a stroll across the Brooklyn Bridge and lunch in DUMBO. On Wednesday, the Others will visit the Chelsea art galleries, and then more of Manhattan’s gayest neighborhood. Anyone interested in joining either group will be able to find details in the Hospitality Suite.

The Award Banquet, on Wednesday night, will be held at Tribeca Space. This year’s honorees are State Senator, Tom Duane; State Assemblywoman, Deborah Glick; The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy Editor-in-Chief, Jack Drescher; and the Hetrick-Martin Institute, home of the Harvey Milk School.

From the Local Arrangement Committee, welcome to New York.

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**GUEST EDITORIAL**

**Lesbian and Gay Issues Are Mental Health Issues**

by Mary Barber, M.D.

This year has been eventful for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people. The Ontario Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples must be allowed to marry, and the Massachusetts Supreme Court struck down the state’s ban on same-sex marriage. The U.S. Supreme Court reversed a previous decision and declared sodomy laws to be unconstitutional. The Episcopal Church approved the election of its first openly gay bishop. In the popular media the reality TV shows *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* and *Boy Meets Boy* became surprise hits, and not just among gay viewers. At the same time, the Pope and the President made statements about defining marriage strictly between a man and a woman, the President adding that he would support legislation restricting marriage to heterosexuals.

Where should psychiatrists and other behavioral health professionals weigh in on these issues? Is it appropriate to take a stand at all? Indeed, it is appropriate and necessary for mental health professionals to give voice to the concerns of LGBT people, because of the history of psychiatry’s views on homosexuality and the fact that LGBT people’s lack of civil rights can affect their and their families’ mental health.

In the mid-20th century, psychiatry’s prevailing stance was that homosexuality was associated with high levels of psychopathology, even paranoia and psychosis. Following this view, psychiatrists and other behavioral health professionals participated in such damaging processes as aversion therapies to attempt to change sexual orientation and screening homosexuals out of military and government positions. In 1973, the diagnosis of homosexuality was removed from the DSM following a careful review of the mental health literature, which clearly demonstrated that homosexuals showed no more psychopathology than heterosexuals. However, a remnant of the pathologizing view of homosexuality remained in the DSM in the form of the diagnoses “sexual orientation disturbance” and later “ego-dystonic homosexuality.” These diagnoses essentially said that a gay person who was unhappy about his or her identity was psychiatrically ill. Of course, many gay people feel unhappy when first coming to terms with their orientation, because of their own internalized bias toward homosexuality and fear of rejection from peers and family. Unfortunately, this societally induced unhappiness was used as a pretext for continued attempts to change people’s sexual orientation, until the diagnosis of ego-dystonic homosexuality was deleted from the DSM in 1987.

Despite the fact that homosexuality has been removed from the DSM, some advocates of the diagnosis still promote and practice so-called “reparative” therapies, or treatments that seek to change a person’s orientation from homosexual to heterosexual. Because of psychiatry’s history of incorrectly categorizing lesbians and gay men as having a mental illness, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) has correctly seen the need to
continue to speak out on this issue, to protect patients and the profession from unsupported and potentially harmful therapies. The APA’s most recent statement cautions that “ethical practitioners should refrain from attempts to change sexual orientation, keeping in mind the medical dictum to first, do no harm.”

Lesbians and gay men lack many basic civil rights afforded to the general, heterosexual public, and this can put a strain on their mental health. In most of the United States, same-sex marriages or civil unions are not recognized. In many states, same-sex couples are effectively barred from adopting children through the foster care system, because of rules against “single” people adopting. In Florida, gay people are explicitly excluded from adopting children. While some corporations have chosen to adopt antidiscrimination statements including sexual orientation and sometimes gender identity, they are not required to do so, and in most of the country it is perfectly legal to fire people or deny them housing because they are gay.

Not having legal recognition of same-sex committed relationships can have significant implications for the psychological well-being of the entire family, affecting the mental health of the adults and their children alike. Without legal protections, the death of a partner can lead to loss of home and loss of child custody for a surviving same-sex partner, carrying the potential psychiatric sequelae such traumas entail. Again, recognizing that these are issues with enormous mental health implications, the APA has issued statements supporting same-sex civil unions and adoption by same-sex couples.

Most of the behavioral health literature has focused on gays and lesbians themselves and has not often addressed the roots of antigay bias. Fear and hatred of homosexuals and homosexuality are generally societal issues, learned and perpetuated through stereotypes and misinformation. Even gay people internalize such myths and stereotypes, accounting for some of the distress they can feel when realizing their sexual identity. Fortunately, antigay bias can often be overcome with education. When a straight person knows someone who is gay or lesbian, he or she is much more likely to support civil rights for gay people.

As mental health professionals, we can use our knowledge and expertise to counter misinformation about LGBT people. We can help educate our colleagues about gay and lesbian issues, through in-service meetings and seminars, and through supervision and consultation on patients. We can point out how antigay treatments and laws can be damaging to gay people and their families, and we can provide affirmative therapies for people who are struggling to accept a sexual minority identity in themselves or a family member. Gay-affirmative therapies do not start with an agenda other than valuing every person’s unique sexuality and helping a patient reach a comfort level with him/herself. Practitioners of these therapies are sensitive to homophobic bias in the transference and countertransference, and have knowledge about developmental issues unique to gay people, such as coming out. To take on these tasks is entirely within the scope of our knowledge and duties as behavioral health professionals, serving to promote the emotional health of our patients and of the communities in which we live.

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References
AGLP 2004 Awards

Distinguished Service Award

We often look to local talent when choosing a recipient of the AGLP Distinguished Service Award which recognizes contributions to GLBT mental health as well as to the community in general. The local arrangements committee and the AGLP board suggested many worthy candidates from the New York area this year and the selection of the winner was not easy. In fact, two people were chosen this year as it was impossible to say that one was more deserving than the other. I am very honored to announce that the 2004 Distinguished Service Award will be presented to State Senator Thomas K. Duane and State Assembly Member Deborah J. Glick.

Senator Duane has diligently worked his way through the political system starting as a member of his local community board followed by his election to the New York City Council in 1991. He became the first openly gay and openly HIV-positive member of the New York State Senate after his election in 1998. During his time in the Senate, Duane’s accomplishments include securing passage of the Hate Crimes Protection Act that increases penalties and requires statewide tracking of hate crimes. He is committed to full civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered New Yorkers and is a leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS and the terrible stigma and misunderstandings that surround this public health problem. He has also been instrumental in passing landmark clinic access, gun control, healthcare protection, and sexual assault legislation. Finally, Senator Duane is a staunch advocate for humane prison conditions and works to ensure that inmates housed in New York Correctional Facilities are treated fairly and receive proper medical and mental health care.

In 2002, Senator Duane worked hard for passage of the Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act (SONDA). After a 31 year struggle, SONDA passed both houses of the legislature and was signed into law by the Governor. Although the transgendered were not explicitly referenced in the bill, Senator Duane vows to continue the fight to ban discrimination for all New Yorkers.

A lifelong New Yorker and currently a resident of Chelsea, Duane earned a degree in Urban Studies and American Studies from Lehigh University.

Deborah Glick first ran for public office in 1990, when she became not only the Assemblymember for Lower Manhattan, but also New York State’s first openly lesbian or gay state legislator. Deborah’s political activity began in college and her involvement in grass roots organizing continues today. She has focused on area of civil rights, support for reproductive freedom, healthcare, lesbian and gay rights, environmental conservation and the arts. In addition, she has served on Community Board 2 in Manhattan and worked with the National Organization for Women (NOW), the Women’s Political Caucus and National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL).

Assemblymember Glick has a long list of legislative accomplishments and is particularly proud of the Women’s Health and Wellness Act, which is the legislature’s most comprehensive measure ever to ensure equity and accessibility in healthcare for the women of New York State. In addition, Ms. Glick was instrumental in the passage of SONDA in both houses of the legislature after many years of inaction. She is currently a prime sponsor of the State’s Domestic Partnership legislation.

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Ms. Glick is also a lifelong resident of New York City who received her BA from Queens College and her MBA from Fordham University. She believes that her unconventional career path—seven years as a production supervisor for Steinway Pianos and two years as Deputy Director of General Services for the New York City Housing, Preservation, and Development agency—has kept her grounded with the needs of working people and the struggles of average individuals and families.

**James Paulsen Award**

The Paulsen award, named after one of the founders of AGLP, is given to one of our own members for outstanding contributions and service to our organization. I am very pleased to announce that this year’s most deserving winner is Jack Drescher, M.D.

Dr. Drescher is well known to many of us in AGLP through his steadfast involvement in the organization, his educational efforts during our annual meetings, and his mentorship of numerous members. He currently serves as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy. Under his leadership, the Journal has grown into a regularly published, highly respected, and always extremely interesting bonus for members of AGLP.

In addition to his work for AGLP, Jack has served as Secretary and President of the New York County District Branch of the APA, and is currently editor of the District Branch newsletter. He has been chair of the national APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Issues since 2000. During his term as chair, the Committee has introduced several key (and successfully passed) position statements regarding matters such as sexual reorientation therapy and gay parenting. Additionally, the Committee has sponsored yearly workshop and symposia at the national APA meeting.

Dr. Drescher received his medical degree from the University of Michigan and went on to do his residency training at SUNY-Downstate. He did his psychoanalytic training at the William Alanson White Institute where he now serves on the faculty and was elected a fellow of the Institute in 2001. Jack is the author of Psychoanalytic Theory and the Gay Man published by The Analytic Press and is the author, co-author, and co-editor of too many articles and books to mention. He has received Outstanding Achievement awards from Gay and Lesbian Analysts and the Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists of New York. Jack is a Distinguished Fellow of the APA.

**Nichols Award**

At its Fall Meeting, the AGLP board voted to create a new award that would honor a program or agency in the city where the annual meeting is being held which provides mental health or related services primarily to the LGBT community. The board also chose to name the award in honor of Stu Nichols, M.D. who passed away last year. Stu was a founder and the second president of AGLP. He was also instrumental in forming GLPNY, our local gay psychiatrists group. He was the first chairman of the national APA AIDS Commission and along with Bert Schaffner ran a support group for HIV-positive physicians for many years. As Medical Director of Beth Israel’s Methadone Maintenance Program (comprised of 24 clinics), Stu was a strong advocate of community mental health.

While there are several deserving GLBT mental health programs in New York City, the very first Nichols Award goes most fittingly to the Hetrick-Martin Institute (HMI), Home of the Harvey Milk School. Dr. Emery Hetrick, an early member of AGLP, friend and colleague of Stu Nichols, and Dr. Damien Martin, a professor at NYU, founded the Institute for the Protection of Lesbian and Gay Youth in 1979 in response to brutal, unaddressed attacks on gay and lesbian adolescents. The Institute was renamed in their honor after their deaths.

HMI’s flagship program is the Harvey Milk High School founded in 1983 in collaboration with the New York City Department of Education. The school is the first and largest of its kind providing high quality education to GLBT youth in a safe and accepting environment. HMI also has an After-School Services Department that provides a large range of supplementary activities and programming to an even greater number of youths. The activities include health and wellness education (including STD’s and HIV) trips to cultural institutions, and job readiness/career exploration. The third arm of the HMI is the Supportive Services Department. This very important department provides individual and family counseling, case management, legal support, and emergency services (clothing, hygiene, and shelter).

David Mensah, the Executive Director of Hetrick-Martin Institute will be present to accept the award.

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AGLP Schedule of Events

April 30 through May 6, 2004
New York, New York

Hospitality Suite: PARK CENTRAL HOTEL, EMPIRE BOARD ROOM, SECOND FLOOR
870 SEVENTH AVENUE AT 56TH STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10019
212-247-8000

Highlighted areas denote registration/RSP required

Friday, April 30,
7:30 - 9:30pm Welcoming Party

Saturday, May 1, 2004

Annual Symposium
Homosexuality and Psychoanalysis: New Directions
8:30am - 5:30pm
Location: St. Luke's – Roosevelt Hospital Center
Roosevelt Site
1000 TENTH AVENUE (AT 58TH STREET)
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

SCHEDULE AND CURRICULUM
8:30 – 8:45am Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45 – 9:00am Introduction
9:00 – 10:30am PANEL I:
Historical Perspectives
Chair: Bertram Schaffner, MD
Panelists: Kenneth Lewes, PhD, Ralph Roughton, MD
Elisabeth Young-Bruehl, PhD
Discussants: Maggie Magee, CSW and Diana Miller, MD
10:30 – 11:00am Coffee Break
11:00am – 12:30pm PANEL II:
Theoretical Perspectives
Chair: Ubaldo Leli, MD
Panelists: Otto Krenberg, MD, David Schwartz, PhD
Susan Vaughan, MD,
Discussant: Ronnie C. Lesser, PhD,
2:00 – 3:30pm PANEL III:
Clinical Perspectives: Integration
Chair: Rajiv Gulati, MD
Panelists: Ann D'Ercole, PhD, Deborah Glazer, PhD
Jeffrey Guss, MD, Scott Masters, MD
3:30 – 4:00pm Coffee Break
4:00 – 5:30pm Moderated Discussion, Summary and Q & A
Jack Drescher, MD

12:30 – 2:00pm Executive Board Meeting
At a restaurant to be announced

7:00pm Women’s Dinner
Meet in lobby of Park Central and go to restaurant TBA

8:00 – 11:00pm Welcoming Party
at the home of Phil Bialer and Danny Colvin
345 W. 13th St., #2F

Sunday, May 2, 2004

10:00am AGLP Booth Opens
JAVITS CONVENTION CENTER, #107

10:30am – 12:30pm Medical student, resident, and early career psychiatrist brunch
Home of Don Johannessen, MD
140 E. 81st St. (at Lexington) Penthouse NE

11:00am – 12:30pm HIV-affected psychiatrists meeting
President’s Suite

Monday, May 3, 2004

9:00am – Noon AGLP Retreat - Development Planning
HOSPITALITY SUITE
Continental Breakfast

10:30am S/O Outing
Partners of AGLP members meet in hallway outside hospitality suite for outing. (Lower Manhattan walking tour, then over the Brooklyn Bridge to DUMBO for lunch.)

2:00 – 3:30pm Women’s Issues
Screening: No Secret Anymore: The Life and Times of Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon. This documentary follows Martin and Lyon’s story through half a century, tracing the emergence of lesbians from the fear of discovery to an expectation of equality. All are welcome.
Mary Barber, MD
3:30 –5:00pm Parenting Issues
Margery Sved, MD
HOSPITALITY SUITE

6:30 – 8:00pm AGLP Business Meeting
PARK CENTRAL HOTEL: BROADWAY ROOM, MEZZANINE LEVEL

7:30 - 9:00pm International Psychiatrists and Psychiatrists of Color Reception
at the home of Petros Levounis
328 WEST 17 STREET, #5W

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

1:00 – 2:00pm LAGCAPA Informational and Organizational Meeting
Child & adolescent psychiatrists, members in training, and AGLP members welcome. Discuss psychiatry and LGBT youth, families, and gender-atypical children. Bring your own lunch
HOSPITALITY SUITE

2:00 - 3:00pm Psychoanalytic Committee Meeting
Ubaldo Leli, MD
HOSPITALITY SUITE

3:00 - 4:30pm Psychoanalytic Committee
Workshop on Shame
Ubaldo Leli, MD
HOSPITALITY SUITE

5:30 - 7:00pm AGLP Business Meeting
PARK CENTRAL HOTEL: BROADWAY ROOM, MEZZANINE LEVEL

7:30 - 9:30pm LAGCAPA PARTY
Special Guest: Activist & Playwright Larry Kramer
Come meet your Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist colleagues in Chelsea. Join us for fun and discussion of psychiatry’s role with LGBT youth, community activism, and social progress. All AGLP & LAGCAPA members and interested members welcome

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

9:30 – 10:30am Mental Health Issues in LGBT Immigrants:
Paper presentation by Juan Carlos Navarro Barrios, MD, PhD, Granada, Spain “Homosexuality and immigration: A double exclusion,” followed by discussion on LGBT immigrant mental health issues
HOSPITALITY SUITE

10:30 - 11:30am International Psychiatrists and Psychiatrists of Color Meeting
Group will go out to lunch afterwards
Kenn Ashley, MD and Gene Nakajima, MD
HOSPITALITY SUITE

10:30am S/O Outing
Partners of AGLP members meet in hallway outside hospitality suite for outing. (Walking tour of Chelsea galleries.)

Noon - 1:30pm Resident and medical student networking and discussion (bring lunch)
Andy Tompkins
HOSPITALITY SUITE

AGLP 18th Annual Awards Banquet
Tribeca Rooftop
2 DESBROSSES STREET

6:00 - 7:00pm VIP Reception (Invitation only)
7:00 - 8:00pm Open Bar Cocktail Hour
8:00 - 11:00pm Dinner and Award Ceremony

APA Events of Interest to LGBT Psychiatrists

Saturday, May 1

6:00-9:00pm (Dinner at 5:30 pm):
IS10. Sex, Sexuality, and 5HT Supported by GlaxoSmithKline
A. Do Sexual Side Effects of Most Antidepressants Jeopardize Romantic Love and Marriage?
   Helen E. Fisher, Ph.D.
B. Love and Sex
   Ethel S. Person, M.D.
C. Talking to Gay Patients About Sex: What Do You Need to Know?
   Serena Y. Volpp, M.D.
D. Effects of Psychiatric Illness and Medication on Sexual Function
   Anita L.H. Clayton, M.D.
E. Talking About Sexual Dysfunction to Enhance Adherence With Medication
   Philip R. Muskin, M.D.

Monday, May 3, 2004

9:00 - 10:30am

IW3. E, K, and GH B: The New ABCs of Substance Abuse Collaborative Session With the National Institute on Drug Abuse; Chairperson: Richard N. Rosenthal, M.D. with Petros Levounis, MD

IW14. Early Trauma, PTSD, and HIV: Association With Transmission and Nonadherence Co-Chairpersons: Mary Ann Cohen, M.D., Jack M. Gorman, M.D.

11:00am - 12:30pm Discussion Groups
9. Glenn J. Treisman, M.D., on HIV (for residents only)
1:00 - 5:00pm Course 48: Gay Men and the Problem of Romantic Love. Course director: Richard Isay (Course registration required.)
Tuesday, May 4

9:00am - 10:30pm  IW39. How to Launch a Successful Private Practice (Part 1)
Co-Chairpersons: William E. Callahan, Jr., M.D. and Keith W. Young, M.D.

9:00am - Noon  Media Workshops
MW4. "When Boys Fly": Club Drugs in the Gay Male Community
Chairperson: Petros Levounis, M.D.

11:00am - 12:30pm  CW30. The Teaching of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues
Chairperson: Kenneth B. Ashley, M.D.

2:00 - 5:00pm
S47. What Every Psychiatrist Needs to Know About HIV/AIDS
A. HIV Treatment Update
   Roy Culick, MD
B. Things You Need to Know About Brain Dysfunction
   Steve Ferrando, M.D.
C. Five Things You Need to Know: Drug-Drug Interactions
   Marshall Forstein, M.D.

Wednesday May 5

9:00 - 10:30am  IW89. The Sissy Dukling: The Perils of Childhood Gender Variance
Co-Chairpersons: Edgardo J. Menvielle, M.D., Catherine Tuerk, R.N.

2:00 - 5:00pm  SS59. What You Need to Know About Treatment of HIV-Related Disorders
A. Treating Mood Disorders
   Warren M. Liang, M.D.
B. Treating Anxiety
   Antoine B. Douaihy, M.D.
C. Treating Psychosis
   Shahrad Rad Amiri, M.D.
D. Treating Sleep
   Marshall Forstein, M.D.
E. Treating Pain
   Philip Bioler, M.D.

S78. Gay and Lesbian Orthodox Jews: A Primer for Clinicians
A. Orthodox Jewish Gays and Lesbians: The Filmmaker’s Perspective
   Sandi Dubowski
B. Failed Reparative Therapy of Orthodox Jewish Homosexual Men and Women
   Abba E. Borowich, M.D.

C. Identities in Conflict: Treating Gay and Lesbian Orthodox Jews
   Naomi Mark, M.S.W.
D. Gayness and God: The Gay Orthodox Rabbi’s Perspective
   Steven Greenberg

Thursday May 6

IW124. A Comprehensive Approach to the Treatment of Pain in HIV Illness
Chairperson: David G. Krefetz, D.O.

American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry To Honor Judd Marmor, MD, During APA Meeting

The American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry will hold a memorial tribute for Judd Marmor, MD, past president of the APA, who died December 15, 2003. Dr. Marmor was a Founding Member of The American Academy and a Past President of that organization. The Academy honored Dr. Marmor for his continued leadership, guidance, and service to the organization last May at a birthday luncheon.

The American Academy of Psychoanalysis was founded in 1956 to provide a forum for the expression of ideas, concepts, and research in psychoanalysis and psychodynamic psychiatry. An affiliate organization of the American Psychiatric Association, the American Academy is the principal home for psychoanalytic and psychodynamic psychiatrists in the United States. This was reflected in the organization’s decision to amend its name in 2002 to The American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry, consistent with Dr. Marmor’s philosophy of inclusion and vision of continued growth of psychodynamic psychiatry.

The Marmor Memorial will take place Sunday, May 2nd at 10:15am, at the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers, Riverside Ballroom, 3rd floor, during this year’s meetings of the American Academy and the American Psychiatric Association. All members and guests of the APA are invited to attend. The Academy’s President-Elect, Joseph P. Merlino, MD, MPA will chair the program. Speakers include Ian Alger, MD, Marianne Eckardt, MD, Jack Drescher, MD, James Eaton, MD, and Judd Marmor’s son, Michael F. Marmor, MD. Scott Schwartz, MD will perform a medieval musical tribute followed by audience tributes introduced by the Academy’s President, Ann R. Turkel, MD. For further information, please contact the Academy office at 1-888-691-8281 or visit the Academy website, www.AAPSA.org.
SF LGBT Pride Celebration Conference:
Current Challenges in Lesbian Mental Health

Course Description
San Francisco celebrates LGBT pride during the last week of June, and this conference will be a prelude to the weekend’s activities. We are also taking advantage of the presence of the American Psychoanalytic Association Conference in San Francisco. We have assembled a group of local and national speakers who have expertise on psychiatric issues relating to lesbians. Dr. Haller will summarize the published literature to debunk myths that exist about the mental health, psychosocial development, gender identity and sexual orientation of children raised by lesbian parents. Dr. Keefer will speak about lesbian-identified adolescents and their sexual identity. Dr. Nakajima will speak about the author Gertrude Stein’s evolving feminism and lesbian identity during medical school in the late 1890’s. Dr. Sims will focus on parenting issues including the role of oppression specific to African American lesbians. Dr. Henares-Levy will describe her study of successful same-sex relationships, which used a similar protocol to the one developed by Judith Wallerstein, Ph.D. in her 1995 book The Good Marriage. Dr. Benton will present a case of a patient whose internalized homophobia and depression led to self-destructive acts, including sex work and drug and alcohol abuse.

Conference Presenters

Gene Nakajima, M.D. (organizer) works at the Center for Special Problems. He graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School and completed a fellowship in health services research at UCLA’s Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program. He contributed a chapter to Robert Cabaj’s Textbook of Homosexuality and Mental Health on Gay and Lesbian Asian Americans. His paper on President-elect of the Northern California Psychiatric Society and the secretary of the Association for the History of Medicine.

Cynthia Benton, M.D. (organizer) is a staff psychiatrist at Team II, a community mental health clinic with a gay and lesbian focus, and has a private practice in San Francisco. She has worked on a research study at UCSF looking at rates of substance abuse and psychiatric disorders in lesbians in mental health treatment.

Ellen Haller, M.D. is an Adjunct Professor in the UCSF, Department of Psychiatry where she is the Director of the Adult Psychiatry Clinic and the WomenCare Mental Health Program. She is also President-elect of the Northern California Psychiatric Society and the Secretary of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists.

Beverly Keefer, Ph.D. is a psychologist and psychoanalyst in private practice in Philadelphia and Gladwyne, PA. She is currently on the faculty of the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia, and formerly on the faculty of Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania medical schools, and has a specialization in eating disorders.

Mary Jayne Sims, Ph.D. has extensive experience working with children and families. She is a lecturer on such topics as homophobia in the African American community, and incest in the African American community. She is currently the board president of the NIA Collective, an organization that serves Lesbians of African Descent. She received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from California School of Professional Psychology.

Lourdes Henares-Levy, M.D. graduated from the medical school at the Universidad Autonoma De...
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Saturday, May 1, 2004

8:30 – 8:45am Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45 – 9:00am Introduction
9:00 – 10:30am PANEL I: Historical Perspectives
   Chair: Bertram Schaffner, MD
   Panelists: Kenneth Lewes, PhD, Ralph Roughton, MD, Elisabeth Young-Bruehl, PhD
   Discussants: Maggie Magee, MSW and Diana Miller, MD
10:30 – 11:00am Coffee Break
11:00am – 12:30pm PANEL II: Theoretical Perspectives
   Chair: Ubaldo Leli, MD
   Panelists: Otto Kernberg, MD, David Schwartz, PhD, and Susan Vaughan, MD
   Discussant: Ronnie C. Lesser, PhD
12:30 – 2:00pm Lunch
2:00 – 3:30pm PANEL III: Clinical Perspectives: Integration
   Chair: Rajiv Gulati, MD
   Panelists: Ann D’Ercole, PhD, Deborah Glazer, PhD, Jeffrey Guss, MD, Scott Masters, MD
   Coffee Break
3:30 – 4:00pm Moderated Discussion, Summary and Q & A
   Jack Drescher, MD

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International and Minority Issues
Gene Nakajima, M.D.

During the APA conference, we will have a reception for visiting LGBT psychiatrists from other countries and minority psychiatrists on Monday night. All AGLP members are welcome to attend. On Wednesday, we will have a meeting of minority and visiting international psychiatrists. Please see the AGLP meeting schedule for details.

At least four workshops have been accepted for the World Psychiatric Association conference taking place in Florence, Italy from November 10-14, 2004. For more information, please see www.wpa2004florenc.org. If anyone knows of any gay friendly accommodations in Italy that would work well for our members, please let us know.

The next large World Congress of Psychiatry sponsored by the WPA takes place in Cairo, Egypt, September 10-15, 2005 (www.wpa-cairo2005.com). I'm not sure there will be enough interest in presenting a workshop there. The deadline for submissions is June 30th, 2004, soon after the APA conference. Two other smaller WPA conferences that may be worthwhile presenting at include a Regional Conference in Athens from March 12-15, 2005. The deadline for symposia submission is November 10th, 2004 (www.era.gr/wpa2005athens.htm). There is also an International WPA meeting planned in Istanbul in June, 2006. If you are interested in presenting at any of these meetings, please contact Gene Nakajima, MD at Gnakajima@alumni.stanford.org or (415) 292-1554.

Institute of Psychiatric Services meeting in Atlanta, October 6-10, 2004 (Columbus Day weekend).

One workshop on gay psychiatric issues has been accepted for Saturday October 9th, 2004. This workshop will be followed by an informal meeting and lunch of LGBT psychiatrists attending the conference. For more info, see www.psych.org.

Review of Mambo Italiano
by Todd Kline, M.D.

Mambo Italiano by writer Emile Gaudreault, is rather simplistic but just so much fun. As Angelo, our dorky but genial 20 year old hero learns, there is nothing worse than being both gay and Italian. This comedy, which draws from the same vein as My Big Fat Greek Wedding, falls into a familiar formula of reducing a culture down to a caricature in order to liberate another culture from stereotype. But, you know what? It’s funny and palpable, especially if you have an Italian boyfriend as I do.

Angelo begins the task of coming out to his Sicilian first-generation American parents, who have been trying to set him up with neighborhood Italian girls for years. Angelo, gaining some momentum, has other ideas, soon reuniting with an Italian boy from grade school, turned hunky bisexual police officer Nino. Angelo realizes that Nino is undeniably hot- just the ultra masculine hard-body that makes his way into many a gay man’s fantasy world. (Oops, am I revealing something about myself?)

Angelo not grudgingly accepts Nino’s offer to become "roommates" with benefits. Angelo and Nino’s parents, all acquaintances via the Italian community, seem happy with the arrangement, given they believe the relationship platonic. But, as the truth of their young love surfaces, the big comedic antics commence.

The parents act predictably shocked, but the argumentative dialogue between them is unexpected and amusing, playing the tensions of homophobia and family pride off of one another in creative, interesting ways. At one point, Angelo and Nino’s fathers bicker to a crescendo, announcing emphatically and gesturing: “No, my son is the one ‘giving it’ to your son!” The plot thickens as Nino dumps Angelo for a neighborhood girl. When Nino’s mother brags that her son will soon get married to a beautiful Italian girl, Angelo’s parents responsively feign that he has met a strapping, handsome new boyfriend every bit the superior to Nino. You probably get the gist. This is a light, funny, picture that I recommend for one of those nights at home with your sweety. Yes, it’s probably best as a rental video. You will laugh, especially if you or your partner is Italian.

AGLP Elections

As chair of the nominating committee, I am pleased to announce this year’s slate of officers:

President – Mary Barber (second year of a 2 year term)
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Treasurer – Robert Mitchell
Newsletter Editor – George Harrison

We are still searching for a candidate for Vice-President. Any interested members should contact me at your earliest convenience. Further nominations can still be accepted from the floor at the first Business Meeting on Monday, May 3. Elections will be held at the second Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 4.

Philip A. Bialer
Pride Celebration Conference

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Nuego Leon, in Monterrey, Mexico. In addition to working in private practice, she directs the Child Resource Center and is president-elect of the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute and is on the faculty of the St. Louis University Medical School. She is also a member of the Committee on Homosexualities of the Eastern Missouri Branch of the American Psychiatric Association and a member of the Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues of the American Psychoanalytic Association.

Educational Objectives—Participants will 1) learn about similarities and differences between children with lesbian and those with heterosexual parents 2) have an increased ability to understand challenges unique to lesbian-identified adolescents. 3) increase knowledge about how women in the past evolved their lesbian and feminist identities. 4) understand how oppression (external and internal) influences African American lesbian parents. 5) understand the clinical implications of research with lesbian couples 6) understand the link between internalized homophobia, depression, and self-destructive acts.

For additional information contact: The System of Care Training Information Line (415) 252 3086.

PROGRAM

8:30am Registration
9:00am Introduction
9:10am Welcome, Robert Cabaj, M.D., Director of CBHS
9:20am Ellen Haller, M.D. Children of Lesbian Parents: Confronting Myths and stereotypes
10:10am Beverly Keefer, Ph.D.: Adolescence: Difficult for Heterosexual Girls, Hazardous for Lesbians
11:00am Break
11:15am Gene Nakajima, M.D.: Gertrude Stein’s evolving feminism and lesbian identity in the 1890’s.
12:05pm Lunch
1:30pm Welcome, Jimmy Jones, M.D., Medical Director of CBHS
1:40pm Mary Jayne Sims, Ph.D.: My child has two mammies: Parenting issues of African American Lesbians
2:30pm Lourdes Henares-Levy, M.D.: “It is Possible”-- A Report on Research of Long-Term Successful Lesbian Couples
3:20pm Break
3:35pm Cynthia Benton, M.D.: Case Presentation: Internalized homophobia, Depression, and Substance Abuse
4:25pm Discussion
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