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Racism within our political process

by Linda Najjar, Ph.D.

This article will obviously appear after the election has already occurred. This is not a partisan issue, though I will freely admit that I am an Obama supporter, volunteer, and advocate. Despite all the obstacles he has faced, I am absolutely thrilled and overjoyed that he will be our next president. I was overcome with emotion on election night. It demonstrates that we truly are a multicultural society. It emphasizes that our focus on multicultural competence within our fields of mental health is ever more crucial.

Despite his victory, I want to raise consciousness about the insidious racism that has occurred before our very eyes and has not been addressed. Numerous suggestions have been made throughout this political campaign that Barack Obama is a terrorist, is anti-American because his pastor spoke of racism in this country, is Muslim, is Arab, has ties to Palestinians, and is not someone who can be trusted. What is this really about? It seems to me that the real message is that you can't trust a Black man, or a person of color, but saying that out loud is no longer acceptable in our society. It pains me

to hear all of these attacks. It seems that one of the only acceptable forms of racism that can take place without question is against Arabs and Arab Americans. The idea that we can't trust Obama because he's an Arab is an accusation about which not nearly enough people have spoken out. Colin Powell made a bold statement, saying "what if he was an Arab?" I didn't hear any media sources taking this statement to heart and spinning it as they do other political statements. It is scarce to hear anyone challenging this line of thought. It's as though being an Arab implicitly and explicitly means that you are anti-American, that you are affiliated with terrorists if you aren't one yourself, that you should be feared, and never trusted.

What the right wing really wants to say is that we can't trust Obama because he's a Black man, though it seems easier to make a blatant racist comment against Arabs. All of these attacks in my view can be summed up as outright, blatant racism. As an Arab American woman who was born in the U.S. and whose parents and grandparents came to this country because they wanted the opportunities it had to offer, watching all of the politics from the sidelines with an intensity that I cannot imagine ever having before or after this time, I cannot explain how this blatant racism affects me. I am hurt. I am saddened. I am made to feel ashamed of my culture and ethnicity. Does this mean that I could

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FEMINIST EMPOWERMENT THROUGH UNITY AND DIVERSITY CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF FEMINIST PSYCHOLOGY

Rhode Islanders are looking forward to hosting the 2009 Annual AWP Conference March 12-15 in beautiful Newport, RI. The Newport Marriott sits right on the famous harbor where the America's Cup races once took place, surrounded by restaurants and small shops and close to historical sites such as Touro, the first synagogue in the US; the Tennis Hall of Fame; the antique-filled mansions of yesteryear; and Cliff Walk, with its sweeping views of the ocean. See more at <http://www.gonewport.com/>.



THURSDAY will feature full- and half-day continuing education workshops as well as caucus meetings. Attendees and early conference arrivers are invited to a casual gathering Thursday evening. **FRIDAY**, the conference will open with interactive drumming and what promises to be an inspirational talk by Gwen Keita, Executive Director for Public Interest at the American Psychological Association. Gwen was an early member of AWP and the Society for Women in Psychology, and previously directed the Office of Women's Program at APA. This year we will host a New Members and Networking luncheon (instead of the 7 a.m. breakfast!), free for new members who joined since the 2008 conference. All renewing members are encouraged to attend; the delicious lunch will be at or below cost. Throughout the day there will be workshops, papers, discussions, films, and the kind of hard work that make AWP so stimulating for so many of us! Friday evening we'll gather for an author's reception to celebrate those who have shared their work with us through print and other media, and all are invited to attend the Shabbat. **SATURDAY**'s plenary session focuses on empowerment of women through HIV prevention and treatment. Susan Cu-Uvin, Director of the Immunology Center at the Miriam Hospital, Brown University, a clinic that serves almost 1,200 HIV infected patients. She is also the director of the Women and AIDS Core, for the Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) at Brown University, and has been a very active mentor for international trainees in HIV/AIDS care and research. Karina Danvers, Director of the Connecticut AIDS Education and Training Center at Yale School of Nursing, is an inspiring activist and educator focusing on the empowerment of HIV+ women. We are grateful to the Brown University AIDS Program for their support and encouragement!

After another full day of programming, we will gather Saturday evening for more celebrations, including Coming Out and Croning ceremonies. There will be an optional banquet honoring women who were early teachers of the Psychology of Women. In lieu of dessert, we hope all will attend our 40th birthday party for AWP, featuring three women leaders: Donna Hawxhurst, AWP's Collective Coordinator; "Newport's own" Martha Banks, President of the Society for the Psychology of Women; and Gwen Keita.

Then we will "let it loose" with a free concert and dance featuring Kim Trusty (www.kimtrusty.com), a dynamic vocalist whose terrific work can be heard on our website. She's well-loved around Rhode Island (and beyond) as a talented jazz/R&B/rock/soul singer with a great band for dancing the evening away. Non-conference attendees can come to the concert for a small fee.

The conference will wrap up on Sunday, but not til we've had more stimulating presentations, the Feminist Forum, and a dose of "Vitamin F" at our celebratory closing.

Registration and hotel discounts apply through February 18, 2009. To register or for more information check us out at www.riawp.org!

Plan to join us in Newport, Rhode Island March 12-15, 2009!

Mary Zahm and Kat Quina, Conference Coordinators

IMP Sponsored Conference Session

Last year the Implementation Collective (IMPs) sponsored a half day preconference workshop for White participants on race and privilege. The Collective is committed to continuing this initiative to address race and privilege by offering a regular conference session during the 2009 conference in Newport, Rhode Island. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to engage in a process of awareness and action that moves us closer to inclusion in AWP.

THE ONGOING JOURNEY OF BECOMING ANTI-RACIST

SPONSORED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION COLLECTIVE

Organized by Kristy Bartley, Jessica Tartaro, Meg VanBuren, and Donna Hawxhurst

A discussion and working session for White women who are committed to the personal, interpersonal, and sociopolitical work of ending racism. Please come and share your experiences, challenges, and the resources you have found helpful. We will examine racism as it plays out in our personal and professional lives, as well as in AWP. This session continues dialogues begun in 2008 in San Diego to develop anti-racist work as a priority within AWP and in our communities.

Peace x Peace and AWP

As part of my role as (outgoing) AWP spokesperson, I keep an eye out for organizations we might connect with in mutually beneficial ways. Peace x Peace (“peace by peace” abbreviated PxP) is a US-based international women’s community-building effort which connects small groups of women (called “circles”) in the US with circles of women across the globe for dialogue, exchange, and mutual action. Through free membership on their website (www.peacexpeace.org) women can form their own circles and seek others to connect with, or join existing circle partnerships.

PxP fosters connection in other ways as well. Their website offers opportunities for one-to-one connection with women in other countries and features stories (written and recorded) and photos of women’s activism, contemplation, and struggle in many countries. Everyone is encouraged to submit their own stories for others to read and learn from. Members can also join periodic real-time round tables, featuring women from multiple countries calling in to discuss a given topic and learn from each other. In their own words, “Peace X Peace has the Global Women’s Network and the breakthrough technology to allow you to connect with one or more women like yourself who are ready to harness their talents to “do something positive” in a world that is increasingly about problems, violence, and poverty.”

Their site notes 6,062 members and 1,184 circles currently, from many countries on all continents including 3 members in Columbia, 89 in India, 143 in Indonesia, 59 in Jordan, 2 in Romania, 28 in South Africa, 11 in Sri Lanka, 3 in Switzerland, and 2,868 in the US, among many others.

Conversations between PxP and AWP so far have centered around how to introduce PxP to AWP members and brainstorming ways that connections might happen. Dr. Lynne McClintock, PxP’s Director of Leadership Development, said that member circles in various parts of the world are avidly interested in the perspectives and information that AWP members have at our fingertips, or even off the top of our heads – on child development, mental health, trauma recovery, feminist therapy, pedagogy, research, community building. We talked about AWP members who share a common interest forming a circle and connecting with women somewhere else with the same interest. Or, using PxP technology to more easily link research or action teams here with collaborators in other countries. Or AWP members forming circles in their home areas around a social justice issue and dialoging with women globally about that issue and strategies to address it. There are wide open possibilities.

To include more AWP members in this brainstorming and the actions to follow I submitted an interactive conference proposal for the 2009 AWP conference in Rhode Island. It will combine inspiring stories with straightforward introduction to PxP and its methods, and will engage members to “think out loud” about how we want to connect to our sisters globally via PxP. See you then!

In the meantime, anyone can go to the PxP website, log on, and explore, read womens’ stories, join or create a circle, peruse the audio and video, and start connecting. Specific stories of women connecting via Peace x Peace may be found at

<http://www.peacexpeace.org/content/en/connect/tell-me-more/member-stories>

If Mothers were Front and Center, Why Did I Still Feel Invisible?

by *Misty K. Hook, Ph.D.*

Now that the election is over, I started thinking about what it meant for mothers. At first glance, it would seem that the presence of three very strong mothers – Hillary Rodham Clinton, Sarah Palin and Michelle Obama – would mean something positive. Mothers are finally getting some national attention and that’s great, right? Well...yes and no. It’s positive if we get the right kind of attention and negative if we don’t. In determining whether the election cycle brought gains or losses to mothers, the most important aspect rests with how the mother card (as it were) was played. Interestingly, each woman played it differently and yet the results were the same. Hillary Rodham Clinton rarely played the mother card at all. Chelsea was a formidable presence on the campaign trail and she was mentioned quite movingly in Hillary’s convention speech (as was Hillary’s own mother) but, for the most part, Hillary kept the mother card close to her chest. She knew that it would be used against her.

Michelle Obama played the mother card directly and used it as a way to blunt her opponent’s attacks. While Hillary emphasized her accomplishments and extensive knowledge yet kept relatively silent about being a mother, Michelle did the exact opposite. Any student of recent herstory knows that a potential President and First Lady will face heavy criticism for being equal partners, so Michelle used her fam-

ily as a way to seem less threatening. During her convention speech and in press appearances, Michelle talked about her parents, her brother and, most especially, her daughters. Press reports approvingly stated that her main role in the White House will be as mother to Sasha and Malia or, as *The Daily Beast* labeled it, Mom-in-Chief. Thus, Michelle used the mother card to reassure the country that she will be a traditional First Lady who knows her place. As Mom-in-Chief, she will keep the home fires burning while the father of her daughters nurtures his career. I imagine that Michelle Obama’s numerous talents will not go to waste but it’s distressing that the mother card is the only one she is allowed to play and the other cards in her hand have to be hidden.

Sarah Palin used the mother card quite differently from either Hillary or Michelle. In fact, being a mother was an integral part of her campaign strategy. At first, her brash use of motherhood appeared quite empowering. It was great hearing a powerful woman on a national stage talking about how being a “mom” was one of her qualifications for office. It also was lovely to see the Palin family included as part of her campaigning. The kids were a constant presence at her events and I especially enjoyed seeing Todd hold the baby while Sarah held the national spotlight at the Republican convention. I celebrated the fact that

Sarah’s mother card forced Joe Biden to talk about his experiences as a single father during the vice presidential debate. I doubt he would have done that had his opponent been a man. However, even as important as family was to her campaign, it quickly became apparent that the policy decisions she espoused ran contrary to what is good for families, even her own. She talked firmly about giving families of special needs children a friend in the White House, yet she reduced funding in Alaska for that very group. She is a staunch advocate for abstinence only education, yet her oldest daughter is unmarried and pregnant at the age of 17. She is a steadfast proponent of the war, something that literally destroys families and could hurt or kill her oldest son. Moreover, she was silent about true mothering issues like childcare, family leave, and family/work balance, things that could shake the core of our value system. Thus, Sarah Palins’ mother card was, essentially, a sleight of hand. We thought we were seeing the true card but, upon closer inspection, it was the same one we’ve been seeing for decades. In short, Sarah Palin’s role of mother was just as non-threatening as either Hillary or Michelle. None of them emphasized the true issues that are plaguing mothers and, by extension, the country. None of them offered a different interpretation of the role. In the end, mothers got just as much attention as we always have and nothing was gained. Consequently, even though it seemed that with the advent of three strong mothers mothering issues finally would be front and center, what they really were was invisible.

My 2 Cents

Sue Morrow, Treasurer

One of my initiatives for the AWP treasury is sustainability. We are moving ultimately toward conducting all of our fiscal business with sustainability-oriented and socially responsible institutions. To that end, I would like to invite you to join me in forming a Sustainability Subcommittee. Please let me know if you are interested in joining me!

I am happy to share with you that our treasury is stable; however, we have been advised to build our treasury so that we would be able to support the organization for at least two years in the event that we were unable to hold conferences for one or more years. The Implementation Collective is looking for ways to move us from stable to comfortable, so I invite your ideas about growing our treasury. ~
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CO-CO'S CORNER

Donna Hawxhurst

After returning from our most recent Imp meeting I am acutely aware of the many reasons that I became and remain active in this organization that gives me so much. As a result of conversations with my sister Imps, both during and after our working sessions in Newport, RI, I share with you why so many of us love AWP. It seems that there is a collective consensus amongst those of us who have been involved for many years or for only a short time about the benefits of membership and participation in this unique feminist organization that has nurtured, challenged and supported us for nearly 40 years! In answer to the questions, "Why do we love AWP?" and "What keeps us coming back for more?" I share, in collaboration with sister Imps, an incomplete list of reasons - feel free to add to the list!

- *AWP is one of the best and most reliable sources of Vitamin F!*
- *Being among women who understand and embrace feminism!*
- *Exposure to new ideas in feminist theory and practice!*
- *The opportunity to engage in a truly collective process!*
- *Our commitment to inclusion and social justice!*
- *The many opportunities to engage in a supportive, non-competitive environment!*
- *Opportunities to initiate and be involved in caucuses, committees, social action initiatives, regional chapters, and conferences!*
- *The recognition that our work as feminists and social justice allies is never finished ... there's no arrival time!*
- *Access to the best conference of the year every year!*
- *Opportunities to network with those who share our interests and passions!*
- *Working with others who truly care about social justice issues!*
- *Participating in an organizational structure and process that is non-hierarchical!*
- *Many wonderful opportunities to mentor and be mentored by brilliant feminist colleagues and students!*
- *Our value and focus on making the organization and the conferences a welcoming, inclusive space for all!*
- *An appreciation of AWP's efforts to make the organization and conferences financially accessible!*
- *In comparison with other national professional organizations, our membership fees and conference registration fees are extremely reasonable!*

In addition to these great perks that keep us coming back for more, it's important to recognize some of the returns on our personal and financial investments in AWP. Our membership dues and conference registrations support the work of the Implementation Collective (all volunteer) in managing the organization's business and carrying out some of our important goals and functions. Some examples include coordinating a hospitality suite at APA to provide a warm, welcoming, supportive space for feminists at the convention; ensuring that our voice is heard on pertinent social justice issues; providing financial and administrative support to assist in the coordination and implementation of our annual conferences; providing scholarship funds to increase conference accessibility for students; working, in alliance with our Women of Color (WOC) Imp and WOC Caucus to address racism at personal, organizational, and institutional levels; providing support (financial and consultative) for the formation of caucuses, regional chapters, and action initiatives instigated by members.

Considering these many benefits of membership, I encourage all of us to ask ourselves how we can give back – how can we insure the future of AWP? If you're looking for ideas, I've got some! Get involved - join an existing caucus; propose a social action initiative; volunteer to join a committee that supports the work of the Implementation Collective; join or form a local regional chapter; consider the possibilities of coordinating a conference in your region (with the help of our Conferences Liaison); explore opportunities for joining the Implementation Collective; submit an article or book review for the newsletter; submit a proposal to present at a conference; attend every possible AWP conference; reach out and welcome those who are new to the organization.

Support AWP with your dues, your conference attendance and registration, your financial gifts if you are in a position to contribute; when sliding scale dues and conference registrations are offered, aim for the top of the scale if you are fully employed. Spread the AWP word to students, peers, professionals from all related disciplines. Let's not keep AWP a well-kept secret!

In sisterhood,
Donna Hawxhurst, Collective Coordinator

Racism within our political process
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never be friends with a politician or could never dream of suggesting that an Arab American child go into politics? I am outraged that no one is speaking up and acknowledging this atrocity for what it is.

I'm writing this article because my hope is that I'm preaching to the choir. My hope is that my fellow feminist psychologists, social workers, and therapists have thought twice when they've heard these accusations against Obama, or will after reading this article. My hope is that my fellow feminist psychologists will join me in working towards social justice and an end to racism, for all people, including Arabs. Just as with any type of oppression, I cannot stand alone in my efforts. We very much need allies to speak out against continued racism. We need to speak out within our own communities to our friends, family, and coworkers, write letters to political pundits and media sources, and express that we won't tolerate this type of racism. I would love to hear any of your thoughts of support either in the next issue, at our next conference, or you can write me personally at najjar@innerwisdomcounseling.com.

Thanks for your ear.
Your fellow feminist,
Linda Najjar, Ph.D.

The Research Process: Idea Generation

By Mindy J. Erchull

In the last Researchers' Caucus column, NiCole Buchanan talked about having a "research ideas" file so that she can make note of her ideas until she has time to pursue them. This is a great technique that many people practice whether as a paper or electronic file. It doesn't, however, address one of the most common questions I'm asked by my students: "How do you get an idea for what to study?" Given that this is such a common concern among researchers at all levels, we thought we'd devote a column to this critical topic.

As I've talked to people about this, what has become clear is that no two people follow the same plan, and even a given person will often generate ideas in different ways. With this in mind, I've tried to condense the myriad suggestions I encountered into five larger categories. Try a few of these ideas that may be new, less familiar, or less frequently used. In the end, the only thing I can say for sure is that you never know where you'll get a good idea.

Read published research.

In order to generate viable research ideas that you have the potential to present and publish later, it is important to know what others have already done on the same or related topics. This also often means delving into research beyond the strict confines of psychology from related fields such as medicine, sociology, and communications (to name just a few possibilities). This is also a great place to get research ideas because many authors include suggestions for future research in their discussion sections. While authors sometimes intend to answer these questions themselves, this is not always the case. Also, there is no reason to believe that your methodology or perspective wouldn't also add to the field.

Learn about the unpublished research of others.

Given the review and revision process involved in peer-reviewed publication, there is often a time lag between when research is completed and when it is readily accessible through publication databases such as PsycINFO. This makes regular conference attendance critically important in order to stay up to date on the research being done in your field. For instance, I've been inspired to complete more than one research project while sitting in sessions at AWP conferences. If you see me making notes in a session, I'm actually more likely to be noting a potential research idea inspired by the presentation than to actually be taking notes about the specifics of a given talk.

Have brainstorming sessions with a colleague.

Whether your colleague is a collaborator, a friend with a similar academic background (e.g., another social psychologist), or a friend bringing a different perspective to the table (e.g., a traditional cognitive psychologist), talking about ideas at even the most general level can lead to great research. By trying to explain your ideas clearly, it often forces you to better develop them yourself. You can also benefit from the ideas of your colleagues. They might point out a methodological problem, an additional variable of interest, or a new data analytic technique. This was actually institutionalized in my graduate program as social psych faculty and students met every other Thursday evening to discuss the research of a given person/team over beer and snacks. All of us found that our work benefited from such broad-based feedback. Given this, I've tried to keep up the practice with my current colleagues in a more informal way over lunch and in the hallways.

Listen to your students.

If you work with MA and Ph.D. students, you're likely used to brainstorming about research with them and may well have collaborative projects. I work with undergraduates, and my independent study students have been known to have incredibly intriguing and well developed ideas as well. Students focused on research, however, are not the only source of research ideas. Often, everyday questions from students, inside or outside of the classroom, can be great sources for research ideas. Listen to what your students are curious about. If others have yet to do the work that will let you answer these questions, consider doing the work yourself.

Pay attention to the world around you.

Often, the best research ideas come from our own curiosity about the way something works or why something happened. Always keep your eyes and ears open. Read the news and watch television with the eyes of a researcher. This is when having paper and a pen handy can really help you. I've been known to call my own office voicemail when an idea occurs to me so that it's not forgotten. Often, I'm surprised by my own ideas when I get back to my office on Monday and check the voicemail message I left via my cell phone on my Friday evening commute.

As you can see, research ideas are all around us, and there's no one place to find them. Some of these may feel more natural to you than others, but if you've reached a point in time where you're unsure of your next study, try a new technique. Again, any idea can be a good idea, and you never know where that idea will come from....just make sure you've got a place to keep those ideas until you have time to deal with them!

For more information about the Researchers' Caucus and our activities, please contact me (merchull@umw.edu or 540-654-1557) or my co-coordinator, Jennifer Gorman Rose (jennifer.rose@conncoll.edu or 860-469-2326).

Finally, if you've got ideas for future research-oriented columns, please let us know. You can then write it, or we'll run with your ideas, and you can read the columns in future editions of the newsletter.

AWP Implementation Collective Meeting Minutes

***November 13-16, 2008
Newport, RI***

Collective Members in attendance: Mary Burke, Audrey Ervin (rolling on), Angela Gillem, Diane Hall (rolling off), Donna Hawxhurst, Alicia Luckstead (rolling off), Susan Mathews, Durriya Meer, Sue Morrow, Patricia Rozee, Kim Stark-Wroblewski (rolling on), and Cat Thompson. Jennifer Rose attended to report on the Researchers' Caucus.

A. Treasury/Financial – Sue Morrow

Total assets are \$105,452.67 plus profit from San Diego. This includes \$10,795 in new memberships from San Diego conference. We are up ~\$4000 since last report and we are financially stable, but we need to have a bigger pot of money available as a cushion to run the organization. Sue will let us know at the March meeting how much money we need as a cushion for financial security. This is not all money that is available to "spend", as we need finances throughout each year to support the association's projects and activities. Thus, we need to think of ways to increase money coming in and decrease money going out. Sue reported that she will be moving our CDs to a socially responsible bank at renewal time.

We agreed on some changes to Fiscal Policy: that scholarship money will be used by conference committees for accommodations and lodging at the conference hotel; and that we will go as electronic as possible with receipts and documentation of expenses. Sue checked into this and it is acceptable to the IRS.

There is only \$51.91 left in the Florence Denmark Award account. Karol Dean will supplement it with \$200 and Maram Halak will pay for the award plaque this year. We agreed that the Fiscal Policy should be

clarified to reflect the fact that our award funds are not “endowed” funds. In fact, we need donations to support the awards and we need a committee to fundraise for them. We agreed to place an item on the March meeting agenda to discuss a policy for how to handle awards when funds run out. Durriya suggested a travel award for international students. This will also go on the March meeting agenda.

Sharon Siegel recommended a time limit of 120 days for conference coordinators to turn in conference reports and she suggested that the conference forfeit their profit if they don't give report within 120 days. We discussed Sharon's proposal and did not accept it. However, we did come to consensus that, in the case of late reports, the conference coordinator is responsible for providing an update to the Treasurer and Conferences Liaison. The conference coordinator is also responsible to maintain ongoing communication with the Conferences Liaison throughout the time of report preparation.

B. Membership – Mary Burke

Mary has created a form letter to go to relevant professional organizations to recruit members two times per year: one time close to the conference call for papers and one other time about 6 months later. She has not received any response to her efforts at email outreach to counseling, social work, and psychology organizations.

She has arranged member discounts with several organizations: Hertz, Alamo, and Lanahan Publishers. She will post these on the website under “member benefits”. She has not heard back from APA yet about a dues discount for AWP members. Suggestions are welcome from members about organizations from which we should seek discounts.

We now have 571 paid members, which is an increase from the report in June. The Newport Conference Committee's requirement to have only members submit conference proposals increased membership by about 10 members.

In order to be fiscally and environmentally responsible, we agreed to send out dues reminders electronically through all of our electronic media. We will have paper

copies for those who are not electronically connected and for the suite. Following is the announcement of our intention to do this:

The Association for Women in Psychology (AWP) is invested in acting in an environmentally responsible manner. To that end, we are moving as much as possible to an all-electronic medium for AWP business. Please look for the Newsletter, Membership Directory, and other membership related correspondence on our website (www.awpsych.org) or in your email inbox!

We agreed to propose at the next business meeting an increase of dues to \$95. We agreed that it is best to maintain the minimum at \$15. We will emphasize the importance of paying the highest level of dues that members can afford. We strongly encourage members to be thoughtful about the dues they pay and the importance of supporting the organization.

C. Conferences Liaison – Patricia Rozee

We discussed the benefits of hiring a conference planner and whether it is worth the expense. It would

- reduce the work load on members who volunteer
- free up conference committee to be more creative
- create the possibility of more location options if committee does not have to be in the conference city
- make it easier to recruit conference coordinators because the work load would be smaller
- increase our reach into areas where there is less regional involvement – people in that region would attend and learn about AWP
- would reduce the work load of the Conferences Liaison

Patricia has made initial contact with three conference management organizations. There was consensus to explore hiring a planner and figure out how we can manage it financially based on the bids. She would like to have the bids available for discussion at the Rhode Island conference and have the planner in place for the 2010 conference, which will be in Portland, Oregon.

Sandy Shulmire is coordinating the Portland conference.

We discussed whether AWP membership should be required to submit conference proposals. If we do require it, then we need a membership link on the conference site to make it easier to join. There were concerns about economic accessibility; it is expensive to join every conference-sponsoring organization where we present. Collective consensus was that we should strongly encourage joining, but we do not want to require it. Patricia will add this wording (encouraged but not required) to the conference manual for future conferences.

Susan suggested that we figure out a way for the Imps to be “more present” at the conference and at the New Member/Connections Meal, which will be a 1-1/2 hour luncheon at the Newport Conference. We also discussed ways to make the New Members/Connections Meal more welcoming and informational for new members.

The 2009 Conference Coordinators, Kat Quina and Mary Zahm, updated us on their progress. They have 35 active members of the committee including 5-6 URI students. Gwen Keita, who is donating her time, will be keynote speaker. Kim Trusty, a local jazz/eclectic musician, will perform. A/V will be managed and provided by Samantha Delbonis through Rhode Island College. Betsy Floren, who did the last two RI conference logos, created their logo for free. She will also donate an art piece to the auction. They are doing a New Members’ Luncheon instead of Breakfast. We discussed the possibility of having peer mentors at the Luncheon to meet and greet new members.

D. Newsletter – Durriya Meer

Durriya has been exploring purchasing a license transfer of Adobe Suite for \$100. There was consensus for her to buy the software for the organization.

She needs submissions for the next issue. All members should be involved in soliciting articles for the Newsletter and should encourage students and colleagues to write up summaries of the research that they are doing. For example, the Researchers’ Caucus will spotlight a member in each issue of the Newsletter to encourage

collaboration among members. We discussed having a column with pictures spotlighting the Imps that are rolling on and off as well as a spotlight on the conference coordinators.

Durriya emphasized that, even though we are going electronic, we will continue to take ads electronically. She also indicated that deadlines may need to shift since we are going electronic. We need to think about how deadlines can be useful for our pre-conference and pre-APA suite announcements and other association events.

E. Website Updates - Alicia Lucksted

The negotiations and designing of the website are going well and Molly at Blue Luna has been very responsive to our requests and input. Alicia will continue as the website development point-person until it is up and running. She is hoping to roll it out at the conference. However, after that, we will still need a point person to make updates and manage the website. Blue Luna is expensive to do this, so we will need a techno-savvy member to do this. We agreed to have the color scheme of the Website be consistent with the Newsletter for “brand recognition”.

F. Staffing/Regional Coordination – Susan Mathews

Susan welcomed Audrey Ervin and Kim Stark-Wroblewski to the Collective as Spokesperson and Suite Coordinator, respectively. Membership Coordinator and Woman of Color Coordinator are rolling off in June, so she is working on staffing these positions. We discussed potential women of color that can be mentored/recruited for other positions to increase diversity on the Collective.

We discussed the concern that there are several Imps rolling off at the same time in 2010. Susan created a roll off schedule in which there are no more than two Imps leaving at a time and no more than four per year. To make this schedule work, she volunteered to serve for an extra eight months. Donna will put this schedule on the agenda for the March meeting. We agreed

that the Collective Coordinator (CoCo) and Treasurer should never roll off at the same time.

One of our chapters is disbanding and wants to know the procedure for this. Sue indicated that they must send the AWP treasurer their treasury money if they disband, but if they just go inactive, they can continue to distribute funds as scholarships (as they have requested) as long as they send a financial report annually to the Treasurer.

We discussed whether we are willing to post non-AWP business on AWPANNOUNCE and the consensus was that AWPANNOUNCE is strictly for AWP business. However, Mary suggested that we have a page on our new website that allows members to post announcements.

Susan emphasized the importance of having response instructions in the beginning of every announcement posted on AWPANNOUNCE so that members respond to the appropriate person rather than to the ANNOUNCE manager.

G. Women of Color Coordination – Cat Thompson

Cat assisted in facilitating conversations between the Imps and WOC Caucus regarding the continuation of White privilege and racism discussions at the next conference. She also networked with women of color and encouraged participation in AWP and attendance at the upcoming conference. She continued to work with APA Division 35 Section 1 as membership co-coordinator and with the sections for Asian and Latina women as a way to connect with more women of color and work on ways to increase participation in both Div 35 and AWP.

H. Spokesperson – Alicia Lucksted

Peace x Peace is a promising mechanism that could be of value to AWP members. She discussed with them doing a presentation at our conference to inform AWP members and engage members in discussion about how we can benefit from their global networking modalities and she has submitted a conference proposal highlighting their work. She might also share an exhibit table

with Peace x Peace at the conference if they are interested.

Patricia raised the issue of rape in the military and mental health issues for returning female soldiers. She suggested that we communicate a strong statement about this to President-Elect Obama. Audrey will craft a statement. Alicia emphasized the importance of distinguishing between policy and staff activities at the Veterans Administration, being careful not to blame staff for the problematic policies under which they have to work.

J. APA Convention Suite Coordination – Diane Hall

We only sold two books at the party and the suite lost \$62.86 this year. The awards party is getting more and more expensive. Five dollars at the door does not cover the expenses. The suite coordinator will make the decision about what needs to be charged and it was suggested and there was consensus that we raise the cost to \$10 at the door for the next party. Everyone can support the suite by spending time in the suite and encouraging others to do so, volunteering even if for just a couple of hours, staying in the suite, preparing students for what the benefits and responsibilities are, and recommending responsible people to volunteer.

Updating the contact list for publishers is going to be a challenge this year because of the many corporate mergers. We need to look for publishers willing to partner with us. If members know people at publishing companies or with publishing connections, get them to pave the way for us to get books for the suite. Members should also encourage people to submit AWP programming for the suite so that AWP has more of a presence.

It is important to let students know the benefits of volunteering, e.g., networking, meeting people, and opportunities for more involvement in the association. They should know that they do not save money unless they stay in the suite. Priority has been given to volunteers who are willing to stay in the suite rather than stay in a separate room.

Diane raised the question of whether to present our awards at AWP instead of APA because of confusion

about whose awards they are (AWP or Div. 35), low attendance at the suite party, and the fact that award winners are often not at APA. We will consider doing this for the 2010 conference and will put this on the agenda for the 2009 business meeting. The proposal is that the awards would be given at the AWP conference one year (and announced also at the APA suite party) and the award talk would be given at the next year's conference. We would continue to present the student research prize at APA since it is a joint award with Div. 35.

K. Researchers' Caucus - Jennifer Rose

They are looking at feminist journals and sending a postcard or email to the first authors of the most recent year inviting them to submit proposals to the conference. They have encouraged their members to submit proposals. They also want to create more opportunities for learning about research methodologies at the conference.

Mindy Erchul wrote two "Spotlight on the Researchers" Newsletter articles for the caucus. They have also established a Yahoo group and a template for a website.

L. Collective Coordination – Donna Hawxhurst

"Imp-sponsored" conference sessions are sessions that are planned and submitted to the conference by the Implementation Collective for the benefit of the membership. Donna recently attended an inclusion summit and realized the importance of not putting White women and women of color together in a dialogue before the White women work on issues of privilege. Thus, after consultation with the Women of Color Caucus, she submitted to the conference committee a second Imp sponsored program for-White-women-only addressing race and privilege (the first such session occurred at the 2008 San Diego conference). We discussed how to get more members than last year to attend the workshop to encourage more diversity of input into the discussion. Patricia has encouraged conference coordinators to consider incorporating this theme into the conference planning.

Leonore Tiefer is hoping to have the AWP Herstory Update completed for the Rhode Island 2009 conference and we discussed in what format we should produce it. Consensus was to have some Herstory brochures printed for the suite, to put them in the conference packets, and to put the Herstory on the website and in a "bonus edition" of the Newsletter. Audrey volunteered to produce a slide show of pictures from 1991- present that members send to her for the March conference and to accompany the AWP Herstory. Audrey will be the keeper of the photo archive for now until the photos can be downloaded onto the Website. We agreed to give Leonore up to \$500 to print 1000 copies of the Herstory.

We discussed how to strengthen a culture of inclusion in AWP. Sue will create for feedback and discussion a positive, proactive statement of ways we can be culturally more inclusive as an organization. We will consider requesting that conference coordinators put such a statement on their program and acceptance letters to presenters.

We acknowledged and appreciated Alicia Luckstead and Diane Hall for their contributions to the organization as they roll off the Collective.

Announcing...
**the 2010 Oliva Espin Award for Social Justice Concerns
in Feminist Psychology**

recognizing work in the areas of

**Gender and Immigration
and
Ethnicity, Religion, and Sexual Orientation**

The award was established through a generous founding contribution from Oliva Espin, a long time AWP member and feminist scholar. It was Oliva's desire to recognize the work of feminists who are making important contributions to practice, education and training, and/or scholarship in the areas of (a) Gender and Immigration and (b) Ethnicity, Religion, and Sexual Orientation. Oliva's life long contributions to each of these areas of feminist practice and scholarship have been significant. AWP is pleased to partner with Oliva to recognize and support ongoing work in these important areas.

Nominations and submissions may be made on the basis of noteworthy contributions to (a) practice, (b) education and training, and/or (c) scholarship (presented, published, or unpublished but in APA-style publication-ready format) in one of the following two areas: Gender and Immigration or the Intersection of Ethnicity, Religion, and Sexual Orientation. The 2010 Award will focus primarily on work in the area of Gender and Immigration.

Deadline for the 2010 Award is May 15, 2009. All nominations, submissions, and supporting documentation must be received via email attachment (MS Word .rtf format only) by the date indicated. Direct materials and questions to Michele C. Boyer mcboyer@indstate.edu Submissions will be reviewed by a committee of AWP members. The 2010 Award will be announced at the 2009 APA Conference during the AWP Awards Party and the recipient will be invited to present at the 2010 AWP Annual Conference.

Award: A \$250 cash prize will be awarded. The recipient will be invited to present at the Annual AWP Conference.

Donations: Individuals wishing to contribute to the Oliva Espin Award fund (to help sustain cash prizes) can do so by sending a check payable to AWP (in the note area indicate 'Oliva Espin Award') to Michele C. Boyer, Department of CDCSEP, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN 47809. Oliva will be notified of your gift.

HELLO AWP!

I am thrilled by the opportunity to join you in the implementation collective as the membership coordinator, and look forward to becoming more involved in sustaining and growing AWP. I have been a member of AWP since 1999, and feel strongly about giving back to an organization that has helped to nurture and support my, and many others', feminist scholarship and feminist networking.

I completed my doctoral work in Counseling Psychology, at The University of Memphis after which I did my pre-doctoral internship at USC's university counseling center. After working as a clinician for two additional years in a university counseling center, I have since been employed in academic positions. I am currently an assistant professor in the Counseling department at Sonoma State University, where I teach master's students who are learning to become community and school counselors. At SSU, I am also involved with the Women and Gender Studies department, serving both as a mentor to undergraduate students interested in pursuing

a graduate degree in the helping professions as well as contributing to ongoing lecture series.

In addition to using an explicitly feminist framework in my general training (teaching, supervision, and mentoring) of students, much of my teaching and research focuses on feminist concerns, including women's sexuality, diversity and multicultural



tural counseling, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) mental health. I teach the sexuality counseling class in my department, and am advocating for (when budgetary constraints lift) some curricular changes in our diversity training, including team-teaching our diversity classes (to model cross-cultural interactions) as well as adding an additional diversity class that will allow the current, introductory course to emphasize increased student awareness of systemic and individual issues of power/ privilege,

oppression, and difference, while focusing itself on more nuanced understandings of and skill development in working with people occupying the spectrum of human diversity. My current research program is focused entirely on same-sex marriage, as I am closely following same-sex cou-

ple's experiences of the giving and threatened taking-away of equal rights here in California.

In addition to bringing my commitment to and passion for feminist principles, including ongoing self-examination of what these principles are, I will bring to the implementation collective my enthusiasm for connection. Indeed, AWP has always been an important relational outlet for me, in connecting with feminist colleagues, new and old. It serves as a feminist home, both in the annual conference as well as the ongoing discourse that uplifts, stimulates, and mostly reminds us that we are unified in our dedication to affecting feminist change in our many worlds. As membership coordinator, I imagine thoroughly enjoying increased participation and connection in AWP, within a more intimate and involved group. I also feel very strongly about and look forward to contributing to the continued execution of the goings-on, and growth, of this organization. I hope I will have the opportunity to serve the collective and the organization through my care and dedication (along with strong organizational qualities). Please feel free to contact me by email or phone, below.

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ONLINE

Women, Power and Politics

The untold stories of women claiming and exercising their power around the world and throughout history come alive in International Museum of Women's global online exhibition Women, Power and Politics.

From March 8 to December 31, 2008, Women, Power and Politics is available to audiences worldwide in Arabic, English, French and Spanish. We focus on one provocative new topic each month and ask the questions no one is asking. Like never before, women and men are focusing on issues of substance concerning women's political participation. Visit the Women, Power and Politics exhibition to learn, speak and act to transform our world.

<http://www.imow.org/wpp/>

NEW VIEW CAMPAIGN'S FEMALE GENITAL COSMETIC SURGERY NYC PROTEST

by Lisa Rubin

On the afternoon of November 17, 2008, a group of NYC-based feminist psychologists and activists representing the New View Campaign staged a powerful protest event, as part of a larger campaign to raise awareness and bring critical attention to the newest trend into cosmetic 'medicine': female genital cosmetic surgery, or FGCS. Over two dozen women came together outside The Manhattan Center for Vaginal Surgery on New York City's Upper East Side carrying poster boards with messages such as "No Two Alike", "Long Live Long Labia", and drawings depicting the diversity of women's genitalia while chanting slogans such as, "Real Choice, Not Consumer Choice." There were five performances of "Dr. DIFFA and the 2 Vulvas", our mimed street theatre featuring Dr. DIFFA (an acronym for "Dr. Interest Free Financing Available", which was commonly advertised on NYC FGCS surgeon's websites), our beautiful Ms. Before puppet (a colorful giant vulva puppet, with full labia) and the sad Ms. After puppet (a bland, stitched up vulva puppet), problematizing the "Before and After" pictures commonly featured of FGCS surgeons' websites (protest pictures can be viewed at: http://www.newviewcampaign.org/whatsnew_detail.asp?id=6). The protest drew considerable media attention, including a positive article about the event in Time magazine. (<http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1859937,00.html>)

Female genital cosmetic surgeries, with names such as "Laser Vaginal Rejuvenation", "Designer Vaginoplasty", "G-Spot Amplification", "Revirgination", and "Cosmetic Labiaplasty" are increasingly and aggressively marketed to women with ads that aim to exploit and extend women's body dissatisfaction and genital shame. As an example, one ad featuring a group of three women dressed in barely-there lingerie asks, 'SELF-CONSCIOUS?: If you can't wear this with absolute confidence then you need Designer Laser Vagino-

plasty'. These surgeries may be trademarked, but they are medically unregulated, unmonitored, untested, and drastically under-researched. In fact, in September, 2007, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology issued a statement claiming, 'it is deceptive to give the impression that [these procedures] are accepted and routine' noting that 'their safety and effectiveness have not been documented.' However, as these surgeries are often promoted by physicians, women may easily assume they are safe and effective.

Beginning in September 2008, a core group of activists emerged with a campaign to bring critical attention FGCS, including: Drs. Leonore Tiefer (NYU School of Medicine), Nicola Gavey (University of Auckland), Lisa Rubin (New School), Meg Kaplan (Columbia University), and Becky Chalker (Pace University), Rachel Liebert (PhD student, CUNY), Silvia Campos Fernandez (PhD student, New School), and Michelle Leve (MA student, New School). The goals of our campaign were to demand regulations requiring informed consent about potential risks and side effects of surgeries, to call for independent post-procedure research to determine the extent of these adverse reactions, and to request that the Federal Trade Commission monitor and regulate FGCS advertising. Simultaneously, we aimed to educate others about the diversity of 'normal' appearing genitalia and to celebrate women's bodies as they are. The New View plans to hold a workshop on feminist activism at the upcoming AWP conference in Newport, using the FGCS campaign as an organizational frame. We also invite AWP members to get involved in "International Vulva Knitting Circle," part of our celebration of the female body. All knitted vulvas are invited to be part of an exhibition in NYC in early 2009 (contact ladieslovecraft@gmail.com for more information). Further information about the campaign can be found at: <http://www.newviewcampaign.org/fgcs.asp>.



Menstrual Moments Media Messages About Menstruation



**June 4-6, 2009
Spokane, Washington**

This is a multidisciplinary conference for scholars, health care providers, public policy advocates, writers, students, artists, and others interested in women's health across the lifespan as it relates to the menstrual cycle. Submissions addressing the conference theme are encouraged, but we are interested in all aspects of the menstrual cycle and welcome submissions that involve research, theory, public policy, health care, clinical applications, and art related to physiological, sociocultural, psychological, or cross-cultural aspects of the menstrual cycle; menarche, PMS, dysmenorrhea, amenorrhea, menopause; reproductive health; or women's health advocacy.

We welcome proposals for a variety of formats, such as poster sessions, workshops, exhibits, panels, and presentations. To submit a proposal, please visit the conference website: menstruationresearch.org/2009conference

Submissions will be accepted via the website only; no paper submissions will be considered. To receive full consideration for the June 2009 meeting, submit your proposal by January 1, 2009.

For more information about the Society for Menstrual Cycle Research, please visit menstruationresearch.org.

SUSTAINING THE VISION

Nurturing Ourselves - Caring for Each Other – Preserving the Planet

In 2010, AWP will again come to Portland, Oregon, now a leading city in the ecology and sustainability movement. Our conference theme echos the message of ecopsychological movements forming everywhere. Ecopsychology emerged to help individuals re-connect with the world around them – both the human and the natural world. We will especially welcome papers that address the themes of nurturing ourselves, caring for each other, and preserving the planet. We are interested in examples of activism and advocacy. We are living in times of exciting and hopeful political and cultural change. How are feminists and mental health professionals informing and contributing to the exciting changes that are happening today?

At our 2010 conference, we will have an opportunity to recall the vision of our foremothers, celebrate our successes, and take a good look at where we are today. We will have an opportunity to learn and grow by applying our feminist lens of wisdom and experience, science and practice. We will have an opportunity to repair and build upon our vision so that it will sustain us and our future generations. Possible thematic presentation topics might include: “Developing an Ethical Relationship with the Natural World;” “Nature, Culture and Addictive Behaviors;” “Neuroscience, Personal Psychologies and the Environment;” “Eco-Therapy: Nature-Based Systems Therapy.”

The Portland conference planning committee is excited to invite everyone to Portland – the City of Bridges, the City of Roses – a city that celebrates diversity! We have beautiful scenery, wonderful food, friendly people and all within walking distance of our conference hotel. The conference will include inspiring and timely keynote presentations, pre-conference workshops, and our traditional ceremonial and celebratory events, as well as the Dance and fun, local entertainment.

In sisterhood,

Sandy Shulmire

Conference Coordinator

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AWP PHOTOS 1991-PRESENT!

Please send any pictures that you have of past AWP conferences or activities from 1991-present to Audrey Ervin at audreyerv9@gmail.com by February 1, 2009. Photos may be used for the Herstory II project, on the web site and/or for the conference. Please include the date and the names of the people in the photos (if possible). Thank you!

PACK RATS!

Leonore Tiefer (LTiefer@mindspring.com) is compiling part II of AWP's history (1991-present).

I have a good collection of CONFERENCE programs, but I need OTHER stuff from the 1990s and early 2000s. CAUCUS information is especially wanted - minutes, guidelines, any documents. IMP information is needed prior to 2004 - anyone with a good memory could be of use. I have minutes since 2004 thanks to Angela Gillem but where are the earlier records??

The problem is that most stuff seems to have been on email and destroyed - this is going to drive historians nuts!! Please email or call (212-533-2774) me. Thanks,
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The Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture 2009 Diversity Challenge: **RACIAL IDENTITY AND CULTURAL FACTORS IN TREATMENT, RESEARCH AND POLICY**

Each year the Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture addresses a racial or cultural issue that could benefit from a pragmatic, scholarly, or grassroots focus through its Diversity Challenge conference. The theme of the 2009 conference is the examination of racial identity and cultural factors in treatment, research, education and policy. The two-day conference held at Boston College includes panel discussion/symposia, workshops, structured discussions, a poster session, and individual presentations by invited experts and selected guests including educators, administrators, researchers, mental health professionals, and community organizations. Individuals interested in presenting should check the ISPRC website where the Call for Proposals is posted, <http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/isprc/dc.html>. General information about the conference including pre-registration will also be available on the website. For all inquiries feel free to email isprc@bc.edu.