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# Letter from the President .....

Hi Everyone:

As the recently installed President of the Society of Indian Psychologists, I greet you and hope things are well with you in this final Fall of the twentieth century. At Utah State University, we are well underway in the Fall semester and busy as usual.

When I think of all of the places this message will travel, I am somewhat in awe that we are doing what we are doing: creating a science of indigenous psychology in the United States and Canada, developing and maintaining a professional organization, and working to improve the art of helping our fellow Native people. I commend you for what you are doing and I am proud to be a part of it. As I stood on the stage at the opening ceremony of the APA Convention, I was fully aware that I stood on the shoulders of those before me who struggled to start this fledgling organization, those who have worked over the years to maintain it, and to help it thrive and grow. It was a privilege to represent you while SIP and the other three minority organizations were honored with an APA Presidential Citation. It was a thrill to hear our friend and past president, Doug McDonald, sing the opening honor song, with Art McDonald, Joe Trimble, Teresa LaFromboise, and APA President Dick Suinn assisting him in the four directions. We were well represented at APA.

In the two years that I am President of SIP, I will strive to represent you well, to strengthen the ties that we have with other health provider organizations serving Native people, and to listen to you as we talk about directions and ways of improving and strengthening our professional organization. Some of the things I have heard to date are (1) increase the number of newsletters per year so communication is improved; (2) send the newsletter via electronic mail for those who have it and hard copies only to those who do not; (3) increase the \$15 dues so there is funding available to carry on the business of SIP; (4) revise the name of the organization so the acronym does not reflect a sensitive area for Native people and the word "Indian" does not invite others to use it when we ask them to use American Indian or Native American, and (5) hold some

### **SIP** in Boston

I'm back from the APA Convention, and I'm still aglow from the Opening Ceremony on Friday night. I want to reflect some more for those of you who weren't there, as well for those of you who were. This was a moving, powerful, historic event. I and many others were brought to tears multiple times and

Samuella Abdullah, Carolyn Barcus, Maryann Santos de Barona, and Reiko Homma True.

I grabbed several of my colleagues who have worked long and hard for diversity in APA and asked them during the ceremony whether they could believe this was actually happening. I had to pinch myself!

The spirit of cultural diversity

was immediately felt as we entered the cavernous ballroom where the ceremony was held. A large sign over the center of the stage read, "Many Voices Into One". Our President, Dick Suinn, was at the center of the platform with layers of Hawaiian leis around his neck. He was flanked on his left by the presidents of the ethnic minority psychological associations: Samuella Abdullah, Carolyn Barcus, Reiko Homma True, and Maryann Santos de Barona. On his right were Lillian Comas-Diaz and Janis Sanchez, cochairs of the Miniconvention on Ethnic Minorities.

Dick welcomed us and we were led in a moving American Indian Purification Ceremony and blessing. Doug McDonald led the songs and prayers in the Lakota language, and his father Art McDonald, and Teresa LaFromboise and Joseph Trimble went to the extreme points of the ballroom and placed tobacco as a symbolic offering. This was a deeply moving and wonderful beginning to the Opening Ceremony. This was followed by Hawaiian invocation and chants by two women from Hawaii. These rituals were done in a Hawaiian language and were also very moving. Later, a Hawaiian Ohana(family) ceremony was performed with Steve James, Rosie Bingham, Derald Wing Sue, Melba Vasquez, Pat DeLeon, and Marcia Moody as participants. Each participant said, "I am here as a member of my group; We are called: Native Americans/African Americans/ Asian Americans/Latinos/Latinas/Euro Americans/ students", (depending on who the participant was).

Dick Suinn was eloquent as he led us throughout the Opening Ceremony. He presented a new APA brochure on how Affirmative Action benefits everyone, including White Americans. He also presented several Presidential Citations to each of the ethnic minority associations and to training programs that had been nominated by their students as leaders in teaching cultural diversity. These programs were CUNY, Ohio State, and UCSB.

The Boston Community Choir gospel singers then got us all moving and clapping, another deeply moving event. As they were finishing their final number, Oh Happy Day!, the Rev. Jesse Jackson took the stage to thunderous applause. This was an extremely dramatic event, because Jesse had just buried his brother, who had died of cancer, on Friday morning. It was spinetingling to be in Jesse's presence. Jesse greeted each of the leaders seated on the platform and the choir.

As people applauded, he jokingly whispered to Dick Suinn and a s k e d whether he (Jesse) was n o w pronounced sane.

Jesse Jackson's message was powerful, poetic, and packed with



Carolyn Barcus and Maryann Santos de Barona.

substance. He began relatively quietly and continued to crescendo throughout the message. His points were constantly punctuated by applause.

Following Rev. Jackson's speech, Dick Suinn eloquently indicated that we have heard Jesse's challenge and we will do something about it. The wonderful Opening Ceremony was closed by the gospel singers and much sharing and celebration in the audience.

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# **SIP Welcomes** New and Renewing Members

Since January 1999 the Society of Indian Psychologists has received the following renewals or memberships. These funds allow SIP to publish the Newsletter two times a year and to implement special projects. SIP welcomes all and invites your active participation.

Alexander, Patricia, Stillwater, OK Barcus, Carolyn, Logan, UT Barrett, Justin, Grand Rapid, MI Berryhill, Elise M., Okmulgee, OK Chaney, John, Stillwater, OK Clearing-Sky, Mary, E Lansing, MI Daniels, Mark, Spearfish, SD Dauphinais, Paul, Bottineau, ND Dionne, Renda, San Diego, CA DuBray, Wynne, Sacramento, CA Erskine, Barbara, Ontario, Canada Everson, Howard, NYC, NY Farmilant, Steven, Chicago, IL Ferrris, Judy, E Lansing, MI Fleming, Candace, Denver, CO Fore, Chris, Albuquerque, NM Forrest, Deborah, Alphartta, GA Foster-Lifson, Rachel, Mt. Pleasant, MI Fransing, Daisy, Seattle, WA Gray, Losloe, San Francisco, CA Green, Vicki, Flagstaff, AZ Grubb, Henry, Johnson City, TN Hillabrant, Walter, Silver Spring, MD Holliday, Bertha, Washington, DC James, Keith, Ft. Collins, CO James, Steven E., Byfield, MA LaFromboise, Teresa, San Carlos, CA LaFriniere, Melody, Bemidji, MN Larsen, Inez, Bethel, AK Lee, Steven, Denver, CO Manuel, Lorraine, Shiprock, NM McClanahan, Patricia, Denver, CO Morris, Carolyn, Albuquerque, NM

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# SIP Listserve

The purpose of the list is to discuss issues relevant to the purpose of the Society of Indian Psychologists of the Americas which is: "to advance psychology as a science in service to Native people of the Americas. Research on Indian and Native concerns is one important avenue; another is the application of psychological knowledge and techniques to Indian issues." (one of the relevant issues is, of course, the bear lake/logan meetings so Carolyn and committee members are welcome to communicate on here for that purpose too.) If you want to subscribe to the list please:

send to: mailser@mail.couns.msu.edu a message with the text: subscribe sip-l

# 12th Annual Convention of American Indian Psychologists and

#### **Psychology Graduate Students**

The Twelfth Annual Convention of American Indian Psychologists and Psychology Graduate Students was held at Utah State University on June 21 and 22, with the Bear Lake Retreat being held the weekend prior to the Convention. The Convention is jointly sponsored by Utah State University and Indian Health Service. George Renfrey did an excellent job as the Convention coordinator. Dr. Eduardo Duran was the invited speaker. Ed is the author of the book *Native American Post-Colonial Psychology*. His talk, entitled "Aboriginal Post-Colonial Thought: The Root Metaphors to a New Paradigm", was interesting and well received. The 1999 Convention was the first to hold a poster session, which went well and will undoubtedly remain a part of future conventions.

At the Retreat, it is tradition to have a spiritual/medicine person speak. This year Irvin Cook of Sissiton, S.D., gave the talk and led

the sweat on Sunday.



Dr. Duran's presentation was well received by the



George Renfrey, Charlie Stewart and Eduardo Duran discuss convention activities

As the evaluation

forms always reflect, the Convention is an excellent forum to present and discuss new ideas, to network and to enjoy the company of other Native psychologists. The convention in 2000 will try an often-suggested format change: the convention will be on Thursday and Friday, June 15 and 16, followed by the Bear Lake Retreat on the weekend. The plan is to hold two workshops on Wednesday, June 14, prior to the convention, holding to a treatment/ assessment/ medication focus. Lorraine Manual will coordinate the convention

in 2000, and more information will be available in the Spring newsletter. MARK DOWN THE DATES AND PLAN TO ATTEND the Thirteenth Annual Convention in the year 2000.



Convention participants

# A New Millennium for SIP

With the ending of this century and the beginning of a new millennium, many wonderful things happened at the Society of Indian Psychologists:

1970 First issue of <u>Network of Indian Psychologists</u> is published by **Carolyn Attneave**, **Ph.D**.

1975 The Society of Indian Psychologists (SIP) is established.

1979 Logan Wright, Ph.D., is the first ethnic minority and the first person of American Indian heritage elected to the APA Board of Directors.

1986 Logan Wright, Ph.D., is the first person of American Indian heritage to be elected President of the APA.

1990 Teresa LaFromboise, Ph.D., is the President of the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues (Division 45 of APA)

1992 Joseph Horvat, Ph.D., an American Indian of the Seneca-Coyuga tribe, is the first ethnic minority person elected President of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association.

1992 Joseph Horvat, Ph.D., and American Indian of the Seneca-Coyuga tribe, is the first ethnic minority person elected President of the Psi Chi National Honor Society.

1999 Art McDonald, Doug McDonald, Teresa La Fromboise and Joseph Trimble opened the 1999 APA convention in Boston with a traditional northern plains cleansing ceremony.

1999 Carolyn Barcus, Ph.D., President of SIP 1999-2001, received an award in Boston on behalf of all that SIP has done from Richard Suinn, President of APA.

1999 Joseph Trimble, Ph.D., is the President of the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues (Division 45 of APA), and a Council member for the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (Division 9 of APA).

1999 Beth Todd-Bazemore from the University of South Dakota, received the Lifetime Service Award from the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues.

Let us keep the torch burning in the new millennium with your involvement. You may reach us through the SIP web site or contact Dr. Carolyn Barcus and/or Dr. Mary Clearing-Sky (information on the back of this issue).

## **Announcements**

DIVISION 45 will be initiating the James M. Jones Career Achievement Symposium in Ethnic Minority Psychology at the 2000 APA Convention. All distinguished individuals having exemplary careers in studying issues relevant to ethnic minority psychology are welcome to apply. Because this will be an invited symposium based upon those applying for presentation in this distinguished symposium, selfnominations will be accepted until Friday, December 10, (beyond the published APA deadline of November 15). Two applicants will be chosen to present in a special two-hour symposium. Please submit a vita and a one-page letter describing the significant contributions to ethnic minority psychology you have made. Completed nominations should be sent to: Jeff Mio, Behavioral Sciences Department, Cal Poly-Pomona, 3801 West Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768.

THE FIRST ANNUAL RACE (Relevance of Assessment and Culture in Education) Conference will take place January 5-7, 2000 at the Tempe Mission Palms Resort in Tempe, Arizona. RACE is a national meeting devoted to issues of culture in the context of educational assessment, psychological assessment, pedagogy, and counseling as it applies to both research and practice. For more information, please go to http://race2000@asu.edu.

SYMPOSIUM ON AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVISM IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. As San Francisco State University celebrates it's centennial anniversary, the Department of American Indian Studies will commemorate the 30th anniversary of its founding by hosting a symposium. Panel discussions will focus on the occupation of Alcatraz Island, the formation of an urban American Indian community in the Bay Area, and the work of American Indian student activists in creating the Department of American Indian Studies at SFSU. Friday, November 19, 1999, 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Seven Hills Conference Center, San Francisco State University

W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION is sponsoring the Fellowship in Health Policy Research to create a cadre of minority researchers with the skills needed to frame research questions, evaluate interventions, and design more effective policies in the health arena. The program, which operates under the aegis of National Medical Fellowships, Inc. (NMF), will offer a unique opportunity for talented minority men and women (or non-minorities who have demonstrated a commitment to those in underserved areas) to earn a Ph.D., Dr.PH. or Sc.D. in health policy research. For

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# **American Indian** Research

Biculturalism and Native American College Students' Performance on the WAIS-III by Teton Ducheneaux, University of North Dakota

Master thesis Abstract, August 1999.

Consideration of cultural appropriateness in using Western-European standardized intelligence measures with native Americans for clinical and education purposes has been neglected by professionals in the field of clinical assessment. Some students suggest the possibility of a "Native American pattern" on such tests, indicating a consistent, yet little-understood discrepancy. The present study investigated the impact of cultural identification of Native American college students on the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-Third Edition(WAIS-III). The study assessed the relationship between cultural identification and cognitive-testing scores between two groups of Native American college students. The first group consisted of off-reservation Native American students attending the University of North Dakota(UND). The second group consisted of Native American students attending an on-reservation tribal college, at Oglala Lakota College. The Northern Plains Biculturalism Inventory (NPBI)(Allen & French, 1993) was employed to measure cultural orientation and the (WAIS-III) provided scores indicative of intellectual functioning.

Many important factors, including heredity, socioeconomic background, and historical background play important roles in determining an individual's intelligence level. Due to skepticism and suspicion, historical factors, and a life-style and world-view that varies a great deal from that of European-Americans, intelligence test performance can also differ between Native Americans and European-Americans. The degree to which these factors actually impact Native American intelligence is not well understood by psychobiologists. This study provided some important clues to understanding the relationship between cultural orientation and measured intelligence.

It was predicted that the Traditional sample(i.e., as assessed by the NPBI) compared to the Assimilated sample, would display different patterns on the WAIS-III. Results showed that the Traditional group scored higher on Verbal IQ and the Assimilated group scored higher on Performance IQ. This was possibly due to the fact the UND group scored higher on Verbal IQ and also identified themselves as more Traditional than the Oglala College group, which scored lower Please see Research, Page 8

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more information please contact: The W.K. Kellogg Foundation Fellowship in Health Policy Research, Sarah Roberts, (212)714-0933, Program Assistant, National Medical Fellowships, Inc., 110 West 32nd Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10001-3205.

THE COMMITTEE OF STATE LEADERS invites you and your association to submit the name of an Ethnic Minority Psychologis attending the State Leadership Conference, who would further your Association's efforts to develop ethnic diversity within your state or province. The application deadline is December 1, 1999. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Sullivan, Ph.D., or Alison Howard in the State Advocacy Program of the Practice Directorate at 800/374-2723, Daniel Abrahamson, Ph.D., Chair, CSL at 860/644-2541.

THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH ASSOC. is seeking four Community Liaisons to manage and implement the practices and resources clearinghouse of a federally funded national school violence prevention coordinating center. They will provide program support to staff who are providing targeted technical assistance to 94 federal grantees across the nation and will be heavily involved in the planning and implementation of conferences, meetings and distance learning events. Please send a cover letter and current resume to: National Mental Health Association, 1021 Prince Street Alexandria, VA 22314. If you have any questions please call Sandy McElhaney at (703) 838-7506, e-mail: smcelhaney@nmha.org.

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PÔSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP - NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH, (http://www.nihr.org), is seeking Please see Annoucements, Page 8

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#### Letter from the President

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kind of meeting or get together at the APA Convention since the SIP business meeting is now held in June at the Utah convention. If there are other items that have been suggested and I have not listed them, say it to me again. Decisions on these items of business will be addressed in June at the business meeting, as well other business as usual.

Best wishes to you in all that you are doing. Be safe.

Carolyn Barcus (Blackfeet) President

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#### 1999 Membership Application

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#### Research, (from page 6)

on Verbal IQ. The overall sample scored higher on Perfomance IQ than Verbal IQ as predicted, which possibly supports a unique patterning difference. Also, when comparing the UND and Oglala Lakota College groups, the UND group scored significantly higher on Verbal IQ and Full Scale IQ.

An important limitation to this study was that subjects were in college; therefore, the results may not generalize to real world settings. It will be important for future research to examine the effects of biculturalism on IQ performance in an environment that may be more generalizable. Finally, more research needs to be conducted to learn how Biculturalism can impact IQ performance, as well as performance on other assessment measures.

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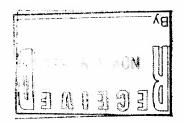
applications for a 2-year post-doctoral research fellowship in the area of spirituality and health. Eligible candidates should have obtained the Ph.D. by July 1, 2000 in Social, Health, or Clinical Psychology, Sociology, or in Public Health. Applications considered until position filled. Send vita, three letters of reference, publication reprints, and a list of course work in research methods and statistics to Dr. Michael McCullough, Director of Research, NIHR, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 908, Rockville, MD 20852.

NIMH-SPONSORED POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN PTSD RESEARCH. The National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) at the VA Boston Healthcare System announces the availability of four NIMH-supported postdoctoral fellowships to begin September 1, 2000. The fellowships have a minimum duration of one year and are designed to train psychologists in the scientific study of stress, trauma, and PTSD. Applications are now being accepted and will be reviewed until all

positions are filled. A completed application should include a personal statement of professional goals and interests, a curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference. Applicants must have completed all requirements for the Ph.D. prior to starting the program. Applications should be submitted to Daniel King, Ph.D., National Center for PTSD (116B-2), VA Boston Healthcare System, 150 South Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA, 02130. E-mail inquiries can be directed to carney.andrea@boston.va.gov

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