

FEBRUARY 2020

**WPS Elections are now open!**

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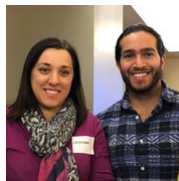
**APA Action Papers Training Session**

The First Annual Legislative & Advocacy Workshop was held on January 29, 2020 and was a great success. Focused on the APA's Action Paper process, speakers described the critical role these papers play in crafting APA's national positions and policies.

A very engaged audience of about 25 filled the room with lively discussion; plans are already underway for the next sessions. Many thanks to George Washington University for providing the space and to our sponsor, PRMS, for its support.



Eliot Sorel, MD, DLFAPA, describes the impact of Action Papers on national policy.



Cristina Secarea, MD and Mani Yavi, MD, spoke about the Action Papers they had presented.



Constance Dunlap, MD, DFAPA, describes the APA Assembly Governance structure.

**APA News and Notes**

**What's New at the APA**

- APA joined with a coalition of the nation's leading organizations dedicated to the care, health, education, well-being, and welfare of children and families in filing an amicus brief in opposition to Trump Administration's regulations that overturn protections guaranteed to immigrant children under the Flores Settlement Agreement. You can read more about the amicus brief, the case it regards, and the organizations involved in the coalition [here](#).

**February Course of the Month - Emerging Treatment Strategies for Mood and Anxiety Disorders**

- Check out a free APA member benefit by taking this on-demand CME course on emerging treatments and approaches for mood and anxiety disorders. Presented by Stefan Kloiber, M.D., University of Toronto, Yuliya Knyahnytska, M.D., Ph.D., University of Toronto, Nazanin Alavi, M.D., FRCPC, Queens University, Alpna Munshi, M.D., FRCPC, University of Toronto, and Ishrat Husain, MBBS, University of Toronto. [Click here to access the Course of the Month and sign up for updates about this free member benefit.](#)

**Now Accepting Applications - HIV Psychiatry Elective**

- Apply for the 2020 Medical Student Elective in HIV psychiatry. The elective will begin with an intensive, two-day training Aug. 27-28, 2020, at the APA headquarters in Washington, D.C. The training will cover neuropsychiatric complications of HIV, somatic complaints, mood disorders, treating co-occurring substance use disorders, and more. Students then embark on a four-week clinical and/or research experience at one of several prominent universities across the country. Submit your application by April 1, 2020: <https://www.psychiatry.org/residents-medical-students/medical-students/medical-student-programs/hiv-psychiatry>

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- **It's Not Too Late to Renew Your APA Membership for 2020**  
Renew today to maintain access to valuable benefits, including the APA Learning Center, discounts on meetings and events, journals and publications and more. You can renew online, over the phone or by mail. <https://www.psychiatry.org/join-apa/renew-your-membership>

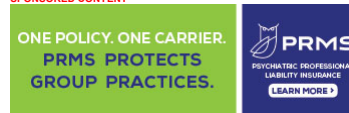
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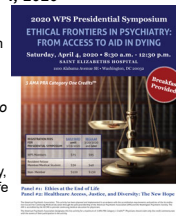
**GROUP COVERAGE? MAKE IT SIMPLE!**

All providers in your practice - psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and other behavioral healthcare providers - can be covered under one medical professional liability insurance policy, along with the entity itself. Click [here](#) for information!

**WPS EVENTS**

**CME : Saturday, April 4, 2020**

The 2020 Presidential Symposium will be held on Saturday morning, April 4, 2020 at St. Elizabeths. "Ethical Frontiers in Psychiatry: From Access to Aid in Dying" will feature speakers from APA and from local institutions on such subtopics as diversity, health equity and end of life issues.



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**MEMBER NEWS!**

Do you have news to share? Let us know!

**CLASSIFIEDS**



Do you have office space available for rent or are you recruiting for a qualified psychiatrist to join your team? Reach your market by placing a classified ad with WPS [here](#).

**WPS Publication Project**

The Communications Committee, chaired by Dr. William Lawson, is seeking WPS members who would like to contribute to a new WPS publication. This publication is in the formative stages and ideas are welcome. We will also need writers/contributors. If this project interests you, email [admin@dcpsych.org](mailto:admin@dcpsych.org).

**OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST**

• **Early Bird Registration Now Open- Annual Meeting 2020**

Don't miss out on the lowest registration rates for the [2020 APA Annual Meeting](#), the premier psychiatric event of the year! Join attendees from around the world to discover new, innovative treatments and explore topics impacting the future of psychiatry.

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**Find a Psychiatrist Database**

Help patients find you by joining the Find a Psychiatrist database. The database is exclusively offered to APA members as a reference source for patients and families looking for individual psychiatrists in the United States and Canada. The database is searchable by geography, specialty and more. Opt-in today to participate.

<http://finder.psychiatry.org/>

**Make a Difference Through Advocacy**

APA works every day to shape policies and legislation that advance our profession and promote the highest quality of care for our patients and their families.

- Read our January Advocacy Update here: <https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/advocacy/january-2020-advocacy-update>
- Sign up to receive advocacy alerts and our monthly update: <http://cgrcengage.com/psychorg/app/register?1&m=39947>

On Tuesday, April 14, 2020, **MedStar Washington Hospital Center** will present a Seminar/Webinar on [Becoming a Climate Informed Therapist for Psychiatrists, Psychologists and Social Workers](#). The seminar will have speakers from the Climate Psychiatry Alliance presenting and possibly others. This seminar will be held from 3 to 5 PM; you can attend in person or see it on the web. Both the conference room location and the website address will be announced soon. CME credit will be available for all specialties listed. More information can be obtained by calling Stephen Peterson, MD at 202-420-9758.

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