



## American Psychology-Law Society

APA DIVISION 41

### Welcome to the August 2025 American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) Newsletter

Our monthly Newsletter provides information about activities, upcoming events, and resources to connect the psychology-law community.

AP-LS aspires to excel as a valuable, effective, and influential organization advancing the science of psychology-law and the translation of psychology-law knowledge into practice and policy.



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### Undergraduate Grant in Aid Program: Important Updates for 2025-2026

The AP-LS Undergraduate Grant in Aid Committee is excited to announce several important updates to our program designed to better support undergraduate research in psychology and law.

#### What's the same this year:

- Award Amount: Up to \$1,000 per project
- Number of Awards: 5-6 projects annually

- Eligible Applicants: Undergraduate students conducting research in psychology and law
- Reminder about Application Deadlines: Last year we adjusted our submission deadlines to better align with academic calendars and provide more time for application preparation:
  - Fall Deadline: **October 15** (previously September)
  - Spring Deadline: **February 15** (previously January)
- Boost your application's competitiveness!
  - We strongly encourage research addressing issues of racial justice in psychology and law and open science practices through preregistration and data sharing

#### **What's different this year:**

Beginning with the October 2025 cycle, all applications must include a public significance statement. This requirement, consistent with *Law and Human Behavior* standards, is designed to encourage professional development and science communication of our early-stage scholars.

#### **Upcoming Webinar Workshop**

Mark Your Calendars! We will host an Undergraduate Grant in Aid Webinar Workshop in August 2025, assisted by AP-LS's Student Committee President, Cassidy White, MA, of The University of Alabama.

This workshop will:

- Guide potential grant-in-aid applicants through the submission process
- Offer tips for writing strong proposals
- Provide guidance on open science practices and preregistration
- Answer questions about the application process

Watch your email and social media for registration details!

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## **APA Council of Representatives Update June 2025**

The APA Governing body invited APA Council to three meetings in June. At the June 12, 2025 meeting, APA Council was provided with an executive summary of events which had transpired since the February 2025 Council meeting. At that meeting, APA council was asked to critically assess the state and future directions of APA. In analyzing the feedback from that meeting, six key themes emerged as suggestions for organizational enhancement: Communication with effective feedback loops; Ensuring all voices are heard; Organizational mistrust; Member support and benefits; Collaborative policy development and implementation; and Council onboarding. An APA workgroup, consisting of the Council Leadership Team and the Board of Directors, provided recommendations to address the concerns raised by Council. On June 24, 2025, APA Council members were provided with a first quarter financial update from the APA treasurer. On June 26, 2025, APA Council members will be provided with an in-depth briefing on how APA's Health Service Psychology Workforce Optimization will strengthen psychology's impact and create opportunities throughout the profession.

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## Request for proposals for Chapters and Essays

Monica K. Miller, David DeMatteo, and Daniel Krauss are editors of the book series "Advances in Psychology and Law," which seeks to enhance understanding of the connections between these disciplines, present "state of the science" summaries for current researchers, and provide a starting point for scholars wanting to delve into a new topic of study by reading an up-to-date review chapter or brief essay on that topic. All areas of psychology (e.g., developmental, social, cognitive, clinical, neuroscience) and law (e.g., criminal, civil, contracts, property, family) are appropriate for inclusion.

Chapters and essays will be primarily reviews or meta-analyses. Although they might provide some data to illustrate a new phenomenon, they are not meant to be data-driven like a journal article. Review chapters and essays will be on particular topics relevant to psychology and law and will be of current interest to the field. Chapters (and especially essays) will typically summarize research on one particular topic, rather than focusing on the entire body of research in an area (e.g., focusing on the Weapon Focus effect rather than the entire body of eyewitness memory). **Chapters** will be relatively long (30-40 pages d.s.), which will allow authors to go provide in depth analysis and take calculated risks (e.g., engaging in informed speculation about future research or the consequences of particular legal policies). **Essays** will be shorter (approximately 10 pages d.s.) because they discuss a topic that is new and/or has less previous research to synthesize.

The book series has an editorial board of distinguished scholars who are experts in various areas in psychology and law. The editorial board will offer guidance about the development of topics and serve as expert reviewers of chapters and essays. The editors strive to produce one volume in the series approximately every 12-18 months.

Overviews of the previous volumes can be viewed here to ensure topics have not been already included in the series and to see examples of chapters:

<http://www.springer.com/series/11918?detailsPage=titles>

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## Join Division 41 at APA 2025!

August 7-9, Denver, Colorado

Division 41 is excited to present three days of memorable programming at APA 2025!  
Register now at <https://convention.apa.org/>

Click [HERE](#) for a list of featured division 41 sessions and events.

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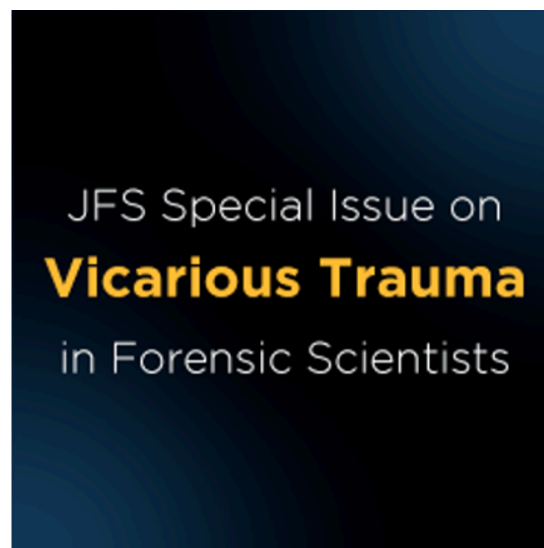
**Editor-in-Chief:** Michael A. Peat, Ph.D.

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The *Journal of Forensic Sciences (JFS)* is pleased to announce an upcoming special issue, titled:

### **JFS Special Issue on Vicarious Trauma in Forensic Scientists**

This Special Issue will focus on the cumulative effects of exposure to traumatic experiences in the course of our work as forensic scientists on *mental health outcomes* and *job burnout*.



The *JFS* is seeking manuscript submissions for this Special Issue in multiple areas, including but not limited to the following:

- **Traumatic Exposure in the Field and at the Crime Scene**
  - Police Officers and First Responders
  - Medicolegal Death Investigators

- Crime Scene Investigators
- Forensic Nurses
- Forensic Pathologists
- **Traumatic Exposure in the Lab**
  - Digital Evidence Handling
  - Physical Evidence Handling
  - Medical Examiners' Experiences
  - Toxicology Evidence Handling
  - Pressures and Issues Maintaining Quality etc. in High Volume or Other Lab Settings
- **Traumatic Exposure in the Courtroom**
  - Stress of Testimony / Cross-Examination
  - Encounters with the Victim, Defendant, or their Family Members
  - Encounters with the Press in High Profile Cases
- **Mental Health Outcomes in Forensic Scientists**
- **Primary Prevention, Peer Support, Coping, and Treatment**

#### Manuscript submission information:

- Submission site: [wiley.atyponrex.com/journal/JFO](http://wiley.atyponrex.com/journal/JFO)
- Cover letter: Include that the submission is for consideration for the *JFS* Special Issue on Vicarious Trauma in Forensic Scientists
- Please follow the guidelines included in the [JFS Information for Authors](#)
- Submission due date: **August 31, 2025**

*JFS* encourages you to be a part of this Special Issue on Vicarious Trauma in Forensic Scientists. It will provide a valuable platform for you to showcase your work and contribute to shaping the direction of our forensic community, promoting meaningful discussions and interdisciplinary connections.

Questions or related inquiries can be sent to Dr. Martell at [dmartell@aol.com](mailto:dmartell@aol.com), Dr. Peat at [jfs.editor@att.net](mailto:jfs.editor@att.net), or *JFS* Managing Editor Brenda Peat at [bpeat@aafs.org](mailto:bpeat@aafs.org).

## On The Job or Postdoc Market? AP-LS Job Postings



Check out [AP-LS's Job Postings Page](#) for up-to-date information on available psychology-law positions.

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AP-LS seeks to advance the science of psychology - law and the translation of psychology - law knowledge into practice. Our mission is to enhance the well-being, justice, and human rights through science and practice of psychology in legal contexts.

## Newsletter Archives

Archives of the newsletter are available at <https://ap-ls.org/newsletter>.

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