



American Psychology-Law Society

APA DIVISION 41

Welcome to the January 2023 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.



Undergraduate Research Grants in Aid

The Undergraduate Research Grants in Aid Committee would like to recognize the following student award winners from the Fall 2022 submission cycle.
Congratulations to these students and their faculty advisors on their impressive research projects!

Katérine Aminot (University of Manitoba)

Supervisor: Alicia Nijdam-Jones

Project: Delusion or Conspiracy? How Forensic Mental Health Professionals Differentiate Psychotic Delusions from Extreme Radicalized Beliefs

Award: \$726.64

Sean Bennett (Indiana University of Pennsylvania)

Supervisors: Margaret Reardon & Jennifer Perillo
Project: Exploring the Relationship Between Childhood Maltreatment, Social Dominance Orientation, Moral Disengagement, and Support for Police Use of Controversial Tactics
Award: \$1000

Jared Vorhagen (Xavier University)
Supervisor: Kathleen Hart
Project: Evaluating Jurors' Consideration of Youth as a False Confession Risk Factor: The Impact of Age and Race on Perceptions and Judgments in a Mock Case
Award: \$1000

The committee is currently accepting proposals for the January 15th deadline. Undergraduate AP-LS student members may apply for up to \$1000 to support research projects that address psycholegal issues. Please see the award page below for full details on this new award including eligibility criteria and submission instructions.

[More Information](#)

Caregiving Grants for AP-LS 2023

The AP-LS Professional Development of Women Committee is thrilled to offer Caregiving Grants of \$500 - \$750 for 2030 attendees of AP-LS 2023 in Philadelphia, with priority to first authors, presenters, students, and early career professionals. This grant is open to any AP-LS member (student and non-student) who serves as a caregiver in any capacity (e.g., child, parent). Funds can be used for any caregiving needs during the conference, including needs at the conference or at home. Please apply here.

Deadline to apply is **January 27, 2023**. We will notify grantees by **February 3, 2023**. Please contact Jenni Cox with any questions.

[Contact Jenni Cox](#)

AP-LS 2023 Pre-Conference Workshop Descriptions and Grants

The AP-LS Continuing Education (CE) Committee is pleased to offer 10 grants to students and early career psychologists (defined as 10 years or less since last terminal degree was awarded) to attend pre-conference CE workshops.

To apply for a pre-conference grant (which covers the workshop registration fee), please complete the application by **Monday, January 16, 2023, 11:59 PT**. Grant recipients will be notified by **January 27, 2023** (prior to the early registration rate deadline). Note: if you have already registered for a workshop, you can still apply and receive a refund for your registration fee.

Contact ce@ap-ls.org with any questions. We look forward to receiving your applications!

[Workshop Descriptions](#)

[Grant Application](#)

APA Updates

APA Apportionment Results

APA members decide who will represent them on APA Council by casting 10 votes in who or part for the various divisions and SPTAs. Although there was a decline in the number of votes cast by APA members for Division 41 in the 2024 apportionment process, we did maintain our two Council of Representative seats. To maintain these two Division 41 seats on Council, it will be important for those APLS members who are also APA members to cast more of their votes for Division 41 in the next apportionment vote.

Outcome of Voting on Amendments to APA Bylaws

All three of the most recently proposed amendments to the APA bylaws were approved by the membership (proportion of voting members approving in parentheses below).

- **Amendment #1** - Update Mission of Membership Board to be in Alignment with Current Practices (84.05%)
- **Amendment #2** - Association Members Gain Voting Privileges After One Year Instead of Five Years (73.33%)
- **Amendment #3** - Add a Graduate Student member on the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest, Board of Convention Affairs, Board of Educational Affairs, Board of Professional Affairs, Board of Scientific Affairs, Membership Board and Policy and Planning Board (82.28%)

Leadership Opportunities & Fellowships

APA seeks nominations (including self-nominations) for its many boards and committees. We strongly encourage you to [review the openings and nomination instructions](#). This is a great way to gain leadership experience and to get the voice of AP-LS heard within APA governance. You need to be an APA member to serve on an APA board or committee. Nominations are due **January 31**. Election slates are then developed and the APA Board of Directors approves the slates by mid-April. APA Council members then vote in Fall 2023. Additional questions can be directed to the APA Election Office at elections@apa.org.

APA also seeks nominees for the [APA Congressional Fellowship program](#) and [APA Executive Branch Science Fellowship](#). Applications are due January 30.

Standards of Accreditation for Master's Degree Programs

APA seeks public comments on Implementing Regulations related to the Standards of Accreditation for Health Service Psychology, Master's Degree Programs, which outline education and training requirements for the accreditation of health service

psychology programs at the master's level. Information about the proposed standards and public comment is available on [their website](#). Comments are due by **February 2, 2023**.

AP-LS 2023 Submission Decisions

Decisions regarding AP-LS 2023 conference submissions have been published. Please log in to your Ex Ordo account or contact the first/presenting author for more information. Early bird registration discount ends on **January 31**. Information about registration, hotel rooms, and preconference workshops are available on the website. Additional speaker instructions will go out at the start of the new year

[More Information](#)

Research Briefs

Take a look at the latest research briefs for short summaries of the latest articles relevant to psychology-law.

[Read the Column](#)

Division 41 is Seeking Proposals for APA's Annual Convention

We are excited to bring the community back together in person in Washington, DC – and we want you there!

If you have new research to share and can connect with an audience, we encourage you to submit a proposal. This year, we are accepting proposals for skill-building sessions, data blitz, symposia, critical conversations, and virtual or in person posters.

Do you know colleagues that should speak at APA 2023? Please help us spread the word! Great presenters help us deliver a great event.

Act quickly – the deadline is January 10.

We are also looking for proposal reviewers. Students, clinicians and researchers are welcome. Reach out to the APA Div 41 Co-Chairs, Drs. Alicia Nijdam-Jones at alicia.nijdam-jones@umanitoba.ca and Andre Kehn at andre.kehn@und.edu.

[Sign Up to Review](#)

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AP-LS Practice Committee Announces an Award to Recognize Outstanding Practitioner Mentoring for the

Elimination of Racial, Ethnic and Cultural (REC) Disparities in the Field of Psychology and the Law

REC disparities in the criminal justice system (CJS) necessitate that practicing psychologists working in the field of psychology and the law use their knowledge and experience to combat them. Practitioners are in a unique position to offer education, assessment, intervention and advocacy on issues of REC disparities, racism, and discrimination in the field of psychology and the law. However, a limited body of research, lack of practice guidelines on REC integration in forensic practice, and low representation of Black, Indigenous, People Of Color (BIPOC) professionals, limit such efforts. Mentorship of emerging practitioners in psychology and the law on such issues can bridge the gap of knowledge, application, and BIPOC representation in the field.

The AP-LS Practice Committee wants to recognize the substantive contributions of practitioner mentors who educate and support emerging clinicians in psychology and the law with a lens toward the elimination of REC disparities and social justice. For these purposes, we use Goldstein's (2007) definition of the practice of psychology and the law: "The application of psychological research, theory, practice, and traditional and specialized methodology (e.g. interviewing, psychological testing, forensic assessment, and forensically relevant instruments) to provide information relevant to a legal question."

The award for Outstanding Practitioner Mentoring to Eliminate Racial, Ethnic and Cultural (REC) Disparities in the Field of Psychology and the Law, will be conferred on a yearly basis. The Recipient will receive a \$500.00 cash award, a plaque to be presented at the annual AP-LS conference and will be featured in an AP-LS newsletter article, written by the practice committee, highlighting the recipient's achievements and recommendations to other practitioners. Highlighting the recipient's mentorship practices and experiences can serve as a model for other professionals in the field of psychology and the law.

Nomination packages are due **January 15, 2023** and should be emailed to the chair of the award subcommittee, Dr. Lara Guzmán-Hosta at lguzman.hosta@gmail.com.

[Read More](#)

BRIDGE Committee Award Programs Call for Applications 2023

The AP-LS Broadening Representation Inclusion, Diversity, and Global Equity or BRIDGE Committee is seeking applicants for two award programs. As part of the BRIDGE Committee initiative to increase diversity within AP-LS, and the profession as a whole, these award programs support research for undergraduate and graduate students. Please take a few minutes to review the program descriptions below and consider if you or any students you know might be eligible, and encourage them to apply. Also, please feel free to forward this information to any colleagues who might be interested in these award programs. **Award submissions will be accepted starting September 15, 2022 through January 15, 2023.** Recipients will be announced in February 2023.

Access Path to Psychology and Law Experience Program

The purpose of the Access Path to Psychology and Law Experience (AP) Program is to increase diversity within psychology and law by increasing the pipeline of competitive graduate school applicants from groups that currently are underrepresented in the field, including racial and ethnic minorities, first-generation college students, LGBT individuals, and disabled students. AP is designed to encourage faculty members to recruit students from underrepresented groups into their research labs. It provides financial support for the students to obtain meaningful research experience and attend the AP-LS conference as well as other opportunities for mentoring and development. It is the intention of the BRIDGE Committee that many of the students in the AP program will apply for graduate training related to psychology and law and ultimately become professionals in the field. The AP program primarily targets undergraduate students, but students from terminal master's degree programs will also be considered. Award submissions will be accepted starting **September 15, 2022 through January 15, 2023**. Recipients will be announced in February 2023.

For more information about the AP Program, please contact the program Chair, Dr. Jason Lawrence at jason.lawrence@dmh.mo.gov.

AP-LS Diversity in Psychology and Law Research Awards

The purpose of the Diversity in Psychology and Law Research Awards is to promote diversity within the American Psychology-Law Society by supporting student research on psycholegal issues related to diversity as well as research by students from underrepresented groups. Projects are eligible for consideration for this award if (1) they investigate topics related to psychology, law, diversity, and/or multiculturalism (e.g., research pertaining to psycholegal issues on race, gender, culture, sexual orientation, etc.) or (2) if the principal investigator is a member of an underrepresented group, including racial and ethnic minorities, first-generation college students, LGBT individuals, and students with disabilities. Consistent with the mission of the BRIDGE Committee, these awards are intended to facilitate the research of individuals from groups that are underrepresented in AP-LS, as well as research about issues of potential interest and importance to such groups. Award submissions will be accepted starting **September 15, 2022 through January 15, 2023**. Recipients will be announced in February 2023.

For more information about the Diversity Program, please contact the program Chair, Dr. Evelyn Maeder at evelyn.maeder@carlton.ca.

As part of an initiative to increase diversity within AP-LS, the Minority Affairs Committee will provide travel awards to students from underrepresented groups (i.e., racial and ethnic minorities, first-generation college students, LGBT individuals, and students with disabilities) who are presenting research at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference. Seven competitive travel awards in the amount of \$500 will be given. Award submissions will be accepted starting September 15, 2022 through January 15, 2023. Recipients will be announced in February 2023.

For more information about the Diversity Travel Award program, please contact the program Chair, Dr. Amanda NeMoyer at ann38@drexel.edu.

[Submit Award Applications](#)

Call for Book Proposals

The American Psychology-Law Society invites proposals for new authored and edited volumes on psychology-law topics for its book series (now published by APA Books). If you are considering authoring or editing a new volume, please reach out to a member of the editorial team. We would be glad to discuss your ideas with you.

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Register for the 2023 AP-LS Conference

The registration portal is now open for the 2023 AP-LS Conference from **March 16-18, 2023** at the Marriott, Downtown, Philadelphia. Pre-conference workshops will be held on **March 15, 2023**.

Register for the conference (including pre-conference workshops), book your room, or sign up for the fun run.

[Register for the Conference](#)

Please note that early-bird registration ends on **January 31**.

Direct any **registration-related queries** to the AP-LS Office at office@ap-ls.org.

Any questions regarding **conference programming** can be sent to the Conference Co-Chairs, Andrea Avila and Miko M. Wilford at conference@ap-ls.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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