



American Psychology-Law Society

APA DIVISION 41

**Welcome to the April 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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**American Academy of Forensic Psychology Dissertation Grants in Applied  
Law/Psychology**

A committee of AAFP fellows reviews applications and grants of up to \$2000 will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Potential contribution of the dissertation to applied law-psychology
- Methodological soundness/experimental design

- Budgetary needs, review of applicant's personal statement

Students in the process of developing a dissertation proposal and those collecting dissertation data as of April 14 are eligible for the grants for the coming year.\*

To apply, students must submit electronic copies of the following no later than **April 14, 2025** (incomplete applications will not be considered):

- A letter from the applicant including:
  - A summary of interest and career goals in the area of law and psychology
  - The proposed research and its timeline
  - The dissertation budget, award amount requested, and how the award will be used
  - Current status of approval from the relevant committees and IRB (funds cannot be awarded until IRB approval is complete, if necessary).
- A current CV
- A letter (no longer than one page) from the applicant's dissertation chair/supervisor offering their support of the applicant, confirming that the dissertation proposal has been or is expected to be approved and will be conducted as detailed in the applicant's letter.

Submissions should be e-mailed no later than **April 14th** to the President-Elect of AAFP. Applicants will receive a confirmation of receipt within five business days from the deadline. Questions or inquiries regarding the award competition or receipt of application should be directed to the President-Elect of AAFP. Contact information appears below.

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\*Please note that this is a grant for original research, rather than an award for research that has been completed.

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## **APA Council Meeting February 22-23, 2025**

### **Town Halls**

Both AP-LS Council representatives virtually attended several Council town halls during the lead up to the Council meeting. Town halls include presentations about new business items with Q&A, a finance update, and information about Hill Day.

### **Caucuses**

Both AP-LS Council representatives virtually attended numerous Council caucuses on Thursday February 13th and Friday February 14th. Each caucus focused on a specific area of interest. Jennifer Groscup serves as Chair of the General Applied

Psychology and Psychologists (GAPP) Caucus. She also attended Caucus Chairs meetings to plan a discussion activity at the Plenary Session about member experience with APA/APASI.

**Hill Day**

On Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup>, over 150 psychologists from Council went to Capitol Hill to lobby on behalf of APA. Lavita Nadkarni and Jennifer Groscup both went to Hill Day. The advocating points were 1) complete the FY2025 appropriations cycle for the federally-funded Graduate Psychology Education Program (GPE) and fund it for FY2026, 2) complete the FY2025 appropriations cycle for NIH funding and fund it at the Senate approved \$50.3 billion for FY2026, and 3) protect Medicaid, which insures 50% of children, 27% of people overall, and is the largest mental health provider in the country.

Click [HERE](#) for a day-by-day breakdown.

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**AP-LS November Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

November’s Executive Committee meeting minutes can be found [HERE](#).

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**Grants Pass Legal Update Part 2**

In February's Legal Update column, we explored the technical holdings of the Grants Pass decision. Specifically, Grants Pass did not outlaw homelessness as a status, rather it granted jurisdictions to criminalize acts that may manifest from homelessness. In Part 2, we explore the ramifications of this decision on the field of forensic psychology. Using well-established models such as the Sequential Intercept Model, and highlighting several programs already in place, we address the need for policy and legislation to fill the gap the Supreme Court left in protecting the unhoused population. Read Part 2 [HERE](#).

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**Call for applications for  
The Practitioner Early Career Professionals Grant  
Due May 15**

Are you an Early Career Professional who practices primarily as a practitioner within the field of psychology and law? Then you may qualify for an ECP Practitioner Grant. Grants can be used to fund a myriad of activities that are novel to the early career stage such as applying for licensure, funds to support preparing for the licensure examination, continuing education activities, developing a private practice, consultation activities, and activities that enhance treatment and evaluation skill sets to name a few. If you are interested in applying, please send an email to [ecp@ap-ls.org](mailto:ecp@ap-ls.org) with the following information:

1. **Cover letter:**
  - a. First and last name
  - b. Year last degree was obtained

- c. Email address, telephone number, and mailing address
  2. **Letter of intent** (1,500 word maximum) that describes:
    - a. Your current professional roles and connection to the field of psychology and law.
    - b. How you intend to use the grant
    - c. How receiving the grant will enhance your practice and career growth
    - d. How receiving the grant will further the practice of psychology and law
    - e. How receiving the grant will contribute to broader impacts to society and the broader mission of AP-LS to increase efforts in diversity, equity, and inclusion
  3. **Proposed budget** with justification and timeline. The award is up to \$500.
  4. **CV**
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## BRIDGE Diversity in Psychology and Law Research Awards

The AP-LS Broadening Representation, Inclusivity, Diversity, and Gender Equity (BRIDGE) is pleased to announce the awardees of the 2025 Diversity in Psychology and Law Research Awards. This award supports student research on psycholegal issues related to diversity or conducted by individuals from underrepresented groups. Each awardee has been granted a mini-grant of \$1000 to support their research. We introduced you to four of the five awardees last month. This month we'd like to introduce you to Kori Meyer, who also received a BRIDGE Diversity in Psychology and Law Research Award. Congratulations to Kori and all the awardees!

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### Kori Meyer



Kori Meyer, M.S., is a Doctoral Candidate studying Psychological Science at the University of North Carolina Wilmington under the mentorship of Dr. Bryan Myers and is projected to graduate in May 2025. Her research focuses on racial disparities in the criminal justice system and examines the Cross-Race Effect in mistaken

eyewitness identifications. In December 2022, Ms. Meyer earned her Master of Science in Psychological Science from UNCW and carried on at the institution for her doctorate to specialize in forensic psychology while serving the public in the local court system. Ms. Meyer is currently the Social Worker for the Brunswick County Public Defender's Office, serving in one of the few funded social workers positions available in North Carolina who aim to take a holistic approach to legal defense, addressing individual's needs both in and outside of the courtroom. After graduating from UNCW, Ms. Meyer hopes to continue to go on to law school to obtain her JD.

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## Call for Book Proposals

The American Psychology-Law Society invites proposals for new titles in its book series, which is now published by [APA Books](#). We publish authored and edited volumes on current issues at the intersection of psychology and law. Books are typically a state of the science synthesis of a body of existing research with implications for practice and/or policy. Authors and editors should have a substantial and recent track record of publication and/or practice in psychology or law, and at least one should hold a doctorate in psychology or closely related behavioral science. If you have a proposal for a new book in the series or you would simply like more information, reach out to a member of the editorial team. We would be happy to tell you more.

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