

CIRCULAR LETTER #593

Pre-Meeting Spring

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MARCH 2005

For my last official letter to you, I would like to thank you for the honor of serving as your president for the past 2 years. As you know it was a tumultuous time in my life. Your generosity and support was incredibly important to me personally, and it enabled me to continue to move GAP ahead in its revitalization. I'm proud of our achievements during this time. There will be an election for new officers at the Spring Meeting and the bios of the Board of Directors' nominations appear in this newsletter.

Your frequent (unsolicited) comments to me that GAP has grown in purpose, enthusiasm and productivity have made it clear that our think tank is vital and that it has had an impact! None of this could have happened without Frances. I am enormously grateful to her. Please remember that, in keeping with our commitment to exploring, strengthening and clarifying our relationship with the APA, Jay Scully, MD, APA Medical Director and GAP member will lead a plenary discussion to consider this relationship. GAP has received CME credit for this presentation.

I would also like to re-enforce that our publication policy to encourage individual names as well as GAP's name on publications is in effect and it is a critical part of our future growth.

Finally, I would like to offer our best wishes to Frances and Jon on their recent marriage.

Carol Nadelson, M.D.

Report of the Nominating Committee

President	Paul J. Fink
President Elect	Lois Flaherty
Secretary	Jay Scully
Treasurer	David Baron

Board of Directors Nominees:

Prakash N. Desai

Prakash N. Desai, MD is a member of the committee on Cultural Psychiatry for the past decade. He is the immediate past Speaker of the Assembly of the American Psychiatric Association (APA), and served as its Recorder in 2001-02. He has served as the President of the National Association of VA Chiefs of Psychiatry in 92-93, and that of the Amer. Asso. of South Asian Psychiatrists from '77 to '79.

He received the Oscar Pfister Award in '95 and the George Tarjan Award in 2003, both from the APA, and the Brice Boyer Award from the Society for Psychological Anthropology (Honorable Mention) in 1987 for his book chapter written with Al Collins, "Selfhood and Context: Some Indian Solutions" in *The Cultural Transitions: Human Experience and Social Transformation in the Third World and Japan*, Eds M. White and S. Pollak, Routledge & Kegan Paul, Boston 1986. 261-287. His two other notable publications are "Health and Medicine In the Hindu Tradition (Crossroads, NY, 1989) and with H. Muslin "Triumph and Tragedy: Psychohistorical Decisions of Mahatma Gandhi" (Haranand, New Delhi, 1998). His other areas of scholarship include Serious and Chronic Mentally ill, Recidivism, History of Medicine, and Medical Ethics. His other interests led him to serve on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Humanities Council (90-96).

Until recently he was the Chief of Staff at VA Chicago HCS and Asso. Dean at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). He continues to be Professor of Psychiatry at UIC. He is also an Associate member of the Committee on South Asian Studies at the University of Chicago for over two decades. He is married to Alice Meara Desai and they live in River Forest, IL. They have two daughters Reshma (33) and Natasha (31).

Joan Lang

Dr. Lang is Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Saint Louis University. She is (proudly) a former Ginsburg Fellow and has been active in GAP as a member (and briefly Chair) of the Committee on Human Sexuality, Chair of the Program Committee, and member of the Publications Board. Currently, she chairs the new Committee on Gender Issues. Besides GAP, she is active as Associate Editor of the PRITE (Psychiatry Resident In-Training Exam), a senior examiner for the ABPN, and faculty for the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute. She serves APA as a member of the Finance and Budget Committee and of the Council on Education. She is a Distinguished Fellow of APA and a Fellow of the American College of Psychiatrists.

Rebecca A. Dulit

I am a Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Weill Medical College of Cornell University. I have been a member of GAP on the Psychopathology Committee since 1997 and became Chair of the Committee in 2000. During my time in GAP, I have participated in the writing and publication of five papers, including a manuscript on the use of self-disclosure in psychotherapy and an editorial to the New York Times about the aftermath of 9/11. I was Chair of the Psychopathology Committee while it applied for and received the controversial educational grant from Eli Lilly and I co-lead the successful completion of the manuscript on Adult ADHD which was published in 2004 in *Primary Psychiatry*.

I have an active private practice in adult psychiatry and specialize in the psychotherapy and pharmacotherapy of patients with borderline personality disorder. My primary area of academic interest has been the symptomatology and treatment of borderline personality disorder. I have worked as a National Trainer in Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) for the Behavioral Technology Transfer Group. In the mid-1990's, I was Unit Chief of the Inpatient Dialectical Behavior Therapy Unit at The New York Hospital-Westchester Division, Cornell University Medical Center. I have received federal and foundation funding to conduct clinical research in borderline personality disorder and have published numerous articles, book chapters, and abstracts. I have also lectured in cities throughout the U.S. I went to Harvard-Radcliffe College and Mount Sinai Medical School and was a psychiatry resident at Payne Whitney Clinic. I am married to an attorney and have 3 children, a dog, a cat, 2 guinea pigs, a hamster, and a fish. If I am not elected to the Board of GAP, I am considering a run for the Board of the Bronx Zoo. I would be honored to serve GAP as a Board Member and help to assure our financial viability and maintain our reputation for academic excellence.

William H. Sledge

I am a full time academic psychiatrist at Yale University, where I am the George D. and Esther S. Gross Professor of Psychiatry. I graduated from the Western New England Institute for Psychoanalysis in 1986, and I have held a variety of clinical and administrative positions at Yale. I was the Director of the Graduate Education Program for the psychiatric program from 1978 to 1986. I was the Clinical Director of the Connecticut Mental Health Center from 1987 until 1992, where I worked to bring high quality clinical programs to people with severe and persistent mental illness. In 1992, I became Associate Chair for Education, a position I held for six years. And for the last eight years, I have been in charge of the psychiatric programs in the Yale-New Haven Hospital, which includes responsibility for a busy consultation liaison service, a psychiatric emergency room, and a 70-bed psychiatric inpatient unit with associated outpatient partial hospital and intensive outpatient care programs. In addition to general clinical psychiatry, I do consultations for the airline industry, assessing those who have to be medically certified to fly, and have assisted with a variety of policy issues with the FAA and the airline industry.

In addition, for the last ten years, I have been a Master of one of Yale's undergraduate residential colleges, Calhoun College, reporting to the President of Yale University. My wife and I live on campus, surrounded by 450 or so Yale College undergraduates. During three years of this time I held the position of Chair of the Council of Masters. My work as Master will end this term. It has been a thrilling job, but I look forward to a re-emersion into my research.

My intellectual work has included research addressing the effectiveness and outcome of educational programs and psychotherapy, as well as the neurobiology of language in schizophrenia. Recently, health services research has been my research focus. In the last fifteen years or so, I have developed or helped to develop a variety of innovative programs including alternatives to psychiatric hospitalization, relapse prevention programs, and now, I am designing an intervention for patients who are high users of medical services. I co-edited the Encyclopedia of Psychotherapy, published by Academic Press in 2002.

I have been an active member of GAP since 1993. Initially, I was on the Research Committee, and transferred in 1998 to the Therapy Committee. I served briefly on the Fellowship Committee. GAP is a wonderful organization; unique in its devotion to careful policy development, as well as other issues affecting the field, with the commitment to developing scholarly, thoughtful approaches and, as everyone knows, position papers. This work has always intrigued me, and I have been impressed with much of the output.

However, like any endeavor, it can always be improved. As a member of the Board of Trustees, I will share my broad, scholarly interests and commitment to interdisciplinary scholarship and I will develop ways to draw on experts both within and outside the field. My contacts with the publishing industry will help us in getting our word out in a variety of formats (in addition to the printed monograph that has been our staple) and into the hands of those who can make use of it.

My fundraising experience, both at Yale Medical School and Yale College, will be an asset to the organization. And, finally, I have been a manager of many different types of clinical and academic programs, and I enormously enjoy the challenge and creative work of conceptualizing social programs designed to solve real human and organizational problems. Thank you for your consideration.

Announcements

The Board of Directors would like to thank the members who do not request any travel reimbursement for attending meetings, in effect, making a contribution to the organization. We apologize for any oversight if your name was left off of this list. Please contact Frances so she can note your contribution in the next circular letter.

David Adler	Deborah Hales	Silvio Onesti
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SPRING 2005 MEETING
118th MEETING OF
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THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005

10:00 a.m.	GAP Office Opens Masfield A Room
10:00 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting Masfield B Room
11:00 a.m.	Contributions Committee Masfield B Room
12:00 noon	Publications Board Meeting Hutchinson A Room
2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Cooper B Room
4:00 p.m.	Fellows Selection Committee Masfield B Room
4:30 p.m.	Work Group Consultation Masfield B Room
4:00 p.m.	Fellows Orientation Meeting Cooper A Room
5:30 p.m.	Reception of the Board of Directors Room 688 – Sixth Floor
6:30 p.m.	Fellows Dinner Meeting Cooper A Room
6:30 p.m.	Corporate Sponsors Dinner Masfield B Room
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Irving A and B Rooms Hosted by: Committee on Terrorism

Thursday Committee Meetings

Addictions	8:00 p.m.	Room 107
Child	8:00 p.m.	Library Room
College Student	8:00 p.m.	Studio Room
Family	8:00 p.m.	Hutchinson B Room
Psychopathology	2:00 p.m.	Gallery Room

Psychopharmacology	4:00 p.m.	Portico Room
Terrorism	7:30 p.m.	Room 217
Therapeutic Care	7:45 p.m.	Zenger A Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2005

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Cooper-Greeley Rooms
8:30 a.m.	General Membership Meeting Cooper-Greeley Rooms
9:30 a.m.	Committee Meetings
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
12:00 noon	Luncheon Cooper-Greeley Rooms
	Steering Committee Meeting Irving A Room
1:00 p.m.	Fellows Meeting Irving B Room
2:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings
3:00 p.m.	Coffee Break
5:00 p.m.	Juice Break
5:30 p.m.	Plenary Session: Jay Scully, M.D. "The APA: Current Organization and Operations"
6:30 p.m.	Cocktail Reception Red Oak Terrace
7:30 p.m.	Dinner Cooper-Greeley Rooms
9:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Foyer - Cooper-Greeley Rooms Hosted by: Committee on Social Issues

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2005

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Cooper-Greeley Rooms
	Steering Committee Meeting Irving B Room

	Fellows Breakfast Meeting Irving A Room
9:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings
11:30 a.m.	Luncheon Cooper-Greeley Rooms
12:00 noon	Board of Directors Wrap Up Meeting Cooper B Room

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ADOLESCENCE	ROOM 102
AGING	MASEFIELD B ROOM
ADDICTIONS	ROOM 107
CHILD PSYCHIATRY	LIBRARY ROOM
COLLEGE STUDENT	STUDIO ROOM
CULTURAL PSYCHIATRY	ROOM 209
DISABILITIES	ROOM 104
FAMILY	HUTCHINSON B ROOM
GENDER ISSUES AND MENTAL HEALTH	HUTCHINSON A ROOM
HUMAN SEXUALITY	Room 209
IMG	ZENGER B ROOM
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	VERANDA ROOM
MEDICAL EDUCATION	PARLOR ROOM
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	ROOM 201
PLANNING, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS	ROOM 405
PREVENTIVE PSYCHIATRY	ROOM 505
PSYCHIATRY AND THE COMMUNITY	ROOM 103
PSYCHIATRY AND THE LAW	ROOM 105
PSYCHIATRY AND RELIGION	ROOM 505
PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	GALLERY ROOM
PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY	PORTICO ROOM
RESEARCH	ROOM 203
SEXUAL MINORITIES	ROOM 205
SOCIAL ISSUES	ROOM 211
TERRORISM	ROOM 217
THERAPEUTIC CARE	ZENGER A ROOM
THERAPY	ROOM 305
WORK AND ORGANIZATIONS	ROOM 106

**DATES OF FUTURE
GAP MEETINGS**

2005
APRIL 7-9
NOVEMBER 17-19

2006
APRIL 6-8
NOVEMBER 9-11

2007
MARCH 29-31
NOVEMBER 8-10

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