President’s Message

These past few months of quarantine, shelter-in-place, and closure of much of Ohio society have brought challenges to the practice of psychology. It has resulted in practices rapidly

The Broad View

In my original article I acknowledged the new Chair of our PAC: Dr. Daniel Fishman. That remains an important news item given some key legislation we need to pass. I refer to the

President’s Message

I was recently asked a question regarding the sweeping emergency adaptations taking place with insurance company policies and regulations. Specifically, the member
converting to telepsychological services, finding and deploying necessary HIPAA technological resources, gaining telepractice competencies, and still supporting our own families wellness and self-care.

PsyPACT Legislation dealing with interjurisdictional practice of psychology. We are told that this bill is fast tracked and its importance has become even more evident in the current situation. Donations to the PAC are not tax deductible.

asked whether it was likely the insurance companies would continue to cover teletherapy sessions after April 30, which is a question I'm sure many of you have. This was my response: "Most insurance companies were already covering telehealth ...

Transitioning to Telepsychology with Doxy.me

The Communications and Technology Committee welcomes new co-chairs: Dr. Kelly Martincin and Dr. Keelan Quinn, and launches a new blog. Their blog will focus on the use of technology in the practice of psychology. Access their first post by clicking the green button below.

2020 Winners Announced

The Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund committee has selected three winners for 2020. They are Diane Keister of Idaho State University, Erica Peppers of the University of Tennessee and Alec Smidt of Yale University of Medicine and the University of Oregon. 2021 applications due January 7, 2021.

Call for Papers

The OPA Communication & Technology Committee is calling for manuscripts to review for the 2020 Ohio Psychologist, a peer-reviewed journal published once a year by OPA. Articles should relate to the 2020 OPA theme, "Today's Psychology: Practice, Research and Emerging Trends." Deadline to submit article is May 15, 2020.

OPA's Prevention and Wellness Program

Before the pandemic hit, I discovered a new self-help book at the library, The Rabbit Effect: Live longer, happier and healthier with the groundbreaking science of kindness (New York, Atria Books, 2019), by Kelli Harding, MD. As I look at her model of health, I am struck by how significant it is today both for our clients and for our own self-care in this Covid-19 pandemic.

Register for a PWP Special Event | May 5, 2020 | 7:45 - 9 p.m.
Promoting Self-care During Disruptive Times: 5 Strategies (No CE)
Presented by: Dr. Steve Gravenkemper
Other Items of Interest...

Looking for a new job, or have a job opening you need filled: OPA Career Center
OPA-MCE Minute: 4 Months Left in the Biennium
Committee on Social Responsibility: Parity Laws Fall Short on Ensuring Equal Access
Foundation for Psychology in Ohio: Planned Giving Through a Trust or Will

OPA Upcoming Events

Upcoming Live Webinars... Registration Opens Soon!

June 3 | 9 - 11 a.m. | The Ethical and Legal Practice of Psychology | 2 CE Ethics
June 19 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Glenn Karr Annual Ethic Workshop | 4 CE Ethics

OPA’s Summer Slate of Webinars
More than 15 NEW webinars offering over 30 hours of CE will be rolled out over the next 60 days including:

One Hour CE Offerings:

- The A to Z of H&B Codes - NOW AVAILABLE
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) in Foster Care Settings
- Firearm Violence and Mental Illness: Research, Assessment, and Management Techniques for Diverse Populations (Ethics)
- Improving Psychotherapy Outcomes During the COVID-19 Quarantine
- Increasing collaboration, communication, and creativity in teams: Applying the psychology of improvisation
- Interdisciplinary Research Approach Studying the Effectiveness of Yoga and Mindfulness with Juvenile Offenders
- Medical Marijuana in Ohio: Updates for Psychologists

Two Hour CE Offerings:

- Assessment and Treatment of Adolescents Who Have Sexually Offended
- Essential Considerations for Working with Older Adults
- Health Behavior Codes 2020: Coming to an Integrated Care Practice Near You!
- Mindfulness-Based Approaches for Disordered Eating Behaviors: Adapting Interventions for Culturally Diverse Populations (Ethics)
- Review of the 2015 APA Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Transgender and Gender Nonconforming People (Ethics)

Three Hour CE Offerings:

- Adapting DBT Skills for the SUD Population
- Behavioral Couples Therapy for Substance Use Disorders
- Cultural Humility in serving Consensually non-monogamous clients (Ethics) - NOW AVAILABLE
- Forensic Assessment of Malingering and Deception in Children and Adolescents
- Introduction to the MACI-II
- Meeting Unmet Mental Health Needs Through Integrated Pediatric Primary Care (Ethics)
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