

The Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession has the following membership: Julia Driver (chair), Sanford Goldberg, Noelle McAfee, Lewis Powell, Joel Pust, Christopher Pynes, Charles Taliaferro, Gary Hagberg (ex officio), David Hoekema (ex officio), Sally Scholz, (ex officio) and Anita Silvers (ex officio). Ann Gary, Hilary Kornblith, Ernest Lepore, Peter Markie, and Betsy Decyk completed their service on the committee this year.

The committee sponsored a session at the Central Division Meeting by Carolyn Fuqua of the National Opinion Research Center on the Humanities Indicators being developed by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

In cooperation with the Committee on the Status of Women, the committee formed a group to investigate the issues facing couples with dual academic careers. The group's charge is:

- To investigate the range of good practices that colleges, universities, and professional associations have developed to promote fairness in employment for partners pursuing two academic careers.

- To recommend such practices to the APA for consideration by departmental search committees and their administrators.

- To offer advice for those seeking employment in light of the recommended practices.

Since taking over as Chair in July, Julia has discussed the dual career issue with other members of this group. Cheshire Calhoun offered to coordinate efforts in developing a statement on 'best practices,' and she worked up a rough draft for comments. The draft is developing.

The committee has also undertaken the task of examining the ways in which Philosophy graduate programs inform prospective students about such topics as job placement and average time to degree completion.

Julia has set up a preliminary web page at pages.wustl.edu/csfp. The committee is discussing what sorts of resources to include on the web page. It will likely include links to discussions of issues that are of concern to the profession -- such as reliance on adjunct faculty, defunding of the humanities, and so on.

The committee also discussed four APA grant proposals in August and submitted comments to the APA Executive Director.