

December E-Newsletter

2012 “Innovation” Convention Photo Recap

The 2012 Texas Psychological Association annual convention took place in Austin, Texas. Colleagues and students gathered for three days full of “innovative” continuing education, networking, and fun. Please take a look at some of the convention highlights through this brief photo recap.



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kevin Cokley



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TPF's Painting with a Purpose Fundraising Event



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Authors presented their posters during the Exhibitor Reception and Poster Session.



The Texas State of Mind Head, which had been keeping the TPA office staff company, was auctioned off during TPF's Silent Auction.



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TPA's own Blues Brothers (Dr. Rick McGraw and Dr. Bob McPherson, joined by Dr. McGraw's daughter Karen) performed at TPA's 65th Birthday Bash.



TPA's 2012 Past-Presidents' Reception



President — Elect Designate: James H. Bray, PhD



James H. Bray, PhD, is an associate professor of Family and Community Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He was the 2009 President of the American Psychological Association. His presidential themes were the Future of Psychology Practice and Science and Psychology's Contribution to Ending Homelessness. Dr. Bray's NIH-funded research focuses on adolescent substance use, divorce, remarriage and stepfamilies. He is currently the director of the SAMHSA funded screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) project for primary care residents at Baylor and the director of a HRSA faculty development program at BCM. He is a pioneer in collaborative health care and primary care psychology. He has received numerous awards including election into the National Academies of Practice, elected a fellow of 12 divisions of the APA, the Karl F. Heiser APA Presidential Award for Advocacy on Behalf of Professional Psychology, and Family Psychologist of the Year in 2008. He also maintains an active clinical practice focusing on children and families.

He received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Houston in 1980. Following a postdoctoral degree in Family Therapy and Research, he joined the faculty at Texas Woman's University (TWU) — Houston Center and remained there for six years. At TWU, he started the NIH-funded Developmental Issues in Stepfamilies research project. This project studied the social, emotional and behavioral development of children in stepfamilies and first marriage families. He applied his research skills and knowledge of family systems to this groundbreaking work. His study was one of the first longitudinal studies on the effects of divorce and remarriage on children and adolescents and is summarized in his book, "Stepfamilies: Love, Marriage, and Parenting in the First Decade."

In 1987, he joined the faculty at Baylor. While at Baylor, Bray completed his research with the Stepfamily Project and focused on the collaboration between psychologists and family physicians. He and colleague John Rogers, MD, completed one of the first demonstration projects on teaching psychologists to collaborate with family doctors. The Linkages Project demonstrated that collaboration was possible in both rural and urban areas and that it resulted in positive benefits for both professionals.

Bray's next project was a series of National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)-funded studies on adolescent alcohol use. The Baylor Adolescent Alcohol Project used measures and methods developed in previous research to investigate how family, peers, and the developmental process of individuation influence adolescent drinking in junior high and high school-aged students. The research also focused on ethnic differences in adolescent drinking. Bray continues to apply these findings in his clinical work in both community and private health and mental health clinics.

Bray has published more than 125 articles, tests, book chapters, books and reviews. He is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Family Psychology*, *Psychotherapy*, and *Families Systems and Health*. He is the co-editor of "Primary Care Psychology" and the "Handbook of Family Psychology."

He has been active in APA governance since 1988, involved in practice, science, education and state issues. He served on the Board of Educational Affairs; Rural Health Task Force and Committee on Rural Health; Primary Care Task Force; State Leadership Organizing Committee; and observer on the Board of Scientific Affairs. Dr. Bray's Division activity includes membership and service as follows: president of Division 43 (Society for Family Psychology); treasurer for five APA divisions (34, Population and Environmental Psychology; 37, Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice; 43; 46, Media Psychology; and 55, American Society for the Advancement of Pharmacotherapy); member-at-large, Divisions 29 (Division of Psychotherapy), 46, and 55.

Bray has also been a strong advocate for all of psychology, serving as: federal advocacy coordinator for the Texas Psychological Association and Divisions 12 and 43; a member of the APA Public Policy Advocacy Network, the APA Education Advocacy Network, the Texas Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Child Support and Child Visitation, and fundraiser for the Association for Advancement of Psychology and Texas PsyPAC.

Bray is also licensed as a private pilot with an instrument rating and enjoys studying oenology in his spare time. He is married to Elizabeth M. Bray, the owner of a HR Consulting firm. He has three children and two stepchildren.

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Jamie McNichol, PsyD

Dr. Jamie McNichol is a clinical psychologist employed at Salesmanship Club Youth and Family Centers where she provides psychological assessment and psychotherapy to at-risk children and families. In addition to providing clinical work, she is involved in the training and supervision of predoctoral psychology interns and postdoctoral fellows in psychology. Dr. McNichol is also a clinical faculty member with University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW) medical center of Dallas providing training in family therapy for the child and adolescent psychiatry fellows. She also works in private practice in Frisco, Texas and provides rehabilitation support services and assessment in geropsychology with Vericare.

Dr. McNichol completed her undergraduate education in psychology at the University of Texas at Dallas and completed an honor's thesis addressing bullying behaviors of children. She went on to complete a doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology at Argosy University. Dr. McNichol has been licensed as a clinical psychologist since 2009. Currently, Dr. McNichol serves as President of the Dallas Psychological Association (DPA) and is a member of the Texas Psychological Association's TSBEP sub-committee.



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Anne A. Morton, PhD

Dr. Anne Morton received her PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of North Texas in 1986. She has been in clinical practice since, serving as the Director of Psychology at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for over 20 years. She is currently in private practice in the Dallas area, serving children, adolescents and adults. Dr. Morton is a member of APA and TPA, where, including serving on the Board of Trustees, she has been a member of the Legislative and Grassroots Committees. She is also a member of the Dallas Psychological Association and the American Pain Society. Dr. Morton is very active in local and state political and environmental issues and organizations.



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Michael Ratheal, EdD

Dr. Michael Ratheal graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in English. After working in child protective services, she studied psychology. Once in private practice she found herself returning to work with children. Dr. Ratheal believes that working with children has kept her open to delight and its many forms and to suffering and its myriad solutions. She is an avid but mediocre cook with a generous-spirited husband and two grown sons.

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