

CIRCULAR LETTER #601

Pre-Meeting Spring

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MARCH 2007

Dear Colleagues:

Our upcoming spring meeting is fast approaching and I am eager to see the results of our work since our last meeting. There have been a number of submissions to the Publications Committee and I hope that the committees have been busy working on their projects during the winter.

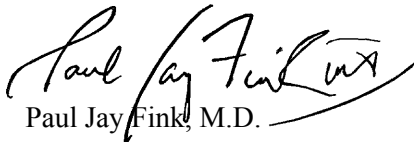
I continue to pursue the role of GAP in resident and medical student curricula. Thanks to Ben Liptzin, Chair of the Geriatrics Committee, we will have a consultant from the AAMC visiting us during the meeting so that we can explore what role, if any, an outside organization such as GAP can play in both the content and organizational work needed to have our residency programs do the best job possible. Because many of our committees are working on curricula with no place to put their ideas that might be not only useful but influential, the visit may be a good time for a real consultation. Our visitor, Mr. Reynolds, will meet with the Planning, Marketing, and Communication Committee in the morning, the Steering Committee at lunch, and the Geriatrics Committee in the afternoon.

As I complete my term as President, I am proud of our growth and the vibrancy of the organization. The meetings are fun and the work is exciting. I look forward to seeing more excellent poster presentations and I do believe that breaking down the isolation of the committees and letting the entire organization know what is happening in the committees is an idea whose time has come.

As we work to try to grapple with and resolve the organization's fiscal problems, it is clear that the unflagging loyalty that most members feel regarding GAP will allow us to gradually move into a solid financial place that, hopefully, will carry us through the next decade.

I want to thank all of the members for their help and encouragement over these two years and, hopefully, we will continue to have great meetings and good times.

Sincerely,



Paul Jay Fink, M.D.

Announcements:

Nominating Committee Report

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Board of Directors nominees:

Lisa B. Dixon

Jackie M. Feldman

Benjamin Liptzin

Biographical Sketches for Board of Nominees:

Lisa B. Dixon, M.D.

Dr. Lisa Dixon, M.D., M.P.H. is a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She serves as Director of the Division of Services Research in the School's Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Dixon is also the Associate Director for Research of the VA Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC) in VISN 5, the Capitol Health Care Network. Dr. Dixon is a graduate of Harvard College and the Cornell University Medical School. She completed her psychiatric residency at the Payne Whitney Clinic/New York Hospital, a research fellowship at the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center, and a Master's in Public Health at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. Dr. Dixon is an active researcher with grants from the NIMH, NIDA, the VA as well as numerous foundations. Her research activities have focused on improving the health outcomes of persons with severe mental illnesses and their families. She has published over 100 refereed papers and numerous book chapters. Dr. Dixon's other major interests include education as she was previously Director of Education and Residency Training in the Department of Psychiatry as well as ethical issues in human research. She is currently a Vice Chair of the University of Maryland Institutional Review Board.

Dr. Dixon has been a member of GAP since 1994 and served as Chair of the Committee on Psychopathology from 1996-2000.

Jacqueline Maus Feldman, MD

Dr. Feldman is the Patrick H. Linton Professor of Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurobiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). There she serves as Director of the Division of Public Psychiatry, Medical Director of the Community Psychiatry Program, and Executive Director of the UAB Mental Health Center. In concert with the UAB Department of OB/GYN, she has also established the only program in Alabama for women with pre- and postpartum depression. Work finds her seeing patients with serious and persistent mental illness, teaching residents and medical students, performing research, and advocating for systems of care that are organized, reasonable, adequately funded, and that embrace the concept of recovery.

Dr. Feldman graduated from the University of Iowa, performed graduate work in behavior genetics, attended medical school at UT Medical School at Houston, and completed her residency in psychiatry at Duke, where she then joined faculty, running an inpatient unit and emergency psychiatry services until she moved to Birmingham 16 years ago.

Her commitment to public and community psychiatry is manifested in multiple ways. She serves on the board of the American Association of Community Psychiatrists, most recently for four years as the organization's president. She has served as a consultant to the Department of Medicaid, and the Department of Corrections, serving now as the federal court monitor for women's mental health services in Alabama's prison system. She has been a member of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry/ Psychiatry and the Community for several years. She serves on the Scientific Program Committee for the APA Institutes of Psychiatric Services (to be chair next year), and serves on the national board of the American Psychiatric Foundation.

Her research interests have evolved over the years. She has participated in NIMH funded research on the genetic liability for schizophrenia, but more recently has received funding to assess the efficacy of jail diversion, mental health courts, drug courts, services for patients with co-occurring disorders, and assertive community treatment.

Dr. Feldman has published and spoken extensively on multiple topics: schizophrenia, adherence, and development of systems of care that promote resilience and recovery in those with serious and persistent mental illness. Her body of

work has been recognized by receipt of 2 NAMI Exemplary Psychiatrists Awards, numerous teaching awards, and being named in Best Doctors in America 3 times.

Benjamin Liptzin, M.D.

Ben Liptzin, M.D. was a Ginsburg Fellow from 1973-5. After a long hiatus he returned to GAP in 2000 (Frances: Please check the actual date.) He is currently the Chair of the Committee on Aging. When he's not at GAP, Ben is Professor and Deputy Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Tufts University School of Medicine and Chair of Psychiatry at Baystate Health in Springfield, Massachusetts. He recently received approval from Baystate to move forward with a proposal for a free-standing psychiatry residency. He is an internationally recognized expert in Geriatric Psychiatry and is the current Secretary-Treasurer of the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry. He also serves on the APA Budget Committee and on the Board of the APA Political Action Committee, of the Mass Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and of the Jewish Federation of Western Mass where he Chairs the Strategic Planning Committee. He is the proud father of 3 wonderful children and grandfather of 4.

WELCOME NEW GAP FELLOWS

Holly Crisp-Han	Medical Education
Glen Davis	Mental Health Services
Mehret Gebretsadik	Social Issues
Kaareem Ghalib	Adolescence
Michelle Goldsmith	College Student
Helena Hansen	Cultural Psychiatry
Erik Hung	Disaster and Terrorism
Benjamin Lacy	Psychopharmacology
William Meehan	Psychotherapy
Sarah Nash	Psychiatry and Law
William Nunley	Psychiatry and Community
Christopher Oleskey	Preventive Psychiatry
Brett Rusch	Aging
Hannah Stevens	Child
Benjamin Woo	Research

SPRING 2007 MEETING
121st MEETING OF
GROUP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

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 Hutchinson A Room
2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Cooper B Room
4:00 p.m.	Fellows Meeting Cooper A Room
4:00 p.m.	Fellows Selection Committee Masfield B Room
4:00 p.m.	Work Group Consultation Hutchinson B Room
5:00 p.m.	Task Force on Neuroscience Zenger A Room
5:30 p.m.	Reception of the Board of Directors Room 688
6:30 p.m.	Fellows Dinner Cooper A Room
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Irving A and B Rooms Hosted by: Addictions Committee

Thursday Committee Meetings

Addictions	8:00 p.m.	Vanderbilt Room/107
Child	8:00 p.m.	Library Room
College Student	7:00 p.m.	Studio Room
Psychopathology	3:30 p.m.	Gallery Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2007

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.	Poster Session and Juice Break Foyer – Cooper-Greeley Rooms
5:30 p.m.	Plenary Session: Frances A. Champagne, M.D. Epigenetic Programming of Gene Expression and Behavior Objective: “To demonstrate evidence from a rodent model that the environmental experiences of infancy can alter gene expression and thus behavior through epigenetic modification of steroid genes.”
6:30 p.m.	Cocktail Reception Red Oak Terrace
7:30 p.m.	Dinner Cooper-Greeley Rooms
9:00 p.m.	Hospitality Foyer - Cooper-Greeley Rooms Hosted by: Child Committee

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2007

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	JOHN JAY SUITE/ROOM 102
AGING	MASEFIELD B ROOM
ADDICTIONS	VANDERBILT SUITE/ROOM 107
CHILD PSYCHIATRY	LIBRARY ROOM
COLLEGE STUDENT	STUDIO ROOM
CULTURAL PSYCHIATRY	ROOM 219
DISABILITIES	LYNDHURST SUITE/ROOM 104
DISASTERS AND TERRORISM	ROOM 217
FAMILY	HUTCHINSON B ROOM
GENDER ISSUES AND MENTAL HEALTH	HUTCHINSON A ROOM
HUMAN SEXUALITY	ROOM 229
IMG	ZENGER B ROOM
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	VERANDA ROOM
LGBT	ROOM 205
MEDICAL EDUCATION	PARLOR ROOM
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	ROOM 201
PLANNING, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS	PRESIDENTIAL SUITE/ROOM 688
PREVENTIVE PSYCHIATRY	ROOM 505
PSYCHIATRY AND THE COMMUNITY	KYKUIT SUITE/ROOM 103
PSYCHIATRY AND THE LAW	SLEEPY HOLLOW/ROOM 105
PSYCHIATRY AND RELIGION	ROOM 209
PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	GALLERY ROOM
PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY	PORTICO ROOM
RESEARCH	ROOM 203
SOCIAL ISSUES	ROOM 211
TERRORISM and POLITICAL VIOLENCE	ROOM 221
THERAPEUTIC CARE	ROOM 305
PSYCHOTHERAPY	ZENGER A ROOM
WORK AND ORGANIZATIONS	VAN CORTLANDT/ROOM 106

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DATES OF FUTURE GAP MEETINGS

2007
MARCH 29-31
NOVEMBER 8-10

2009
APRIL 16-18
NOVEMBER 12-14

2008
APRIL 10-12
NOVEMBER 13-15

2010
APRIL 15-17
NOVEMBER 11-13