Message From the President

As we anticipate our April 2016 meeting, we are all very mindful of the fact that this is an amazing election year. And what a wild election season it is! It is quite clear that much of our electorate is in a very restive mood with candidates providing radical ideas, challenging established political wisdom, and upending the status quo. For psychiatry, the convoluting of serious mental illness, violence, homicidal acts, and gun control has laid bare the gaps in the mental health system and cries out for leadership from psychiatrists as thought leaders for the house of medicine and for society.

That’s what GAP is all about. We are the “think tank” for psychiatry and mental health. As we anticipate our meeting in April, we need to consider the critical issues, some of which are clinical, others economic, and then even others I would characterize as “justice” issues. The biopsychosocial model is being challenged in every aspect of our practice, whether it’s providing acute short-term hospital care or care that’s based on population-focus and prevention, or the challenges of integration of psychiatric care with the rest of medicine. The large numbers of our patients who reside in jails and prisons or who are homeless has led to a debate as to whether we need to bring back the asylum for more humane care. How we work with the recovery movement and peer support is another major issue. Has subspecialization in psychiatry reached a tipping point so that we have become irrelevant to the vast prevalence of untreated anxiety and depression? How do we relate to the epidemics of PTSD and TBI? What about the future of our research efforts in understanding the brain and translating that understanding into clinical practice?

GAP’s committees address these and other issues. We have always granted autonomy to our committees to decide what issues to address and to providing reports, papers, and monographs to inform the profession. As we think about the future of psychiatry and GAP, the questions are about relevance and value.

On Saturday, April 16, a mini retreat will take place that will include our Board and committee chairs to discuss GAP’s future.

Steven S. Sharfstein, M.D.
President, GAP
**Announcements:**

REMINDER: For the April Meeting, your dues will have to be current and the registration fee of $150 will need to be paid in advance of the meeting.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION:**

At the April Membership Meeting on Friday, April 15 there will be an election to elect two new Board of Directors Members.

**Nominees:**

**Stewart Adelson M.D.**

Stewart Adelson is an adult, child and adolescent psychiatrist whose professional interests include care, medical education, and policy for under-served groups including LGBT youth and adults. He has served on the faculties of Columbia University since 1995 and Cornell University since 1998, and at the Fenway Institute’s National LGBT Health Education Program since 2013. At Columbia, he is an Investigator in the Program for LGBT Health in the Division of Gender, Sexuality and Health, has served since 2013 as Chair of its Advisory Council, and has taught and supervised physicians-in-training in Adult, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry since 1995. He also served from 2002-2013 as Co-Chair of the Advisory Board of CARING at Columbia, a mental health promotion program for at-risk youth. He was a 2014-15 Clinical Research Scholar in the Global Health Division at Harvard Medical School, where he was awarded a Commendation and was program valedictorian. He has been a member of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry since 2005, currently serving on its LGBT Committee.

Dr. Adelson is the principal author of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)’s Practice Parameter for LGBT youth published in the AACAP Journal in 2012, and Nelson Pediatrics’ section on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Adolescents published in 2015. He is also the lead author on peer-reviewed papers and chapters on sexual and gender development, psychotherapy, prevention of mental illness, and access to care for under-served children and adolescents. He has served as a reviewer or editorial board member of several academic presses and professional journals, including Oxford University Press, the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology, the International Journal of Transgenderism, and Psychodynamic Psychiatry. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, a recipient of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry’s Presidential Scholar Award, Yale University’s Saybrook College Master’s Prize, and the Dennis Anderson award of the Lesbian and Gay Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Association. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the international LGBT program of Human Rights Watch.

**Jacqueline Feldman, M.D.**

Jacqueline Maus Feldman, MD is a Professor Emerita with the School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurobiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She “retired” recently as the Patrick H. Linton endowed professor, the Medical Director of the UAB Community Psychiatry Program, the Executive Director of the UAB Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, the Director of the Division of Public Psychiatry, and the Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs. Since retiring, she has continued to provide clinical and administrative services for the department, has been named to the Alabama Medicaid Regional Care Organization Citizens Advisory Board and Provider Standards Board, and now serves as the NAMI national Associate Medical Director. She has also served as the federal court monitor for women’s mental health in the Alabama Department of Corrections, and has participated with the Department of Justice in its investigation of Georgia State Hospitals.

Immediate Past-President of the Alabama Psychiatric Physicians Association, a Past President of the American Association of Community Psychiatrists, has served on the Board of the American Psychiatric Foundation, as well as

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the Alabama NAMI Board, and been a member of GAP for many years. Her areas of research included effectiveness of ACT, dual diagnosis, jail diversion, and effective treatment of perinatal depression. She has published and spoken extensively on affective disorders, schizophrenia, dual diagnosis, public policy development, criminal justice reform, the importance of advocacy, and recovery, and is the Editor-In-Chief of the Community Mental Health Journal. Dr. Feldman has been listed numerous times in “Best Doctors in America” and named by NAMI twice as an Exemplary Psychiatrist.

Doctor Feldman joined GAP in 1996 as a member of the Psychiatry & the Community Committee and became co-chair in November 2014.

**Gordon Harper, M.D.**

Gordon Harper trained in Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Child Psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital, the Judge Baker Center, and Children’s Hospital, Boston, where he founded the Inpatient Psychiatry Service. He is an Affiliate Member of the Boston Psychoanalytic Society. He has been a member of GAP since 1999 and was Chair, Committee on Adolescence, from 2006 to 2012. During this time, the Committee’s revisiting of Erikson’s “Nature of Clinical Evidence” led to renewed consideration of data arising from clinical relationships and the paper “Being with the Patient” published in JNMD. He directed the Patient-Doctor Course for 3rd-year students at Harvard Medical School (HMS). He has served as Medical Director, Child/Adolescent Services, for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. He is currently Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at HMS and Treasurer of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (IACAPAP). He has written and taught nationally and internationally about clinical subjects including treatment planning, the languages of care, and the evolving use of psychoactive medications - in all of which GAP has important contributions to make.

I would like to see GAP, drawing from several Committees, push back against the focus of American Psychiatry primarily (if not exclusively) on the individual person.

**Robert Roca, M.D.**

Dr. Roca is Vice President and Medical Director of Sheppard Pratt Health System. He has been a member of GAP since 2011 and became Chair of the Committee on Aging in 2015. He also chairs the Council on Geriatric Psychiatry of the American Psychiatric Association (APA). He represents the Maryland District Branch in the APA Assembly and serves as the only psychiatrist on the Maryland Board of Physicians. He is past President of the Maryland Psychiatric Society and of the Baltimore County Medical Association. He is Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Dr. Roca received his undergraduate degree (B.A., 1974) from Occidental College. He is also a graduate of the UCLA Schools of Medicine (M.D., 1978) and of Public Health (M.P.H., 1978) and of the Johns Hopkins Carey School of Business (M.B.A., 2008). He trained at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Internal Medicine (1978-81) and in Psychiatry (1981-84) and is Board certified in Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, and Geriatric Psychiatry. From 1984 until 1993 he was Director of Consultation and Geriatric Psychiatry at the Francis Scott Key Medical Center (now Hopkins Bayview Medical Center). In 1993 he moved to Sheppard Pratt to become Medical Director of Geriatric Psychiatry. He has been Vice President and Medical Director of Sheppard Pratt since 2000.

He is married to Breon Gilleran, has two children, Peter and Julia, and a grandson, Rex.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 14

10:00 a.m.  GAP Office Opens  Masefield A Room
10:00 a.m.  Finance Committee Meeting  Masefield B Room
12:30 p.m.  Publications Board  Hudson A Room
2:00 p.m.  Board of Directors  Cooper B Room
4:00 p.m.  Fellows Meeting with Selection Committee  Cooper A Room
4:30 p.m.  Fellowship Selection Committee  Masefield B Room
5:30 p.m.  Reception of the Board of Directors with Fellows  Room 634
6:30 p.m.  Fellows Dinner  Cooper A Room
9:00 p.m. -  Hospitality Room  Irving A and B Rooms
11:00 p.m.  Hosted by: Psychiatry and Religion

Thursday Committee Meetings:
Administration and Leadership  6:00 p.m.  Restaurant (6–Saeed)
Family  6:00 p.m.  Restaurant (8 – Heru)
History & Psychiatry  7:00 p.m.  Restaurant (8 – Weiss)
Neuropsychiatry  7:00 p.m.  Restaurant (4-Schildkrout)
Professionalism  7:30 p.m.  Restaurant (6 – Hafter Gray)
Psychiatry & Community  7:00 p.m.  Restaurant (6–Feldman)
Psychopathology  3:30 p.m.  Gallery Room
  6:00 p.m.  Restaurant (9- Adler)
Research  7:00 p.m.  Restaurant (8 – Kramer)

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

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

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DATES OF FUTURE GAP MEETINGS

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April 14-16
November 10-12

2017
April 6-8
November 9-11

2018
April 12-14
November 8-10

2019
April 11-13
November 7-9

2020
April 2-4
November 12-14

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