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Optimism and Pessimism

Our spring meeting saw the birth of the new Committee on Neuroscience, hailed with much enthusiasm and the bracketing of the meeting with presentations on the relevance of neuroscience for clinicians by Bernard Beitman. The Neuroscience Committee has begun the task of recruiting members and welcomes suggestions for new members. We also had ten first time guests, and voted in ten second time guests as new members.



The past few months have been active for publications and two committees have contracts for books and another one for a screenplay. This is a departure from the time when committees wrote first and then looked for publishers afterwards. The steering committee considered using a standardized application form, but after discussion decided the current method of an abbreviated CV for the first visit followed by a short biographical sketch for the second visit should be continued. Review of our financial status showed that, owing to our members' paying the full (albeit discounted) rate for their hotel rooms, we are no longer losing money on our meetings and for the time being, are doing well. The Planning and Communications Committee continues to work on improving our website and our visibility to the outside world. They emphasize that our products are what make us known.

Nearly everyone in leadership positions in psychiatry today talks about the paradox that we are in the best of times and worst of times. The trouble with clichés like this is that they are true, which is why they are clichés. Who would have thought forty years ago that we would be able to diagnose psychiatric disorders in infants and young children? Or to chose from many effective, evidence-based treatments, not only for adults, but also for children and adolescents? Who would have believed it likely that GAP would be producing a curriculum on teaching about gay, lesbian and transsexual issues? But who also would have believed that our alleyways would be filled with homeless people with severe and persistent mental illness? Or that most children and adolescents with mental illness would never see a mental health professional? Or that our veterans in need of intensive outpatient treatment would be housed in rotting buildings?

These problems remain daunting. The pessimistic view is that they are insoluble. They certainly won't be solved without the will to solve them on the part of society, and they won't be solved if they are ignored or believed to be intractable. But our knowledge, based on solid research, tells us they are not. Our challenge, and the challenge to GAP, is to communicate effectively to the profession and the public that things can and must change. We do this primarily through our work products. These products reflect our faith in our ability to bring about change, while maintaining a realistic view of the many problems we see around us and the obstacles we face. They are the result of the work, energy, time and commitment of our membership. And it is our membership that is our real strength.

One of my committee's former fellows, when asked to share what working with

the committee during the fellowship had meant to her, unhesitatingly responded that the most important part of the experience for her was exposure to people who had maintained their idealism over a lifetime. I'd like to mention three of them whom I've had the pleasure to work with-- Knight Aldrich, Skip Onesti, and Justin McCarthy.

At our spring meeting, we celebrated Knight Aldrich's 94th birthday. Knight has been a continuously active member of GAP throughout his long career. In addition to his contributions to the Committee on Disasters and Terrorism, he has served on the Publications Board for many years. Anyone who has labored over and submitted a manuscript for review to the Publications Board has experienced his incisive (sometimes painful, but always on the mark) critiques. On my own committee, Adolescence, we have benefited from the wisdom of Skip Onesti, who initially attended the committee as a Ginsburg Fellow and often regales us with stories of the freewheeling early days of the committee. Skip often sits quietly listening to the rest of the committee agonize over a draft that doesn't seem quite finished, and then picks up his pen and quickly makes it lucid and succinct. And, since becoming president, I have had the pleasure of getting to know better Justin McCarthy, a non-physician member who is a retired pharmaceutical company executive. When Justin's dreams of attending medical school were dashed by the Depression, he turned to work in the pharmaceutical industry. His career at Wyeth gave him the opportunity to work on the development and distribution of the Salk vaccine, thus being instrumental in ensuring that polio would no longer be a scourge of childhood. He has shared his wisdom with the Committee on Planning and Communications for many years and plans to attend his 100th GAP meeting in 2009.

In mentioning each of these people, I am aware that there are so many others whose stories of faith and commitment to the profession of psychiatry are inspiring. GAP owes a great deal to members like this who, in addition to inspiring new generations of members, have contributed to the work of GAP in so many ways. GAP obviously means a lot to them as well -- and it is to our benefit that it does. On behalf of all of us, thank you for all you have done and all you will continue to do.



Lois T. Flaherty, M.D.
President

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fellowship:

The GAP Fellowship Selection Committee met with Doctor Gross, Finkenbine, Heru, Rao and Shanfield in attendance.

The Committee reviewed and updated the Fellowship application materials that will be sent out this summer. The Committee membership was clarified with terms of service (four year term, renewable once by request).

At the Fall Meeting the committee will receive, review and rank the next class of Fellows.

Publications Board:

Present: Adler, Aldrich, Baron, Copans, Merlino, Nadelson, Nash, Notman, Robinson, Scheiber

1. Update on Reports: A Most Productive Time!
 - a. The Psychopathology Committee received feedback on its manuscript, "Implementing Standardized Assessments in Clinical Care" and made revisions for final review prior to submitting to Psychiatric Services as the beginning of our GAP Psychiatric Services Column.
 - b. The Committee on Disasters and Terrorism manuscript "Psychiatry and Terrorism" received feedback and will be reworked to be submitted as a Psychiatric Services GAP series article.
 - c. The Committee on Adolescence is developing a clinical case study entitled: "When a Diagnosis can be Dangerous: An irritable adolescent with failing grades" that received feedback.
 - d. The Committee on Terrorism and Political Violence received feedback on its manuscript on Terrorism from the Publications Board.
 - e. The Cultural Committee received feedback on its editorial, "Issues for DSM-V: Role and Relevance of Culture in Psychiatric Diagnosis.
 - f. The Committee on Disasters and Terrorism is in negotiation with Bartlett and Jones, a publisher for a book entitled: Hidden Impact: "What You Need to Know for the Next Disaster: A Practical Guide for Clinicians".
 - g. Michael Compton of the Prevention Committee is editing an APPI book entitled, "Clinical Manual of Prevention Principles in Mental Health" of which three chapters will be written as GAP products.
 - h. The Research committee manuscript "Atypical Antipsychotics, Neuroleptics and Clozapine: Implications of the CATIE and CUTLASS studies on Practice Guidelines for Schizophrenia" was accepted as a commentary by a peer reviewed journal.
 - i. The Family Committee's manuscript, "Family oriented Patient Care through the Residency Training Cycle" was published in an excellent issue of Academic Psychiatry, April 2008.
 - j. The Disabilities Committee had its manuscript on Job Accommodation accepted to a Disabilities Journal.
 - k. The Committee on Terrorism and Violence had its manuscript accepted by the journal Psychiatry.
2. Psychiatric Services GAP Column Information. Just as a reminder we are fortunate to be offered the opportunity to submit manuscripts approved by the Publications Board to a new Psychiatric Services "GAP Column". Just to clarify submissions can be of any of the following four formats and lengths: regular articles (up to 3000 words), brief reports (up to 2000 words) and commentaries such as the "Taking Issue (450 words)", "Best Practices (1200-1600 words)" or "Open Forum (1200-1600 words)".
3. Future Surveys: The Board approved a change in protocol for those Committee's intending to use surveys as part of their work beginning with the April 2008 meeting (following a similar format to Committee's planning on publishing book length manuscripts). Please contact the Chair of the Publication's Board

prior to beginning to develop a survey to identify appropriate consultation on survey design, IRB approval etc. so the time and effort put in to developing surveys (which is both an art and a science) leads to data that you can use confidently in your manuscripts.

OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADDICTIONS:

Present: Birkmayer, Sullivan, Suchinsky, Fromson, Tamerin, Westermeyer

Fellow: William Meehan

Guest: John Cooke

The Committee is working on two projects, a fast track article "Suboxone: A Practical Update for Clinicians" targeted at mental health providers to be submitted for publication in medical/psychiatric journals. An intermediate length manuscript "A Patient's Guide to Prescription Opiates for Pain Management" targeted at the general public to be submitted for publication in monograph form to the AACP. And a project, "Countertransference Issues in Prescribing Opiates: Dealing with the 'Pros' and 'Cons'" targeted to physicians and to be submitted for publication to medical/psychiatric journals.

The anticipated date for completion is 12-18 months.

The Committee will be working on refining the outline for the monograph with writing assignments made, completing the drafts of the monograph chapters, begin work on an article addressing countertransference issues in prescribing opiates.

AGING:

Present: Blank, Meador, Rohrbaugh, Sakauye, Streim, Liptzin

Fellow: Brett Rusch

Guest: Martin Forsberg, M.D.

The Committee is working on two fast track articles:

1. Consumer concerns about access to mental health care for elders. The data from the Dear Abby letters have been analyzed and first draft will be done by the Fall meeting. The target audience for this manuscript will be mental health providers to be submitted to Psychiatric Services.
2. Geriatric experiences in adult residency. The first draft of the paper is completed and reviewed between meetings. The target audience is academic psychiatrists to be submitted to Academic Psychiatry.

The focus of the committee between meetings will be to review Academic Psychiatry paper, discuss consumer education publication and discuss curriculum development and assessment.

The committee will be working on the first draft of the Dear Abby letter analysis will be drafted and circulated to members for review. Drafts of case vignettes and discussion for the general public will be reviewed.

The committee will continue to work on these projects.

ADOLESCENCE:

Present: Harper, Copans, Onesti, Flaherty

Fellow: Kareem Ghalib

The Committee is working on three projects:

1. Engaging the depressed adolescent which is in final draft. This manuscript will be targeted at pediatricians to be submitted to Pediatrics. This project is in the final editing to submit to a journal for publication.
2. Nature of clinical evidence which is in the early phase planned to be completed by Fall 2008 targeted to mental health providers and submitted to a journal. The direction and focus is being discussed.
3. Chapter on adolescence for prevention committee's book to be completed by December 15, 2008.

The Committee will be choosing the next topic at the Fall meeting.

CHILD COMMITTEE:

Present: McDermott, Jensen, Pfeffer, Schowalter, Shapiro, Stubbe, Tanguay

Fellow: Hanna Stevens

The Committee is working on an editorial that will be sent to the Publications Board after the current draft if ready for review, "Beyond the Patient: Solidifying the Public Health Service of Child and Adolescent."

The committee will be working on edits and will be completed by Fall 2008. The target audience will be psychiatrists and submitted to American Journal of Psychiatry for publication.

The Publications Board might be helpful in expediting the review.

The committee will be clarifying and focusing the work in process and discussing subsequent plans. The committee will be completing the project and beginning the next project.

The committee has been given names of potential members and the committee will follow up on this information.

COLLEGE STUDENT:

Present: Schwartz, Girard, Siggins, Wenger, Notman, Backus

Fellow: Michelle Goldsmith

Guest: Richard Eichler and Stuart Hirsch

The Committee is working on a fast track article that will address, challenges in managing mental health crises on college campuses and crises in college mental health.

The first project is almost ready to send to Publications Board planned for NASPA journal and the second project will be edited to submit to Journal of Psychiatric Services that has been reviewed by the Publications Board. Both projects are in final draft and the anticipated date for completion is one to two months. The anticipated audience is higher education administrators and general psychiatrists.

The committee would like the first project published in Journal of the National Association of Student Personnel and Administrators (NASPA) and the second project to be published in Journal of Psychiatric Services.

The Committee will be discussing the two papers in subsequent draft to work toward final drafts. Between meetings, comments will be incorporated for meeting discussion to get final drafts of both papers and send both to Publications Board.

CULTURAL:

Present: Lu, Becker, Lewis-Fernandez

Fellow: Helena Hansen

Guest: Alex Kopelowicz

The Committee is working on three projects:

1. The Committee is working on an editorial on the role of culture in DSM-V which is in draft for and will be reviewed by the publications board. This will be completed by May targeted at mental health providers to be submitted to the AJP.
2. A manuscript on the role of race, ethnicity and culture in psychiatric research. The data collection will be completed by November 2008. This will be targeted to the general public to be submitted to the AJP.
3. A paper on qualitative teaching of culture in psychiatric residency has been is under way and the data collection is underway. This will be completed by March 2009, targeted to psychiatrists, submitted to Academic Psychiatry.

DISABILITIES:

Present: Gale, Gulati, VanLoon, Sack

The Committee is working on a fast track article "Approaching the Patient with Disability" and is in the first draft. The targeted completion date is Spring 2009 targeted at family physicians and internists to be submitted to the American Family Physician.

The Committee will be working on reviewing alternate drafts and assembling literature review.

Other members of GAP who have primary care interests could be helpful by assisting with reviewing the draft.

DISASTERS AND TERRORISM

Present: Aldrich, Holzman, Kantor, Katz, Merlino, Ng, Stoddard

Fellow: Erick Hung

Guest: Kristina Jones

The Committee is working on a fast track article to be re-reviewed by the Publications Board for submission to the Journal of Psychiatric Services. This article will be re-submitted in three months.

The Committee is working on a monograph "Hidden Impact: What to do When the Next Disaster Strikes." This will be a 200 page manuscript to be sent to Jones and Bartlett to publish. This will be submitted to the publisher by December 2008.

The target audience is primary care clinicians.

The Committee will be working between meetings to give feedback on the book chapters.

The timeline set for two interim edits, submission to the Publications Board and submission of selected chapters to publisher by June 30.

GENDER AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES:

Present: Robinson, Nadelson

Guest: Orit Avni-Barron

The Committee is working on two projects, a fast track article and an intermediate length manuscript. The fast track article is on the misuse of science and it is being written for completion in one month targeted to mental health providers and will be submitted to Journal of Psychiatric Services.

The intermediate length manuscript is on the myth of abortion trauma syndrome and is being revised after an initial review. The project should be completed in three weeks targeted to mental health providers to be submitted to the Harvard Review.

The Committee will be working on possibilities for new committee members and discussing new topics for the next project.

GAP members could be helpful in suggesting new committee members who are interested in gender issues.

HUMAN SEXUALITY:

Present: Downey, Haase, Wharton, Friedman, Adelson, Bell, Goldenberg

The Committee is working on an intermediate length manuscripts, "Sexuality as a Symptom in Juvenile Bipolar Disorder" that is in first draft near completion anticipated to be published Spring 2010 targeted to psychiatrists to be submitted to the Journal of American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry, Special Issue (Downey & Friedman, Editors) and "Sexuality and Identity in Borderline Bipolar Patients."

The Committee has a third and fourth project. The third project is on a self-help article on sexuality for bipolar individuals and couples. The fourth project is a pilot study of psychiatrists' knowledge of sexual behavior of their bipolar patients.

The manuscripts will be edited. With the Pilot Study, the Committee will be communicating with the GAP membership about voluntary participation in the study.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES:

Present: Rao, Sperber, Myers, Sacks, Goldberg, Saunders

Guests: Marie-Claude Rigaud, Rama Rao Gogineni

Manuscript #1:

The committee is working on a manuscript lead by Michael Myers on "Psychiatrist Burn-Out: Special factors affecting IMG Psychiatrists at risk for career burn-out". This manuscript is in first draft, anticipating completion by May 2009, targeted to psychiatrists to be submitted to Academic Psychiatry and Academic Medicine. Doctor Myers distributed his annotated literature review, which reflected considerable study of burn-out for physicians generally, but little about psychiatrists specifically, and almost nothing about IMG psychiatrists. He identified a validated tool the Maslach Burnout Inventory as a validated survey instrument he proposes to use a survey a defined cohort of IMG psychiatrists, combined with demographic data related to specific IMG stressors. Doctor Myers will complete the literature review and develop study design for the survey. The first draft of the literature review and study design will be finalized and implemented.

The Publications Board could help with the editorial review.

Manuscript #2:

The committee is working on a manuscript “Pre-Residency Externship-Observership Psychiatry Programs in the US: Survey and Review” lead by Diane Sacks. This manuscript is in first draft anticipated to be completed by May 2009, targeted to psychiatrists, psychiatry training directors, and psychiatry chairs. The manuscript will be submitted to Academic Psychiatry and Academic Medicine.

The Publications Board could help with editorial review.

Doctor Sacks distributed her draft survey instrument to Survey Monkey free format, which she proposes to administer to directors of Externships, Observerships, and Research Assistanceships which are offered at psychiatry departments through the US. The Committee discussed methods for identifying these programs and how best to maximize survey returns. Doctor Sacks will let me members know when the online version is ready for review. Members will visit the web version and email Doctor Sacks their feedback, especially feedback about streamlining the format to decrease subject resistance to completing and submitting the completed instrument. The committee will review the final survey instrument and further identify two geographic regions in which to pilot the instrument, with the help of members.

Manuscript #3:

The Committee is working on a manuscript “Culturally Competent Psychiatric Interviewing Revisited: Are There New Lessons from the IMG Experience?” The lead author is Jacob Sperber and the first draft is in preparation. The anticipated date is May 2009, targeted to psychiatrists and allied mental health practitioners to be submitted to Academic Psychiatry.

The Publications Board might be helpful in editorial help.

Doctor Sperber presented a draft on conceptual review of cultural competency, seeking to integrate a system of concepts of culture from a hierarchy of the social sciences, locating current psychiatric practice within this hierarchy. He has presented results of a pilot survey of the GAPIMG Committee’s Culturally Competent Psychiatric Interviewing Assessment Tool, in which 7 committee members applied to tool of videorecordings of three 30 minute interviews of vignette based psychiatric interviews of standardized patients (SPs) by IMG residents. (SP technology and actors provided by NYCOM ICC, Director Tony Errichetti, Ph.D., study collaborator.) A qualitative look at which tool items had good inter-rater reliability led to discussion of specific ways to improve the tool. The exercise provoked a lively debate about conflicting models of cultural psychiatry, and whether the educational needs of IMG’s as a group justify separate attention in the area of competent assessment interviewing.

Doctor Sperber will complete literature based conceptual section and review the tool based on the pilot qualitative trial results and the discussion which followed. Obtain IRB approval of qualitative study at two participating programs. Run the project again with residents from two programs, with culturally sharpened vignettes, using only senior residents, sampling IMG and AMG senior residents, asking each committee member to rate videorecorded interviews by two AMG senior residents and by two IMG senior residents. The plan is to compile results for presentation next meeting. The initial compilation of new data, discuss implications for inclusion in the next draft. The committee will locate AGM residents source in region of NYCOM ICC SP lab (Nassau County), conceptual input from interested members.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

Present: Twentyman, Rogers

The Committee is working on an intermediate length report “Theoretical Models Used in International Relations.”

This project is in the beginning of development targeted to mental health providers and the general public. The Committee will be working to review models used in previous publications. For the next GAP Meeting, the Committee will discuss models used and what other models could be applied to International Relations.

LGBT:

Present: Barber, McCommon, Ashley, Drescher, Volpp, Herbert, Hoffman

Guests: Scot McAfee, Howard Rubin

The Committee is working on a fast track article as an op ed piece on LGBT mental health. This topic is under discussion to be completed over the next year, targeted to the general public. This article will be submitted to New York Times, National Public Radio and other newspapers.

The Publications Board could be helpful in identifying venues for publication, perhaps approving articles to be held for publication for an opportune time.

The Committee will be identifying topics, reading sample op-eds and refining the previous project of the resident curriculum.

Members of the Committee will choose topics and write drafts for review by other members before the next meeting. The Committee will refine the ideas and produce.

MEDICAL EDUCATION:

Present: Bernstein, Dickstein, Scheiber, Silberman

Fellow: Holly Crisp-Han

Guests: Allan Kaplan, Richard Belitsky, Donald Hilty

The Committee is working on a fast track article “Factors Influencing Entry of Psychiatric Residents Into Research Careers.” The committee has begun to study and enter data collection. The anticipated date of completion is December 2008 targeted to psychiatric educators to be submitted to Academic Psychiatry.

The Committee will be working on finalizing the study materials and implementation of the plan. The Committee will be recruiting of subjects, distribution of survey, collection, and analysis of data.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:

Present: Ranz, Sullivan, Everett, Lippincott, McQuiston,

Fellows: Glen Davis

Guests: Patrick Runnells, Mark Graham, Zoon Navqi, Kamala Sethi, Michael Weinberg, John Encandela

The Committee is working on a fast track article “Taxonomy of Systems-Based Practices for Psychiatry.” The preliminary list of items is complete. After IRB approval, items will be piloted at selected residency training programs throughout the country. The first draft of the article is mostly completed and anticipated to be completed by Fall 2008 or Spring 2009. This article will be targeted to directors of psychiatric residency training programs and all residents and faculty.

It will be submitted to Psychiatric Services or Academic Psychiatry.

The Publications Board might be helpful in reviewing the draft for publication when it is ready. The Committee will be working to complete the items to be piloted.

The Committee will be working on the submission of IRB approval at all sites piloting of items with residents, evaluation of data for pilot groups.

At the next GAP meeting, there will be a review of the data evaluation and preparation for writing the draft of the publication.

PREVENTION COMMITTEE:

Present: Pruitt, Compton, Koplan, Powers, Wissow

Fellow: Christopher Oleskey

The Committee is working on a "Clinical Manual of Prevention Principles In Mental Health", edited by: Michael T. Compton, M.D., MPH. The anticipated date of completion is December 2008 and will be targeted at practicing psychiatrists and other mental health professionals. The manuscript will be sent to APPI for publication.

The Publications Board could be helpful with reviewing three of the chapters, two in Prevention Committee and one with Adolescence Committee. These chapters will need to be reviewed.

The Committee will be engaging in active discussion and planning regarding the several work projects of the committee including the manual.

PSYCHIATRY AND COMMUNITY:

Present: Talbott, Munetz, Cournos, Lamb, Minkoff

Fellow: William Nunley

Guest: Fred Osher

The Committee is working on an intermediate length manuscript "The Mentally Ill in Prisons and Correctional System." The Committee is still reviewing and discussing 2500 letters to "Dear Abby." The first draft is in completion and should be completed by Spring 2010. The target audience is policy makers, psychiatric leaders, judges and commissioners. The manuscript will be submitted to Psychiatric Services or Psychiatric Annals.

The Committee will be reading and sorting the letters, analyzing themes and assign writing assignments.

PSYCHIATRY AND LAW:

Present: Giorgi-Guarnieri, Ash, Kapley, Pinals, Resnick, Mossman, Knoll

Fellow: Sara Nash

The Committee is working on a screenplay that is half way to completion. The anticipated date of completion is November 2008. The Committee is working on a Memorandum of Agreement. The Committee is grateful to the Publications Board for their guidance.

The Committee will be working on monthly draft reviews by subcommittees and overall committee. At the next GAP meeting, there will be a review of drafts and final draft and discussion of the next project.

GAP Members who have any information or contacts for network or producer connections should contact the Doctor Giorgi-Guarnieri.

PSYCHIATRY AND NEUROSCIENCE:

Present: Braun, Beavers, Dickstein, Copans, Lippincott

Guest: Bernard Beitman

The Task Force on Psychiatry and Neuroscience has now hatched into a fledgling Committee. We are in the process of seeking members for the Committee, either from within GAP or by recruiting colleagues from outside of GAP who are interested in exploring the interface between psychiatry and neuroscience. We would welcome suggestions of potential committee members who have some knowledge or neuroscience or genomics.

We also are also completing a brief paper, entitled "Beyond the Brainless Mind or the Mindless Brain: Toward an Integrative Psychiatry." Drs. George Viamontes will be attending the next meeting as a Consultant or visitor.

PSYCHIATRY AND RELIGION:

Present: Andrade, Hunter, Snyder, Lewis, Sperry

Guest: Jeffrey Hamblin

The committee is working on a fast track article "Working with Evildoers: A Guide for Perplexed Therapists" and undergoing successive re-writes. The final draft is mostly completed and should be completed within one month and will be targeted at mental health providers. This manuscript will be submitted to The Community Mental Health Journal.

The Publications Board could be helpful by giving a critical reading of our draft before it is submitted for publication.

The Committee will be focusing on a review and modification of the current draft. The final draft will be sent to the Publications Board.

The Committee will be working on expanding and enlarging the topic into an article for a journal for psychiatrists, and perhaps another for lawyers.

PSYCHOPATHOLOGY:

Present: Adler, Berlant, Dixon, Dulit, Goldman, Siris, Hackman, Valenstein

The Committee is working on a fast track article "Rational Protection of Patients in Research and QI Studies." The first draft is in preparation and should be completed by November 2008 to be submitted to Psychiatric Services.

The Publications Board might helpful in a review.

The Committee is in the process of completing the first draft.

PSYCHOTHERAPY:

Present: Lazar, Bauer, Sledge

Guests: Lisa Mellman, Eric Plakun, Frank Yeomans, John Oldham

The Committee is working on a fast track article "Motivational Interviewing for Medical Decision Making." The manuscript is nearing completion with the final draft mostly complete to be completed by April 2008. The anticipated audience is mental health providers and educators and will be submitted to Medical Education. The

Committee will be working a new topic that is under discussion “Psychological Treatment of Suicidal Behavior and Suicidal Threats.”

The Committee plans to further develop the expertise for committee preparation of outline of first draft.

GAP can be helpful by recommending any members who are interested in this topic, offering to consult.

RESEARCH:

Present: Sutton, Behrs, Gardner, Kerbeshian, Kramer, Swann, Wamboldt

Guest: David Keith

The Committee is working on a fast track article and an intermediate length manuscript on the social brain.

The Committee is working on a power point presentation for training programs to be posted on the GAP web site. The second project is the fast track article for American Journal of Psychiatry and almost complete. The intermediate length manuscript is for Academic Psychiatry. The anticipated completion date is six months and targeted to psychiatry training programs.

Between meetings, the Committee will be to complete the papers being written, studying clinical service outcome and selecting a new topic for study.

SOCIAL ISSUES:

Present: Alger, Lurie, Dowben

Guest: Anita Menfi

The Committee is working on a project of satisfaction being a psychiatrist, the pros and cons. The Committee will be reviewing survey, preliminary data considering important topics to pursue by additional surveys. This project will be targeted to psychiatrists.

The Publications Board could be helpful in suggesting consultants.

TERRORISM AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE:

Present: Post, Henderson, Shanfield, Victoroff

The Committee is working on two articles, “The Psychology of Suicide Terrorism” which has been accepted for publication in Psychiatry. “Refugee Psychology and Radicalization in the Muslim Diaspora” is in the first discussion of the topic and scope of paper. The anticipated date for completion is Spring 2009 targeted to social psychologists and social psychiatrists.

The articles will be submitted to the Journal of Social Psychiatry and International Journal of Social Psychology.

The Publications Board might be helpful in reviewing the paper when drafted.

The Committee will be working on developing consensus on scope of proposed paper, audience and working outline. The work will include section drafts and exchanging drafts.

At the Fall meeting, the Committee will be working on the works in progress and hear from consultants and experts in radicalization and diaspora psychology.

THERAPEUTIC CARE:

Present: Fidler, Hunter, Gruenberg, Lipkin, Finkenbine

Guest: Kenneth Weiss

The Committee has begun work on a set of DVDs on the history of psychiatry for use in residency training programs. The DVDs will be based on interviews with GAP members, film, archival materials and written text.

The topics include:

Trends, opinions and fads in psychiatry

Approaches to mental illness

Biological treatments

Psychotherapies

The projected will be completed by 2009 targeted at psychiatry residents. The Committee will be working on adding interviews and editing materials

WORK AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Present: Gibson, Heidel, Long, Morrison

The Committee is reviewing white collar crime is a possibility as is managing change thought processes transition and its efforts on both the individual and the business.

The target audience is the general public.

The manuscript is at Temple University Press, "Business is Personal: Tolls to Manage the Crisis in Workplace Relationships."

The Committee would welcome a Fellow in the next rotation at this point in the process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Board of Directors thanks John Lipkin for supporting the Plenary Program for the Spring 2008 Meeting!

The Board of Directors expresses appreciation to all GAP members who do not request any travel reimbursement!

The Board of Directors welcomes new Board members, Susan Lazar and Ted Shapiro.

WELCOME NEW GAP MEMBERS:

Committee on College Student: Stuart Hirsch

Committee on Disasters & Terrorism: Kristina Jones

Committee on IMGs: Rao Gogeni and Marie-Claude Saint Jean Rigaud

Committee on Medical Education: Richard Belitsky, Don Hilty and Allan Kaplan

Committee on Psychiatry and Community: Fred Osher

Committee on Psychiatry and Religion: Jeffrey Hamblin

Committee on Psychotherapy: Eric Plakun



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November 13-15

2009
April 16-18
November 12-14

2010
April 15-17
November 11-13

2011
April 7-9
November 10-12

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November 15-17

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April 4-6
November 14-16

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April 10-12
November 13-15

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April 16-18
November 12-14

