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NEWSLETTER

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THE END OF THE SEMESTER IS HERE!

The MPAGS Board hopes that everyone had a great year! We know that it went by fast! We hope to see all of the familiar faces as well as some new faces next year!!

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CONVENTION 2009

MPAGS Convention 2009 was a great success! We had an informative internship fair that followed with a Q & A session. There was also a Master's Level Information Session, presented by Anthony Parente, M.A., LCPC, which provided useful information regarding the licensure process as well as potential job opportunities.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS: Quotes from our own!

Master's Level Information Sessions: Anthony Parente, M.A., LCPC: This was great--the presenter was clear and informative. He was generous with his time, experience, and expertise, which I appreciated," MPAGS Member, Janet Glover-Kerkvliet. "Each of us left the session feeling a lot more informed. Thank you to the MPAGS Chairs for remembering us Masters students!" MPAGS Member, Atiya Smith

Private Practice & Early Career Issues: Dr. Monica Neel: "Dr. Neel spoke about the importance of having professional insurance, what to do when first deciding that you want to open a private practice, how to market yourself, and the differences between choosing to practice independently or with a group. This workshop really informed me of all of the details that should be considered," MPAGS Member, Atiya Smith.

Autism and the Role of Neuropsychology: Dr. Angela Bollich: "Dr. Bollich gave an informative talk about the methods of assessment used with ASD populations and the ways that test results contribute to diagnosis. Incorporating humor and a variety of case examples, she engaged the audience and provided a great deal of helpful information," Convention Chair, Lauren Brierley.

Veterans' Issues, Trauma, and PTSD: Dr. Lorie Morris: "I knew very little about working with veterans and never thought that I as a civilian could be a good therapist for them. But I learned that even though a civilian may not have been part of the military milieu, we as a profession have an obligation to serve them if given the opportunity. And, that we can be effective," MPAGS Member, Janet Glover-Kerkvliet.

Internship Webinar: Dr. Josephine Minardo: "Dr. Minardo's webinar was informative and accessible. She provided great information about the pre-doctoral internship process that I had not received elsewhere," Chair, Kate Morris.

Play Therapy: Theory and Practice: Dr. Sharon Green-Hennessy: "This workshop was great! We discussed the myths of Play Therapy, its many benefits, various techniques used in Play Therapy, and why play may be a more effective mode of communication when working with children. I truly enjoyed this workshop and it has encouraged me to explore ways to learn more about Play Therapy," MPAGS Member, Atiya Smith.

Grief Issues in Therapy: Dr. John Jeffreys: "I was specifically interested in the Grief workshop because I have a client at my internship site who has been diagnosed as "complicated grief." The presenter gave me a new perspective on grief, that grief happens in its own time. It caused me to re-examine that diagnosis," MPAGS Member, Janet Glover-Kerkvliet.

2009 MPAGS Mentoring Award!!

Robert Deluty, Ph.D. and one of his many students: Onna van Orden



Robert Deluty, Ph.D. was awarded the 2009 MPAGS Mentoring Award for his consistent support and encouragement to his students. He is the Associate Dean of the Graduate School, and Associate Professor of Psychology, and an Affiliate Professor of English.

Some of his current research interests include: how clinical psychologists address moral/ethical issues with their clients; the creative process and products of poetry and psychotherapy; and interrelations of religious beliefs and therapeutic orientations of clinical psychologists. Currently, he teaches: Abnormal Psychology, Introduction to Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy at the undergraduate level and Methods of Assessment I and Clinical Intervention I at the graduate level. He has numerous publications.

According to his students he is encouraging, supporting, and challenging. He often writes poetry that he will share with his students as a way to communicate his love of the English language. His work can be viewed via [UMBC's website](#).

PICTURES!!

L to R: Convention Chairs: Lauren Chandler, Kate DellaPorta,



L to R: Membership Chair: Dana Lau and Diversity Chair: Crystal Kannankeril



ACTIVITIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Ψ Ψ If you are interested in attending any **Legislative Meetings** contact Linda Jones-Herbert at Jones5@umbc.edu or Preston Greene at greenep1@umbc.edu

Ψ **Undergraduate Mentoring Program:**

This is available to undergraduate psychology students who are looking for guidance and suggestions from graduate students.

This is a great way to begin networking and to get your questions answered!

Please contact: Crystal at:

Crystal.Kannankeril@gmail.com if you have any questions OR you would like to be a mentor!

NAMI WALK 2009

Thank you for everyone who came to participate this year! Though it was a little rainy, we had a great time!



NAMI WALK is a great way to get involved in your professional field!!! We hope to see you all next year!

(R – L) MPAGS member, Atiya Smith, Advocacy Chair, Linda Jones-Herbert, Advocacy Co-Chair, Preston Greene, Membership Chair, Kei Takahashi, Convention Chair, Lauren Brierley, and Communications Chair, Christina Hatt.

Finally...

Ψ If you are a student member of MPA, then you are a member of MPAGS!!!

Ψ If you are not a member, you can find an online application at:

www.marylandpsychology.org/MPAGSmembership

Ψ To Learn more about MPAGS please visit:

www.maylandpsychology.org/MPAGS

Ψ If you have any general questions about MPAGS please email Melinda Capalid at Mctoye@loyola.edu

Joining MPAGS is one of the many and easy ways that you can become involved in the psychology field!!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!!!

