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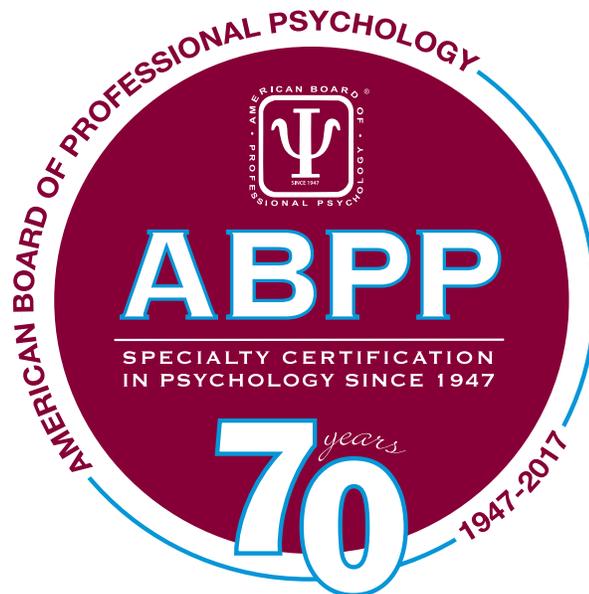
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***ABPP FACT: Founded and incorporated in 1947, ABPP is the oldest credentialing organization in professional psychology. The organization was originally established as the American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology (ABEPP).***



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# Editor's Column

Katherine S. Jones, PhD, ABPP



**Katherine S. Jones**

This edition of *The Specialist* commemorates ABPP's 70th anniversary. The organization has grown in many ways since its inception in 1947. This issue highlights some of the people who contribute to the organization's success. Profiles of Specialists who were certified in three different decades – John Robinson, EdD, ABPP, Steven Pfeifer, PhD, ABPP and Barry Hong, PhD, ABPP - may be found in "ABPP Across the Decades." You will also learn a little bit about the individuals who work tirelessly on your behalf at ABPP Central Office. David Cox, PhD, ABPP, Nancy McDonald, Lanette Melville, Diane Butcher, and Kathy Holland have shared accounts of their experiences with ABPP, as well as, a glimpse into their lives outside of work. Michael Tansy, PhD, ABPP, the current President, ABPP Board of Trustees, was interviewed and shared his history with the organization, and his vision for its future. "Since You Asked" features updates on the professional activities of you and your colleagues. Throughout the publication you will find some interesting facts about ABPP.

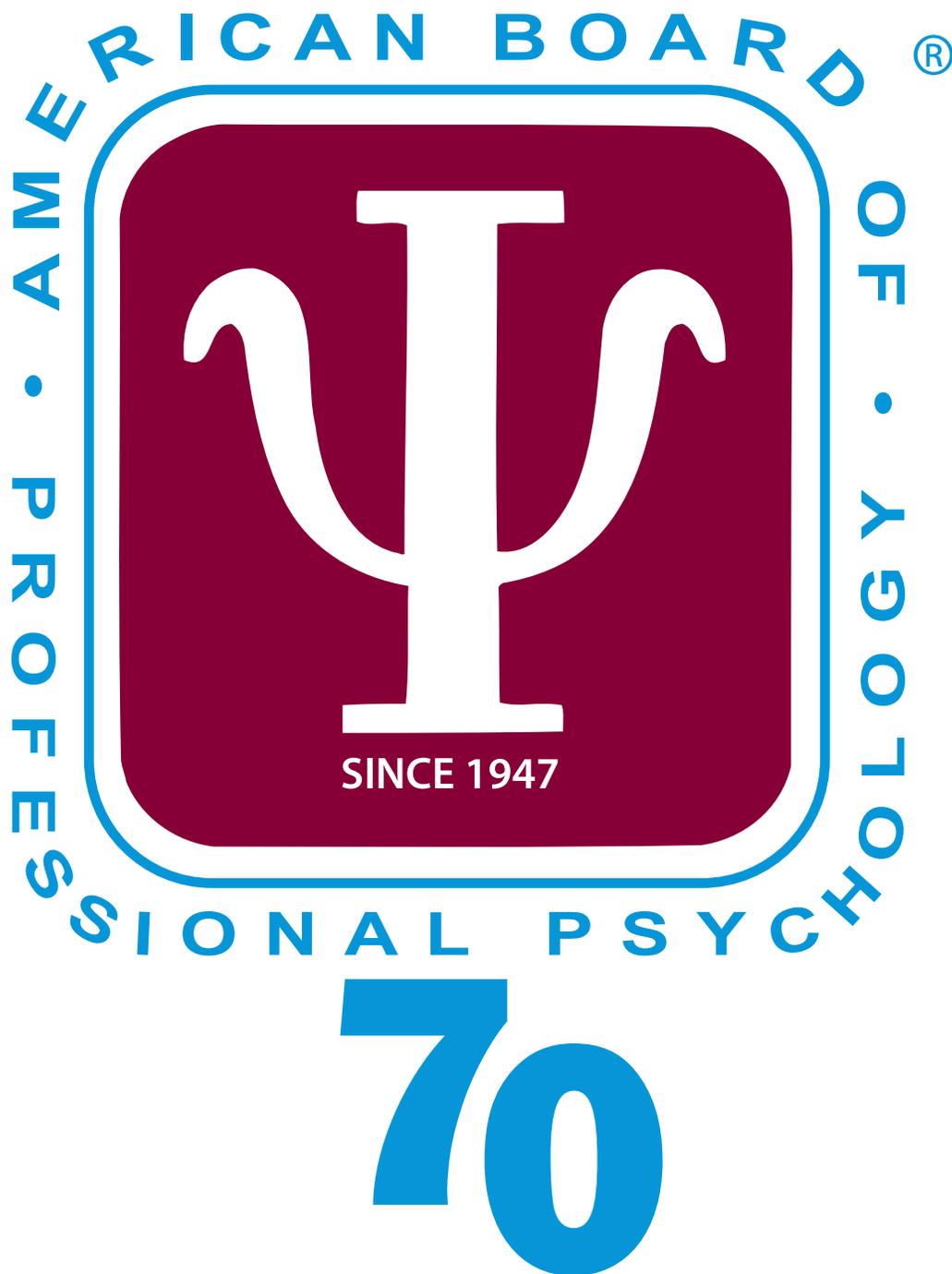
I hope you enjoy this special edition. And, I hope you are inspired to promote ABPP among your colleagues who are not yet board-certified. It is also desired that you consider ways in which you may contribute to the mission of ABPP by working with your specialty board, or with the BOT in some capacity.

## *Submission Guidelines*

- The theme and content of submitted articles should be consistent with ABPP interests and issues: specialization, credentialing, board certification, and the functional and foundational competencies.
- Questions regarding suitability for the *Specialist* and other questions may be directed to the Editor, at [thespecialist@abpp.org](mailto:thespecialist@abpp.org).
- The BOT, Editor, or Communications Committee may initiate requests for submissions on particular themes and topics.
- The BOT, Editor, or Communications Committee may solicit or invite contributions from individuals and organizations.
- Unsolicited submissions will also be considered for publication, subject to the approval of the BOT, Editor, or Communications Committee.
- The length requirements for submissions are as follows:
  - Board and Academy News – maximum of 800 words
  - Feature articles – maximum of 1000 words
  - Continuing education articles may be of any length
- Submissions may be edited for length and clarity.
- Submissions may be in any manuscript style appropriate to the content. APA Publications Manual style need not be followed.
- All submissions are subject to being linked to ABPP's social media platforms.
- Submissions should be made by e-mail attachment in Word to the Editor's attention at [thespecialist@abpp.org](mailto:thespecialist@abpp.org). The submission attachment document itself should clearly identify the author(s).

- All submissions will be subject to review and acceptance or rejection by the BOT, Editor, or Communications Committee. Authors may be asked for revisions based on the review.

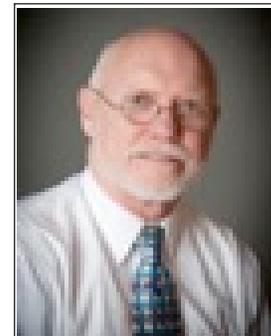
*ABPP FACT: ABPP was initially supported by a \$7,500 allocation from the APA Council of Representatives for its founding corporation and subsequent financial support through the 1950's.*



# ***Meet the President: A Profile of Michael E. Tansy, PhD, ABPP***

**Katherine S. Jones, PhD, ABPP**

Michael E. Tansy's, PhD, ABPP, road to the presidency of ABPP had a somewhat humble beginning in west Phoenix, Arizona. His father left the family when Tansy was young, forcing the family to rely on public assistance. Influenced by his teachers and a supportive middle class community, he enrolled at Arizona State University to become a secondary humanities teacher. During freshman advisement, he was informed of a social sciences requirement and decided to take a psychology course. The rest is history. Tansy says that psychology was a natural fit for him, and he decided to major in it. Upon graduating, he entered ASU's Master of Counseling program, shifting from the radical behaviorism orientation of his undergraduate training to a humanistic program, incorporating encounter groups and Gestalt therapy.



**Michael E. Tansy**

Tansy completed his master's degree in 1979, and secured a position as a counselor at a child and adolescent treatment facility. He was quickly promoted from his entry level position through middle management, into hospital administration. Soon, he enrolled in a combined MBA/Master of Health Service program. With the onset of managed care and disillusionment with hospital service delivery, he left hospital administration and began a full-time practice as a licensed professional counselor. Wanting to further his education, Tansy enrolled in ASU's doctoral program in school psychology, completing his dissertation on self-concept formation among Hispanic children. He completed his internship with the Gilbert (Arizona) Unified School District and remained with the district, ultimately rising to the position of Lead Psychologist where he supervised 35 school psychologists and interns. Currently, he is in full-time private practice, engaged in treatment, consulting, and training.

When asked why he pursued board certification, Tansy said that a close friend, co-author, and colleague encouraged him to do so. He achieved board certification in School Psychology in 2007. A year later, he was elected to the American Board of School Psychology (ABSP), followed by a term as president of the American Academy of School Psychology (AASP). He joined the ABPP Board of Trustees (BOT) in 2010, and served a term as president of ABSP. In 2014, he was elected president-elect of ABPP, assuming the presidency in 2016.

As his term as president of ABPP comes to an end in December, 2017, Tansy was asked about his accomplishments and challenges. One of his overarching goals has been to leave the ABPP in better shape than it was when he found it. Toward this end, Tansy has been instrumental in making some significant changes. Under his leadership and through steadfast support of Drs. Chris Nezu, Charme Davidson and others, Maintenance of Certification (MOC) was developed and implemented. He advocated and implemented strategies to increase fuller engagement of BOT members, overseeing the development of a mentorship program and orientation process for new board members; updating the policies and procedures; and, advocating for increased transparency, especially with regards to ABPP's finances. Tansy played a key role in the establishment of the conference and workshop advisory board; was instrumental in the BOT's designation of an Early Career Psychologist member of the BOT; and, has been an ardent supporter of the ABPP Foundation.

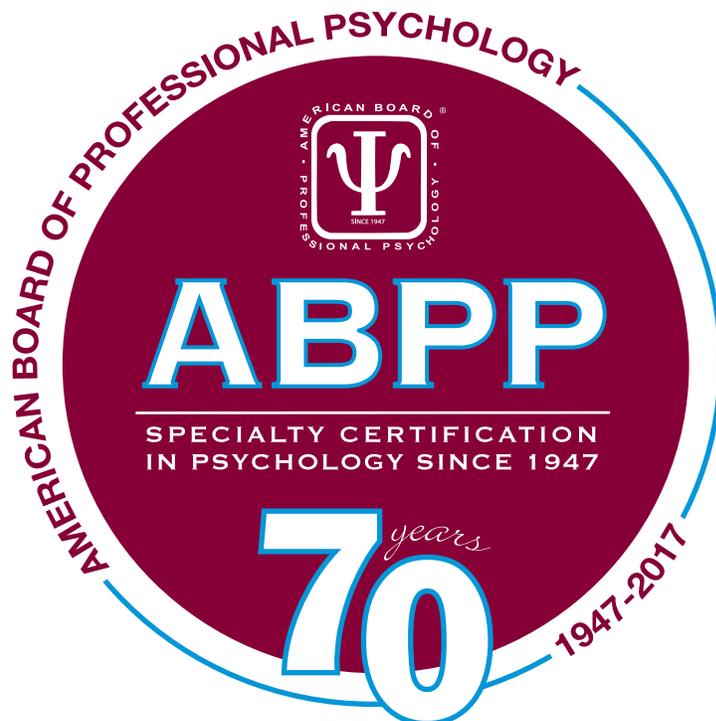
Remarking at how quickly the presidential term passes - two years in office, presiding over a total of four BOT meetings - Tansy stated that a successful presidency requires entering the office with a clear agenda and specific goals. He added that knowledge of the key stone issues facing the organization is essential.

While he is satisfied with what he has accomplished, Tansy acknowledges that the lasting effect of his contributions will rest with future ABPP leaders' interest in and willingness to advance his initiatives. Effecting lasting organizational change in a 70-year-old organization can be difficult.

Regarding ABPP's future, Tansy hopes the BOT will develop an equivalent to the comprehensive reviews required of the specialty boards. Every ten years, the BOT should take inventory of its functioning, looking inward through the process of an honest self-appraisal. He also encourages continued efforts to partner with other organizations, citing the three Interorganizational Summits on Specialty, Specialization, and Board Certification of which he has been an active member and supporter.

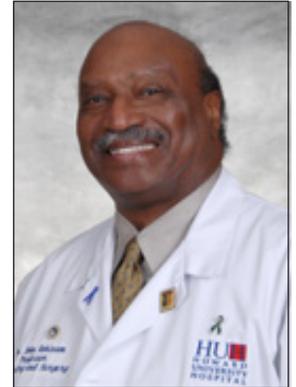
Entering the final months of his presidency, Tansy expressed the hope that he has been transformational with regards to the modernization of ABPP. When asked if he had any messages he'd like to share with Specialists, Tansy responded that the involvement of each Specialist, including those who are new, is essential to the specialty boards and to leadership. He desires that each Specialist be aware of his or her potential, and ability to participate in leadership. His ultimate hope is that the majority of psychologists will recognize the importance of specialty practice, becoming board certified, and maintaining their competence.

***ABPP FACT: ABPP's founding Board Members were Carlyle Jacobson (President); George A. Kelly (Vice President); John G. Darley (Secretary-Treasurer); John G. Jenkins; Marion A. Bills; David Wechsler; Carroll L. Shartle; Frederick Lyman Wells; and, David Shakow.***



# ***Across The Decades: John D. Robinson, EdD, ABPP***

**John D. Robinson, EdD, MPH, ABPP is board certified in Clinical Psychology (1979) and Clinical Health Psychology (1997). He is Professor of Surgery and Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences – Emeritus, Howard University College of Medicine.**



**John D. Robinson**

Becoming board certified by ABPP (diploma in those days) was something that you automatically did as soon as you were eligible. I completed my doctorate in 1972 and after completing my post-doctoral training, I sat for the oral examination Clinical Psychology in 1979. You needed at least 5 years of post-doctoral clinical experience in order to be eligible to sit for the exam. My doctoral program professors at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and my post-doctoral supervisors at The University of Texas Medical Center at San Antonio (most notably Alvin Burstein, Jim Stedman, and Larry Schoenfeld) expected me to sit for the examination as a simple matter of becoming a clinician. It was just something you did on the professional ladder. I had excellent role models and mentoring.

Since my theoretical orientation was psychodynamic, I decided to take my oral examination in Boston because I knew most of the ABPPs in Washington DC. In those days, you had to submit a work sample which included psychodiagnostic assessment, a typescript (that was before VHS) of a therapy session, and interview a patient – live, behind a one-way mirror. My examiners, to my surprise, were more analytic than dynamic! I passed.

I found out that there were not more than two ethnic minority ABPP board certified psychologists (one in Clinical and one in School) at the time I applied. One of my goals, if I became certified, was to increase this number and to engage ABPP to actively recruit and mentor ethnic minorities. My interests also included active duty military psychologists. I wanted to make sure this was an action item and not just a talking point for the Board. In order to move this forward (among other things), I became president of the American Board of Clinical Psychology in 2001, after serving on the Ethics Committee for ABPP, the ABPP Appeals Committee, the Diversity Committee, and the SW Regional ABPP Board. I received board certification in Clinical Health Psychology in 1997 along with one other candidate. We were the only two ethnic minorities in Clinical Health. Oddly, we both became president of the American Board of Clinical Health Psychology! I was president in 2009. I spearhead a major campaign in clinical health and clinical psychology to increase ethnic minority and active military representation in ABPP and because of my efforts, the number increased significantly and I received the Distinguished Service and Contributions to the American Board of Professional Psychology Award (now the Russell Bent Award).

I think ABPP board certification will become more relevant when we push to be recognized more in the profession. The percentage of board certified psychologists is not significant enough to make an impact on our profession. This is vital for those of us in academic health centers. It should be required for full medical staff membership and for promotion to senior ranks in the academic centers/universities.

As a former university dean and vice chancellor, I expected the practice oriented psychologists on the faculty to be board certified in order to be considered for promotion to associate professor and above.

One of my concerns about the ABPP oral exam is that we are making it more objective and losing touch with the “other” factors that make a good psychologist. We know that the interaction with the client/patient is the most important thing, but we do not use our skills at assessing this in the exam. Some of that is to avoid liability in case someone challenges our exam. Getting all the points on the exam but doing a bad job of interacting must be considered also. We also cannot lose sight of our efforts to actively recruit in order to have diversity among our board certified psychologists. We talk about it a lot, but the results are not there.

***ABPP FACT: In 1949, a requirement was introduced for written and oral examinations in the specialties that are now known as Clinical (1947), Counseling (1947), and Industrial/Organizational Psychology ((1948) Dissolved and later reformed as Organizational & Business Consulting Psychology (2003)).***



# Who's Who in Central Office



**David Cox, PhD, ABPP**, is the Executive Officer of ABPP. He has served in that capacity since 2006, and has been involved with ABPP since 1992 (No, David, you don't get to retire yet!). David is board certified in Rehabilitation Psychology, and is a founding member of the American Board of Rehabilitation Psychology. He has held faculty positions at U.C. San Diego; Duke University; the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and, the University of Florida. David has been active within American Psychological Association (APA), and is a Fellow of the Divisions of Rehabilitation (22); State, Provincial and Territorial Affairs (31); Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (40); and Independent Practice (42). He is also a Fellow of the National Academy of

Neuropsychology. David has been honored as a recipient of APA's Karl Heiser Award and Division 22's Lifetime Practice Excellence Award. He is a past president of the Florida Psychological Association and recipient of that organization's Distinguished Practitioner Service Award, and Legislative Affairs and Public Policy Board Chapter Representative of the Year.

David's clinical work has primarily been in the realm of brain injury rehabilitation, and disability evaluation and treatment. His professional presentation and publications are focused on the areas of rehabilitation, neuropsychology and competency in professional psychology.

When he is not working, David spends time with his children, ages 18 and 15. He also plays in various rock bands, and says that he also finds time to get beaten on the tennis court!

**Nancy McDonald** is ABPP's Assistant Executive Officer. She began her career with ABPP 13 years ago, and currently works remotely from her home in Savannah, GA, with periodic travel to Central Office in Chapel Hill. Nancy earned her B.B.A. in Marketing from the University of North Florida and says that she has been very fortunate to incorporate her passion for non-profit, history, and retail (J.C. Penney, Girl Scouts of the USA, and the American Red Cross) throughout her career.

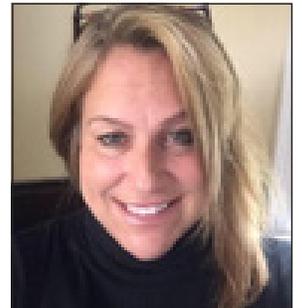


Nancy and her husband, Lamar, have been married for 22 years and are the happy parents of two adult children (both employed!), three grand puppies, and two chickens! When she is not working, Nancy enjoys spending time with family and neighbors on the water. She says, "When you live in a humid climate, it is always a good idea to keep your toes in the water!"



**Lanette Melville** is ABPP's Information Systems, Event Planner, and Marketing Assistant. She's been with ABPP for nearly ten years, since the office first opened its doors in Chapel Hill after relocating from Savannah. A native of Utah, Lanette met her husband Gregg while attending Utah State University. They ultimately moved to North Carolina, and Lanette retired from Delta Airlines (and, yes they still have travel perks!). The couple has three beautiful children. This fall the two eldest will be attending colleges in North Carolina and Utah, and the youngest will be starting high school. Lanette says that her family loves to travel domestically and internationally, and her passion is showing them the world!

**Diane Butcher** is ABPP's Information Content Manager. Currently working from her home in New York, Diane has been with ABPP for about nine years. During her first five years, she served as Administrative Assistant, based at Central Office in Chapel Hill. A graduate of a small community teaching college in New Hampshire, Diane worked ten years as an elementary school teacher before retiring to raise her own family. She and her husband Tom have been married for 20 years, have three handsome sons – two off to college (University of Vermont and University of Tennessee-Knoxville) and one in middle school. Diane enjoys the many activities outdoors with her family or, playing board games at their lake house in New Hampshire.



**Kathy Holland** is the Administrative Assistant at ABPP. A resident of Chapel Hill, she has been with the organization for a little over three years. She and her husband Ken have been married nearly 20 years, and have five (yes, five!) children. Their youngest will be heading off to college in the fall, officially making them empty nesters. But, not really. They also have two dogs (one of which is only ten weeks old), a cat, and seven chickens. When she's not working, Kathy enjoys spending time with her family, especially at their beach home in Garden City, South Carolina. She also loves walking, and has recently taken up running.

***ABPP FACT: School Psychology was recognized as a specialty in 1968.***

# ***Across the Decades: Steven I. Pfeifer, PhD, ABPP***

Steven I. Pfeifer, PhD, ABPP is board certified in School Psychology (1986). He is Professor, Department of Educational Psychology and Learning Systems, Florida State University.

Board certification was very helpful in competing for high-level administrative positions that I obtained at the Devereux Institute of Clinical Training and Research (Executive Director, 1987-1995); and, at Duke University (Executive Director of the Duke TIP gifted program, 1998-2003).

I hold very positive memories of my examination in Atlanta. I had a very supportive and collegial examination committee and enjoyed the live case and questions and dialogue.



I hope that ABPP continues to thrive and grow... there is a real important value in our profession, as in medicine and other allied healthcare professions, continuing to promote evidence of its practitioners attaining a high-level of expertise in their practice specialty.

I would tell others interested in board certification to look into it, and to talk to Specialists. I became interested because of my former professors at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, who were Specialists. I was also influenced by conversations with and encouragement from John Robinson, a fellow practitioner in New Orleans. Go for it!

***ABPP FACT: In 1968, the name of the organization was shortened from American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology to American Board of Professional Psychology.***

# Since You Asked

**Kevin Arnold** writes that he is now Chair of the ABPP Foundation. He has also been elected as President of the American Board of Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology, and is returning to the Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP) as Commissioner. With regards to his practice, Dr. Arnold has recently launched its first co-location integrated service.

**Vivian D. Barnette** is the Executive Director of Counseling Services in the Division of Student Affairs at North Carolina A&T State University – the nation’s largest Historical Black College and University (HBCU). She is PI on several grants; is an Editorial Board Member of *The Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice*; and appears in the SAMHSA video – “Collegiate Recovery: Back to the Dorms.”

**Barnaby B. Barratt** has been appointed Director of Studies at the Parkmore Institute which offers innovative doctoral education in psychoanalytic studies, body mind therapy, and human sexuality. He has recently authored *Radical Psychoanalysis and What is Psychoanalysis?* – both published by Routledge. Dr. Barratt has also been lecturing in his specialties in Iran, Taiwan, South Africa and the USA.

**Lloyd Berg** received the 2016 Outstanding Contributions to Clinical Health Psychology Award from the Society for Health Psychology at the APA 2016 annual conference in Denver. Dr. Berg is Past President of the American Academy of Clinical Health Psychology and President/CEO Elect of the Council of Presidents of Psychology Specialty Academies.

**Veronica Bordes-Edgar** was promoted to Co-Director for the Division of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

**Robert Brooks**, on the faculty of Harvard Medical School, has recently published, along with co-editor G. Wilkerson, his 17th book – *Reflections on Mortality: Insights into Meaningful Living*. Chapter contributors, each examining the topic of mortality, represent clergy of different religions, hospice and funeral directors, mental health and health care providers, and individuals who have faced life-threatening illnesses.

**Scott Browning** writes that he has co-edited *Contemporary Families at the Nexus of Research and Practice*, published in May, 2017. Dr. Browning is also the co-recipient of APA Division 43’s Distinguished Scholar in Family Psychology award; and, was a visiting lecturer at the University of Auckland in the spring.

**Maggi A. Budd** has edited a book – *Practical Psychology in Medical Rehabilitation* – that was published by Springer Publications and released in January, 2017. In April, the Institute of Lifestyle Medicine at Harvard Medical School published her case series of participation in a culinary coaching program. Currently, in press in *Rehabilitation Psychology* is a study of a large cohort of veterans with spinal cord injury and history of traumatic brain injury.

**Armand R. Cerbone** was invited by *Oriental Insight* to deliver the keynote address at a conference on ethics and supervision in Wuhan, China. The conference was followed by a 3-day workshop on LGBT psychology.

**Virginia Cline** writes that she recently presented on the topic of pediatric medical traumatic stress at the Cross-Discipline Trauma Conference of Central Texas; as well as, co-presented a poster about integrating psychology

into a multidisciplinary team at the 2017 Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference. Dr. Cline has also presented on psychosocial considerations for TBI and SCI for the staff of the inpatient rehabilitation unit at Texas Children's Hospital.

**Stewart E. Cooper** was elected as a Member-at-Large to the APA Board of Directors. Along with co-author Rodney Lowman, Dr. Cooper published *The Ethical Practice of Consulting Psychology*. He also writes that the counseling center he directs has received a 1.4 million dollar endowment.

***ABPP FACT: In the 1980's, Clinical Neuropsychology (1984) and Forensic Psychology (1985) were recognized as specialties. In 2014, Pediatric Clinical Neuropsychology became the first Subspecialty.***

**Helen Coons** received a 2016 APA Interdivisional Grant – Leadership Training for Psychologists in Academic Health Centers, Community Hospitals and Health Systems: Challenges, Opportunities and Strategies. She has also given numerous media interviews, including “Negative Thinking and Feelings in Adults with Type II Diabetes,” *Everydayhealth.com* (March, 2017). In addition to these accomplishments, Dr. Coons has numerous publications.

**Peter Economou** is associate professor at Felician University in New Jersey, where he has developed a doctoral training program in counseling psychology. The emphasis of the program will be on integrated and primary care. He has also been interviewed by FOX5 NYC on the stress associated with politics, and the psychology of selfies. Numerous presentations and workshops have also been conducted by Dr. Economou, including “Addressing Racism within Substance Abuse Treatment Programs,” along with colleague Dr. Deirdre Waters.

**Thomas Fain** writes that beginning January 19, 2018, he will have prescription privileges in New Mexico, in addition to his current privileges in Louisiana that have been active since 2005.

**Maximillian E. Fuentes Fuhrmann** is a clinical instructor for Pink Therapy in London, and teaches an online course of Gender and Sexually Diverse Seniors. He also has publications appearing in the Council of Professional Geropsychology Training Programs Newsletter, Vol. 9 (1) 3-6; and, on the website of the California Reducing Disparities Project LGBTQ Technical Assistance (TA) Center.

**Louis Gamino** is Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at Texas A&M College of Medicine and Baylor Scott and White Health in Temple, Texas. He serves as training director of the psychology internship program at Baylor Scott and White Health, as well as, program director of the postdoctoral fellowship program in clinical health psychology. In spring 2017, Dr. Gamino was elected vice-president of the Association for Death Education and Counseling.

**Carol Ginandes**, a Harvard Medical School health psychologist authored “Staying the Course: Using Hypnosis to Help Cancer Patients Navigate Their Illness”, an invited paper in the June special topic issue of the American Journal of Clinical Hypnosis on the benefits of hypnosis in cancer care.

**Steven M. Herman** was licensed in February, 2017 and board certified in May, 2017. Hired by the Orlando VA Medical Center in 2016, he has recently been promoted as coordinator for the Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP) teams

**Kenneth Hermann** turned 90, and received a new hip in the process. He wants all to know that he continues to

lecture about mental health issues and serves on the advisory board of BVMI – a free primary medical care facility for the uninsured in Hackensack, New Jersey.

***ABPP FACT: Couple & Family Psychology and Clinical Health Psychology were recognized as specialties in 1991.***

**Russell Holstein** and co-author D. Paul have published (Taylor & Francis Online) “Access to Behavioral Health Care Services in New Jersey” – a demographic look at the issue of access to mental health/substance abuse care in New Jersey.

**Ryan Howes**, founder of National Psychotherapy Day held the second, “Moments of Meaning” storytelling event. Therapists recounted transformative experiences from their own therapy practices to demystify therapy for the public. The accounts may be viewed on YouTube.

**Darlene Hoyt** has written a book that is now in press – Affirmations for Law Enforcement.

**Dan Kirschenbaum** has become Director of Behavioral Health at a pain management practice in Atlanta. The thriving practice consists of three clinics, a surgical center, and a pharmacy. Dr. Kirschenbaum states, “This is becoming a truly integrative practice with remarkable collaboration between four physicians and our behavioral health department.”

**Phillip Kleespies** has edited The Oxford Handbook of Behavioral Emergencies and Crises. The book addresses the assessment and management of high risk patients – those at acute risk of suicide or other directed violence, or of becoming the victims of interpersonal violence.

**Paul G. Larson** has published a text on the history of professional psychology – Psychological Healing: Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Professional Psychology. He writes that the text is written from the standpoint of Vail model programs, and is intended for “history and systems.”

**Ronald Levant** and co-editor Y. Wong have published The Psychology of Men and Masculinities (APA, Washington, DC).

**Leslie Lothstein** identifies as “semi-retired,” but has recently published articles on domestic violence, group therapy, and sexuality. She is on the editorial board of the International Journal of Group Psychotherapy; the Board of the International Association of Forensic Psychotherapy; and, the Advisory Board of Whiting Forensic, a division of Connecticut Valley Hospital. Dr. Lothstein recently presented a paper in Sicily – “Treating Rage and Mourning in Male Sex Offender Groups.”

**Jemour Maddux** has joined the Board of Directors of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC). APSAC is the nation’s largest interdisciplinary professional society for those working in the field of child maltreatment.

**Dean McKay** has recently co-edited three books with J. Abramovitz and E. Storch: Wiley Handbook of Obsessive Compulsive Disorders, Vol. 1: Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Across the Lifespan; Wiley Handbook of Obsessive Compulsive Disorders, Vol. 2: Obsessive-Compulsive Related Disorders; and, Treatments for Psychological Problems and Syndromes.

**Jennifer Michels** has been selected as Director of Training for Marshfield Clinic's new Adult Clinical Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. The program is a combined clinical and health psychology fellowship training program with fellows starting in September, 2017.

**Bret Moore** has published *The Posttraumatic Growth Workbook: Coming Through Trauma Wiser, Stronger, and More Resilient*.

**Arthur and Christine Nezu** recently received a three-year grant award from the Pew Charities Trust entitled, "New Beginnings: Problem-Solving Training to Reduce Suicide Risk Among U.S. Veterans." The Nezus have also published, *The Oxford Handbook of Cognitive and Behavioral Therapies* (2016). Dr. Arthur Nezu is the recipient of ABPP's 2017 Distinguished Service to the Profession of Psychology Award.

**Jonathan Perle** has a new position as the coordinator of the child and adolescent education tract at Midwestern University. Dr. Perle has two recently published peer-reviewed articles - "The conceptualization and treatment of a child diagnosed with disruptive mood dysregulation disorder" and "A proposed parent management training-focused smartphone app: How mHealth can foster improved inter-session adherence and behavioral monitoring."

***ABPP FACT: Behavioral & Cognitive Psychology (1992), Psychoanalysis (1996), Rehabilitation Psychology (1997), and Group Psychology (1997) were recognized as specialties in the 1990's.***

**Steven I. Pfeiffer** writes that he is the Editor-in-Chief of the latest APA handbook to be published by APA Books. The APA Handbook of Giftedness and Talent will be published in August, 2017.

**Thomas Plante** has several publications, including *Graduating with Honor: Best Practices to Promote Ethics Development in College Students*, Praeger/ABC-CLIO; and, "The 4 D's: Using Ignatian spirituality in secular psychotherapy and beyond," *Spirituality and Clinical Practice*, 4(1), 74-79.

**Mike Politano** has co-authored with R. O. Walton, *Statistics and Research Methodology: A Gentle Conversation* (2nd edition), Lulu Press, Raleigh, NC. He also has a new novel – *Tag and Chubs*.

**Harold Robb** writes that he has been named Fellow of the Association for Contextual Behavioral Science. He has also published, "Opening Up: Acceptance and Defusion" with J. Nieuwsma, R. Walser, and S. Hayes (Eds), *ACT for Clergy and Pastoral Counselors: Using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy to Bridge Psychological and Spiritual Care*.

**Bill Robiner** received the University of Minnesota President's Award for Outstanding Service in 2016. He continues to direct the University of Minnesota Medical School Psychology Internship and participates in NIH-funded research related to adherence, diabetes, and transplants.

**Bennett Roth** is completing the first draft of a book under contract with Routledge – *A Group Analytic Approach to the Holocaust*.

**Richard Sears** has published four books in the last year – *The Resilient Mental Health Practice* (Routledge); *Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy for PTSD* (Wiley-Blackwell); *The Sense of Self* (Palgrave MacMillan); and

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy & Mindfulness Toolbox (PESI).

**Linda Sherby** presented – “Journeys Through Love and Loss: The Effect of the Analyst’s Current Life Circumstances on the Treatment” – at the International Association for Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy in Sydney, Australia. Dr. Sherby was also awarded the 2017 Distinguished Psychoanalytic Educator Award by the International Forum for Psychoanalytic Education.

**James M. Stedman** has two publications in press – “Current patterns of training in personality assessment during internship,” with co-authors C. McGeary and J. Essery in the *Journal of Clinical Psychology*; and, “Scientific realism, psychological realism, and Aristotelian-Thomistic realism,” with co-authors M. Kostelecky, T. Spalding, and C. Gagne in the *Journal of Mind and Behavior*.

**Jenny Taitz** is excited to announce the forthcoming publication of her book, *How to Be Single and Happy: Science-Based Strategies for Keeping Your Sanity While Looking for a Soulmate* (in press, TarcherPerigee Penguin).

**Christopher Thurber** is Director of Content for ExpertOnlineTraining.com; and, has appeared in various media outlets providing guidance to parents on preventing homesickness and promoting adjustment in campers, boarding school students, and university students. Dr. Thurber says that he continues to translate research into practice for parents, professionals, and youth leaders through writings for two summer camp trade journals – *Camp Business* and *Camping*.

**Wendy Ward** has been named Director of Interprofessional Faculty Development at the University of Arkansas Medical School. The position comes with a directive to create and implement a faculty development arm to complement the interprofessional education student curriculum.

**Amy Wenzel** served as general editor for the Sage Encyclopedia of Abnormal and Clinical Psychology, released in April, 2017. Dr. Wenzel has also recently published a book – *Innovations in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy*.

**Susan White** is completing a randomized controlled trial of a program developed to support the transition from secondary to postsecondary education for students with autism spectrum disorder. Results are expected to be published this fall. She and her colleagues have been working on psychosocial and technology-based supports for this growing population.

**Mary O’Leary Wiley** will be honored at the 2017 APA Convention with the 2017 APA Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Independent Practice. She will be presenting a CE talk entitled “The Complexities of the Therapeutic Alliance: Addressing Attachment, Rupture, and Repair.”

**Laurie Zelinger** was interviewed by members of the international press after the Manchester bombing and related to the release of her book, *Please Explain Terrorism to Me: A Story for Children, P-E-A-R-L-S of Wisdom for Their Parents*. Dr. Zelinger was interviewed by the London Daily Telegraph, Poland’s *Gazeta Wyborcza*, the Irish Independent Newspaper, Paris based *Christian Science Monitor*, *Newsday* and *Bustle News*.

***ABPP FACT: Central Office has been located in the District of Columbia; Columbia, Missouri; Savannah, Georgia; and, the current location in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.***

# ACROSS THE DECADES: Barry A. Hong, PhD, ABPP

Barry A. Hong, PhD, ABPP is board certified in Clinical Psychology (2002). He is Professor of Psychiatry, Washington University School of Medicine in Louis.

I am on a medical school faculty with appointments as a full professor in psychiatry and medicine. Many of my physician colleagues are board certified in their specialties, so being board certified is not seen as unusual. Physicians are surprised that most psychologists are not. I am proud to be an ABPP as it attests to my interest and skills in clinical work. Because I am a researcher and am involved in clinical administration as the Vice-Chairman of my department, people assume I don't see patients or engage in clinical work. Being an ABPP is a clear answer to this misperception.

The most memorable aspect of my certification process was the fact that my oral examination was held at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, in the Eisenhower Suite where President Eisenhower was hospitalized. On the walls were paintings by Winston Churchill. Wonderful memories combined with the examination. Being in awe of the surroundings removed a little of the anxiety about being examined. It was a very positive experience.



ABPP will grow as more Early Career Psychologists elect to be certified. Increasingly, certification will be emphasized in health care settings and the importance of ABPP will increase, though perhaps not to the extent as board certification in medicine. Many in the psychology community view the ABPP certification as an exceptional credential. Therefore, ABPP may take longer to become an established and usual credential for all professional psychologists.

My advice to those not currently ABPP certified is to consider doing so for professional growth; for recognition by other health care professionals; and, for identification with other board certified psychologists.

***ABPP FACT: Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology (2003), Police & Public Safety Psychology (2011) and Geropsychology (2014) were recognized as specialties in the 2000's.***

