

Louisiana Psychological Association

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PRESENTS

LPA FALL
WORKSHOP

Friday,
November 3

At the DoubleTree
by Hilton,
New Orleans Airport

Join us for science, practice
and community in
psychology



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WELCOME~

It is our pleasure to bring you the Louisiana Psychological Association Fall Workshop, packed with interesting topics in psychological science, practice, and experiential learning with colleagues. Enjoy our new feature, the Science Café, where we showcase psychological scientists from around the state. We tackle the challenging and important issues of conflict management and group relations in the morning symposium, then move to the popular “Lunch & Learn” experience. We’ll complete the day with a panel of experts in private practice who look at business ethics and third-party payers.

Thank you for joining us in an interesting day.

Fall Workshop South task group:

Drs. Julie Nelson, Alan Coulter and William Costelloe

PROGRAM at a Glance

8:00 am to 10:00 —2 CPDs

SCIENCE CAFÉ

10:15 am to 12:15 pm —2 CPDs

SYMPOSIUM

Conflict Management at the Individual, Group, and Societal Level

12:30 pm to 2:00 —1.5 CPDs

LUNCH & LEARN

Learn from colleagues in a variety of professional topics

2:15 pm to 4:15 —2 CPDs

PANEL DISCUSSION

Ethical and Effective Ways to Deal with Third-Party Payers



Science Café

8:00 am to 10:00 am
Continental breakfast

Review new findings in psychological science from laboratories around the state, and chat with researchers in the field about how science is rapidly changing in key areas, while enjoying a relaxed continental breakfast with colleagues.



Stress, Cognition, and Affective Neuroscience Laboratory



Dr. Elliot Beaton is Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of New Orleans and the director of the Stress, Cognition, and Affective Neuroscience Laboratory. He studies how stress affects brain development and function in children and adolescents at ultra-high risk for later development of serious mental illness. The goal of his translational work is to inform diagnosis, prevention and mitigation by identifying and understanding early prodromal indicators. He uses functional and structural magnetic resonance imaging with network connectivity analyses and combines it with behavioral, psychophysiological, hormonal, and immunological stress measures. He will be joined by researchers Ashley Sanders, MS, and David Stephenson, MS.

Mechanisms Underlying Sociality (MUS) Laboratory



The Mechanisms Underlying Sociality Laboratory at U. of New Orleans is directed by Dr. Christopher Harshaw , Assistant Professor, with a focus on understanding the role played by somatic factors in cognition and behavior. Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) are frequently comorbid with a variety of somatic complaints and issues, including gastrointestinal problems, allergic and immune disorders, as well as thermoregulatory and/or metabolic dysfunction. Dr. Harshaw is interested in understanding whether and to what extent such somatic correlates are simply "noise" versus causally related to clinically important facets of dysfunction.



Physical Activity & Ethnic Minority Health Laboratory

Dr. Robert Newton, Jr., is Associate Professor and director of the Physical Activity & Ethnic Minority Health Lab at Pennington Biomedical. African-Americans suffer disproportionately from various health conditions, and decreased physical activity and increased inactivity levels have been shown to be independent risk factors for the development of chronic diseases including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and obesity. African-Americans spend less time in activity and more time in inactivity than is recommended. Dr. Newton is currently studying the effect of physical activity on African American's health through the Aerobic Plus Resistance Training to Increase Insulin Sensitivity in African American Men (ARTIIS) study. One major goal of the study is to determine the physiological effects of exercise training in this hard-to-reach population.

Science Café, continued



Achievement and Social Cognition Laboratory



Dr. Valanne MacGyvers is Assistant Professor at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where she has taught for 23 years. In her lab she focuses on issues of mindset in achieving excellence, examining the role of mindset in the prediction of academic excellence and in the understanding of psychological problems in adolescents, including depression, anxiety and eating disorders. Her current research examines academic achievement in college and graduate school, measurement development, the role of music in preparing impoverished preschoolers for Kindergarten, understanding the development of empathy, and people's attitudes about breast feeding in public.

Louisiana Applied and Developmental Psychological Sciences Laboratory (LaADPL)



Dr. T. Scott Smith is Assistant Professor and director of the LaADPL, a laboratory primarily focused on applied research, or how information may be used to understand the world better or even make adjustments towards our overall understanding of cognition. One major area of focus is cell phone distraction and how cell phone distraction affects the learning process, not only in the classroom, but also how applicable distractions may affect driving behaviors and eyewitness memory. Dr. Smith also works on the effects of video game play on aggressive behaviors for children, adolescents, and adults, and how young children process information, specifically reconstruction memory, and how these processes affect their ability to be (in)effective witnesses.



LaADPL and Cajun Artificial Heart Laboratory



Dr. Charles Taylor is Assistant Professor of mechanical engineering and founder of the Cajun Artificial Heart Laboratory, a biomedical research lab with high end computing and visualization systems as well as a mock circulatory loop for the purpose of testing artificial heart valves. Dr. Taylor is a bioengineering professor and his lab delivers research capabilities to the artificial internal organ community in the form of robust in vitro systems, with accompanying computational tools, to accelerate medical device development. Dr. Taylor introduces mechanical engineering students to theories and principles of artificial organ creation.

Dr. Taylor and Dr. Scott Smith, from the U. of Louisiana Lafayette Psychology Department, are collaborating to develop the SMART test or Sensory Motor and Reaction Time Test for persons with blindness and visual impairment.



SYMPOSIUM: Conflict Management at the Individual, Group, and Societal Level

What Psychological Science Tells Us about Charlottesville

10:15 am to 12:15 pm

Marva Lewis, PhD — Tulane School of Social Work, Tulane Psychology

Tyree Mitchell, PhD — Louisiana State University, School of Leadership & Human Resource Development

Jason Harman, PhD — Louisiana State University, Department of Psychology

Julie Nelson, PhD — PSI, Inc., Louisiana Psychological Association

Evidence suggests that group dynamics in the U.S. are becoming tense and complex, with subgroups more polarized and in conflict than at any time in recent decades, straining the current methods for conflict resolution. In this symposium psychologists and psychological scientists examine what happened at Charlottesville from a social psychology and conflict management perspective, with related theories and practice techniques addressed. Included are topics from evolutionary psychology, cultural psychology, leadership science, cognitive psychology and decision science. Panelists will review applications that can be useful at individual, small group, and large group conflict resolution approaches.



SYMPOSIUM: Presenters



Dr. Marva L. Lewis, earned her PhD in Sociocultural Psychology and is Associate Professor at the Tulane University School of Social Work in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is Founder and Director of the Center for Natural Connections that provides community-based interventions promoting hair combing interaction as a naturalistic and culturally valid opportunity to strengthen parent-child attachment. In 2011 she was commissioned by the National Zero to Three Safe Baby Court Teams to conduct training on historical trauma of slavery and racial disparities in the child welfare system. She is currently a consultant and member of the national Advisory Board of the Quality Improvement Center for Research-Based Infant-Toddler Court Teams. She co-authored a paper (2017) in the Journal of the American Medical Association, titled, Healthcare Providers: Our thoughts and response to authority perpetrated discriminatory and race-based violence. She co-wrote the Ubuntu Program for Emotional Wellness a community-based curriculum for addressing stress and mental health in African American communities produced by the Take Action for Health collaboration of Anthem, Inc., City of Hope, the National Urban League and Pfizer Inc.



Dr. Tyree Mitchell received his PhD in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from DePaul University, with a predoctoral fellowship at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. His primary research interests are in organizational leadership and work teams. His leadership research focuses on understanding the antecedents of effective leadership behaviors and how leaders develop. He was recently selected as a Greenleaf Scholar by the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership. Dr. Mitchell's work team research focuses on identifying factors that make teams effective in work settings. He recently completed a major research project for NASA, which involved reviewing existing quantitative studies on team functioning in space analog environments and identifying team factors that may enhance and inhibit team functioning and effectiveness in such environments. Dr. Mitchell has presented his research at major national conferences and assisted on consulting projects for several private and public organizations, such as the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).



Dr. Jason Harman earned his doctorate from Ohio University and then followed with his work as a postdoctoral research fellow at Carnegie Mellon in the Social and Decision Sciences Department, working with Dr. Cleotilde Gonzalez in the Dynamic Decision Making Lab. Dr. Harman has published in decision science including research with Dr. Gonzales on choice consistency, rare events, evaluation and health decisions. Currently Dr. Harman is a Louisiana State University Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department and his research areas include dynamic decision making, cognitive models, goal pursuit, and Applied Decision Science. He is the principal investigator for a study of decision making in those saving and retiring. He has presented his work in the UK, Hungary, Poland, Germany and Canada, as well as around the US.



Dr. Julie Nelson earned her degree from LSU in clinical psychology with a minor in industrial-organizational psychology, where she worked with clinical-community psychologist, Dr. Don Glad. Dr. Nelson then worked as the psychologist for Honeywell in Phoenix until she returned to Louisiana in the 80s. Currently she is co-owner of PSI, Inc., a consulting firm serving the petrochemical industry and businesses in the Gulf South. She has worked in organizational development for 35 years and her research focuses on personality and performance. Currently Dr. Nelson is the President of the Louisiana Psychological Association and publisher of *The Psychology Times*, an independent online newspaper that has been awarded numerous honors by the Louisiana Press Association.

LUNCH & LEARN – Professional Issues

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm
Lunch

This grab-and-go, working lunch with colleagues, will allow attendees to join with others for a facilitated, small-group experiential exercise, where participants will discover and analyze key issues for today's professional psychologists. Moderated by Courtland Chaney, PhD, Industrial-Organizational Psychologist with specialty area committee facilitators.



Courtland M. Chaney, PhD, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, is a licensed industrial-organizational (I-O) psychologist and has served as an instructor in the Department of Management at Louisiana State University from 1983 until his retirement in 2010. He has designed and conducted supervisory and management training and has worked as a consultant in the fields of I-O psychology, organizational development and change, and human resource management since 1984 under the business name of Human Resource Management Associates, Inc.

PANEL DISCUSSION: Ethical and Effective Ways to Deal with Third-Party Payers

2:15 pm to 4:15 pm

Kim VanGeffen, PhD — Private Practice, Past-President Louisiana Psychological Association

Kathryn Kirkhart, PhD — Pelts, Kirkhart & Associates

Rafael Salcedo, PhD — Private Practice, Louisiana Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Michael Chafetz, PhD — Private Practice, Algiers Neurobehavioral Resource

Psychologists in private practice are regularly faced with challenges to effective and ethical psychology practice imposed on the doctor–patient and consultant–client relationship by third-party payers with economic interests. In this panel discussion, psychologists experienced in professional practice will describe traditional, fee-for-service, and consulting style practice arrangements and methods that help to manage these challenges. Methods for maintaining ethical and quality standards for their patients and clients will be reviewed. How to protect the rights and needs of the clients and patients, while ensuring fair compensation for services, will be covered.



PANEL DISCUSSION: Presenters



Dr. Kim VanGeffen is a clinical psychologist and clinical neuropsychologist in private practice in the Lakeview area of New Orleans where she provides psychological, neuropsychological and child custody evaluations as well as individual and family therapies. She received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Louisiana State University in 1982, interned at University of Maryland School of Medicine, and was licensed in Louisiana in 1984. Dr. VanGeffen served as president of the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA) in 2000 and currently serves on the LPA Executive Council as Director and also as Chair of the Professional Affairs Committee. Dr. VanGeffen is a past president of New Orleans Neuropsychological Society and has served on the Women in Leadership Committee of the National Academy of Neuropsychology. She is the immediate Past President of VIA LINK, a nonprofit organization in the greater New Orleans area that provides crisis and suicide telephone counseling as well as information and referral for 211 callers.



Dr. Kathryn Kirkhard completed her doctorate at Kent State University, internship and fellowship at Portland's Oregon Health Sciences University, and then moved to New Orleans where she was licensed as a clinical psychologist in 1984. She has worked in various capacities: at LSUHSC, providing direct services to individuals/families with developmental disabilities, teaching psychology at the School of Nursing, and grant writing; at Children's Hospital, project coordination of the Ventilator Assisted Care Program, as well as consultation and program evaluation of other demonstration grant programs. From 1989 to 2006 she worked in a small office providing psychological services, contracting with several insurers as well as an independent school, and continued to teach and provide consultation. In 2005 Dr. Kirkhart resigned insurance panels to become fee-for-service. Recognizing that post-Katrina New Orleans might significantly change the business of mental health practice, Dr. Kirkhart co-founded a larger practice of mental health professionals in 2006 — Pelts, Kirkhart & Associates. The clinic has grown to include three additional psychologists (clinical, developmental, and school), three psychiatrists (child and adolescent as well as adult board certified), two social workers (specialists in adjustment issues in families and alternately, personality disorders, including certified dialectical behavior therapy services), and an art therapist. All providers are fee-for-service although insurance is filed as a courtesy. Additional information about the practice and providers can be found at www.pelts-kirkhart.com.



Dr. Rafael Salcedo is a forensic clinical psychologist who maintains an active practice in the greater New Orleans area and the North Shore. He obtained his doctorate from Louisiana State University in 1983, completed a pre-doctoral internship and post-doctoral supervision at Atascadero State Hospital, a maximum-security facility for the criminally insane in California. He remained at Atascadero State Hospital, specializing in forensic psychology, until he relocated his practice to the New Orleans area, where he has been practicing ever since. Dr. Salcedo's areas of expertise and interest include forensic psychology, interventions addressing child physical and sexual abuse and neglect, conducting child custody evaluations, conducting neuropsychological evaluations, and evaluating criminal defendants for their competency to proceed to trial and/or their sanity at the time of the alleged offense. He is also the Supervising Practitioner of the Free Indeed therapeutic group home, the first, and to date, only therapeutic group home specifically intended to house and treat girls who are the victims of domestic minor sex trafficking in Louisiana.



Dr. Michael Chafetz is a board certified clinical neuropsychologist working in independent practice in New Orleans. His research program has involved validity assessment in low functioning children and adults being assessed for Social Security Disability, state rehabilitation, and child protection. He has authored numerous peer-reviewed articles on these topics, challenging assumptions concerning individuals with intellectual disability. His book in the forensic area, *Intellectual Disability*, was published by Oxford University Press in 2015. He has consulted for a United States Senator on Social Security policy concerning validity assessment, testified at hearings at the Institute of Medicine, and consulted for the Office of the Inspector General on these issues. He has provided lectures on neuropsychology and validity to the Workers' Compensation Judiciary, Association of Administrative Law Judges, the Swedish Neuropsychological Society and Karolinska Institute, American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, National Academy of Neuropsychology, and the American Psychological Association.

VENUE & ACCOMMODATIONS

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COST & REGISTRATION

Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Online Registration	\$145
LPA Members	\$125
Students	\$38

After November 1

On Site Registration	\$155
LPA Members	\$135
Students	\$48

Continuing Professional Development (Psychologists)

In-class credits	7.5 CPDs
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