Sixth Annual

PSYCHOLOGY DAY at the UNITED NATIONS

Psychology and Violence in the Global Context: Antecedents, Consequences, and Prevention

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New York, New York

Thursday, 25 April 2013
12:00pm – 5:00pm

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SESSIONS

Antecedents, Consequences & Prevention of Violence through the Lifespan: Children and Youth

Antecedents, Consequences & Prevention of Violence through the Lifespan: Adults and Ageing
PROGRAM

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THEME: Psychology and Violence in the Global Context: Antecedents, Consequences, and Prevention

Global violence is an ongoing major focus of the United Nations and its extended community. Recent national and international tragedies have underscored the urgency in effectively addressing this complex problem. This multidisciplinary event will demonstrate to the global community how psychological science can be applied to understanding and preventing violence across the lifespan. Speakers will identify strategies for preventing global violence in a variety of contexts, both regarding children and youth, as well as adults and ageing.

11:30am  REGISTRATION

12:00pm  INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Co-Chairs of the Sixth Annual Psychology Day at the United Nations:

**John C. Scott, Ph.D.**  
*Main NGO Representative of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology to the United Nations*

**Walter Reichman, Ed.D.**  
*Main NGO Representative of the International Association of Applied Psychology to the United Nations*

12:20pm  KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Theresa S. Betancourt, Sc.D., M.A.**  
*Associate Professor of Child Health and Human Rights, Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard School of Public Health*

*Topic: “Addressing the Consequences of War: Using Longitudinal Research to Develop Interventions for War-affected Youth”*

1:00pm  Q & A

1:15pm  BREAK
1:30pm  SESSION #1: “Antecedents, Consequences & Prevention of Violence through the Lifespan: Children and Youth”

Moderator:  Martin Butler, Ph.D.
NGO Representative of the International Association of Applied Psychology to the United Nations

Speakers:

Julia M. da Silva, B.Sc.
Director, American Psychological Association Violence Prevention Office; National Director, the “ACT Raising Safe Kids Program,” and the “Effective Providers for Child Victims of Violence Program”
Topic: “The Importance of Early Violence Prevention: Rationale, Storied and Results of a Successful Intervention”

Ava Thompson, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, The College of the Bahamas
Topic: "Violence in the Majority World: Impact on Youth Development."

Joost Kooijmans, Ph.D.
Special Assistant to the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence Against Children
Topic: “Strengthening Responses to Violence Against Children – A Global Perspective”

2:35pm  DISCUSSION

2:50pm  BREAK
SESSION #2: “Antecedents, Consequences & Prevention of Violence through the Lifespan: Adults and Ageing”

Moderator: Corann Okorodudu, Ed.D.
Professor of Psychology and Africana Studies, Rowan University; Chair, Psychology Coalition at the United Nations; NGO Representative of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

Speakers:

Mary Crawford, Ph.D.
Emeritus Professor of Psychology at the University of Connecticut
Topic: “Sex Trafficking in South Asia: Ending the Torture”

Shamita Das Dasgupta, Ph.D.
Cofounder of Manavi (New Jersey), Adjunct Professor, New York University Law School
Topic: “Understanding Woman-Abuse: The Special Case of Battering in the South Asian Immigrant Community”

Rosemary Lane, M.A.
Senior Social Affairs Officer and the UN Focal Point on Ageing, UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Social Policy and Development
Topic: “Violence Against Older Persons: A UN Human Rights Perspective”

4:10pm DISCUSSION

4:30pm CLOSING REMARKS

Florence L. Denmark, Ph.D.
Past Chair, Psychology Day at the United Nations
Main NGO Representative to the United Nations for the International Council of Psychologists

Neal S. Rubin, Ph.D., ABPP
Program Chair, 2013 United Nations Psychology Day;
DPI NGO Representative to the United Nations for the American Psychological Association

5:00pm RECEPTION

Alcala Restaurant ($40 / $15 students)
246 E. 44th St. (between 2nd and 3rd Avenue)
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John C. Scott, Ph.D. and Walter Reichman, Ed.D.
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John C. Scott, Ph.D.
John Scott is Chief Operating Officer of APTMetrics, Inc., a global human resources consulting firm that designs sophisticated talent management solutions for Fortune® 100 companies and market innovators. John has more than 25 years of experience designing and implementing talent management systems across a variety of global, high-stakes settings. John is co-editor of an award-winning handbook entitled: *Handbook of Workplace Assessment: Selecting and Developing Organizational Talent*. He is also co-editor of *The Human Resources Program Evaluation Handbook*, and is co-author of *Evaluating Human Resources Programs*. John is a Fellow of both SIOP and the APA, serves as an APA Council Representative, is SIOP’s main NGO representative to the United Nations and is a member of the Board of Directors for Boys Town New York.

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Walter Reichman, Ed.D.
Walter Reichman is the main NGO representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council for the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP). He is Vice President and Partner in OrgVitality, an organizational psychology consulting firm. Walter is Emeritus Professor of Psychology at Baruch College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. He holds an M.B.A. from the City College of New York and an M.S. and Ed.D. from Teachers College, Columbia University. He is a member of the Global Organisation for Humanitarian Work Psychology.
BIOGRAPHIES OF PROGRAM SPEAKERS
(Listed in Order of Presentation)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Theresa S. Betancourt, Sc.D., M.A.
Theresa Betancourt is Associate Professor of Child Health and Human Rights in the Department of Global Health and Population at the Harvard School of Public Health and directs the Research Program on Children and Global Adversity (RPCGA) at the François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights. Her central research interests include the developmental and psychosocial consequences of concentrated adversity on children and families, resilience and protective processes in child and adolescent mental health and applied cross-cultural mental health research. She has extensive experience in conducting research among children and families in low resource settings particularly in the context of humanitarian emergencies. She is the Principal Investigator of a prospective longitudinal study of war-affected youth in Sierra Leone and is developing and evaluating a Family Strengthening Intervention for HIV-affected children and families in Rwanda. Previously, Dr. Betancourt worked as a mental health clinician in both school and community settings and consulted on global children's mental health issues for various international NGOs and United Nations agencies. She has written extensively on mental health and resilience in children facing adversity including recent articles in Child Development, The Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Social Science and Medicine and PLOS One. [Email: tstitchic@hsph.harvard.edu]

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SESSION #1: “Antecedents, Consequences & Prevention of Violence through the Lifespan: Children and Youth”

Julia M. da Silva, B.Sc.
Julia M. da Silva is the director of the American Psychological Association Violence Prevention Office. She is responsible for the conceptualization, development, planning and management of programs, projects on violence prevention and treatment, and administrative operations of the Office. She coordinates the dissemination of research-based resources and materials through the office website and Facebook pages. With assistance from national experts, Ms. Da Silva developed – and is the national director for – (a) the ACT Raising Safe Kids Program, an early violence prevention parenting program currently in almost 100 sites in the US and in 5 countries and (b) the Effective Providers for Child Victims of Violence Program funded by DOJ/Office for Victims of Crime to disseminate information on trauma-focused assessment tools and evidence-based treatments to professionals providing services to victimized children. Ms. Da Silva has over 25 years of professional experience in the US and her native Brazil and internships conducted in France. She is fluent in English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese. She has a graduate level degree in Sociology and Latin American Studies from the University of Paris III, Paris, France and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the Catholic University, Sao Paulo, Brazil. [Email: jsilva@apa.org]

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Joost Kooijmans, Ph.D.
Joost Kooijmans is the Special Assistant to the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children, based in New York. The mandate of the SRSG is to promote the implementation of the recommendations of the UN Study on Violence against Children. The strengthening of data collection and better research on violence against children is a key priority in the SRSG’s work. Previously, he worked as a legal officer in the ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC). He has also been posted for a number of years for the ILO in Southern Africa. He has worked for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and served as an expert for the European Commission. [Email: jkooijmans@unicef.org]

Ava D. Thompson, Ph.D.
Ava D. Thompson is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Associate Professor at The College of The Bahamas. She is a nationally recognized clinician and researcher who has been instrumental in establishing national programmes and organizations to increase children and adolescents’ access to culturally-relevant mental health services. Dr. Thompson is also a leader in psychology education and training. During her ten-year tenure as President of The Bahamas Psychological Association, she worked to promote the growth and professionalization of the discipline and has represented the College and the profession at regional and international meetings. Her scholarship interests reflect a macro disciplinary Bahamian and Caribbean development focus; current projects include historical perspectives on Bahamian and Caribbean psychology, culturally-relevant pedagogy, epidemiology of child and adolescent mental disorders, and indigenous models of mental health care. Dr. Thompson served as Chair of the Conference Organizing Committee for the Caribbean Regional Conference of Psychology 2011 and is currently Co-Chair of the Caribbean Organization of Psychology Steering Committee (COPSC). In addition, she has represented the discipline on issues of psychology education and training (PET) in the global community and is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the International Union of Psychological Science. [Email: athompson@cob.edu.bs]

Martin Butler, Ph.D.
Dr. Martin Butler has been an NGO representative to the United Nations for the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) since 2009. Beginning in 2012, he also began to represent the International Council of Psychologists. Among his activities he has organized the IAAP-sponsored workshop for the 64th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference in Bonn Germany on “Sustainable Societies: Responsive Citizens.” He also presented at the 69th Annual International Council on Psychologists Convention in 2011. Dr. Butler is involved in the Haiti relief effort and is a member of the NGO Committee on Education and the NGO Committee on Migration for which he chairs the committee's task force on human trafficking. He was Co-Chair of the 2012 Psychology Day at the United Nations. [Email: butlerpsych@cs.com]
SESSION #2: “Antecedents, Consequences & Prevention of Violence through the Lifespan: Adults and Ageing”

Mary Crawford, Ph.D.
Mary Crawford, Ph.D., is Emeritus Professor of Psychology at the University of Connecticut. Her research focuses on the psychology of women and gender, particularly in contexts of communication, health and sexuality. She has published more than 80 journal articles and chapters and 10 books, including two widely adopted textbooks for psychology students, and has spoken about her research for audiences as diverse as the British Psychological Society and Oprah. As a Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Crawford investigated the trafficking of girls into prostitution in Kathmandu, Nepal. Her book *Sex Trafficking in South Asia: Telling Maya’s Story* (2010) is a memoir about the experience of doing research with women in Nepal and an analysis of trafficking prevention, rescue and rehabilitation. Sex trafficking is a global problem of horrendous violence against girls and women that demands action to prevent it and rescue its survivors. However, well-meaning efforts to intervene may do more harm than good if they are not based on psychological research about gender and conducted with sound methodology. Dr. Crawford will discuss the causes and consequences of sex trafficking and interventions that can help end it.
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Shamita Das Dasgupta, Ph.D.
Shamita Das Dasgupta is a cofounder of Manavi (New Jersey), the first organization in the U.S. to focus on violence against South Asian immigrant women. She has been engaged in advocacy to end violence against women for over thirty years. Shamita is currently teaching as an adjunct professor at NYU Law School. In addition to several articles and reports, she is the author of four books, *The Demon Slayers and Other Stories: Bengali Folktales* (1995, Interlink Books, USA); *A Patchwork Shawl: Chronicles of South Asian Women in America* (1998, Rutgers University Press, USA); *Body Evidence: Intimate Violence Against South Asian Women in America* (2007, Rutgers University Press, USA); and *Mothers for Sale: Women in Kolkata’s Sex Trade* (2009, DasGupta-Alliance, India). Currently, she is editing a collection of essays on transnational gestational surrogacy. Shamita currently serves on several national boards and since 2000, has been appointed by New Jersey's Governor to the NJ Domestic Violence Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board. In addition to various awards, her work has received wide recognition in national and international media. Shamita received her PhD from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. [Email: shamitadas@hotmail.com]

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Rosemary Lane, M.A.
Rosemary has worked at the United Nations since 1984 in a number of capacities in the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development, the United Nations Drug Control Programme in Vienna, and most recently in the Department for Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Social Policy and Development. She is a Senior Social Affairs Officer and the UN Focal Point on Ageing. She has worked on issues of ageing since 1993 and was a member of the secretariat for the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002. She was a main contributor to the drafting of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing that was adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002. Following the Madrid Assembly her work concentrated on promoting the implementation of the Plan of Action at the national level, and in particular focusing on the provision of technical assistance to Member States. Her current work also includes the support of the open-ended working group on ageing for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons. She became the Focal Point on Ageing in 2010. Rosemary is from the United Kingdom and has an MA in Social Policy from the State University of New York. [Email: lane@un.org]
Corann Okorodudu, Ph.D.
Corann Okorodudu is a Professor of Psychology and Africana Studies at Rowan University, where she has also served as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and coordinated programs on Africana Studies, Women Studies, and multicultural curriculum transformation. At the UN, she has served as Main UN/NGO Representative for the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues and the American Psychological Association. Her work at the UN focuses on the application of psychological perspectives to social development, racism, migration and women’s and children’s human rights issues. In her NGO committee work, as well as in her teaching and presentations at annual professional conferences and UN side events, she combines human rights principles and standards with a lifespan psychological perspective in addressing violence against vulnerable populations, particularly women, children, and racial/ethnic minorities. She served as Head of the APA Delegation to the UN World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa in 2001 and represented SPSSI and APA at the 2002 UN Summit on Children at the UN in New York. The challenges of eliminating the sources and effects of various historic and contemporary forms of human violence were a major theme of each of these UN world conferences. [Email: okorodudu@rowan.edu]

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Florence L. Denmark, Ph.D.
Florence L. Denmark is an internationally recognized scholar and policy maker. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and has 6 honorary degrees and numerous awards, including one for Outstanding Lifetime Contributions to Psychology. Dr. Denmark is a Distinguished Research Professor of Psychology at Pace University. A past president of the APA, EPA, Psi Chi and ICP, she holds fellowship status in the APA, EPA and the APS. Dr. Denmark is currently the main NGO representative to the United Nations for the ICP as well as being an IAAP representative. She serves on the United Nations Executive Committees of Ageing, Mental Health, and Family. This year she is serving as the Interim Chair of Pace University’s Psychology Department in New York. [Email: fdenmark@pace.edu]

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Neal S. Rubin is a Professor and University Fellow at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Chicago and an Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry, College of Medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Rubin has been certified as a Diplomate in Clinical Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Psychology (AACP). He is also a Fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Eastern Psychological Association (EPA). Since 2003 Dr. Rubin has served on the American Psychological Association’s United Nations NGO Team at UN Headquarters in New York City. In this role, he works to contribute to psychologically informed global policies, utilizing research-based psychological information and resources pertinent to the behavioral dimensions of social issues worldwide. Dr. Rubin is Past President of Division 52 (International Psychology) of the APA and serves on the Executive Board of the International Council of Psychologists (ICP) as Director at Large (2011-2013). [Email: nealrubin@hotmail.com]
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