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Welcome to the February 2015 edition of WPS e-News, a publication of the Washington Psychiatric Society. Our intent is to provide members with important news and notices in an easy to read format.

We welcome your submissions. Please send all notices to enews@dcpsych.org. This publication may also be found online in PDF format for printing at <http://www.dcpsych.org>.

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One way to build professional relationships, learn new skills, and make a difference in your profession is to become involved in WPS. Opportunities range from writing articles, to assisting with events, being a mentor, serving on a task force, helping with elections, serving on a committee and more. Tell us what your interests are: [CLICK HERE](#)

WPS EVENTS!

WPS January CME Salon - *Marijuana, Medical and Otherwise: An Update on Clinical and Legal Issues*

By popular demand, George Kolodner, MD, DLFAPA, will speak at a second salon on this topic in January. Marijuana is one of the most ancient substances and yet much of what has been learned

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about it over the years has been forgotten. Now that interest in its effects and uses has increased, a review of the subject is timely.

Topic: Marijuana, Medical and Otherwise: An Update on Clinical and Legal Issues

Date: Sunday, January 25, 2015, 3:00-5:30 PM

Location: Member residence, Clarksburg MD (address provided upon registration)

Speaker: Dr. George Kolodner, MD, Medical Director, The Kolmac Clinic

Cost: \$35

CME: CME: 2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Register by [CLICKING HERE](#) or view all events at www.dcpsych.org under Events - Master Calendar.

This activity is jointly sponsored by the American Psychiatric Association and the Washington Psychiatric Society. This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint providership of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and Washington Psychiatric Association. The APA is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Psychiatric Association designates this live activity for a maximum of 2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the educational activity.

DR. LAWSON DELIVERS AWARDS LECTURE



At the APA's 2014 Institute on Psychiatric Services in November, Dr Lawson delivered the Solomon Carter Fuller Award Lecture in which he spoke at length about health disparities and cultural factors that influence and contribute to those disparities.

[Read the full article HERE.](#)

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MEMBER : Richard A Chefetz M.D. PUBLISHES BOOK ON PSYCHOTHERAPY OF TRAUMA & DISSOCIATION

Dear all, it is with pleasure that I am announcing the anticipated publication of my book: Intensive Psychotherapy for Persistent Dissociative Processes: The Fear of Feeling Real, that will be released on March 2 by W.W. Norton in their Interpersonal Neurobiology Series. It is hard to escape the painful aftereffects of early traumatic experience, and all of us are familiar with the need to find a coherent frame for the treatment of people who somehow have been able to survive difficult childhood odds and attempt to launch and then sustain themselves in adult lives.

This book is my effort to show people what the psychodynamic treatment of the dissociative disorders is really like. Using highly detailed case vignettes as well as extensive case discussions that sometimes span several chapters and include verbatim dialogue, the minds of both patient and clinician becomes visible as the difficult work of treating trauma and dissociation is spelled out. Problems like repetition of self-destructive behavior, sexual addiction, negative therapeutic reaction, enactment, and more are addressed in detail. If you've ever wondered about what happens in treatment, and why, (and how to repair difficult situations with clients) this book will be helpful to you. Additionally, the book updates readers on the neurobiology and psychodynamic theory that underlie dissociative processes. It is suitable for both beginning and experienced clinicians, as well as the intelligent layperson. It's my hope that this book makes these treatments come alive.

People in the U.S. can pre-order the book online at a 20% discount, but outside North America that following code may not work:

<http://books.wwnorton.com/books/Intensive-Psychotherapy-for-Persistent-Dissociative-Processes/>

should be used, and at checkout, next to the space where credit card info is to be entered, there is the promotional code to be entered: FEELREAL and that does the trick.

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APA NEWS

The following post is sent on behalf of Saul Levin, CEO & Medical Director of APA.

After an extensive search, I am pleased to announce that Tristan Gorrindo, M.D., will assume the role of APA's Director of Education, beginning March 2, 2015.

Dr. Gorrindo's hiring continues a redesign of the APA's Education Department, better positioning the department to meet physician needs in the new era of medical education. A practicing psychiatrist, Dr. Gorrindo is an innovator in medical education. He is the director of postgraduate medical education in the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Academy. The Academy, founded in 2005, is at the forefront of utilizing the latest technology for physician education, such as web-based interactive programs and interactive e-books that are accessible via smartphones and other devices. Through his work at MGH, he has created maintenance of certification (MOC) online modules to assist psychiatrists in meeting and understanding the MOC requirements. He is also the inventor of the Computer Simulation Assessment Tool (CSAT), an interactive program that tests a physician's knowledge in a virtual clinical setting. His strong interest and passion in education is a hallmark of his career, for he serves as associate director of the Medical Student Clerkship in Psychiatry at MGH and is also the chair of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry's CME committee.

In addition to his work in physician education, Dr. Gorrindo is the managing director for The Clay Center for Young Healthy Minds at MGH. Founded in 2013, the web-based Center educates parents and other caregivers of children, teens and young adults who are living and dealing with a host of behavioral and emotional challenges. The Center delivers key mental health information and resources to caregivers via blogs, podcasts and videos.

Dr. Gorrindo graduated from medical school at Vanderbilt University before completing his psychiatry training at MGH. He is a child and adolescent psychiatrist at MGH with expertise in treating obsessive compulsive disorder and problematic Internet behaviors, and is an assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

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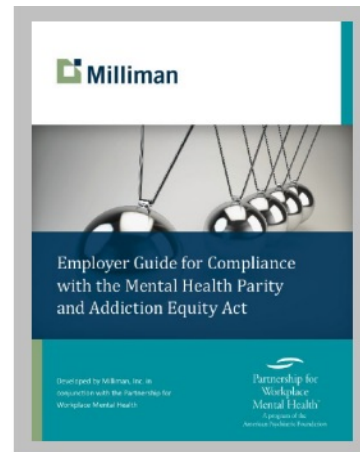
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As the postgraduate education field continues to evolve, I am confident that the APA Education Department will be at the forefront of change thanks for Dr. Gorrindo's leadership. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Gorrindo to the American Psychiatric Association.

Sincerely,
Saul Levin, MD, MPA
CEO and Medical Director
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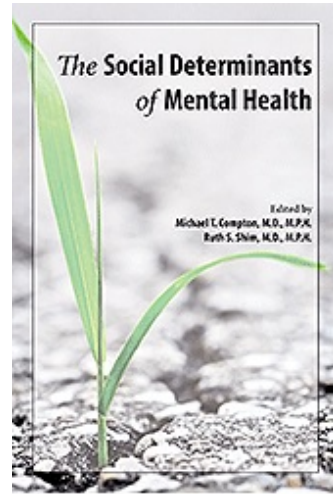
Partnership for Workplace Mental Health



[The Employer Guide for Compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act](#)

The Partnership for Workplace Mental Health today released an updated version of its [Employer Guide for Compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act](#). This publication provides employers a concise guide to the parity law, its final regulations and how it is affected by the Affordable Care Act.

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