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Welcome to the July 2013 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>.

WPS NEWS

CME Committee Report -

Welcome back from an inspirational APA annual meeting in San Francisco. The annual meeting is a great place to see old friends as well as being energized by the multitude of educational and cultural opportunities. The CME committee is working through the summer to plan exciting programs for next year.

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During the summer, you will have a chance to be updated on the DSM-V and its changes. Dr. Alan Newman and Dr. Roger Peele were our representatives from WPS who were trained at the annual meeting to provide our educational updates. This is CME accredited, and the dates, times and locations are as follows:

We are looking forward to another exceptional Psychiatric Medicine Symposium in September. Jerome Blackman, M.D., will be our key speaker at the **September 28th** event to be held at Suburban Hospital auditorium. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the APA, and a Fellow of the American College of Psychoanalysts. His first book, *101 Defenses: How the Mind Shields Itself*, was published by Routledge in 2003. Dr. Blackman has lectured throughout the United States, and in 2009 was an invited lecturer at Peking University and at Jiao Tong Medical School in Shanghai. The event is planned for 4 CME credits.

On October 27th Dr. Scott Aaronson, President of the Maryland Psychiatric Society, from Sheppard Pratt Hospital, will be speaking with us about Novel Drugs and Devices for Treatment Resistant Depression. Location to be determined.

On November 24th Dr. Jennifer Payne from Johns Hopkins Women's Mood Disorders Clinic will be presenting a salon on Reproductive Pregnancy.

The CME committee is also working on preparing more salons for 2014, and a symposium on Psychiatry and Technology, including Telepsychiatry, Social Media and Psychiatry, and Ethics involved in electronic records, E-mail, and E-prescribing.

If you have suggestions for other programs, speakers or are willing to volunteer your home for a salon, please contact our WPS staff person, Chris Cotter, at cfcotter@yahoo.com.

The APA also provides members with the following FREE education online courses to help them with their practice, MOC and lifelong learning through www.apaeducation.org

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Examples include:

1. Performance in Practice Modules (PIPs)-for the chart review component of MOC Part 4. Earn up to 20 CME credits per module. APA Members FREE/ Non-Members \$399 (By early next year –we will have 5 PIPs available – almost a 2K value for members)
2. Evaluation and Management (CPT) Coding for Psychiatrists- This program will educate participants on how to code using the CPT codes for general medical evaluation and management of patients. Earn up to 2 CME credits. APA Members Free/Non-Members \$40
3. eFOCUS- The APA Clinical eFOCUS Program is an email-based ABPN-approved self-assessment practice comparison activity. Surveys are developed up to four times per year and are designed to help practicing psychiatrists assess their level of knowledge regarding current psychiatric practice and clinical advances. FREE to APA members and FOCUS subscribers, the self-assessment is sent in two emails.
 - o Email 1: Clinicians receive a case vignette via email with a survey assessment of treatment options. Participants must determine how to assess and care for a patient. Participants receive a peer comparison for each answer.
 - o Email 2: Participants will receive a second email containing an "expert commentary" on the case by a prominent clinician-researcher. After completing the survey, reading the commentary and reviewing the resources, the clinician will have an opportunity to claim up to 2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ for each eFOCUS activity.

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**Distinguished Fellow**

Our newest 2013 Fellows and Distinguished Fellows!

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Workgroup On Violence Risk Assessment and Prevention

WPS Board approved a motion to establish a work group on Violence Risk Assessment and Prevention in the wake of the Newtown Massacre. It was noted that this may be of particular interest to child and adolescent psychiatrist and those interested in public policy. Any WPS members interested in contributing to the effort are encouraged to contact Dr. Ann Birk at ACB18@alum.wellesley.edu or by phone at 301-365-4447.

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### **MEMBER NEWS!**



Dr. Sorel

Has been awarded the Assembly Member-in-Training (MIT) Mentor Award by the APA and presented at the APA Annual Meeting. This award is given annually to those APA members who mentor future psychiatrists and APA members and leaders. Only awarded to those who advocate for and mentor MITs.

Dr. Peele

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## **APA NEWS**

### **2014 APA National Election Call for Nominations**

- **President-Elect**
- **Treasurer**
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- **Member-in-Training Trustee-Elect (MITTE)**
- **Area 2 & 5 Trustee**

Nominations and letters of recommendation can be forwarded to [election@psych.org](mailto:election@psych.org). The deadline for nominations is October 1.

**More information at [www.psychiatry.org](http://www.psychiatry.org) under Board of Trustees**

#### 2014 APA National Election: Call for Nominations

Nominations and letters of recommendation for the following open offices on the APA Board of Trustees can be forwarded to [election@psych.org](mailto:election@psych.org). The deadline for nominations is October 1. For more information on the national elections process and eligibility information, please visit the APA website

[www.psychiatry.org/network/board-of-trustees/apa-national-elections](http://www.psychiatry.org/network/board-of-trustees/apa-national-elections) .

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### Apply to Become an APA Fellow

Are you ready to take the next step in your professional career? Being a fellow of APA is an honorary designation to recognize early career members who have demonstrated allegiance to their profession and commitment to the work of the APA. Members who pursue fellow status perceive it as one of the first steps to enhancement of their professional credentials. Members who apply and are approved this year for fellow status will be invited to participate in the Convocation of Fellows and Distinguished Fellows during the 2014 APA Annual Meeting in New York City. The deadline for submitting a fellowship [application](#) is September 1. Revised guidelines make it even easier to apply.

If you are an international member, you can [apply](#) to become an international fellow. The deadline for international fellow applications is **August 1**.

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### Follow APA on Facebook and Twitter

Did you know APA's main Twitter [@apapsychiatric](#) was named by [Huffington post](#) as a top mental health expert to follow? [@APAPsychiatric](#) has more than 12,750 followers and tweets daily on breaking news and the latest dialogue within the psychiatric community. APA's [Facebook](#) page, another resource for members, is updated daily with medical news, member interviews in the media, and the latest on APA meetings, and other events.

[@apapsychiatric](#) and APA's patient/public education Twitter [@apahealthyminds](#) (which has more than

9,150 followers) made the top 50 best Twitter feeds for psychology majors by [bestcollegesonline.com](http://bestcollegesonline.com).

APA social media enhances the exchange of ideas and research to provide the best patient care.

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### **LEGAL UPDATE**

Armin Kuder, KSF Law

Kuder, Smollar & Friedman, PC

Overturing an ancient, but still viable, court precedent making any contract of a mentally incompetent person invalid, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals has ruled that such a contract is not “void”, but only voidable in the discretion of the Court.

The issue involved a lease between an owner of property and a tenant. Shortly after the lease was signed, the owner was adjudicated incompetent, and a series of other real estate transactions, in which the owner conveyed valuable properties for very little in payment, were set aside. The question before the Court no was whether the tenant had a valid lease.

In 1892, reflecting the limited understanding of mental illness then-obtaining, a District of Columbia court, like courts in many jurisdictions, found that a contract required a “meeting of the minds;” and, if one person were mentally incapacitated, that person “has nothing which the law recognizes as a mind.” Hence, the purported contract was “void” in its inception.

In the twentieth century, the law’s view of mental incapacity gradually evolved. Statutes in the District of Columbia, and elsewhere, now recognize that a person can have mental illness and still be able to divorce, open a bank account, write a will, and drive a car. An incapacitated person may not be able to do some of these things, but that does not preclude that person from doing those things for which there is a capacity.

Still, persons under mental disability may require special protection. In the case under discussion, it might make sense to distinguish between a contract in which more than \$1,000,000 of real estate is sold for less than \$50,000, and a lease at reasonable rent of a piece of property. That, in fact, was the eventual outcome of this new case. The Court of Appeals, agreeing with the trial judge, and overruling a three-judge panel of the Court, held that the 1892 view no

longer comported with modern understanding of mental illness. It agreed that the lease could be valid and not void from its creation even if signed by a mentally incapacitated person. The Appellate Court said that the trial judge properly found that the owner's contract was reasonable and the contracting tenant had a right to rely on it.

The District of Columbia has been a leader in modernization of the laws concerning mental illness, beginning with the D.C. Hospitalization of the Mentally Ill Act of 1964 (popularly known as the "Ervin Act") establishing standards and procedures for hospitalization which required much more than the previously customary finding of "insane," or "not insane," with no further analysis. Perhaps the best thing about this latest decision is that it is somewhat surprising that three judges of the Court felt that a 1892 decision about contracts had to be followed unless overturned by the entire Court, *en banc*. The full Court obliged.

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## **NEW PUBLICATIONS**

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## **OBITUARIES**

### **Dr. JACOB JOSEPH KATZOW**

On Saturday, June 15, 2013, Dr. Jacob Joseph Katzow, of Washington, DC passed away. He was the beloved husband of Francine Weiss, father of Dr. Adrienne Weiss Katzow and Dr. Michelle Weiss Katzow and loving brother of Fradelle Krulevitch and Nora Engle. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 19, 2013, 11 a.m. at Danzansky Goldberg Memorial Chapels Rockville, MD and Interment was held at Garden of Remembrance, Clarksburg, MD. The family received family and friends at the residence of the late Dr. Jacob Joseph Katzow immediately following interment and on June 19 and 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance in honor of Dr. Jacob Joseph Katzow. Please donate online at [www.seattlecca.org/memorial-tribute-gifts.cfm](http://www.seattlecca.org/memorial-tribute-gifts.cfm) or call (877-308-3117) to make your memorial donation in the memory of Dr. Jacob Joseph Katzow. Services entrusted to Danzansky Goldberg

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

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