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News & Notes

People in the News

ROBERT K. KLEPAC, Ph.D., a 33-year
plus member of AABT/ABCT, was recently
elected to a second term as Treasurer of the
Society of Clinical Psychology, Division 12 of
the American Psychological Association. In
addition, Klepac was appointed the Society’s
Representative to the Clinical Psychology
Specialty Council. At its meeting last fall, he
was elected President and Representative of
the clinical specialty to the Council of
Specialties.

The Clinical Specialty Council over
which Klepac presides consists of four orga-
nizations that combine to speak with one
voice for the specialty of clinical psychology:
the Society of Clinical Psychology; the
Council of University Directors of Clinical
Psychology; the Academy of Clinical
Psychology; and the American Board of
Clinical Psychology.

AABT/ABCT member and Representative-at-Large MARTIN M. ANTONY, Ph.D.,
Director of the Anxiety Treatment and
Research Centre at St. Joseph’s Healthcare,
Hamilton, ON, received the APA Division
12 Theodore H. Blau Early Career Award
for Contributions to the Science and Practice
of Clinical Psychology.

—EDITOR

DAVID BRICKER, Ph.D., an AABT/
ABCT member, was recently featured in the
CNN television news show Anderson Cooper
360 Degrees that aired on April 11, 2005.
The segment focused on the Gottman
Method which was developed by psycholo-
gist John Gottman and has received recent
media attention stemming from Malcolm Gladwell's best-selling book *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking*. Essentially, the Gottman Method places an emphasis on helping couples rebuild relationships and learn how to more effectively resolve conflicts. This particular news segment was part of a week-long special series spinning off some of the ideas in the book.

The initial segment briefly examined the assertion by Gladwell that if a person is in a happy relationship, on some level that happiness is expressed in a conversation with that person's partner. Gary Tachman, CNN correspondent, reported on three couples (two married for 5 years and one married for 7 months) who were videotaped discussing conflicts and asked Dr. Bricker to predict their marital futures. Dr. Bricker and the

CNN correspondent briefly watched all three of the couples interacting. Dr. Bricker was looking for the key warning signs of contempt, criticism, stonewalling, and defensiveness. Following each couple's brief conversation, Dr. Bricker provided a prediction for each couple's marital future and discussed his rationale for the prediction to illustrate the premise behind the Gottman Method.

Transcripts of the original CNN segment can be found at the following Web site:  http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0504/11/acd.01.html. Additional information regarding this segment can be directed to Dr. David Bricker at DavidBrickerPhD@aol.com.

—Laura E. Dreer, University of Alabama at Birmingham

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The article by Malouff and Schutte (2004) that appeared in Volume 27(6) of the Behavior Therapist is a timely contribution to the clinical practice literature focusing on the use of homework assignments. The authors review evidence for the efficacy of homework assignments and present a model of adherence and strategies to increase compliance.

Several aspects of Malouff and Schutte’s (2004) article deserve commendation. First, the strategies they offer for the enhancement of adherence are based on a careful analysis of theory and cognitive behavior therapy procedures, as well as on a keen understanding of the practical issues involved. Malouff and Schutte present six conditions as facilitative of homework adherence: (a) the client understands what, how, where, and when to do the homework; (b) the client has the ability to do the homework; (c) the client has a degree of self-efficacy regarding the homework; (d) the client has a level of motivation for completing the homework that outweighs the obstacles to such completion; (e) the client has the opportunity to do the homework; and (f) the client remembers to do the homework.

Another valuable aspect of Malouff and Schutte’s (2004) contribution is its synthesis of the existing clinical practice literature. In their discussion, the authors provide a list of 40 strategies to increase adherence with homework assignments based on their six-point model. Practitioners working with various theoretical modalities and clinical populations can use these strategies.

We are impressed by the breadth and depth of Malouff and Schutte’s (2004) overall discussion and would like to make additional suggestions to further assist practitioners’ use of homework in psychotherapy. Our objective is to elaborate on the factors that determine client homework completion in psychotherapy. We will discuss the cognitive theory foundations for homework completion, consider the role of the therapeutic relationship, and discuss the individualized conceptualization as a basis for using homework assignments. It is hoped that this comprehensive understanding of the theoretical foundations and their application in practice will enable practitioners to more effectively integrate homework into cognitive behavior therapy.

General Commentary

There is an important distinction between the behavioral and cognitive theory foundations for homework adherence and theorized recommendations for practice. The former relates to established theoretical principles of classical and operant conditioning in explaining how situational antecedents and consequences operate to determine the extent to which therapy skills are refined, generalized, and maintained via homework completion. There is also a substantial cognitive component that serves to mediate the link between antecedents and consequences leading to homework completion; that is, clients reflect and synthesize their learning experiences as a basis for future homework assignments (also see Kazantzis & L’Abate, 2005; Scheel, Hanson, & Razzhavaikina, 2004).

Malouff and Schutte (2004) focus on recommendations for practice and integrate some of the theoretical foundations to homework adherence. However, there have been prior recommendations for the use of homework assignments, including early work in Beck’s cognitive theory and therapy (A. T. Beck, 1964, 1976; A. T. Beck, Rush, Shaw, & Emery, 1979) and traditional behavior therapy (Wolpe, 1958, 1973).

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1. Malouff and Schutte (2004) use the phrase “treatment assignments” rather than “homework assignments” in their article. Although in practice, we tend not to use the term “homework” because of the negative associations it might invoke for clients, we do use this term in our writing among the professional community (see Kazantzis, 2000, for review of terms used in literature).
Building on the conceptual basis of Kanfer and Phillips’ behavioral formulation, Shelton and Ackerman (1974) devised a clinician’s guide with a list of 150 homework assignments that could be used for behavioral problems. Shelton and Ackerman also provided guidance on how to integrate homework into the therapeutic process and examples of how it is done. Shelton and Levy (1981) continued this work and offered a “model for practice” that provided a greater level of specificity.

Malouff and Schutte mentioned the importance of the collaborative therapeutic relationship as part of their recommendations for using homework in therapy. We expand on this recommendation and discuss the specific relationship qualities and therapist qualities that may facilitate or hinder homework completion. We also consider the role of therapist beliefs and how these may influence behavior in discussing homework. As two of our team’s practice surveys have linked therapist beliefs to use of homework assignments (i.e., Fehm & Kazantzis, 2004; Kazantzis, Lampropoulos, & Deane, in press), and there are empirical studies linking therapist competence in using homework to treatment outcome (i.e., Bryant, Simons, & Thase, 1999; Shaw et al., 1999), greater attention to “therapist factors” in determining homework adherence seems warranted. Malouff and Schutte also draw on some aspects of cognitive theory to provide strategies to enhance homework adherence. In this article, our goal is to further explore the role of client cognition in explaining homework completion.

Cognitive Theory Foundations

There are a host of cognitive theories that suggest client beliefs determine whether or not a particular homework assignment will be attempted. For instance, social learning theories posit that a client’s intention (or motivation) to engage in a particular homework assignment is determined by a balance between the costs and benefits of the activity. The cost is the perceived difficulty and/or distress caused by engaging in the activity (e.g., “Attempting this exposure exercise will produce some anxiety for me, but I have strategies to cope”); the benefit is the perceived gain of understanding or skill acquisition (e.g., “I have been able to approach less distressing situations on my hierarchy and have seen that my anxiety has reduced after being in the situation for some time”). Social learning theory also suggests that clients may have highly individualized beliefs tied to the costs and benefits of engaging in a particular homework activity based on the meaning they apply to it (see Kelly, 1955; Neimeyer, 1985).

Common to the various social cognition models is the assumption that motivation to engage in and maintain behavior arises from beliefs that influence the interpretation of experiences and that guide behavior (see Conner & Heywood-Everett, 1998). In particular, Bandura (1989) proposed “self-efficacy beliefs” - the degree of confidence that one can perform or endure the actions necessary to obtain a goal. Stemming from this theory, clients are likely to engage in tasks and activities in which they feel competent and confident and avoid those in which they do not. Unless clients believe that their efforts toward a homework activity will have the desired outcome, they are likely to have little incentive to engage in the activity. Self-efficacy beliefs also have relevance for determining how much effort clients will expend on a homework activity, how long they will persevere when confronting obstacles, and how resilient they will be in the face of adverse situations. Self-efficacy beliefs are formed based on (a) prior experience of homework; (b) observing other people’s examples (or modeling); (c) encouragement and feedback (or persuading); (d) physiological and emotional triggers that provide cues about the anticipated cost and benefit for the activity; and (e) self-regulatory processes whereby clients reflect on the utility of the homework task (their degree of engagement and learning from having completed it) and form conclusions and beliefs. Thus, there are a host of highly individualized cognitive mediators in client learning through homework completion, both in making sense of learning from homework completion and in determining whether a homework assignment will be carried out.

Given these cognitive theory foundations, it is not surprising that several practice recommendations have illustrated the role of the client’s cognitive conceptualization in explaining noncompliance with homework assignments in cognitive therapy for depression (i.e., J. Beck, 1995; Persons, 1989; Persons, Davidson, & Tompkins, 2000). Commonly observed psychological barriers to homework compliance in depression include perfectionism/unrelenting standards, fear of failure/procrastination, forgetting, and desire for social acceptance. The overarching practice implication is that the specific type of homework task, and the in-session discussion of the homework, needs to be guided by the conceptualization (see Kazantzis, MacEwan, & Dattilio, 2005).

Research on Homework Effects and Correlates

Two relationships between homework and treatment outcome have been observed in empirical research. Controlled studies have demonstrated that therapy that incorporates homework produces a greater effect than therapy that does not (Kazantzis, 2000; Kazantzis, Deane, & Ronan, 2000). Research has also shown that the extent to which clients engage in homework activities is associated with improvement in therapy (see also Kazantzis & Lampropoulos, 2002), and there is evidence to suggest that the relationship between homework compliance and outcome is sequential (Burns & Spangler, 2000; Kazantzis, Ronan, & Deane, 2001). In other words, there are firm empirical grounds to involve clients in homework assignments, and it is expected that those clients who actively engage in homework assignments are more likely to benefit from therapy.

Malouff and Schutte (2004) note that there is an absence of randomly controlled trials to determine which therapist behaviors lead to greater client learning through homework adherence. We agree that more controlled research would certainly be desirable and useful. The current evidence is limited to one randomized controlled study that found that written copies of homework assignments significantly increased compliance (Cox, Tisdelle, & Culbert, 1988). However, there has been some well-designed “process” research to examine therapist behaviors. Bryant et al. (1999) utilized the archived videotaped dataset from the National Institute of Mental Health Treatment of Depression Collaborative Project (Elkin, Parloff, Hadley, & Autry, 1985) to examine the therapist behaviors that predict compliance with homework in cognitive behavior therapy for depression (N = 26). The Bryant et al. data showed that therapist review of homework assignments was positively related to homework compliance. Previously, Shaw et al. (1999) showed that therapist competence in using the agenda, homework assignments, and pacing cognitive behavior therapy were predictive of treatment outcome in the same dataset.

There is also a significant body of empirical literature that has been designed to illuminate the interaction of therapist and client factors in relation to homework completion. For example, Conoley, Padula,
Payton, and Daniels (1994) evaluated client attitudes toward the process of assigning homework through an analysis of videotaped counseling sessions. They were particularly interested in the extent to which clients found the homework assignments to be acceptable. Together with a follow-up study (Scheel, Hoggan, Willie, McDonald, & Tolin, 1998), these findings suggested that the following client concerns influenced their acceptance of homework: (a) the benefits of the assignment and clients’ presenting problems, (b) the difficulty and costs of the activity (i.e., time, effort, complexity), (c) building on clients’ existing skills (i.e., shape, generalize, or maintain behavior), and finally, (d) the degree of social support or “encouragement” from the therapist.

A similar study surveyed 31 session transcripts to examine the therapist behaviors associated with client commitment to carry out between-session homework activities (Mahrer, Gagnon, Fiarweather, Boulet, & Herring, 1994). Though there was a high degree of diversity among the therapeutic approaches adopted by therapists, the results revealed several common aspects of the therapy process associated with client commitment: (a) therapist follow-up of a client-initiated idea, (b) discussion of the client’s willingness and readiness to carry out a task, (c) definition of the task in a specific and concrete manner, (d) therapist encouragement, (e) in-session practice of the given activity, and (f) a “contractual” commitment from the client. The Mahrer et al. studies, as well as previous ones (Conoley et al., 1994; Scheel et al., 1998; Startup & Edmonds, 1994; Worthington, 1986), offer preliminary support for underlying theoretical foundations to client homework completion and their application in therapy (A. T. Beck et al., 1979).

Most recently, Detweiler-Bedell and Whisman (2005) trained independent observers to rate aspects of discussions between therapists delivering cognitive therapy and clients (N = 24) during the assignment and review of homework. Utilizing data from Hollon et al.’s (1992) Cognitive-Pharmacotherapy Treatment Project, the study found that (a) giving out written reminders was significantly associated with outcome, (b) concrete goal setting done by the therapist was associated with better outcomes at posttreatment and follow-up, and (c) therapists who engaged less-involved clients in a discussion of barriers enabled clients to experience greater benefits from therapy. Thus, there is emerging empirical support for clinical practice recommendations, but further data are required to determine whether this causes improved treatment outcomes (see Kazantzis, Deane, Ronan, & Lampropoulos, 2005, for a detailed review).

As part of our team’s Cognitive Behavior Therapy Homework Project, we are evaluating a new measure designed to assess therapist behaviors in the use of homework assignments. The measure is currently undergoing psychometric evaluation and examination for its ability to predict outcomes in cognitive behavior therapy for depression. If this measure proves reliable and valid, it will be a useful resource for clinical supervisors and researchers interested in measuring therapist adherence and competence in the use of homework in therapy (cf. Kazantzis, MacEwan, et al., 2005).

**Recommendations for Practice**

In this section, we describe a number of recommendations for the use of strategies in clinical practice to complement those offered by Malouff and Schutte (2004). These items are likely to further enhance assignment adherence and bolster the therapeutic effect of the overall treatment process.
Therapeutic Relationship

Persistent difficulties with homework completion have the potential to activate the therapist’s own beliefs and emotions (Stevens, Muran, & Safran, 2003). If a client exhibits marked demanding, avoidant, and/or suspicious interpersonal styles, then there may be a greater risk of therapist reactivity (or countertransference), and care and sensitivity are required when discussing homework (Freeman & Rosenfield, 2002). Though clients present for therapy with various learned interpersonal styles, it remains the therapist’s responsibility to facilitate an environment in which the client can be an active collaborator when discussing homework.

This level of involvement can be difficult to achieve if the client has been socialized into a relationship as a compliant, student, or passive recipient of structured assignments. Common barriers to collaboration include distrust of the therapist, unrealistic expectations, personal shame, externalized blame, depredation of self or others, fear of rejection and failure (A. T. Beck, Freeman, Davis, and Associates, 2004). In fact, novice therapists’ efforts to adhere to structure and interventions in cognitive behavior therapy often lead to rigid and insufficiently individualized or collaborative therapy (see Gibbons, Crits-Christoph, Levinson, & Barber, 2003). Persistent noncompletion of homework is often an indicator of a rupture or difficulty in communication within the collaborative therapeutic relationship. In our view, an awareness and willingness to foster an individualized therapy that is collaborative is necessary for the effective use of homework assignments.

The survey research linking therapist beliefs with homework use (i.e., Kazantzis et al., in press) suggests there is utility to practitioners testing out their own beliefs about the role of homework assignments in cognitive behavior therapy (Padesky, 1999). Common indications that therapists may have unhelpful cognitions regarding the use of homework in therapy include the following: not discussing homework when the client is highly distressed; rushing the review, design, or assignment of new homework; not providing a rationale for homework; and being directive (also see Kazantzis et al., 2005).

Using the Conceptualization With Homework

As with other therapy processes, the integration of homework should be guided by the individualized conceptualization. A homework assignment that is not obviously tailored to the client’s specific problems can result in a reduced sense of ownership and relevance on the part of the client, and, as a result, a reduced sense of responsibility for carrying it out (Moore & Garland, 2003).

When selecting a homework assignment, the activity should be relevant to the treatment goals and aligned with the client’s coping strategies. With the exception of clients who are acutely distressed or at some safety risk, there are usually several types (or formats) of homework assignments available. However, when discussing a new homework assignment, whatever the specific content, therapists should make a clear attempt to solicit the client’s opinions or attitudes toward the task. The discussion itself should also be guided by the conceptualization. For example, therapists may elect to provide less direction in the design of homework for perfectionistic clients (Huppert, Roth, & Foa, in press) or for clients who are entitled or aggressive (Najavits, 2005).

When reviewing homework assignments, much can be learned from the client not completing or engaging in the homework assignment. An emphasis on obtaining useful data from homework as an “experiment” or “no-lose” situation often determines whether a client will openly and candidly discuss noncompletion. Discussion of homework noncompletion may also reveal client beliefs about the assignment that show that it was misunderstood or seen as irrelevant or ineffective. At other times, homework can reveal that therapy is off-track, prompting the therapist and client to adjust treatment goals. There is case study support for this suggestion that noncompletion of homework assignments reflects the conflict between two quite different views of the predicted outcome of the assignment (Dunn, Morrison, & Bentall, 2002; March, 1997).

Discussing noncompletion with the client usually reveals negative automatic thoughts that contribute to the development of the individualized conceptualization. The discussion may reveal surface, intermediate, core-level cognition, as well as compensatory strategies that had not previously been identified. Thus, therapists should consider both noncompletion and completion of homework assignments within the context of the individualized cognitive conceptualization. When clients outright refuse to complete homework assignments, or persistently do not engage in homework, then it is essential to consider these responses in context. Conversely, non-completion of homework may trigger clients’ beliefs about themselves or their problems, which, if not addressed, may inadvertently support homework noncompletion.

Conclusion

The preceding comments are offered to augment Malouff and Shuttle’s (2004) discussion of homework adherence and to underscore the importance of out-of-session assignments. At the conclusion of therapy, clients carry forward the skills learned through homework completion as a means of maintaining therapeutic gains and preventing relapse. We believe that the points raised in this article are essential for maximizing the extent to which clients may help themselves long after formal sessions have ended.

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Shaw, B. F., Elkin, I., Yamaguchi, J., Olmsted, M.D. degree at the Scottish University of Edinburgh in 1939. During World War II, Ed worked as a field surgeon for the famous American volunteer combat group known as the Flying Tigers. Following military service, he maintained a thriving private practice as a psychiatrist near Asbury Park, NJ, until his death from liver cancer in March 2003 at the age of 89. Dr. Dengrove was one of the first forensic psychiatrists to testify on a regular basis in the state of NJ, and over the years he established a well-deserved reputation among colleagues and patients alike as a creative innovator of a behaviorally sympathetic psychologists and psychiatrists. But I soon found that the climates in both the United Kingdom and the U.S. were disturbingly similar. In fact, both Ed and I were discouraged to find that most psychiatrists and clinical psychologists at the time were totally Freudian and scientifically unaware. Indeed, independent or private practice for psychologists did not yet exist. Worse yet, I soon learned that no nonmedical therapist could legitimately practice therapy, despite the fact that, in those early days, most psychologists had better clinical training than virtually all psychiatrists. I remained mostly discouraged until I had the good fortune to meet Ed. Both of us shared similar, then unattainable, aspirations to replace the ubiquitous Freudian nonscientific model with a new data-oriented, behavioral paradigm. Equally satisfying to me, a psychologist, was that Ed was concerned that both psychiatrists and psychologists be permitted to practice psychotherapy. Ultimately, Ed and I became close colleagues and friends.


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Remembering Edward Dengrove, M.D.

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I met Dr. Edward Dengrove in early 1964 at a New York City planning committee for an as yet unnamed behavior therapy association. I had moved to the U.S. in the hope of encountering more behaviorally sympathetic psychologists and psychiatrists. But I soon found that the climates in both the United Kingdom and the U.S. were disturbingly similar. In fact, both Ed and I were discouraged to find that most psychiatrists and clinical psychologists at the time were totally Freudian and scientifically unaware. Indeed, independent or private practice for psychologists did not yet exist. Worse yet, I soon learned that no nonmedical therapist could legitimately practice therapy, despite the fact that, in those early days, most psychologists had better clinical training than virtually all psychiatrists. I remained mostly discouraged until I had the good fortune to meet Ed. Both of us shared similar, then unattainable, aspirations to replace the ubiquitous Freudian nonscientific model with a new data-oriented, behavioral paradigm. Equally satisfying to me, a psychologist, was that Ed was concerned that both psychiatrists and psychologists be permitted to practice psychotherapy. Ultimately, Ed and I became close colleagues and friends.

Born in 1913 and raised in New Jersey, Ed obtained the British equivalent of an M.D. degree at the Scottish University of Edinburgh in 1939. During World War II, Ed worked as a field surgeon for the famous American volunteer combat group known as the Flying Tigers. Following military service, he maintained a thriving private practice as a psychiatrist near Asbury Park, NJ, until his death from liver cancer in March 2003 at the age of 89. Dr. Dengrove was one of the first forensic psychiatrists to testify on a regular basis in the state of NJ, and over the years he established a well-deserved reputation among colleagues and patients alike as a creative innovator of a therapy. Cautela had been invited to come from Boston to speak on behalf of the organization and Ed volunteered to find an inexpensive New York hotel to put him up for the night. Ed proudly announced how inexpensive it was until we heard that, on Cautela’s arrival, the receptionist asked how many hours Cautela would need the room for—then we learned what sort of hotel it was! Fortunately, Joe was a sport and graciously accepted the arrangements.

Ed Dengrove arranged for many other founding fathers to speak on behalf of the AABT, including distinguished fellow psychiatrists such as John Paul Brady, chairperson of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania, Joseph Wolpe, Dick Rubin, and psychologists Andrew Salter, Arnold Lazarus, Arthur Staats, and H. J. Eysenck. Our first AABT convention was a day of AABT speakers, kindly subsidized by the APA, as part of APA’s annual convention in San Francisco, circa 1967.

For years, Ed’s pleasure was to spend a day in New York City exploring bookstores in the hope of coming across behavioral texts new to him, both professional or otherwise. He bought virtually every new book of relevance to behavior therapy, but also to sexology and hypnosis. Most of the books were written for professionals but some were do-it-yourself manuals for the general public. To the best of my knowledge, Ed mostly read basic how-to manuals, keeping the rest unread on his bookshelves, referring...
to them from time to time to learn about promising new clinical techniques that he might be able to adapt and use to help his patients. Despite his limited interest in the behavioral theory, this remarkable man also found time to write numerous articles of practical relevance, mostly adaptable for direct patient use.

In the final years of his life Ed felt increasingly distant from the many newcomers in his beloved AABT. Indeed, nowadays, only three AABT founders remain professionally active: Arnold Lazarus of Princeton, Arthur Staats of Hawaii, and myself, very occasionally. As he aged, Ed wrote and spoke less often and he attended fewer AABT activities. At one time, Ed regularly offered his home for social gatherings with such colleagues as Albert Ellis, Tim Beck, Arthur Staats, Arnold Lazarus, and our families, but these events diminished in frequency over time. Thus, in recent years, I saw less and less of Ed in person, but we continued to talk regularly over the telephone.

Ed was a devoted husband and caring father to the end. He is survived by his son Richard, director of a specialized Government library in Washington; his son Robert, a psychiatrist in private practice in NJ with four grown children; and his daughter, Lois, living in Los Angeles. Most of all, Ed’s later life revolved around caring for his professionally famous wife, Ida Libby. In fact, it was Ida Dengrove who, many years ago, designed our widely reproduced AABT logo. Ida was a distinguished courtroom artist for NBC television, received two Emmy awards for her work and was much in demand as a portrait painter and artist. A large oil painting of my wife, Violet, and I still adorns our Princeton living room. In his final years, Ed confessed his greatest pleasure was going to bed early to stroke Ida’s back and watching inane (to me) American TV sitcoms (which he didn’t admit were inane). Sadly, Ida passed away on April 23, 2005, as a result of complications associated with Alzheimer’s disease. Ed and Ida remained in love after 64 years of marriage.

Ed Dengrove made outstanding, and perhaps underappreciated, contributions to the AABT and he deserves to be remembered for his many significant professional contributions. Shortly before his death Ed confided in me that the contributions which gave him most gratification over the years were, first, his role in changing the prevailing Freudian mental health model to our new behavioral paradigm, the many achievements of the AABT, and the gratification he received from his family. What finer legacy can one hope for?

When I created, and Ed endorsed, the name AABT for our new association, this was enthusiastically adopted by our planning committee. It remained that way until, in 2005, the membership, with reason, voted to change the name of our association to add the word “cognitive.” I suspect that Ed would have accepted these innovations with mixed but generally positive feelings. With Bob Dylan, “The times, they are [indeed] a-changin’.”

Technology Update

Giving Psychology Away Through the Internet

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George Miller, in his famous 1969 speech as the president of the American Psychological Association, suggested that psychologists give psychology away (Fowler, 1999). The increasing expansion of the Internet has created new opportunities for psychologists to do that (Andersson & Carlbring, 2003)—for instance, by creating a public service Web site that gives guidance to individuals about how to prevent or overcome a psychological problem. How does one go about creating such a Web site? In this article I will describe the approach I used to create several public service Web sites for problems ranging from bereavement (Malouff, 2005) to child obesity (Malouff & Schutte, 2005). Altogether, the sites receive about 70,000 hits a year, with my two most visited sites dealing with strategies for solving problems (Malouff, 2002) and methods of helping young children overcome shyness (Malouff, 2004). See the reference list for the URLs of these sites. The Web sites have led to several magazine and newspaper stories that have reached additional individuals. As a result of my Web site about shy children, I have received many questions from parents about their children (e.g., Should I send my shy child to kindergarten or hold her back?)

Creating a Web site begins for me when I develop expertise about some type of psychological problem. I search the Internet for a site that clearly describes what I consider the optimum method of preventing or dealing with the problem. If I fail to find anything adequate, I start planning my own site on the topic, usually basing my ideas on social learning theory (SLT; also called social cognitive theory; Bandura, 1986, 2000) and my own experiences. Applying SLT, I often suggest similar strategies for different problems. As an example, for children, I suggest, among other methods, using modeling and verbal prompting for both increasing reading (Malouff & Schutte, 2004) and increasing outgoing behavior (Malouff, 2004). I make the suggestions concrete by giving examples.

For each topic, I consider two approaches to presenting the core content: (a) describing in general a prevention or coping method and giving examples of its applications (e.g., problem-solving methods; Malouff, 2002), and (b) describing a prevention or coping method through the real-life story of a specific person (e.g., a child struggling to learn to read; Malouff & Schutte, 2004). I prefer the story method because stories have great influence on individuals (Schank, 1995; Simmons, 2001).

Prior to putting the core content in the site, I explain for whom the site is intended and what the site offers. Sometimes I can provide much of the ancillary information in the Web site title. I also try to provide links to other sites that provide additional valuable information. I usually show a copy of the site to a colleague for comments, revise the site a few times, and then upload it to a server.

Although there are various software packages that have been designed solely for creating a Web site, I use whatever I have, such as Netscape Composer or Microsoft Word (saving the document as a Web page). I leave out major frills such as photos or moving objects, because these tend to make accessing the site slower for users. It is very helpful the first time to have someone more
experienced to consult about technical details (e.g., how to change the color of the background or how to create external links). However, help functions of your Web site software can answer many of these questions.

I am able to create a short public service Web site in several hours. I generally know what I want to write at the outset, so the writing and revising go quickly. Finding useful references and links can take a few hours, though. Psychologists new to creating Web pages might take considerably longer, especially for a site with a great deal of content.

Because my university gives me server space for my Web sites, I do not have to pay a monthly fee to keep the site available. Thus I have no financial outlay. Individuals in private practice might have to pay for server space and a domain name, but because the site could lead to paying clients, the cost would likely be deductible. Sites such as godaddy.com and canaca.com provide these services for small fees. One can enter terms such as “domain names” and “web hosting” into a search engine like Google.com to find similar companies.

To help people find the Web site, I go to Google.com and Yahoo.com and register the site (there is no charge for doing this). I try to ensure that both the title and the description of the site I provide to Google and Yahoo use the terms that individuals searching for helpful information are likely to use. I also link my Web sites together where possible and link them to my personal home page to make finding the sites as easy as possible.

Once a year or so, I check my Web sites for external links that no longer work, and I add new links and information where appropriate. When I update a Web site, I change the copyright date near the document title to indicate how recently the document was updated. For more information on creating Web sites, see Creating a Web Site (2005) or Smith and Bebak (2002) or, if you work for an organization, talk with the Web master there.

With psychological expertise in a specific area, a dash of imagination, and a bit of effort, you also can give psychology away through the Internet.

References

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containing Education Opportunities

The ABCT Continuing Education Committee (CEC) is pleased to announce that there is a Web link on the ABCT home page (www.aabt.org) allowing members to both search for and post CE and Continuing Medical Education (CME) opportunities. In keeping with the mission of the CEC, we aim to provide members of the association with information regarding quality opportunities to develop their expertise throughout their careers as behavioral and cognitive therapists.

“Having a central location where ABCT members can submit and search for CE/CME offerings on a regional and national level was something that we have spoken about, and are now finally able to offer to our members,” John Klocek, the Chair of the CEC, reported. Specific guidelines for posting will also be available on-line and only members who either are the primary or a participating presenter will be able to submit CE/CME sessions.

Additionally, all submissions will be reviewed by the CE/CME Committee of ABCT to determine relevance of the content and topic for the ABCT membership.

Cheryl Carmin, the Coordinator for Convention and CE Issues, noted that “ABCT members have asked for a means to let colleagues know about the good work they are involved in. We hope that the CE Web page will be a resource for members and nonmembers alike who are seeking out opportunities to learn more about cognitive and behavior therapy training opportunities with the added bonus that they can receive CE/CME credit for their participation.”

So, now’s your chance, ABCT members . . . Still need that last-minute CE/CME credit? Or are you looking for a new and different evidence-based approach to use with that difficult client or thorny research question? Now you can just click and search.

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& On-Line!
The evidence-based movement that first emerged in medicine is gaining momentum in psychology, public health, and education. Here we briefly examine what precipitated the movement, its relevance to health psychologists, and some of its associated terminology.

It used to be the case that procedures practiced by physicians automatically were deemed medically necessary and were covered by insurance (Eddy, 2005). In the 1970s, however, several observations began to cast doubt on the wisdom of that tradition. First, it became apparent that similar patients were receiving very different treatment depending upon where they lived (Wennberg & Gittelsohn, 1973). Second, accumulating evidence showed that clinical decision-making errors and treatments contraindicated by any professional standard were being implemented with surprising frequency. Physicians judged that the best way to preserve professional credibility and reimbursement was to adopt a more transparent standard for determining best practices. Agreement that research offered an alternative to clinical judgment was greatest when consistent findings emerged from multiple, well-conducted studies with research designs that minimize sources of error. At the bottom of the hierarchy, because most prone to bias, are anecdotal reports from authorities or colleagues. Treatments for which high-quality evidence is lacking or insufficient cannot be determined to be effective or ineffective.

Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT). In an RCT, participants are randomly assigned to the treatment of interest or to a control condition, producing a state in which all factors, known and unknown, are balanced across groups (Friedman, Furberg, & DeMets, 1998). Because randomization attenuates the threat for bias, RCTs have high internal validity, offering greater confidence that differences in outcome can be causally attributed to the differing treatments. For that reason, RCTs are usually considered to be at the top of the evidence hierarchy. When randomization is not feasible for reasons of expense or ethics, nonrandomized designs can be used. Cohort studies, single case experiments, and case-control studies are examples of nonrandomized designs used in clinical research.

Empirically Supported Treatment (EST). An APA Division 12 Task Force initially proposed criteria for a psychological intervention to be judged empirically “validated” (Begg et al., 1996). The descriptor was subsequently changed to empirically “supported” so as not to imply that validity had been proven, precluding any need for further research (Des Jarlais, Lyles, & Crepaz, 2004). A number of interventions were listed as well-established or probably efficacious based upon having met criteria that conscientiously, explicitly, and judiciously integrates best current research evidence with clinical expertise and patient values and preferences (Sacket et al., 1996).

Evidence-Based Behavioral Medicine (EBBM). Evidence-based behavioral medicine seeks to strengthen, systematize, and render more accessible the evidence base for behavioral health treatments. The aim is to enable practitioners to access effective techniques that can be used when their clinical expertise suggests that these will match the needs and preferences of individual clients.

Hierarchy of Evidence. The hierarchy ranks the credence given to different kinds of evidence about the effectiveness of treatments. Topping the hierarchy, confidence about whether a treatment does or does not work is greatest when consistent findings emerge from multiple, well-conducted studies with research designs that minimize sources of error. At the bottom of the hierarchy, because most prone to bias, are anecdotal reports from authorities or colleagues. Treatments for which high-quality evidence is lacking or insufficient cannot be determined to be effective or ineffective.
required empirical support in a few group comparison studies or single-case experiments, preferably using treatment manuals (Chambless & Ollendick, 2001). The EST evidence hierarchy was collapsed, such that randomized and nonrandomized, and single case and group comparison designs were all accorded the highest level of evidence.

Consolidated Standards of Reporting of Trials (CONSORT). Nontransparent reporting of clinical research impedes synthesis of evidence for systematic reviews. To standardize the reporting of RCBs, the Standards of Reporting Trial (SORT) group, in collaboration with the Asilomar Working Group on Recommendations for Reporting of Clinical Trials, developed the CONSORT (Begg et al., 1996). The revised CONSORT statement has been published in several languages and endorsed by numerous medical journals and editorial groups (see http://www.consortstatement.org/endorsements/journals/journals.html). The CONSORT statement requires comprehensive reporting of specific information relevant to evaluating threats to the internal and external validity of a trial. Behavioral medicine journals that have incorporated CONSORT into their reviewer guidelines include the Annals of Behavioral Medicine, Health Psychology, Psychosomatic Medicine, Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, AIDS, and Alcohol and Alcoholism.

Transparent Reporting of Evaluations With Nonrandomized Designs (TREND). Parallel CONSORT, the TREND statement provides reporting guidelines for nonrandomized studies, such as quasi-experimental designs and natural experiments (Des Jarlais et al., 2004). The Annals of Behavioral Medicine, Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, American Journal of Public Health, Addiction, AIDS, AIDS Care, AIDS Education and Prevention, Archives of Sexual Behavior, and Journal of Psychoactive Drugs have endorsed TREND.

Intention to Treat (ITT). An important principle for clinical trial analysis, an ITT approach retains outcomes for all randomized cases according to their original treatment assignment, regardless of protocol adherence or attrition (Newell, 1992). The “once randomized, always analyzed” principle preserves the randomization, while allowing clinician deviation and patient nonadherence to occur as usual and be taken into account in the analyses (Hollis & Campbell, 1999). Because alternative approaches, such as excluding nonadherent or attritted cases, introduce bias, CONSORT criteria require reporting of whether analyses were performed on an ITT basis.

RE-AIM. In addition to being effective, health-promoting interventions need to be able to be broadly adopted and maintained in usual health care settings if they are to improve public health. Glasgow and colleagues developed the RE-AIM model to evaluate a treatment’s translatability for representative personnel and patients in community settings (Glasgow, McKay, Piette, & Reynolds, 2001). RE-AIM stands for reach, efficacy/effectiveness, adoption (by target settings), implementation (in target settings), and maintenance (for individuals and communities). A Web resource is available (www.reaim.org) that provides information, checklists, calculators, and other tools to assist in evaluating the dissemblability of evidence-based treatments (Dzewaltowski, Glasgow, Klesges, Estabrooks, & Brock, 2004).

CPT Health & Behavior Codes. In 2002, the APA Practice Directorate and Intervenitional Healthcare Committee introduced six Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for behavioral services aimed at the treatment and/or prevention of physical health disorders. Individual, group, and family counseling for patient adherence, health risk reduction, and adjustment to physical illness are among the included services. For the first time, psychologists can offer reimbursable services to patients who do not have a primary mental health diagnosis. An expanding evidence base that establishes the utility of psychological services for a wide range of health conditions, patient populations, and care settings will continue to expand the reach of clinical psychologists.

The evidence-based movement will continue to have implications for the work of researchers and clinicians. Researchers will increasingly be held to standards for the design and transparent reporting of studies that maximize their contribution to the evidence base. Clinician input is needed to determine the kinds of evidence that are most needed and the presentation format that would render it most user-friendly. Clinicians will benefit from a robust evidence base that improves accountability by demonstrating that best practices are cost-effective, and that provides new techniques to expand psychologists’ reach into the health care environment.

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Book Review

Zull, J. E. (2002). The Art of Changing the Brain
Sterling, VA: Stylus. (263 pp.)

Reviewed by Herman M. Medow, Northcoast Behavioral Health Care

The Art of Changing the Brain is a landmark book for those of us engaged in the practice of psychotherapy. Dr. Zull is a professor of biology at Case Western Reserve University. He also heads a committee for improvement of teaching that has been struggling with how to help students grasp complex scientific issues. One such issue concerns how to educate students and nascent therapists about exciting new research in the “brain sciences.”

The primary theme of this book is that learning is a biological process. Durable learning involves physical changes in the brain that are measurable. This includes changes in neuronal firing patterns as well as neuron growth. The book is extensively referenced for those who wish to consult original sources. The word “psychotherapy” does not appear once in this book. However, readers will recognize “teaching” and “coaching” as stand-ins for psychotherapy interventions. A second thesis of the book is that concepts in contemporary neuroscience are congruent with the idea that learning interventions can improve life management. Dr. Zull argues that knowledge of how the brain works and learns can provide guidance for therapy interventions and that interventions that respect how the brain incorporates experience are likely to enhance effectiveness. It seems nice to know that we are, in fact, in the business of brain change when we do psychotherapy. However, contributions from neuroscience are worth our attention in more practical ways. Dr. Zull illustrates the difference between memory acquisition and memory storage, and relates how learning theory fits with accumulating knowledge about neuroanatomy. For teachers, he discusses how the focus on taking in information, and fast learning, may impair the process of developing lasting knowledge. Sensory input involves much more rapid transmission than processing time in the integrative structures.

He also presents an informative discussion of the amygdala and its role as a kind of “defensive sentry.” Learning something new can rouse this small but powerful structure to “protect” existing neurons and thus interfere with development of knowledge. To the extent that psychotherapy is conceptualized as a learning process, Dr. Zull’s discussion may also inform treatment. There is some discussion of experiences that may “quiet” the amygdala. Two such experiences are encountering smiling faces and interesting cognitive events. Thus persons that appear friendly and novel, but not too novel, may actually lower limbic arousal. Taken together, the book argues for greater attention to the development of interventions and therapeutic applications that build on contemporary neuroscience, and especially the concept of neuroplasticity. Also recommended is Schwartz and Begley’s (2002) The Mind and the Brain. Our work as psychotherapists stands to benefit from a greater appreciation of recent innovations in neuroscience.

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Web Editor Call?
The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine seeks a licensed clinical psychologist with expertise in CBT/ERP for the Department of Psychiatry. We seek an outstanding clinician with a particular interest and expertise in the treatment of OCD/anxiety disorders, resident education and supervision; preference is for someone interested in developing a research career. This position can be either part-time or full-time. Send letter of interest and CV to the attention of Dr. Gerald Nestadt: Meyer 4-181, Johns Hopkins Hospital, 600 N Wolfe St, Baltimore MD 21287-7481 (phone 410 955 4838) or email gnestadt@jhmi.edu.


Chief Psychologist, VA Boston Healthcare System. VA Boston Healthcare System is recruiting for a talented, energetic, and accomplished individual to assume the position of Chief of Psychology for its expansive clinical, research, and teaching programs. Consisting of six major campuses, VA Boston is a flagship healthcare program for all of VA possessing outstanding clinical and academic resources. We are interested in recruiting someone with training and qualifications in the area of Neuropsychology. Our existing clinical and research programs of excellence include: Trauma and PTSD, Women’s Health, Neuroimaging, Substance Abuse, Clinical Neuropsychology, Behavioral Neuroscience, Schizophrenia, Health Psychology, Geropsychology, and Aphasia. Psychology has leadership roles in four VA-designated Clinical Centers of Excellence in PTSD, SubSTANCE Abuse, Women’s Health, and the Serious Mentally Ill. The Chief of Psychology will work in close collaboration with the Director of Mental Health and serve as an active member of the Mental Health Council and will provide academic leadership to psychologists across all campuses. A key component of the position is responsibility for the training programs in psychology (The Boston Consortium in Clinical Psychology) including an APA accredited internship program (19 positions), an APA accredited postdoctoral fellowship program (14 positions), and a large practicum program in clinical psychology affiliated with Boston University’s Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology. VA Boston is strongly affiliated with Boston University and Harvard Medical School and enjoys considerable support from these superb academic communities. Research support in Mental Health from VA and the NIH exceeds $12 million annually. We are seeking an outstanding psychologist with strong academic credentials commensurate with appointment at the Associate or Full Professor level, significant administrative experience, and a nationally recognized research program. The faculty appointment would be sought at either Boston University School of Medicine or Harvard Medical School. Our recruitment for the Chief is at the GS-14/15 level with salary ranging from $87,000-$138,000 per annum plus an excellent fringe benefits package. The salary is dependent upon the qualifications and credentials of the individual. Review of the applications will begin on January 1, 2006 and continue until the position is filled. VA Boston is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer with a strong institutional commitment to diversity in all areas. We actively seek applications from women, members of all minority groups, and those who have a disability. Applications, consisting of an updated curriculum vitae and a letter of interest, should be submitted to Gary B. Kaplan, M.D., Director of Mental Health, VA Boston Healthcare System, 940 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

Faculty Position – UCSD. The Department of Psychiatry at the University of California, San Diego and the Psychology Service of the Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System are recruiting an academic clinical psychologist. The appointee will serve as the Chief Psychologist at the VASDHS and must hold a Ph.D. from an APA approved clinical psychology program, have completed an APA approved internship, and be eligible for licensure in California. In addition, applicants should have established a track record of high quality, independent, programmatic research in posttraumatic stress disorder and be eligible for appointment at the Assistant/Associate Professor level in the In-Residence series at UCSD. Academic rank and salary will be dependent upon qualification and based on published UC pay scales. Area of research specialization is open, but work in behavioral interventions, genetics or imaging is desirable. Potential start date is January 2006. Interested candidates should send curriculum vitae and supporting documentation by December 23, 2005 to: Chair, PTSD/MST Search Committee, Department of Psychiatry, UCSD School of Medicine, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037-0610. The University of California and VASDHS are Equal Employment, Affirmative Action Employers.

Summer Fellowships in Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy and CBT for Full-Time University Faculty: A limited number of 3 week fellowships for university and college faculty in psychology, psychiatry, counseling or social work are being offered at the Albert Ellis Institute in July 2006. The program will feature intensive practice in REBT, direct supervision of therapy sessions, special seminars, and the opportunity to co-lead a therapy group with Institute faculty. Send statement of objectives for your participation along with a vita to Dr. Kristene Doyle, Albert Ellis Institute, 45 East 65th Street, New York, NY 10021; or fax at 212-249-3582; or e-mail at krisdoyle@albertellis.org. Proficiency in English is required. Stipend provided. Deadline is February 15, 2006.

Immediate Openings for Clinical Fellowships in Cognitive Behavior Therapy and REBT. Part-time one year pre-doctoral internships and two year post-graduate Fellowships are being offered at the Albert Ellis Institute. Intensive supervision of individual, couples, and group therapy will be given by Ray DeGiuseppe, Ph.D., Michael Broder, Ph.D., and Kristene Doyle, Ph.D. Candidates will carry a diverse caseload of clients, co-lead therapy groups, participate in special seminars and ongoing clinical research, and co-lead public workshops. Stipend is given for 20 hours per week of involvement in a wide variety of professional activities. Contact Dr. Kristene Doyle at krisdoyle@albertellis.com for application.

3-Day Primary Certificate Practicum in CBT/REBT at Albert Ellis Institute, New York City, Jan 27 - Jan 29, 2006. Earn 24 CE credits. Learn CBT/REBT fundamentals, diagnostic and intervention skills and how to apply them to a wide range of clinical issues. Includes demonstrations of therapy sessions, 12 hours of small-group supervision of peer counseling and more. Tuition: $595 per person; $570 for early registration; $550 for groups of 5 or more; $445 for F/T grad students. Information at 212-535-0822 or www.albertellisinstitute.org.

School of Professional Psychology, Open Faculty Position. The School of Professional Psychology (SOPP), Wright State University (WSU), is seeking candidates for a faculty position at the Assistant or Associate Professor rank for Summer or Fall, 2006. We are seeking individuals to teach and provide clinical supervision to doctoral-level students in our APA-accredited PsyD program in Clinical Psychology. Preference will be given to strong generalist candidates whose interests coincide with program needs such as cognitive-behavioral...
therapy, group therapy, child-clinical/pediatric, consultation/organizational, forensic, program evaluation, and/or multicultural psychology. In addition to teaching and provision of clinical supervision and/or clinical program development, duties include mentoring/advising of graduate students, directing doctoral dissertations, providing service to the doctoral program and university, engaging in scholarship, and conducting clinical practice in the faculty practice plan.

Applicants must have a doctorate in clinical or counseling psychology from an APA accredited doctoral program (degree anticipated before employment start date), demonstrated ability to teach practitioner students, and be licensed in Ohio or be able to acquire licensure in Ohio within two years of appointment. We encourage applications from those who would further our commitment to multiculturalism and diversity and could serve as a mentor to students from diverse backgrounds. Applicants must also have a commitment to the practitioner model of professional education. To be considered at the Associate level, candidates must have documented evidence of sustained and high quality scholarly/creative activity, practice, and teaching.

WSU is a comprehensive, research intensive state university with its main campus located in Dayton, Ohio. It serves approximately 17,000 students. The University places a high priority on the creation of an environment supportive of ethnic minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. The SOPP is among the first doctoral programs in the country to develop a Psy.D, practitioner model program and has been fully accredited by APA since graduating its charter class in 1982. The SOPP has four major locations, two on the WSU campus and two based in the Dayton Community. SOPP also offers an APA-accredited internship program and a post-doctoral training program.

A letter of interest, vita, three letters of recommendation, and a transcript verifying highest degree should be sent to Ms. Sharon Daugherty, School of Professional Psychology, Wright State University, 3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy, Dayton, Ohio 45435. Review of applications will begin February 1 and continue until the position is filled. Wright State University is an EO/AA employer. Visit our website at www.wright.edu/sopp/

FULL-TIME PSYCHOLOGIST, THE COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL INSTITUTE OF ALBUQUERQUE, LLC. Multi-specialist group practice and training institute seeks licensed or license-eligible psychologist to provide outpatient CBT and training supervision. The Institute participates on the provider panels of most major insurers in the region, and will assist the successful candidate in credentialing. Candidates must possess high levels of documented training and experience in the major models of CBT. Please email current CV to br@cogtherapy.com.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER: HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN PRIMARY CARE. The Department of Family Medicine and School of Dentistry at the University of Mississippi Medical Center is accepting applications for a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in health psychology. This program prepares psychologists to work in academic healthcare settings by providing extensive, supervised clinical, teaching, and research experience. Fifty percent time is focused on clinical and teaching activities with 50 percent time devoted to tobacco-related research. Licensure preparation and attainment is supported and expected. Preference will be made for those candidates who are scientist-practitioners with a background in behavior therapies and research interest/experience in addictive behaviors. Salary is $33,000 with liberal benefits. Appointment date is flexible between July and September, 2006. Send letter of intent, curriculum vitae, representative publications, and three recommendation letters to Patrick O. Smith, Ph.D., Family Medicine, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216 or via email to psmith@familymed.ummc.edu. If invited for an interview, lodging and meals will be provided. For additional information call (601.984.5425), email, and/or visit our website (http://familymed.ummc.edu). EOE, M/F/D/V.

ARGOSY UNIVERSITY CHICAGO CAMPUS FACULTY OPENINGS. Two full-time (10 month) faculty positions for APA accredited Psy.D. program, beginning January or September, 2006. Doctoral level teaching experience desired, rank open. Duties include teaching, advisement, supervision of doctoral research, and involvement in faculty governance. Ph.D./Psy.D. required, 1+ years post-doctoral clinical experience preferred, Illinois licensure or eligibility required. New graduates who show exceptional clinical and scholarly promise will be considered. Areas of expertise preferred: Child and Adolescent, Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Health Psychology. We are also seeking a faculty leader for our Diversity Concentration. Please fax, mail or e-mail a letter of interest, three letters of recommendation, a vita, and work samples (e.g., reprints, syllabi, teaching evaluations) to: Dr. David J. Van Dyke, Chair, Faculty Search–PsyD Program, Illinois School of Professional Psychology/Argosy University, 350 N. Orleans, Chicago, IL 60602 o dvandyke@argosyu.edu; Fax: 312-777-7750 EOE

I am interested in forming or joining a DBT consultation/study group in the White Plains, NY, area with intention of receiving training next year. Anyone interested, please call 914-834-3889.
Call for Award Nominations

This is an OPEN CALL to the AABT/ABCT membership to provide nominations for the following awards, to be presented at the 2006 convention in Chicago, IL.

Outstanding Contribution by an Individual for Educational/Training Activities

Eligible candidates for this award should be members of AABT/ABCT in good standing who have provided significant contributions toward educating and training behavior therapists. Past recipients of this award include Gerald C. Davison in 1997, Leo Reyna in 2000, and Harold Leitenberg in 2003. Please complete an on-line nomination by visiting www.aabt.org, and completing the appropriate application forms. Then, e-mail the completed forms to aabt@hofstra.edu. Also, mail a hard copy of your submission to AABT/ABCT, Outstanding Education/Training, 305 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10001.

Outstanding Mentor

This is a new award category which will be recognized on a rotating annual basis. On alternate years, recognition will be given to an Outstanding Training Program. This year we are seeking eligible candidates for the Outstanding Mentor award who are members of AABT/ABCT in good standing who have encouraged the clinical and/or academic and professional excellence of psychology graduate students, interns, postdocs, and/or residents. Outstanding mentors are considered those who have provided exceptional guidance to students through leadership, advisement and activities aimed at providing opportunities for professional development, networking and future growth. Appropriate nominators are current or past students of the mentor. Applications should include a letter of nomination, three letters of support, and curriculum vitae of the nominee. Please complete an on-line nomination by visiting www.aabt.org, and completing the appropriate application forms. Then, email the completed forms to aabt@hofstra.edu. Also, mail a hard copy of your submission to AABT/ABCT, Outstanding Mentor, 305 Seventh Avenue, NY, NY 10001.

Virginia A. Roswell
Student Dissertation Award

This award will be given to a student based on his or her doctoral dissertation proposal. The research should be relevant to behavior therapy. Accompanying this honor will be a $1,000 award to be used in support of research (e.g., to pay participants, to purchase testing equipment) and/or to facilitate travel to the AABT/ABCT convention. Eligible candidates for this award should be student members who have already had their dissertation proposal approved and are investigating an area of direct relevance to behavior therapy, broadly defined. A student’s dissertation mentor should complete the nomination. Please complete an on-line nomination by visiting...
www.aabt.org, and completing the appropriate application forms. Then, e-mail the completed forms to aabt@hofstra.edu.
Also, mail a hard copy of your submission to AABT/ABCT, Virginia A. Roswell Dissertation Award, 305 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10001.

The Awards and Recognition Committee proudly opens the nominations for the following awards to the AABT/ABCT membership at large:

Career/Lifetime Achievement

Eligible candidates for this award should be members of AABT/ABCT in good standing who have made significant contributions over a number of years to cognitive and/or behavior therapy. Applications should include a letter of nomination, three letters of support, and a curriculum vitae of the nominee. Past recipients of this award include Albert Ellis, Leonard Ullman, David Barlow, and Leonard Krasner. Please complete an on-line nomination by visiting www.aabt.org, and completing the appropriate application forms. Then, e-mail the completed forms to aabt@hofstra.edu. Also, mail a hard copy of your submission to AABT/ABCT, Career/Lifetime Achievement Award, 305 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10001.

Distinguished Friend to Behavior Therapy

Eligible candidates for this award should NOT be members of AABT/ABCT, but are individuals who have promoted the mission of cognitive and/or behavioral work outside of our organization. Applications should include a letter of nomination, three letters of support, and a curriculum vitae of the nominee. Past recipients of this award include Jon Kabat-Zinn, Nora Volkow, John Allen, and Anne Fletcher. Please complete an on-line nomination by visiting www.aabt.org, and completing the appropriate application forms. Then, e-mail the completed forms to aabt@hofstra.edu. Also, mail a hard copy of your submission to AABT/ABCT, Distinguished Friend to AABT Award, 305 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10001.

Outstanding Service to AABT/ABCT

Members of the governance, please complete an on-line nomination by visiting www.aabt.org and completing the appropriate application forms. Then, e-mail the completed forms to aabt@hofstra.edu. Also, mail a hard copy of your submission to AABT, Outstanding Service to AABT/ABCT Award, 305 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10001.

Nominate on-line at www.aabt.org

All questions regarding the award nominations can be directed to:

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General suggestions about the annual AABT/ABCT awards program are appreciated. Please forward your suggestions to the committee chair.

If you would like to serve on the committee, contact the committee chair.

Deadline for all nominations:

Wednesday, March 1, 2006
CALL FOR WORKSHOP SUBMISSIONS

Suggestions for workshops are welcomed. A 250-word abstract and a CV for each presenter must accompany any suggestions.

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IT’S TIME TO RENEW

There is a $15 late fee if you don’t renew by JANUARY 15.
Every nomination counts!
Encourage colleagues to run for office or consider running yourself. Nominate as many full members as you like for each office. The results will be tallied and the names of those individuals who receive the most nominations will appear on the election ballot next April. Only those nomination forms bearing a signature and postmark on or before February 1, 2006, will be counted.
Nomination acknowledges an individual’s leadership abilities and dedication to behavior therapy and/or cognitive therapy, empirically supported science, and to ABCT. When completing the nomination form, please take into consideration that these individuals will be entrusted to represent the interests of ABCT members in important policy decisions in the coming years. Contact the Nominations and Elections Chair for more information about serving ABCT or to get more information on the positions.
Please complete, sign, and send this nomination form to Stephanie Felgoise, Ph.D., Nominations & Elections Chair, ABCT, 305 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10001.