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Membership is not limited to social psychologists. In the 1930's when the Society was founded, social psychologists made up the large share of those interested in applying psychological knowledge to social issues. This situation is obviously no longer true; indeed, many of its current members are not social psychologists. The Society would like to publicize the fact that all social scientists with such interests professionals from the related disciplines such as anthropology, political science, economics and sociology, will be interested in assisting the Society to attain its goals.

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Most recently published are LEARNING IN SOCIAL SETTINGS, Matthew B. Miles and W. W. Charters, editors; and READINGS IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH, edited by Bernard Kramer, Leonard F. Solomon and Henry Wechsler. New books scheduled for publication soon are: SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY OF SOCIAL ISSUES, edited by Kenneth J. and Mary Gergen; A HANDBOOK OF EVALUATION RESEARCH, edited by Marcia Guttentag and Elmer Struening; a READER IN EXPERIMENTAL SOCIAL

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applied way to join them. They are interested in receiving research about legal socialization processes, or suggestions for a research-action program. The Chairman is Dr. June Tapp, American Bar Foundation, 1155 East 60th Street, American Bar Center, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

Committee on the Teaching of Social Issues. This committee is concerned with the orientation and content of new courses on social issues. Some of the activities of this committee will be the collection of course descriptions, bibliographies, etc. The committee plans to locate existing courses and actively solicit materials used in social issues courses. The Chairman of the Committee is Dr. Clara Mayo, Department of Psychology, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts 02215.

Police Community Relations. This committee plans to focus initially on 1) bringing together those active in the area of police-community relations and provide opportunities for exchange of information and ideas; 2) establishing a working panel of individuals knowledgeable in this area to whom various organizations and agencies may be referred; and 3) various projects in the areas which seem to be most promising and finding ways of making this information public. Efforts will be made to include in the committee individuals in disciplines other than psychology and sociology (e.g., law, political science) to provide a broader perspective with which to approach the problems in police-community relations. Chairman of the Committee is Dr. Monroe J. Miller, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

Committee on Public Organizations. This committee is concerned with the effects which diverse public bureaucracies like the schools, welfare, and other municipal, state, and federal agencies have on millions of people, especially the poor. With these people in mind, the committee will look at many unexplored social problems of public organizations. The Co-Chairmen of the committee are Dr. Margaret Clay, Mental Health Research Institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104; and Dr. Clark Leavitt, Leo Burnett Co., Inc., Prudential Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

Foundations Committee. This committee will study the social effects on communities of granting, and on occasion, suddenly withdrawing funds. In addition, the decision-making processes of foundations, and the relationship of these processes to the goals and values of the foundations, will be studied.

The initial work of the Foundations Committee has been informal contact with foundation officials. They have volunteered complete cooperation. The committee's work will probably focus on: a) issues of public accountability, particularly accountability to the people who are affected by grantfunds; and b) decision processes within foundations.

Sex Discrimination in Psychology. This committee plans to work in two broad categories, a) information gathering, and b) action regarding hiring and training practices of psychologists. Some of the information gathering activities could be to 1) collect and summarize the available literature on sex discrimination in hiring and student selection in psychology, 2) survey by mail the leading departments of psychology to determine the present status of women, and 3) prepare a definition of sex discrimination and list discriminatory practices. Steps could also be taken to promote unbiased studies of women. The Chairman of this committee is Dr. Jane W. Torrey, Box 1542, Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut 06320.

Committee on Drugs. An immediate goal for this committee is to establish a communication network of those SPSSI members interested in all aspects of research and treatment of drug abuse. It is hoped that innovative ideas will be exchanged as well as descriptive information on research and service programs. The information gathered will be summarized and made available either through the SPSSI Newsletter or a Newsletter written especially for committee members. SPSSI members may join the Committee on Drugs by writing Dr. Joel M. Cantor, Chairman, National Institute of Mental Health, Room 12-B-23 Barlow Building, 5454 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015.

Committee on Social Responsibility. This committee will look at the actions of organized groups of psychologists in terms of social responsibility and the extent to which they further the goal of human welfare. The Chairman of the committee is Dr. Herbert C. Kelman, Department of Social Relations, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Population Committee. This committee concentrates on some of the ethical issues in population control, e.g., compulsory methods of control and their relationship to values of maximizing the freedom of people. The Co-Chairmen are Dr. Kurt Back, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina 27706; and Dr. James Fawcett, The Population Council, 245 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Poverty Committee. This committee is continuing to work on the Volunteer Consultant Project. Professional consultants volunteer their services to poor and isolated communities. The committee is also working on the "honest broker" project. This would be a small-scale effort to put social science data and psychologists and other social scientists in direct contact with federal legislators. The committee will concentrate on legislation broadly related to poverty and minority group problems. The Chairman is Dr. Oliver Moles, 5321 Bangor

Committee on Racism. The scope of the civil rights committee has been broadened to include not only problems of the civil rights of blacks, but of all minority group members. Voting rights, housing, and equal employment opportunities will be considered by the committee. The committee plans to do research, involve itself in action projects, and constitute a resource body for local, state, and national collections of people requiring insight on racism. Chairman of the committee is Dr. Stanley Crockett, Western Behavioral Science Institute, 1150 Silverado Street, La Jolla, California 92037.

Committees are also being formed with the following areas of interest: The American Indian, Chairman Dr. Joseph Trimble, Department of Psychology, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City 73106; Puerto Ricans, Chairman Dr. Charles Bahn, Director of Special Programs, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, 315 Park Avenue South, New York 10010; and Aging, Chairman Dr. Richard A. Kalish, Scientific Analysis Corporation, 1521-A Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California 94709, Persons interested in the areas of Invasion of Privacy and in Educational Opportunity should write to Dr. Harold M. Proshansky, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 33 West 42nd Street, New York 10036.

PROGRAM AT APA CONVENTION

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Dr. Jerald Bachman, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Michigan 48106, is the 1971 Program Chairman. He will welcome your ideas and suggestions.

The Annual Business meeting of the Society is held during the APA Convention and a Social Hour is also planned each year at this time to give SPSSI members the opportunity to meet and talk informally.

HANDBOOKS

SPSSI has sponsored a Handbook entitled *Canvassing for Peace*, written by Robert Abelson and Philip Zimbardo. The manual is designed to maximize the effectiveness of canvassers for peace by combining available social psychological knowledge on persuasion and attitude change with the wisdom of practical politics and "street savvy." SPSSI is optimistic that this manual will stimulate others to apply social science knowledge in the development of other Handbooks with social issue targets and various styles of social action.

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This volume brings together major examples of social psychological contributions to mental health while also offering a social psychological perspective for the field. By presenting theoretical orientations, research strategies, techniques for analysis of interpersonal behavior, models of social change, and evaluation of change efforts, it illustrates diversity as well as distinctiveness in the social psychological approach. The articles help define the field and provide a point of view for individuals concerned with the social psychology of mental health.

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LEARNING IN SOCIAL SETTINGS

NEW READINGS IN THE SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY OF EDUCATION

Edited by Matthew B. Miles, Teachers College, Columbia University; and W. W. Charters, Jr., University of Oregon

90% of the articles are new. They reflect the dramatic surge of social and psychological research on educational problems since the first edition was published in 1963. The reader's new title, "Learning In Social Settings," expresses the editors' feeling that "a social psychology of education must concern itself fundamentally with the functioning of persons in settings meant to encourage learning." The articles deal with a wide range of subjects (teaching styles of four-year-olds, t-group training, achievement, motivation training, bureaucracy, effects of television) in addition to the usual focus on the educational enterprise. Some of the distinctive features of this new edition are its focus on timely social issues, its micro-introductions to each article, and its wider range of material and new organization. An edited version of the Table of Contents follows with a list of contributing authors; subtitles have been deleted for lack of space.

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