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FUTURE MEETINGS:

- 10/27—ETHICS/INTERNET
600 W. Campbell Rd. Ste 5—
12 Noon
- 12/1—HOLIDAY SOCIAL—TBA

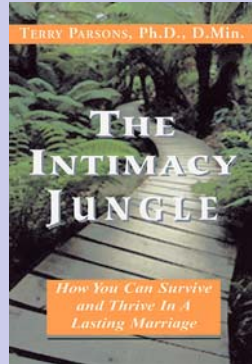


COUPLES THERAPY

TERRY PARSONS, PhD

The marital therapy seminar with Terry was extremely valuable. Terry presented a very coherent approach to dealing with couples using a modified medical approach. His use of the hospital metaphor is powerful and provides a therapists with methods to engage a couple in beginning important life and communication changes.

By using a current case that he has been working with, Terry was able to demonstrate his methods. An open discussion ensued with what those attending might see as important issues to deal with, as well as potential pitfalls. His use of TA models and helping couples learn about nurturing and communication issues was practical. Terry uses his book and other resources to facilitate the process.



**JOIN US FOR ETHICS CEU's on 10/27!
REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH CCPA TO GET CEU's!**

**Get your CCPA application at
<http://www.psychselect.com/ccpa/applicat.htm>**

**Meeting at
600 W. Campbell Rd, Ste 5, Richardson!**

**RSVP FOR LUNCH!
wichern@att.net or 972.234.3178**

“ETHICS IN THE ELECTRONIC AGE”

10/27—12 Noon Ψ J. Simpson, PsyD

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AND
BRING YOUR COLLEAGUES**

UPCOMING MEETINGS—SCHEDULE THESE NOW!

Our monthly meetings are held from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. on the 4th Friday of each month at the Southfork Hotel Plano, unless otherwise specified. The Southfork Hotel is on the east side of 75, 1 block north of 15th Street in Plano. Meetings are usually held in the Hackberry room. Members may order lunch from the menu, or just enjoy the presentation. 1.5 CEU credits are given to members for attending the meeting.

Oct 27— Ethics in the Electronic Age – Jason Simpson, Psy D- 12 Noon, Southfork Hotel Plano Ethics CEU!

Dec. 1—7 PM HOLIDAY SOCIAL—TBA

Jan 26—TBA

Feb 23—R. Malone, Atty, Ethics for Avoiding Malpractice

PLEASE CHECK YOUR REFERRAL INFO. ON www.psychselect.com/ccpa! We try to keep it up to date, but we need you to verify your location and phone info. Remember you need to be current on dues to be listed!

OPPORTUNITIES!

Office Space

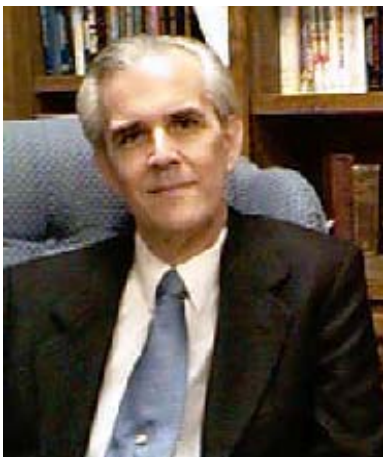
West Plano 2300 sq. ft. office condominium has two spaces for lease to mental health professionals. The smaller office is about 172 sq. ft. in area and faces onto an eastern courtyard. The larger office has about 272 sq.ft. and has eastern and northern windows, a skylight, and built-in cabinets. Both have internet connections, phone hookups, recessed lighting, and soundproofing. The suite itself has a very nice and spacious waiting room, a nice admin area, file storage, a kitchenette, and interior restrooms for clients and staff. A separate exit is also provided for client and staff use. Free parking and easy access to all parts of the Metroplex are added features of this location. Please call Tom Van Hoose for more details at 972-250-2919.

West central Plano office for lease one bk. s. of medical center of Plano on coit rd., approx. 200 sq.ft. office and w.r., b.r., furnished; ALL INCLUSIVE w/ tel. and long distance, fax, frig., copier. meals not included though I may be able to help some with referrals. \$350/mo. Contact Dan Cox at 972-596-5960

Services -Groups

Gordon Sauer currently has groups running for 5th grade girls, 5th grade boys, 3rd grade boys, 7th grade boys and 10th grade boys. Contact Gordon at Gsauerphd@aol.com

LET THIS SPACE WORK FOR YOU! Advertise your specialty or service so our members can refer or



TPA Candidate President Elect-Designate

I appreciate the support of all my colleagues who have nominated me and encouraged my candidacy. I will appreciate your vote, as well. You may view my candidate statement at my web site listed below. You will find a “candidate statement” link in the lower left column of the home page. I hope to be able to serve your interests in your profession in Texas. Thank you for your consideration.

Tim F. Branaman, Ph. D. , FICPP, ABPP

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CCPA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Greetings CCPA members!

October 2006

It was a pleasure for CCPA members to come together at Dr. Wichern's office to hear Dr. Earl Johnson speak on neuropsychological issues in August. Dr. Johnson's talk provided some good review of mental status exams and resources for additional neuropsychological testing materials. It was also a great opportunity for CCPA to have, the Presidents of the Dallas and Fort Worth Psychological Association in attendance; Dr. Johnson is the President of the Fort Worth Area Psychological Association, and Dr. Tim Brannemen is the President of the Dallas Psychological Association.

Now for my column. Earlier this summer, as I retrieved my mail one very hot day, I noticed that the Annual Report Published from the American Psychological Association was very thick and heavy. I made note thinking that I had never recalled receiving such a large version of this report in years past. Right or wrong about the size of the report, what I did find was quite interesting and maybe others took note as well. But, what I found was a large listing of the American Psychological Association's Members' resignations during the past year. Although the APA and publication made no reference to the reasons for members' resignations, I have done some "investigating" on my own for my own curiosity. I spoke to some other colleagues about this and speculated on a number of interesting reasons for departing the American Psychological Association (APA).



One such reason could be related to a brief article posted by the Associated Press in August 2006 titled, "Psychologist's Group Under Fire for Torture Stance." The article discussed professionals' dissatisfaction with an APA policy issued last year that states that while psychologists get involved in torture or other degrading treatment, it is ethical for them to act as consultants to interrogation and information-gathering for national security purposes. In August at the APA's annual convention in New Orleans, psychologists against the policy formed protests. Just prior to the annual convention, an online petition against the policy yielded 1,300 signatures from members and other psychologists. Many of these psychologists have threatened to withhold their APA dues or quit the organization based on this policy.

According to an article published in the National Psychologist, July/August 2006 issue, titled, "National Advocacy Group for Practicing Psychologists Unveiled" other reasons for dissatisfaction with APA membership is a recent proposal from a group of respected practicing psychologists to form a national action organization. The National Alliance of Professional Psychology Providers (NAPPP) was proposed on July 1, 2006 in response to dissatisfaction among practicing psychologists with what has been viewed as APA's inaction with professional issues important to practitioners. John Caccavale, Ph.D., M.S., according to the article, is one of the key mobilizers in the effort to have more specific representation for practicing psychologists. Caccavale has been quoted in the article saying, "The APA has been taken over by the academics, those who are not in practice, who have no idea what practice is – are making decisions for us."

One of the first endeavors of the new group has been a fight over the prescription privileges training programs. More importantly, the NAPPP has listed broader goals to help expand mental health parity laws to provide broader coverage for practicing psychologists. Additionally, a push to offer more business related courses for practicing psychologist that count for CE requirements is being planned, which the NAPPP believes APA has been shortsighted with offering. The NAPPP has begun an advertising campaign and has developed a website: www.nappp.org for your reference.

It seems my journey to the mailbox in late July and curiosity has led me to find that I had not been alone in my own personal frustrations with being a practicing psychologist. I hope this article has inspired you to think more about your own practice and the issues facing practicing psychologists.

The CCPA Board will continue to plan timely and relevant monthly CE topics and as always, welcomes your feedback and input. Sarah Spreda, Ph.D. Questions or comments please contact me at 469-879-9588; slspreda@sbcglobal.net; <http://www.apapa.org/DrSarahSpreda>

Sarah Spreda, Ph.D.

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BOARD MEETINGS:

Please attend!

600 W. Campbell Rd #5,
Richardson

NOON – First Friday of month!

**PLEASE
RENEW YOUR
CCPA
MEMBERSHIP!**

Application at:
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MENTOR'S CORNER: *CCPA encourages it's members to build profitable, ethical practices. These tips are timely and* we solicit your suggestions, recommendations and Questions!

CCPA AND DPA ARE WORKING TOGETHER!

With the TPA Convention in Dallas this year, our groups have been coordinating activities. If you are attending TPA or just want to make time to stop by, there will be a reception on 11/16 from 5:30 to 6:45 at the Westin Galleria Foyer. This will be a great time to meet, connect and renew old contacts with colleagues from across the state.

Also, make note of this:

DPA WORKSHOP

Ethical Challenges and Strategies

for Decision Making

and

Ethical Considerations in a

Multicultural World

Presented by Melba Vasquez, Ph.D., ABPP

**October 27, 2006
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
6 ethics CEUs**

**University of Texas at Dallas
Conference Center**