

DIVISION 40 ELECTION CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

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PRESIDENT-ELECT (one to be elected)

Gregory P. Lee, Ph.D., ABPP-CN received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1980, from the Florida Institute of Technology. After working as a clinical psychologist and teaching at the College of the Virgin Islands for two years, he completed two postdoctoral fellowships in clinical neuropsychology: the first at the University of Houston, in conjunction with Baylor College of Medicine, and subsequently in the Department of Neurology at the University of Wisconsin Medical School (Milwaukee Clinical Campus). He began working as a clinical neuropsychologist at the Assistant Professor level in the Department of Neurosurgery at the Medical College of Georgia in 1986 and has continued to work in various capacities at the Medical College since that time. Currently, his primary appointment is as Professor of Neurology in the School of Medicine, but he also has appointments in the School of Allied Health Sciences and School of Graduate Studies with teaching, research, and clinical responsibilities in each. At present, he runs Neurology's adult Neuropsychology Service and is the chief psychologist for the comprehensive epilepsy surgery program. From 2001-2005, he also was the Director of Research in the School of Allied Health Sciences. Presently, he is the Neuropsychology training director and was a founding member of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology. He regularly teaches medical and graduate students and neurology and psychiatry residents about neuropsychology and is the course director for several clinical neuroscience courses each year. His research and grant funding have been primarily in the area of epilepsy and epilepsy surgery, and he has been the site principal investigator on a longitudinal NIH grant since 2003. He has been a member of APA since 1980, Division 40 since 1985, and has served on Division 40's Scientific Advisory Committee, Program Committee, and as Chair of the Awards committee. He is a fellow of Division 40. At present, he is a member of the board of directors of ABCN, the ABCN Examination Committee, and serves on the board of trustees of the American Board of Professional Psychology. He is a regular *ad hoc* reviewer for numerous journals and has been on the editorial boards of the *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society* and *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*.

It is an honor to be nominated as a candidate for Division 40 president, and I would feel privileged to serve the Division 40 membership in this role. If elected, I would work to continue to push Division 40's agenda on behalf of all our members by furthering alliances with other neuropsychological and psychological organizations and actively representing our interests to the broader medical community and the general public.

Celiane Rey-Casserly, Ph.D., ABPP-CN is the Director of the Neuropsychology Program at Children's Hospital, Boston/Harvard Medical School. She received her PhD in clinical psychology in 1982 from Boston University, completing an internship at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC and a fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology at Children's Hospital, Boston. Currently, her work includes clinical service, training, administrative, scholarly, and research activities. She directs the postdoctoral residency program in clinical neuropsychology, a member program of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN). She is the co-director of the Brain Injury Program at Children's Hospital, Boston and a member of the Allied Staff in the Department of Pediatric Oncology at

the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, serving as senior neuropsychologist of the Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Program.

Dr. Rey-Casserly has been actively involved in service and leadership in professional organizations within neuropsychology and psychology as a whole. Her service to education and training in the profession includes six years on the APA Committee on Accreditation, serving as Chair of the Committee in 2006; convening member of the Inter-Organizational Summit on Accreditation for Professional Psychology (2005); member of APA task forces on taxonomy, international quality assurance, and test user qualifications; member of the Assessment of Competency Benchmarks Work Group; member of the Council of Chairs of Training Councils (CCTC); and vice-president of the Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology. She has served on the Examination Cadre and now on the Executive Board of the American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology. She also serves on the executive board of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology. She is a fellow of Division 40 and chairs the Clinical Neuropsychology Synarchy, an inter-organizational group that brings together communities of interest in neuropsychology (professional, scientific, educational, and credentialing groups) to address issues of mutual concern.

Dr. Rey-Casserly is deeply honored to be nominated for president of Division 40. She hopes to use her expertise in professional psychology and clinical neuropsychology education and training, quality assurance, clinical practice and administration, and issues of specialization to serve the membership of Division 40. Her goals are to foster communication and collaboration within our specialty and the discipline of psychology as a whole. She looks forward to strengthening links and partnerships among science, practice and education to develop effective strategies to address the complex challenges we are facing in practice reimbursement, support for education and training, and funding for/recognition of our scientific contributions.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (one to be elected)

Deborah Koltai Attix, Ph.D., ABPP/CN is Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (Medical Psychology) and Medicine (Neurology) at Duke University Medical Center. She is Director of the Duke Clinical Neuropsychology Service. Clinically, Dr. Attix is best known for her work in the area of neuropsychological interventions with dementia patients, and is lead editor of *Geriatric Neuropsychology: Assessment and Intervention*, recently published by Guilford. She is presently involved in research examining the predictors of post-operative cognitive decline; the relationship between gene variants, stroke risk and vascular cognitive impairment; and the genetics of normal cognition and pharmacogenetic outcomes. She has been Board Certified since 2004 and currently serves on the American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology (ABCN) Board of Directors. She mentors fellows, interns, and graduate students, and serves on the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN) Board of Directors.

Dr. Attix has been committed to Division 40 service for several years. She currently chairs the Committee on APA Relations, and previously served as Public Interest Advisory Committee Chair from 2000-2005. During her term as PIAC Chair, two brochures were published targeting public awareness of neuropsychology: *"Clinical Neuropsychology: A Guide for Patients and Their Families"* and *"Pediatric Neuropsychology: A Guide for Parents"* (distribution ~165,000 brochures and over 8,300 PDF hits). Dr. Attix was awarded Division 40's Early Career Award in 2003. She chaired a *Disclosure of Test Data* workgroup that culminated in a position paper

endorsed by Division 40, APPCN, and AACN. Most recently, she co-organized a workgroup entitled “*Challenges in the Neuropsychological Assessment of Ethnic Minorities: Problem Solving Summit*” which received inter-organizational support (Division 40 of APA, Science Directorate APA, Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs APA, NAN, AACN).

I am delighted to be considered for Member at Large for Division 40. I have learned first-hand about the importance of working within APA through Division 40 service positions. APA is the largest, most influential organization of psychologists worldwide, advancing practice, science, and education policies that affect us all. In particular, Division 40 systematically addresses issues of clinical practice, research, and education for the field of neuropsychology. As Member at Large, I will strive to represent our membership perspectives and goals to the Executive Committee and will insist upon the application of the highest standards of excellence in all matters. I am pleased to be nominated for this position, and look forward to the possibility of continuing to work on behalf of our membership.

Chris Morrison, Ph.D., ABPP is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Neurology at the New York University School of Medicine and practices as a clinical neuropsychologist at the NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center. She completed her doctoral work at the City University of New York Graduate School - Queens College Clinical Psychology program (Neuropsychology subspecialty) - and completed APA-approved internship training at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. Dr. Morrison obtained pre-doctoral (NIMH- 3 years) and post-doctoral (Bachmann-Strauss Dystonia and Parkinson Foundation- 1 year) grants for specialty clinical and research training in Movement Disorders. She then completed a two-year post-doctoral fellowship at the NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, where she ultimately stayed on as a faculty member in the Neuropsychology Service. She was board certified in 2006. At NYU she has full time clinical responsibilities and is active in research and in training neuropsychology externs and post-doctoral fellows through clinical supervision and didactics. Dr. Morrison’s professional involvement has included participation in national and state organizations. She is an active member of Division 40, currently serving on the Women in Neuropsychology (WIN) steering committee, the Publications and Communications committee, and the APA conference program committee. She was the 2007 secretary to the Neuropsychology Division of the New York State Psychological Association and is currently serving a second consecutive term in that role.

I am grateful to have been nominated and am excited at the prospect of serving as Member-at-Large to APA’s Division 40. As I have become more involved in professional organizations, I have become aware of the tremendous benefits to our field that are brought about by a relatively small number of very dedicated individuals. I am impressed with the tireless efforts of those individuals who are fulfilling governance roles and who serve on the various committees that support our profession. I feel a strong sense of responsibility to follow the model of these others and to provide service to our field. As such, I have sought out roles that both overlap with my personal interests and provide service to our larger professional community. In New York, I have participated in the action to return the ability of neuropsychologists to use technicians in this state. This initiative is an important one nationally, as several other states have significantly constrained neuropsychologists in the use of technicians and/or are considering lobbying against the use of them altogether. I look forward to the opportunity to working with my Division 40 colleagues to address issues specific to neuropsychology and more importantly to represent the membership within this division. If elected, I feel confident that my prior experience, as well as my academic and clinical background, will allow me to meet the challenges of the role and serve the Division 40 members.