



The Association of Psychology Training Clinics (APTCL): Psychology training clinics provide pre-internship professional training to clinical, counseling, and school psychology doctoral students. They are typically department or university based facilities that offer psychological health services to the community. Services are typically provided by graduate students who are supervised by faculty psychologists. Psychology Training Clinics also provide opportunities for integrating ongoing research into practice. APTCL has 150 full members and 20 associate members. APTCL conducts an annual meeting, maintains a lively listserv where training and clinic management issues are discussed, publishes an e-newsletter, and provides an organizational website with many resources for clinic directors.

The mission of APTCL: (a) promote high standards of professional psychology training and practice in psychology training clinics; (b) facilitate the exchange of information and resources among psychology training clinics that provide pre-doctoral practicum training in professional psychology; and (c) interface with related professional groups and organizations to further the goals of APTCL, including influencing the establishment of standards and guidelines on service delivery and training of future psychologists. Many APTCL members serve as CoA site visitors.

Current members of the Executive Committee: Immediate Past President, Erica H. Wise, (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), President, Eric M. Sauer (Western Michigan University), President-Elect, M. Colleen Byrne (University of Maryland, College Park), Treasurer, William A. Rae, (Texas A&M University, Counseling), Secretary, Don Morgan (Rutgers University), Members-At-Large, Glenn Ashkanazi (University of Florida), Karen Saules (Eastern Michigan University).

Council of Past Presidents: The APTCL has kept alive its institutional memory and maintained the valuable contributions of its past presidents through the Council of Past Presidents, who assist the Executive Committee with input on APTCL issues. Members are: Erica Wise (UNC-Chapel Hill), Rob Heffer (Texas A&M), Phyllis Terry Friedman (St. Louis University), Lee Cooper (Virginia Tech), Bob Hatcher (President Emeritus; City University of New York), Brian Lewis (University of Miami).

2010 Annual Meeting:

- The **2010 Annual Meeting** was held at the CCTC 2010 Conference in Orlando, from March 10-13 at the Hilton at Disney World. Forty six APTCL members registered for the conference, and most were able to make it despite the bad weather. We were delighted to present Karen Saules with the *APTCL Jean Spruill Achievement Award* in recognition of her long-standing involvement in APTCL, and her enormous contribution to our organization through the resources committee and her management of our website. APTCL honored Cathi Grus with the *Friend of APTCL Award*, recognizing her invaluable support for our organization over the years. Frank Collins was honored posthumously with the *Friend of APTCL award*, which was accepted in a moving ceremony by Jennifer Callahan, at which APTCL members spoke about how Frank touched and influenced their lives. Our APTCL meeting focused on training for treatment of special populations, with six presentations on work with veterans, people who are HIV positive, transgender clients, and refugees. The joint portion of the conference was interesting and valuable; APTCL members presented in many breakout sessions on such topics as diversity, using clinics to promote research, clinic organizational structures and business models, and practicum competency evaluations. **After a year of discussion, the ADPTCL officially changed its name to the Association of Psychology Training Clinics at the Orlando meeting. A new website address is in the works.**

Current Projects:

- 2009 saw the implementation of a **major upgrade of our website**, with kudos and thanks to Karen Saules. Now that the website upgrade is fully operational, the Executive Committee has initiated a member recruitment drive so that we can better represent the needs of training clinics and their directors.
- In collaboration with Cathi Grus and the APA Education Directorate, Bob Hatcher and Erica Wise have completed the first phase of a **survey of practicum practices** in accredited professional psychology doctoral programs. Initial results were presented at the APA convention in August of 2009. The second phase, in collaboration with Luli Emmons and Lorraine Mangione, is a survey of the policies and practices of external practicum training sites. The data collection has been completed as of March, 2010.
- **The Guidelines Committee**, chaired by Brian Lewis, reformatted and finalized the revision of our APTC Administrative Guidelines for Psychology Training Clinics. After a comment period and further review, the document has been approved and is now available on the APTC website. The Guidelines are intended to provide clinic directors, directors of psychology training programs (i.e., in clinical, counseling, school or combined programs), departmental chairs, and other interested parties with recommendations for the appropriate, effective and ethical administration of university-based psychology training clinics.
- **The Diversity Committee**, chaired by Elaine Shpungin, has completed an on-line survey of APTC members to assess how diversity is defined in training clinics and the ways clinics incorporate physical features and best practice procedures to support diverse clients and their perspectives. They are in the process of developing a “toolkit” to assist clinics in this endeavor.
- **The Publications & Public Relations Committee**, chaired by Phyllis Terry Friedman, has developed an on-line version of the APTC newsletter. We successfully concluded negotiations with APPIC to be a sponsor of the new APA journal, *Training and Education in Professional Psychology*, which our members now receive as a benefit.
- **Inter-organizational Liaison Committee**, chaired by Tony Cellucci, continues our commitment to work collaboratively with the APA Education Directorate, APA Board of Education Affairs, CoA, ASPPB, CCTC CUDCP, CCPTP, NCSPP, ACCTA, and APPIC to connect pre-doctoral training to accreditation, pre-doctoral internship, and licensure. Our members provide liaisons to these and a number of other specialty groups (e.g., ABCT).
- **New Member Committee, Chaired by Stephen Cook**, continues to facilitate orientation of new members into APTC, and provides a mentorship program at request, continuing our efforts to be a supportive and welcoming organization.

APA Convention: Selected APTC Member Presentations for 2009:

Hatcher, R.L., Wise, E.W. and Grus, C.L. (2009, August) *Practicum Training: A National Survey of Academic Training Director*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Cox, R J. (2009, August). *Models of Training Focused on Issues Related to Disability*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association. Toronto, Canada.

Shaftel, J. & Shaftel, T. (2009, August). *Development of a scale for measuring intercultural attitudes*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Lee, S. W., Shaftel, J., Neaderhiser, J., & Oeth, J. (2009, August). *Development and validation of instruments to assess the behavior and assets of students at the classroom level*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Swift, J.K., & Callahan, J.L. (2009, August). *Longitudinal analysis of clinically significant deterioration using the phase model*. Poster presented at the 2009 APA Annual Convention. Toronto, Canada.