



## Message from the President

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Division 15 looks back on another successful year. The 2012 APA conference in Orlando, Florida was well attended and featured invited addresses from Ken Koedinger, Barry Zimmerman, Robert Klausman, and Jamall Mathews. Additionally, there were a number of events for graduate students, including conversation hours with Division 15's past presidents and the Thorndike Career Award winner, as well as mentoring activities. Past President Marty Carr and her Program Co-Chairs (Meca Williams-Johnson and Gita Taasobshirazi) organized a great meeting.

Looking ahead, the Division has begun an outreach effort targeting Educational Psychology programs across the country. Through this initiative, we seek to share information about the Division and recruit new members. The Division now offers a one-year free membership to any new Division 15 member, and this new initiative is resulting in increased membership. We request that all members spread word of this free membership and the opportunities Division 15 offers.

Our Program Co-Chairs have already begun planning events and sessions for APA 2013 in Hawaii. The theme of this conference is "Connecting educational psychology to public policy." We welcome proposals for papers or symposia sessions that are focused on this theme. Along with activities for graduate students, this year's conference will include several new opportunities for early career psychologists in the Division. Please remember that paper and poster proposals are due on November 16, 2012 (See site for more information).

As always, if you have any suggestions for improving the services of the Division, please contact me ([meece@email.unc.edu](mailto:meece@email.unc.edu)) or Wade George ([wade.george@apadiv15.org](mailto:wade.george@apadiv15.org)).

Looking forward to another great year!

Judith Meece  
APA Division 15 President  
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

## APA Division 15 Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, August 3, 2012 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Building/Room: Peabody Orlando Hotel; Atlantic Room

### 1. President's Report, submitted by Marty

**Carr.** Much of the work since last April has been a continuation of on-going work including the development of the first Division 15 conference and continued efforts to increase the visibility of the Division through the use of social media. In addition, recommendations were developed for changes to the bylaws. Specifically, a vote on bylaw changes will be done at the next APA meeting. The vote will allow for electronic voting. It will also be an opportunity for the bylaws to come in line with how current committees are actually functioning. The ad hoc Facebook committee and Website committee need to be disbanded and replaced with a communications director (currently Wade Georgia) and a Media Content Advisor (currently Stephen Tonks). These past few months the focus has been on increasing recruitment at APA and attendance at APA functions. Division 15 will be handing out postcards with information about the division as well as ribbons identifying Division 15 members. The Division leadership needs to continue its focus on increasing membership and retaining new members. This likely will involve finding more ways to involve early career psychologists and graduate students in the functioning of the Division.

### 2. Treasurer's Report, Submitted by Sharon

**Nichols.** Division 15 continues to be in excellent financial standing. As of our Q1 statement (reflecting balance as of March, 2012), we have substantial funds in both our "checking" and "savings" accounts. We have approximately \$517K in our checking and approximately \$452K in our "savings" account (compared to \$434K this time last year). In addition, we have a consistent and high level of

income that is produced by division sponsored publications, primarily *Educational Psychologist*.

Taylor and Francis Student Award: Last year was the first year Taylor and Francis submitted to us \$1,000 to go towards student awards (as per our contractual obligations). I am following up this summer to set up some procedures to ensure we receive this balance annually. With the help of other executive committee members and a local CPA, I have established a preliminary annual budget of all of Division 15's annual expenses/income. This budget will allow the treasurer to better track expenses and to provide the executive committee with better recommendations for the budget approval process for Division 15 sponsored activities throughout the year. Last year, the executive committee approved a treasurer supplies budget of \$2,000 for the year. For the time period of August 15, 2011 through July 1, 2012 I have spent a total of \$391.28 to cover costs of ink, paper, and one consultation with a local CPA. I am requesting a budget of \$2,000 for relevant supplies/activities for the 2012-2013 year. I would like to purchase a scanner to be able to transform more of my paperwork into electronic formats. This will facilitate the transfer of responsibilities from myself to the next treasurer since the 2012-2013 year is my last year as treasurer.

### 3. Secretary's Report, submitted by Helenrose

**Fives.** The executive committee conducted six votes online since our last meeting in April 2012. (1) The Division election ballot included Mike Martinez as a candidate for president. Sadly Dr. Martinez passed away and the ballots had already been sent. Chair of the Nominations committee and Past President moved for us to proceed with the ballot as it was. The motion



was approved. (2) The Memorial Committee requested that the Executive Committee vote to approve their nomination of Robert Glaser for this recognition. The Executive Committee approved this nomination. (3) Helenrose Fives, Secretary moved that the minutes from the April meeting be approved; after minor edits, the motion carried. (4) The Early Career Educational Psychologists Research Awards Committee submitted three candidates to receive this award. The executive committee voted to approve awarding all three candidates. (5) The Executive Committee discussed the motion of paying \$600.00 to have APA Convention services professionally record Koedinger's talk during the conference. Ultimately we decided not to do this. (6) The Executive Committee voted to approve the expenditure of \$800 for the Masterpiece Jazz Band to play at the Division Social Hour at the convention.

#### 4. Highlights for the 2012 Program in Orlando.

Thorndike breakfast with graduate students was very well attended and 35 students attended (typically we expect 20 students for these events).

#### 5. Open Discussion

##### 5.1. Council of Representatives, Tim Urdan reported:

- The Presidential Task Force on Educational Disparities' Report is now available. The report is very interesting and can be found on the APA website.
- Also on the APA website is Psychtest, a clearing house of measures including

measures you might want to use in your research; it is free to APA members.

- A new journal, *Journal of Qualitative Methods*, has been approved by Council. This journal will publish both qualitative research studies and methodological pieces.
- APA Council approved turning one of the journals into "open access." In order to do this and still make a profit this has become an "author pay" journal. This model follows that in other fields (e.g. medicine). Authors will pay approximately \$500.00 to submit and \$1700-3000 if their work is accepted for publication. First journal to go this way is *Archives of Scientific Psychology*. APA anticipates some of its journals moving to this model in the near future.
- Council approved \$3 million dollars for an internship stimulus package. This may be a lesson for Division 15 in how to get money from APA and means that APA will have less money to invest in other initiatives.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (8:30-9:30 PM)

**Executive Committee Present:** Marty Carr, President; Judith Meece, President Elect; David Bergin, Past President; Helenrose Fives, Secretary; Sharon Graham, Member-at-large; Anastasia Kitsantas, Member-at-large; Tim Urdan, Representatives to APA Council of Representatives.

#### Others Present:

Terri Thorkildsen, Chair Thorndike Committee, Dionne Cross, In-coming Member-at-large

6. **Media Content Advisor.** Stephen Tonks has taken the role of overseeing the communications director with the title Media Content Advisor. This position has been added to the committees list in place of the website and Facebook committees. Facebook and Website ad-hoc committees have been disbanded and replaced with a



communications director (Wade George) and a media content advisor (Stephen Tonks). The two will work with Keith Ransom and other individuals to represent the division.

7. **Reporting Requirement for Grants/Research Awards.** The Executive Committee has voted in the past that recipients of research funding awards (Dissertation Research Award, Early Career Research Award) are expected to complete a final report and that the Chairs of the committees that administer these awards are expected to keep a record of the recipients' progress and include that record in their reports to the Executive Committee. A format for these reports, a letter of expectations to recipients, and the committee tracking format have been drafted and will be shared with the committee chairs.
8. **Executive Committee Retreat Online.** The Executive Committee discussed the possibility of holding the annual fall retreat online if there is nothing pressing that would require a face-to-face meeting. The potential savings can be used to fund the more expensive travel to San Francisco and Hawaii for the 2013 meetings, or to offer support to the Division 15 conference program committee. The Executive Committee decided that we would try out the monthly Google group meeting format and make a decision in the early fall.

### Action Items

9. **Proposals for Changes in Graduate Student Affairs Committee**
  - 9.1. **Motion:** Increase the graduate student stipends to \$800.00 for the 2013 conference only, as it is held in Hawaii and cost of travel will be significantly greater. Moved by Bergin, seconded by Urdan, all voting members present were in favor.
  - 9.2. **Motion:** Change the Graduate Student Affairs committee structure to include a total of 6 members: the two committee chairs and four members of which two are graduate students. This will require a bylaw change and the Executive Committee will need to vote to put the vote to the membership by reading the proposed change aloud at the General



Business Meeting on Saturday. Moved by Carr, seconded by Bergin; all voting members present were in favor.

10. **The Membership Committee requested action on their proposal to provide one year free membership to new members that includes a hard copy of *Educational Psychologist*.** The Executive Committee discussed the fact that we have already approved free membership, which includes free online access to *Educational Psychologist* for one year and that the free hard copies of *EP* would not be much of an incentive. The executive committee did not move on this request for the reasons stated.
11. **Proposal to Make the Early Career Research Award Committee a Standing Committee.**
  - 11.1. **Motion:** To establish the Ad Hoc Committee for Early Career Research Awards as a standing Committee of the division, to make the required changes to the Policy and Procedures manual as described, and to announce this as a bylaw change at the General Meeting to be voted on by the membership. Moved

by Begin, seconded by Carr; all voting members present were in favor.

## 12. Contract renewal for Wade George

**12.1. Motion:** Change responsibilities wording in Wade George's contract from "social media" to "communications management." Moved by Carr, seconded by Bergin, all voting members present were in favor.

**12.2. Motion:** Change language in Wade George's contract to make the time constraints more flexible and reflective of his work. Moved by Carr, seconded by Urdan, all voting members present were in favor.

**12.3. Motion:** To develop a 3-year contract for Wade George contingent upon continued job performance and meeting assigned objectives. Moved by Carr, seconded by Urdan, all voting members present were in favor.

## 13. Proposal from Division 15 Small Conference Committee

**13.1. Requested Motion:** To select a name for the conference. The Division 15 Conference Committee requested that the EC select a name for the conference. The EC reviewed the potential names and discussed options. No motion was made. The EC decided to ask the Division 15 Small Conference Committee to suggest a few names for the EC to vote on in the future.

**13.2. Motion:** The conference will be held at *Eagle Crest Resort*. Moved by Meece, seconded by Carr seconded, all voting members present were in favor.

**13.3. Motion:** To approve estimated budget for conference costs of \$20,000 = \$250 per person for a conservative estimate of 80 attendees. Moved by Bergin, seconded by Carr, all voting members present were in favor.

## 14. Division Secretary Budget Request

**14.1. Motion:** To approve estimated budget of \$250.00 for photocopying General Meeting Agenda and materials and transportation of plaques/certificates. Moved by Bergin, seconded by Graham, 6 votes to approve, one abstention.

## 15. Request for support from the Second Interdisciplinary Summit on Children's Mental Health

**15.1. Motion:** To support the "Second Interdisciplinary Summit on Children's Mental Health" in the amount of \$1000. Moved by Bergin, seconded by Carr, all voting members present were in favor.

## 16. Division Treasurer Budget Request

**16.1. Motion:** to approve the Treasurer's budget of \$2,000 for relevant supplies/activities for the 2012-2013 year. Moved by Bergin, seconded by Graham, all voting members present were in favor.

## Tabled Business for November EC Retreat

1. Potential raise for Wade George upon completion of his first year.

Respectfully submitted,

Helenrose Fives,  
Montclair State University



## NEW DIVISION 15 RESOURCES

### Social Media

Division 15 is pleased to announce its use of several social media sites, including [Facebook](#), [Google+](#), and [Twitter](#). Each of these outlets is an ideal source for updates on current activities and opportunities, and we encourage those interested to connect with the platform of their choosing.

### Weekly Newsletter

The Division has initiated a [weekly newsletter](#) which includes links to ed psych-relevant news articles, highlights members' work, and disseminates important Division 15 announcements.

### EdPsychJobs.info

The Division has established [a specialized site](#) for posting research and faculty positions in educational psychology. All members are welcome to contribute relevant, open positions. Please email Wade George to see your department's position shared ([wade.george@apadiv15.org](mailto:wade.george@apadiv15.org)).

### Psychology Today

Division 15 has negotiated the rights to publish content with Psychology Today. Already, several members have contributed an array of brilliant educational psychology posts, and we encourage those interested – including students – to do the same. All royalties from these posts are used to fund Division grants and awards.



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### 2013 APA Convention

Our conference theme, “Speaking Research to Power: The Role of Educational Psychology in Public Policy” highlights the ever-present, yet increasingly salient, need for educational psychologists’ work to be translated to, and derived from, the foci and priorities of policy makers both within the United States and around the world.

We seek proposals that describe exemplary scholarship with the potential to inform policy from multiple perspectives, including basic research, applied research, and research that falls within “Pasteur’s Quadrant” (i.e., from the perspectives of basic and applied research).

Our vision for Division 15’s convention program is one that (a) fosters and showcases an intellectual community as vibrant and productive as our venue, (b) has implications for the field of Educational Psychology itself, and (c) provides new directions regarding how our field can improve decision making at multiple policy levels.

#### Submissions:

We invite submissions for Papers, Posters, Symposia, and Conversation Hours. Given that symposia sessions are one hour long, proposers should ensure adequate time for a coherent presentation from each participant and time for questions. Symposia proposals that include more than four substantive paper presentations will be closely scrutinized regarding the feasibility of achieving their goals in the one hour time period. Conversation Hours are opportunities for graduate student and early career professionals to interact personally with esteemed members of the profession in an informal yet informative manner.

*To submit individual presentation proposals or symposium proposals, please visit APA’s submission portal, here:*  
<http://apacustomout.apa.org/ConvCall/instruction.aspx>

#### Submission Deadline for Individual Presentations & Symposiums: November 16, 2012

*To submit CE workshop proposals, please review submission instructions here:*  
<http://www.apa.org/ed/ce/resources/proposals.aspx>

#### Submission Deadline for CE Workshop Proposals: November 16, 2012

For technical problems and general submission queries, please use APA’s “Question and Comments” form (linked on the left side of the submission page). For all other questions, please contact:

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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### Paul R. Pintrich Outstanding Dissertation Award

The Paul R. Pintrich Outstanding Dissertation Award recognizes excellence in doctoral dissertation research that has been completed within the past two years.

#### Eligibility

The applicant must be a member, affiliate, or student member of Division 15 and must have completed a dissertation in an area of educational psychology research at an accredited college or university within the past two calendar years. *This year's applicants must have completed their dissertation between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2012.* Applicants who are still graduate students must have had their final dissertation approved by their doctoral committee prior to application. Departments/programs may endorse no more than three students per year for the award.

#### Award Description

One Paul R. Pintrich Outstanding Dissertation Award will be given each year. The award includes a \$500 cash stipend, a plaque of recognition, an invitation to present the dissertation at the following APA annual meeting, and up to \$1000 for the recipient's travel and registration expenses for the APA conference.

#### Award Timeline

The Dissertation Award Committee will examine all eligible applications. The award decision will be made in spring of each year and applicants will be notified of the award decision by early summer. Due to conference programming deadlines, the award will be granted at the following year's APA Convention (i.e., approximately 18 months later). The 2013 Dissertation Award will be given at the APA Convention in Washington, DC, August 7-10, 2014.

#### How and When to Apply

A completed application should contain the following components. All application and submission materials can be found on the APA Div. 15 website. Please note the file format requirements for each component.

1. An **application cover sheet**. Download the application cover sheet from the Div. 15 web site: Please name this file according to the following convention: **yourlastname\_coversheet.doc**.
2. An **extended abstract** that is typed, 2000-word maximum, double-spaced in APA style. Include a word count at the end of the abstract. With their abstract, applicants may include **up to two additional pages** for tables and/or figures, and one additional page for a list of references. Please name this file according to the following convention: **yourlastname\_abstract.doc**. This document should be submitted as a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx file extension).



3. A **narrative autobiography** (250-word maximum) describing salient research experiences, publications and/or presentations, past collaborative efforts, and career plans. (Do not submit your curriculum vitae.) Include a word count at the end of the autobiography. Please name this file according to the following convention: **yourlastname\_autobiography.doc**. This document should be submitted as a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx file extension).
4. A **letter of nomination** (two-page maximum) from the faculty member associated with the completion of the dissertation. The letter must be signed by the faculty member. This letter should be scanned and included in your email. Please name this file according to the following convention: **yourlastname\_facultynomination.pdf**. Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format is also acceptable.
5. **Proof of current member or affiliate status** in Division 15. Please name this file according to the following convention: **lastname\_membership**. (File format may vary.)

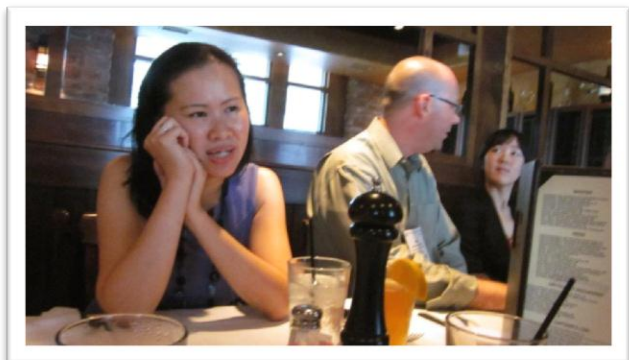
Electronically submit the above components on the Division 15 website: [www.apadiv15.org](http://www.apadiv15.org). Submissions must be received no later than 5 p.m. EST on **Friday, December 31, 2012**. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the award.

### Evaluation Criteria

All application materials submitted for consideration for the Paul R. Pintrich Outstanding Dissertation Award will be evaluated by the Award Committee. Dissertation abstracts will be judged by the Award Committee on a scale from 1 (*poor*) to 7 (*outstanding*) along the following dimensions:

1. **Significance.** The theoretical or practical significance to the field should be evident.
2. **Quality of Writing.** The abstract should be organized and clear.
3. **Quality of Research.** The abstract should reflect high quality research.
4. **Interpretation.** The conclusions drawn are valid and well grounded.

The Award Committee will then provide a comprehensive rating of each award applicant's overall application packet.



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### Richard E. Snow Award for Early Contributions

Division 15 (Educational Psychology) of the American Psychological Association seeks nominations for the 2012 Richard E. Snow Awards for Early Contributions. This award is made to someone who:

- has completed their doctoral work within the past ten years (i.e., between the dates of January 1, 2003 and January 31, 2013)
- has made significant research contributions to the field of educational psychology, and
- is a member of APA Division 15 at the time of consideration.

Nominations are due by January 14, 2013.

If you wish to make a nomination for this award, email electronic copies of

- a nomination letter describing the contributions of the nominee to the field of educational psychology,
- the individual's vitae,
- a representative reprint of the individual's research to:

Andrew Elliot, Chair  
Richard E. Snow Awards Committee  
E-mail: [andye@psych.rochester.edu](mailto:andye@psych.rochester.edu)

