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BPA Newsletter

Black Psychiatrists of America

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Seasons Greetings,



The BPA Newsletter Staff wishes you and yours a wonderful holiday.

ON THE MOVE:

Dr. Harold Jordan, named interim chairman, Psychiatry Department at Meharry Medical College

Dr. Walter Bland, appointed Assistant Dean for Medical Education at Howard University

Dr. Rahn Bailey, finalist for Chair of Psychiatry at Meharry Medical College

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

Stories of Survival and Beyond: Collective Healing after Hurricane Katrina.

Published by the New Orleans Non-Profit Organization - The Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies.

<http://www.lulu.com/content/1318303>

NEW FROM THE GUILFORD PRESS

www.guilford.com

Clinical Handbook of Schizophrenia

Edited by:

Kim T. Mueser, PhD, Dartmouth Medical School & Dilip V. Jeste, MD, University of California, San Diego

CONTRIBUTOR:

Dr. William B. Lawson

HISTORIC MOVIE WILL OPEN ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

The media probably will not give it much press but Denzel Washington and Oprah Winfrey are involved in the production. It takes place in 1936 when the Wiley Debate Team debates the Harvard University Debate Team.

The link for information regarding the movie is as follows:

<http://www.umc.org/site/apps/nl/content3.asp?c=lwL4KnN1LtH&b=2072523&ct=4536975>

Wiley College historic debate team



Click Here to see the preview: <http://www.thegreatdebatersmovie.com>

Rural Health Groups to Get Millions from FCC - Money to Provide Broadband Access to Isolated Clinics

The Federal Communications Commission announced \$417 million in grants yesterday to help rural health-care groups build high-speed Internet networks to connect isolated clinics to sophisticated medical resources in urban areas. **MORE:** <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/11/19/AR2007111901328.html>

Rural Health and Community Care Expand Recruitment

The NC General Assembly has provided funding to the Department of Health and Human Services in the office of Rural Health and Community Care to expand its provider recruitment program to include Psychiatrists. This initiative in partnership with the DMH offers 2 forms of loan repayment. Federal and State loan repayments are now available for Psychiatrist and Child Psychiatrist agreeing to work in a

Chapter entitled: "Schizophrenia in African Americans"

Available: March 2008

Ethno-Psychopharmacology

Advances in Current Practice

Cambridge University Press:

<http://www.cambridge.org/aus/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521873635>

The first-ever psychopharmacology textbook with an Asia-Pacific focus launched at the 2007 WPA International Congress.

Edited by:

Chee H. Ng, University of Melbourne; Keh-Ming Lin; Bruce S. Singh, University of Melbourne & Edmond Chiu, University of Melbourne

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Available: June 2008

Development and Process Evaluation of a Primary Care Internet-Based Intervention to Prevent Depression in Emerging Adults

[NCBI](#)

Co-Author:

Dr. Carl C. Bell, University of Illinois & Mental Health Council, 2007

Article by Dr. Lawson:

Déjà Vu Recently I had two experiences that reminded me of the old adage "If you forget history it is destined to repeat itself".

I was listening to a talk radio host making the usual criticisms about how liberals [more:](#)

<http://www.blackpsych.org/id33.html>

Other Publications & Writings by William B. Lawson MD, PhD Howard University:

"Subjective Evaluations of Research Participation by Persons with Mental Illness", J Nerv Ment Dis. 2007 May; 195(5):430-5

Lawson, W.B. "Multicultural Understanding in Psychiatry" *Inside the Minds: The Art & Science of Psychiatry*. Pp 79-88. 2007, Aspatore Books, Boston, Mass.

Lawson, W.B. "Schizophrenia in African Americans" in *Clinical Handbook of Schizophrenia*. Ed. K T. Mueser., and Di V. Jeste, Guilford Publications, Inc. New York, N.Y, 2007

designated Health Professional Shortage Areas for Mental Health in North Carolina.

For more information regarding the loan repayment programs offered, please visit

<http://www.ncruralhealth.org/services.html#inc> or contact:

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Shutting Door to Treatment

By Lee Romney and Scott Gold, Los Angeles Times Staff Writers

December 7, 2007 - **When those descending into mental illness commit a crime, their chances of getting needed help can dissolve when law enforcement arrives.**



Torrie Gonzales stood at the stove, laughing with her boyfriend as she fried him some eggs on his 23rd birthday. Then she felt him press a flimsy blade against her neck. Struggling on the floor, she pried a paring knife from Reny Cabral's hand, leaving him curled up in a ball, sobbing and seemingly horrified. [MORE: http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-reny7dec07.0.5971765.story?coll=la-home-local](http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-reny7dec07.0.5971765.story?coll=la-home-local)

ISPG

The International Society of Psychiatric Genetics

Memo To: All Dues-Paying Members

From: Francis J. McMahon, Chair, ISPG Electoral Committee (mcmahon@intr.nimh.nih.gov)

Re: ISPG Board Elections & Call for Nominations

Date: December 4, 2007

Five members of the ISPG Board have decided to rotate off the Board at the conclusion of their terms, in January, 2008. Under the bylaws of our Society, these vacancies are to be filled through a general vote by the Membership. All dues-paying members of the Society -- which includes everyone who registered for the 2007 Annual meeting -- are eligible to stand for election and to vote. You are encouraged to nominate another dues-paying member or yourself. Several nominations have already come in; more are welcome, especially from constituencies that have traditionally been under-represented on the Board, such as women and early-career members. All candidates will be asked to submit a curriculum vitae and a brief statement which will be circulated to the membership before the election. In order to move the process along efficiently, we have

Lawson, W.B. "Identifying interethnic variations in psychotropic response in African-Americans and other ethnic minorities" in *Ethno-psychopharmacology Advances in Current Practice*. Eds. C. H. Ng K-M Lin, B. S. Singh, E. Chiu. Cambridge University Press, Australia, 2007.

Graves, R. E., Alim, T. A., Aigbogun, N., Chrishon, C., Mellman, T., Charney, D., & Lawson, W.B. **Diagnosing Bipolar Disorder in Primary Care Clinics. Bipolar Disorders**. In press, 2007

Mellman, T.E. Aigbogun, N, Graves, R. E., Lawson, W.B. & Alim, T. "A Sleep Paralysis and Trauma, Psychiatric Symptoms and Disorders in an Adult African American Population Attending Primary Medical Care" *Depression and Anxiety*. In Press, 2007

John I. Nurnberger, Jr., Samuel Kuperman, Leah Flury Wetherill, Eric T. Meyer, William B. Lawson & Dean F. MacKinnon. "Genetics of Comorbid Mood Disorder and Alcohol Dependence", *Journal of Dual Diagnosis*; 3: 31-46. 2007

Lawson, W.B. and Nanos, J. "Effects of Divalproex on Disruptive Behavior of Jail Inmates", *Progress in Neuro-Psychopharmacology & Biological Psychiatry*. In press, 2007

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set the following timetable:

- Deadline for Receipt of Nominations - **December 21, 2007**• Deadline for Receipt of CVs and Statements from Candidates - **January 15, 2008**• Candidate Information Sent Out to Membership and Voting Open - **January 20, 2008**• Voting Closed - **February 8 2008**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PODCAST: "Mood Disorders and the African American Community"

December 18, 2007. Hear Dr. Lawson talk about mood disorders. [Click here to listen:](#)

<http://www.softconference.com/dbsa/slist.asp?C=1382> Real Recovery Podcast #180. (Sponsored by the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2007-2008 Clinical Scholars:

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20081>

APA 2008 Annual Meeting - Washington, DC - May 03-08, 2008. Join colleagues from across the U.S. and 50 other countries for the psychiatry event of the year. To register or for more information call toll free 1-888-35-PSYCH or visit www.psych.org

BPA SPRING CONFERENCE for the BPA Annual Spring Meeting 14-16 March 2008: www.blackpsych.org **Submit abstracts ASAP**

IPS (Institute on Psychiatric Services) - October 02-05, 2008 Abstracts due date has been extended to Sunday, December 16, 2007

http://www.psych.org/public_info/libr_publ/meetings/ips.cfm.



Meet the Editor

William B. Lawson, M.D., Ph.D., D. F.A.P.A.

Recently elected Treasurer of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, Dr. Lawson is currently Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at

Howard University College of Medicine. [more:](#)
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