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ON THE MOVE:

Dr. Carl C. Bell recently became
*Director of the Institute of Juvenile
Research, Director of Public and
Community Psychiatry Clinical
Professor of Psychiatry and Public
Health; Department of Psychiatry,
University of Illinois at Chicago.*

Dr. Napoleon B. Higgins, Jr. was
*selected to be part of APA's
Transformational Leadership in Public
Psychiatry Academy May 20-21, 2009, in San
Francisco during the APA Annual Meeting.*

Dr. Toi Harris received the Fulbright &
*Jaworski L. L. P. Faculty Excellence
Award in Educational Leadership.*

RECENT PUBLICATIONS & ABSTRACTS:

Primm, A..B. and Lawson, W.B. "Disparities
Among Ethnic Groups: African Americans"
in *Disparities in Psychiatric Care: Clinical
and Cross-Cultural Perspectives*; Eds. P. Ruiz
and A. Primm, Wolters Kluver /Lippincott
Williams & Wilkins, Baltimore, 2010.2. Smith

Summer Presidential Address

Click here to [view](#).

Call For Help: Women for Women of Sierra Leone (WWSL)

Among the few volunteer positions available, WWSL is in need of
one Physician--Preferably a Psychiatrist who can volunteer as a
Family Doctor and also use his or her specialty as a Psychiatrist, as
may be needed at one of WWSL Medical Site in Sierra Leone, West
Africa. There is also a volunteer position available for a General
Surgeon who specializes in Hernia (all forms) Repairs, which is the
No. 1 Killer of especially folks living in the hinterland of Sierra
Leone.

To read the full letter to Dr. Lawson, click [here](#).

Veterans Braintrust Issues Forum

The Congressional Black Caucus Task Force on Veterans and
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative
Conference Veterans Braintrust will be focusing on the
homecoming experiences of recent returnees from Iraq and
Afghanistan and successful transition to civilian life.

For more information, click [here](#).

Perspectives: BPA at NAMI

The Black Psychiatrists of America was present at this years'
National Alliance on Mental Illness National Convention held in
San Francisco July 6-9. Persons who represented the BPA were
President, Napoleon B. Higgins, Jr., MD, Board member Timothy
Benson MD and Rahn Bailey MD, the Chairman of the Department
of Psychiatry, Meharry Medical College. The talk presented was
"The Incarceration of Black Males: The Effects of Untreated
Bipolar Disorder, ADHD and Impulse Control Disorders."

To read more, click [here](#).

EN, Bloss CS, Badner JA, Barrett T, Belmonte PL, Berrettini W, Byerley W, Coryell W, Craig D, Edenberg HJ, Foroud T, Gabriel SB, Gershon E, Greenwood TA, Hipolito M, Koller DL, Lawson WB, Liu C, Lohoff F, McInnis MG, McMahon FJ, Mirel DB, Nievergelt C, Nurnberger J, Nwulia EA, Paschall J, Potash JB, Rice J, Schulze TG, Sheftner W, Panganiban C, Zaitlen N, Zandi PP, Zöllner S, Schork NJ, Kelsoe JR. Genome-wide association study of bipolar disorder in European American and African American individuals. *Mol Psychiatry*. 2009 Jun 2. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 19488044

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APHS Friday Letter

http://fridayletter.asph.org/article_view.cfm?FL_E_Index=6395&FL_Index=1493

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President Obama Announces Nominee for Surgeon General

President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate Regina M. Benjamin as Surgeon General

Read the press release [here](#).

McLellan Nominated to ONDCP by Obama/Biden Administration

The Obama/Biden Administration has named A. Thomas McLellan, Ph.D. to the post of Deputy Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. McLellan is one of the nation's leading drug and alcohol experts.

Read the full article [here](#).

Genetic Alliance Commends the Nomination of Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D. as New NIH Director

Genetic Alliance, a nonprofit health advocacy organization, applauds the nomination of Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D., as the new director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). President Obama announced the nomination today.

View the full article [here](#).

Alvin F. Poussaint—Helping Children Achieve Their Full Potential

Go to the [website](#) for more information.

Silent No Longer: A Note from the Editor

The importance of psychiatry from the perspective of African people is greater than it has been in decades. Failure to respond will impact both our members and our patients, who often do not have the resources to impact larger entities. The DSM V committees are beginning its field trials and to get public comment. These efforts will provide the data that will determine the diagnostic categories for psychiatry for the next decade. The shortcomings of culture and insufficient representation of people of color were widely recognized as the DSMIV emerged. The relevance of the DSM V for the underserved in the United States, and people of color in the rest of the world will be determined by these efforts. The health care debate is in full swing. There is the debate to have a single

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payer. There is the concern about malpractice. There is the usual effort to give prescribing and other privileges to non-physicians to improve access and cut costs. Not often stated however is the role of the psychiatrist. Will we be considered first responders or primary care providers? Will psychiatrists be in the medical home? The health care legislation can correct a number of problems that exist in the current plans but it can also codify continued lack of access to physicians who provide mental health services. With these issues it is no time for us to be silent. I encourage our readers to respond.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

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If you know of any career opportunities, please send them directly to our Associate Editor, Dr. Sherri Simpson at sherri_simpson@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Meet the Editor

William B. Jones, M.D., Ph.D., DEAB

