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There are a few corrections to the Mass Incarceration Conference Story

Members and Friends, we are well into the 2019 social action year. Please read on to learn more about the PsySR initiatives in progress.

MASS INCARCERATION INITIATIVE

Daniela Kantorova, our president Elect, is spearheading a conference at the Wright Institute to address the problems of mass incarceration. This conference is inspired by the Anti Police-Terror Project's work with the family of Dajuan Armstrong Jr, who was murdered in Alameda County Jail in June 2018. With direct ties to the [PsySR Racial Justice Statement released in 2016](#), one aim of the conference is to strategize mental health professionals' involvement in eliminating torture in US prisons and jails. The conference, scheduled for November, is in the early stages of development so if anyone is interested in presenting, please contact Dr Kantorova at: daniela.kantorova@gmail.com

Also in developmental stages is an instructional [video addressing the ethical dilemma of dual loyalties for health care providers in the current prison system](#). The authors are Martha Davis, Alice LoCicero, and Ian Hansen. Dr. LoCicero will present this work on Friday afternoon 8/9/19 in the PsySR suite at the APA convention in Chicago between 1 PM and 4 PM.

We hope to increase our collaboration with the dedicated group, Social Workers Against Solitary Confinement. Moya Atkinson of SWASC has been in regular contact with us to link us with their work. We welcome others in this initiative.

RACIAL JUSTICE ACTION GROUP (RJAC)

The RJAC launched a graduate student and faculty study group dedicated to the psychology of colonization, chaired by Brad Olson, Hana Masud and others. The group meets by zoom on Saturdays AT 2pm central time. Contact Hana.r.masud@gmail.com for details.

Nancy Arvold, one of our long-time Steering Committee members is doing an all day workshop on racism in psychology on Saturday at APA in Chicago in August. She is co-presenting with some of her colleagues, so if any members would like to attend, she would be pleased to welcome PsySR colleagues to the group.

The workshop is #147 in the APA conference schedule: Racism in Psychology: Promoting Healing and Transformation, scheduled in one of the convention hotels.

SOCIAL MEDIA EXPANSION

The PsySR Facebook page has been very active. We now have over 7,000 followers, and we recently reactivated our Twitter account. Please visit our Facebook page, LIKE us, and share to other pages. We have posted articles on Climate (very popular), mass incarceration, critiques of psychology (very popular), and many other topics.

If you have articles, events, or other material to share, contact me at mpeltonc@nmu.edu For Twitter, contact Jack O'Brien at jjfpo1991@gmail.com or Roy Eidelson at reidelson@gmail.com

THE PSYSR ADMIN TEAM

The PsySR Admin Team met on April 22 and 23 for the annual winter planning sessions. Among other initiatives, we continued development of an orientation and set of expectations for Steering Committee members. Mary Fabri, our PsySR secretary is the lead on this project. Steering Committee veterans if you want to offer suggestions, you may contact Mary at mrfabri@hotmail.com.

Statement on Arrest of Julian Assange and Detainment of Chelsea Manning

A strong statement on the arrest of Julian Assange and the Detainment of Chelsea Manning was approved this month by the Steering Committee. At issue is the escalating violence against journalists and the attacks of freedoms of the press and the violation of international laws protecting asylum rights. The authors are Dan Aalbers, Yosef Brody Ian Hansen, Nozomi Hayase, Michael Jackson, and Julie Oxenberg.

The statement can be found by visiting http://psysr.net/our-statements-2/
The statement page has been updated and includes other recent important statements.

The Society for Community Research and Action Biennial (SCRA, APA Division 27)

The Society for Community Research and Action Biennial Conference is organized this year by the community psychology program at National Louis University. Lori Markuson and Ericka Mingo of PsySR are co-chairs, connecting NLU and other local universities for this conference.

PsySR Suite at APA in Chicago

We are in the planning stages for the PsySR suite program during APA week in Chicago, so the next newsletter will include the schedule and details about the sessions. We have a roomy suite in the Hilton Garden Inn next to the McCormick Center. Please send us your personal presentation schedules so we can create a separate program of PsySR presentations.

We have much to do this year, and each of your efforts makes a difference. I am proud to be among you!

Global Psychosocial Network (GPN)

The Global Psychosocial Network (GPN) continues to hold virtual meetings on a monthly basis. Our virtual meetings rotate between discussions of members' work, guest speakers, and psychosocial accompaniment meetings. Among our focal topics in recent months are the migrant crisis, building trust when conducting psychosocial work, and the meanings/implications of accompaniment practices. A list of our past and upcoming guest speakers can be found at <http://www.globalpsychosocial.org/speakers/>. More about GPN and our members' work is available at <http://www.globalpsychosocial.org/>

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In Solidarity,

Mary Pelton Cooper

PsySR President