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## The President's Message



Paul Costa  
President, Division 5

*Dynamic* and *changing* are not the first words that come to mind when viewing a mountain. But the forty-mile long and fifteen-mile wide Teton Range in northwest Wyoming is anything but ordinary, and never static, showing constant changes in outline and form with each slight shift in viewpoint. Margaret Sanborn, author of *The Grand Tetons* (Homestead Publishing, Moose, Wyoming) describes it more vividly than I: "Invisible peaks and pinnacles suddenly slip into sight, behind or besides other peaks. Slopes become steeper or more gentle; and glaciers, gorges, and hanging valleys come into sight."

Viewed from the West in Idaho, the peaks are fully as awesome and majestic as when seen from the east, in Jackson Hole. Having spent all but four years of my life on the Atlantic coast, I was quite

unprepared for their beauty and inspiration.

Moving westward on to Hawaii, we will have another beautiful place to meet and consider different perspectives on psychological assessment, methods, and statistics. The answers we get to the questions we pose are influenced profoundly by the methods and analyses we perform. And like the views of Grand Teton, there are many, many sightings. I'll get a chance to illustrate this in my Presidential talk on assessing change and continuity in personality across the life span. From the Tetons to Traits!

On the news front, I'm so happy and delighted to announce that our President-elect is Professor Lisa Harlow, who will be showcased in her Thursday, July 29 Invited Address on "The Essence of Multivariate Thinking and Application." Be sure to hear Lisa's Address. Not only passionate about her topic, she is also an outstanding educator and communicator.

Division 5 is also proud and privileged to be the Lead Division for Yossi Ben-Porath's Invited Address, co-sponsored by Divisions 40 and 41. As everyone knows, Yossi is one of the world's top experts on the MMPI-2, and has been involved with so many of the innovations and developments with the "new" MMPI-2. Substantive and methodologic advances in assessment

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## APA Statistics Training Sessions

--Spread the Word!--

Again this year at the annual 2004 APA convention, three CE training courses of potential interest to Division 5 members, and especially of interest to students, will be presented. These sessions have been frequently presented, at APA and at other meetings, by Bruce Thompson (<http://www.coe.tamu.edu/~bthompson>), a Fellow of Division 5 and Co-Editor of *AERJ: Teaching, Learning and Human Development*. The sessions are INTRODUCTORY and user-friendly, and have been continuously rescheduled at APA based upon positive participant reaction.

*Effect sizes, confidence intervals, and especially confidence intervals about effect sizes* (4 CE contact hours). Previously presented in 2002 and 2003 at APA and AERA.

*Exploratory factor analysis: An introductory primer on validity evaluation and other applications* (4 CE contact hours). This session was previously presented at APA in 1997 to 2003.

*Multiple Regression: A Review of the Basics* (4 CE contact hours). Previously presented at APA for the 12 years, 1992 to 2003.

Information regarding registration procedures can be obtained by contacting the APA CE Office, within the Education Directorate, at (800)374-2721.

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# Division 5 Program: 112th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association Honolulu Hawaii July 27 - August 1

## Tuesday, July 27

### 7:00 - 9:50 PM

Event: Executive Committee Meeting  
Location: Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort and Spa, Sea Pearl Suite IV

## Wednesday, July 28

### 9:00 - 10:50 AM

Event: Symposium  
Title: Recent Developments in Psychological Testing—Update for Assessment Professionals  
Location: Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort and Spa, South Pacific Ballroom I  
Co-sponsoring  
Division: 14  
Co-listing Divisions/Groups: 15, 18, 20, 40, 41, 42, APAGS  
Co chairs: Heather R. Fox, PhD, Towson University  
Susana P. Urbina, PhD, University of North Florida

Participant/1stAuthor: Bruce Thompson, EdD, Texas A&M University  
Presentation Title: *Score Reliability From the Practitioner Perspective: Contemporary Developments*

Participant/1stAuthor: Bruce A. Bracken, PhD, College of William and Mary  
Presentation Title: *Construct Irrelevant Variance: Threat to Test Fairness*

Participant/1stAuthor: Stephen G. Sireci, PhD, University of Massachusetts  
Presentation Title: *Beyond Theory: Contemporary Approaches to Developing and Validating Educational Tests*

Participant/1stAuthor: Marcia M. Andberg, PhD, Marcia Andberg Associates, LLC, North Oaks, MN  
Presentation Title: *Caught in the Middle: Ethical and Legal Mandates on Test Security*

Participant/1stAuthor: Nancy T. Tippins, PhD, Personnel Research Associates, Inc., Dallas, TX  
Presentation Title: *Principles for the Validation and Use of Personnel Selection Procedures*

Discussant: Susana P. Urbina, PhD, No affiliation

### 11:00 - 11:50 AM

Event: Invited Address  
Location: Hawai'i Convention Center, Meeting Room 327  
Co-listing Division: 8  
Chair: Barbara M. Byrne, PhD, University of Ottawa, ON, Canada

Participant/1stAuthor: Lisa L. Harlow, PhD, University of Rhode Island  
Presentation Title: *Essence of Multivariate Thinking and Application*

### 12:00 - 12:50 PM

Event: Invited Address  
Location: Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort and Spa, South Pacific Ballroom I  
Co-listing Divisions: 40 and 41

Chair: Gwyneth M. Boodoo, PhD, Research Center for Measurement Models, Princeton, NJ

Participant/1stAuthor: Yossef S. Ben-Porath, PhD, Kent State University  
Presentation Title: *Methodological Advances in MMPI-2 Research and Application*

## Thursday, July 29

### 8:00 - 9:50 AM

Event: Symposium  
Title: Culture and Intelligence Testing—Cross-Cultural Issues Involving the WISC-III and WAIS-III  
Location: Hawai'i Convention Center, Meeting Room 323B  
Co-listing Divisions/Groups: 8, 9, 18, 35, 42, 45, 52, 53, Psi Chi  
Co-chairs: James Georgas, PhD, University of Athens, Greece  
James P. Choca, PhD, Roosevelt University

Participant/1stAuthor: James Georgas, PhD, No affiliation  
Presentation Title: *Cross-Cultural Psychology, Intelligence, and Cognitive Processes*

Participant/1stAuthor: Donald H. Saklofske, PhD, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, Canada  
Presentation Title: *WISC-III: History and Contemporary Cross-Cultural Perspectives*

Participant/1stAuthor: Fons J.R. van de Vijver, PhD, Tilburg University, The Netherlands  
Presentation Title: *Cross-Cultural Analysis of the WISC-III*

Participant/1stAuthor: Larry G. Weiss, PhD, Trinity University  
Presentation Title: *How to Evaluate Immigrant Children Using Foreign Versions of WISC-III*

Participant/1stAuthor: James P. Choca, PhD, No affiliation  
Presentation Title: *Case for National Norms*

Participant/1st Author: Scott Decker, PhD, Roosevelt University  
Presentation Title: *Case for Local Norms*

### 11:00 - 11:50 AM

Event: Invited Address

Location: Hawai'i Convention Center, Meeting Room 321B  
 Co-listing Divisions: 15 and Psi Chi  
 Chair: William R. Shadish, PhD, University of California—Merced

Participant/1stAuthor: Sandra Mathison, PhD, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
 Presentation Title: *Power of Evaluation: Solving Human Problems Sensibly*

### Friday, July 30

#### 8:00 - 8:50 AM

Event: Symposium  
 Title: Understanding and Modeling Causation  
 Location: Hawai'i Convention Center, Meeting Room 312  
 Co-listing Divisions/Groups: 20 and 24

Chair: Bruce L. Brown, PhD, Brigham Young University

Participant/1stAuthor: Keith A. Markus, PhD, City University of New York John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
 Presentation Title: *Case of Pluralism About Causation*

Participant/1stAuthor: Petr Blahus, PhD, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic  
 Presentation Title: *Conceptual and Historical Foundations of Structural Equations Modeling*

Participant/1stAuthor: Bruce L. Brown, PhD, Brigham Young University  
 Presentation Title: *Visual Causal Modeling: What Does a Cause Look Like?*  
 Co-Author: R. Steven Turley, PhD, Brigham Young University

Participant/1stAuthor: Richard N. Williams, PhD, Brigham Young University  
 Presentation Title: *Causality, Ontology, and the Language of Numbers*

Discussant: Roderick P. McDonald, PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana—Champaign

#### 9:00 - 9:50 AM

Event: Invited Address  
 Location: Hawai'i Convention Center, Meeting Room 325B  
 Co-listing Division: 41  
 Chair: Stephen G. West, PhD, Arizona State University

Participant/1stAuthor: Steven P. Reise, PhD, University of California—Los Angeles  
 Presentation Title: *Issues and Problems in the IRT Analysis of Psychopathology Measures*

#### 11:00 - 11:50 AM

Event: Poster Session  
 Title: Assessment and Measurement  
 Location: Hawai'i Convention Center, Kamehameha Exhibit Hall  
 Co-listing Divisions/Groups: 40 and APAGS

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 Title: *Revisiting the Attitude Toward Mental Health Services Scale*  
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 Title: *Assessment of Spirituality: Development of the Spiritual Transcendence Scale (STS)*

Participant/1stAuthor: Susan G. Millstein, PhD, University of California—San Francisco  
 Title: *Measurement of Childbearing Motivation in Infertile Couples*  
 Co-Author: Warren B. Miller, MD, Transnational Family Research Institute, Aptos, CA

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 Title: *Factorial Invariance and Latent Mean Stability of Academic Self-Concept*  
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#### 12:00 - 11:50 PM

Event: Invited Address  
 Location: Hawai'i Convention Center, Meeting Room 308A

Chair: Leona S. Aiken, PhD, Arizona State University

Participant/1stAuthor: Bruno D. Zumbo, PhD, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
 Title: *Item Response Theory of the Parametric and Nonparametric Varieties: Recent Developments and Applications to Psychological Measures*

#### 1:00 - 11:50 PM

Event: Invited Address  
 Location: Hawai'i Convention Center, Meeting Room 325B  
 Co-listing Division: 38  
 Chair: Roger E. Millsap, PhD, Arizona State University

Participant/1stAuthor: Roderick P. McDonald, PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana—Champaign  
 Title: *Alternative Future for Structural Equation Modeling*

## Saturday, July 31

**8:00 - 9:50 AM**

Event: Symposium  
 Title: *Leaving the Lab—Telemetric Monitoring in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*  
 Location: Hawai'i Convention Center, Meeting Room 308A  
 Co-listing Divisions/Groups: 20, and 38  
 Chair: Robert Freedman, PhD, Wayne State University School of Medicine

Participant/1stAuthor: Paul Grossman, PhD, Freiburg Institute of Mindfulness Research, Germany  
 Title: *Promise and Challenge in Ambulatory Psychophysiological Multimodal Monitoring*

Participant/1stAuthor: Michael Myrtek, PhD, Psychophysiological Research Group, Freiburg, Germany  
 Title: *Freiburg Monitoring System (FMS)*  
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Participant/1stAuthor: Robert J. Wirth, MA, L.L. Thurstone Psychometric Laboratory, Chapel Hill, NC  
 Title: *Telemetric Monitoring Data: Deciding on the Appropriate Analysis*

**11:00 - 11:50 AM**

Event: Poster Session  
 Title: Statistics, Psychometrics, Research Design, and Evaluation  
 Location: Hawai'i Convention Center, Kamehameha Exhibit Hall  
 Co-listing Divisions/Groups: 40 and APAGS

Participant/1stAuthor: R. Paul Thomlinson, PhD, Burrell Behavioral Health, Springfield, MO  
 Title: *Transforming Boring Patient Satisfaction Data Into Actionable Information*  
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 Title: *Analyzing Personality Data Using Nonparametric Item Response Theory*

Participant/1stAuthor: David P. MacKinnon, PhD, Arizona State University  
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# How To Be an Educated Consumer of Assessment Instruments: Brief Tips for Practitioners

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When students and practitioners ask me about what tools or instruments I recommend for the assessment of cognitive, achievement, behavior, personality, or other developmental domains of functioning, my most frequent response is, "It depends." This response is oftentimes met with some consternation because it means that I will be asking a myriad of questions in order to provide them with what I think is the best answer. A case in point involves the most recent explosion in the publication of new and revised cognitive tests. Many applied psychologists are overwhelmed with learning these complex instruments and usually want simple, quick responses to their questions. For example, they may ask me if I had a specific amount of money in my budget would I purchase the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Fourth Edition (WISC-IV; Wechsler, 2003), the Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scales-Fifth Edition (SB5; Roid, 2002), or the Woodcock-Johnson III Tests of Cognitive Abilities (WJ III COG; Woodcock, McGrew, & Mather, 2001). Unfortunately, this question is not easy to answer and can be asked for any domain of functioning where standardized, norm-referenced instruments are used on a regular basis.

In an attempt to assist practitioners in answering their own questions about assessment instruments, I offer some advice and provide several practical activities so that they can continue to become educated consumers of the instruments they use. Although this list of ideas and activities is not exhaustive by any means, it may give the reader a running start in this seemingly new era of assessment, testing, and evaluation where the stakes are high.

Know the question or questions that you want the assessment instrument to answer for you. Are you seeking an instrument to assist with an educational placement decision or with instructional strategies or planning? Is efficiency an important variable in your assessment as with psychoeducational screening or perhaps with a research study? If you are unsure of your questions, then consult with colleagues to assist you in fleshing out your needs so that time is not wasted. The clearer you are about your questions, the easier it will be to choose a useful instrument.

Evaluate the psychometric properties of several instruments so that you select the best one for your needs. Although many practitioners may not be enamored with this activity, it is imperative in the assessment process. Instruments that do not have excellent psychometric properties become almost useless even if they are quick to administer and score, because they can lead to wrong decisions that can do harm to the client. Characteristics of assessment instruments such as standardization, reliability, and validity are important to evaluate when choosing a tool to use. Additional characteristics to evaluate are item gradients, and floors and ceilings. Although all characteristics are important, reliability may be the most critical one because it is foundational to decision making, and forms the basis of validity. As a former professor said in one of my classes, "If it ain't got reliability, it ain't got nothin'." Several tests and measurement texts and resources are available if you need to brush up on your psychometric knowledgebase and instrument evaluation skills. Three very good resources are "Psychological Testing" by Anastasi and Urbina (1997), "Psychological Testing: Principles, Applications," and Issues by Kaplan and Saccuzzo (2001), and "Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing" by the American Educational Research

Association, American Psychological Association, and the National Council on Measurement in Education (1999).

Try the following activities to learn the most about new or revised instruments: (a) Read the instrument's manual(s). If it is a well-written, informative manual you will learn many details about the instrument that are not available elsewhere. (b) Review carefully the instrument's protocols or test records so that you are familiar with the items and how to administer and score them. A thorough review of the items also provides you with an opportunity to evaluate the content validity of the instrument. (c) Administer the instrument to a colleague or have a colleague administer it to you. There is no better way to learn an instrument than to be the client and know what it is like to be asked to solve problems, rate behavior, or disclose personal information. (d) Attend training seminars or workshops with the instrument's author(s) or experts in the field. Many practitioners tell me they feel more comfortable with learning more about, and eventually using, the instruments after they attend training sessions. (e) Explore publishers' websites for up-to-date information on their instruments. And (f) join a professional listserv where intellectual discussions take place about assessment. Although your email "inbox" will become cluttered, you will be part of a community of assessment experts that will undoubtedly be helpful.

Read reviews of the instruments and research studies that used them. This activity will provide you with objective "data" about the instruments and inform you about their validity for certain groups or individuals. Today, searches for test reviews and research studies are only a click away.

Attend a graduate class or several sessions of a course to learn about new

developments in assessment or to learn about specific instruments. Many faculty members are open to colleagues attending class sessions.

A final thought—instruments do not make decisions, people do. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to be extremely knowledgeable about, and facile with, our assessment instruments. We must know their positive and negative characteristics so that we can serve our clients well. The consequences of our assessment have as much to do with our professional practice and ethics as they do with the instruments we use to make informed decisions with and for our clients.

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### 3 New Books of Possible Interest to Division 5 Members

Thompson, B. (2004). Exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis: Understanding concepts and applications. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. (International Standard Book Number: 1-59147-093-5)

*This book is an introduction to basic concepts in both EFA and CFA, and emphasizes relationships of these methods (e.g., the importance of structure coefficients in both EFA and CFA).*

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Thompson, B. (Ed.). (2003). Score reliability: Contemporary thinking on reliability issues. Newbury Park, CA: Sage. (International Standard Book Number: 0-7619-2626-7)

*This paperback reader was written as a supplementary text to be used in measurement courses.*

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Kline, R. (2004). Beyond significance testing: Reforming data analysis methods in behavioral research. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. (International Standard Book Number: 1-59147-118-4)

*This book is a contemporary treatment of effect sizes, and of confidence intervals for effect sizes.*

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# A Preview of the September 2004 *Psychological Assessment*

Milton E. Strauss, Editor, *Psychological Assessment*

My thanks go out to Division president Paul Costa for inviting me to summarize the contents of each issue of *Psychological Assessment* in the *Score* newsletter. In this first column, I depart from that format somewhat to (re)introduce this journal to the more general psychological measurement community.

*Psychological Assessment* (PA) is a journal of clinical science. Advances in this applied field are dependent on awareness of, and translation of, developments in the basic science of psychology and other behavioral sciences. These include decision sciences, cognitive psychology/cognitive science, biological psychology, and social/personality psychology. *Psychological Assessment* welcomes excellent manuscripts that are grounded in general psychology (including psychometric theory); that employ conceptually appropriate statistical analyses; and that advance methodology and/or substantive knowledge about assessment instruments and processes in clinical psychology, including health psychology, neuropsychology, and treatment outcome research. The journal publishes mainly empirical research, but reviews of measurement theory and methods are considered if specifically focused on issues in clinical assessment.

The articles in the September issue concern idiographic assessment over time, procedures for enhancing content validity, the development and validation of several assessment instruments, and several methodological issues in clinical psychology research and practice.

The lead article by Gregory Mumma is "Validation of Idiosyncratic Cognitive Schema in Cognitive Case Formulations: An Intraindividual Idiographic Approach." Mumma applies confirmatory dynamic factor analysis to the

assessment of cognitive schema within an individual patient and their relation to daily variation in symptoms and distress. It is an unusual paper, as most research in our field is more nomothetic than idiographic.

The second article is "Focus Groups in Psychological Assessment: Enhancing Content Validity by Consulting Members of the Target Population" by Vogt, King, and King. These authors discuss the use of focus groups of members of the assessment target population to improve the content validity of instruments. They suggest that such consultation at the several stages of scale development may contribute importantly to the construct validity of assessment instruments.

The remaining articles fall into four subgroups. Four articles concern the construct validity of scales in research and clinical application. Campbell-Sills, Liverant, and Brown report a study of the construct validity of the Behavioral Inhibition/Behavioral Activation Scales (BIS/BAS). The BIS/BAS measure two core personality traits relevant to both normal personality studies and the psychopathology of mood and anxiety disorders. Yet, until this publication, the generalizability of the structure of the scales to clinical mood and anxiety disorders and metric equivalence of the scales across men and women had not been established. Among the notable features of the study is the sample of nearly 2000 patients; this is exceptionally large for a clinical study.

Katherine DuHamel and colleagues evaluate the factorial validity of the Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Checklist in cancer survivors in relation to the three-factor model of the current psychiatric Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) and other, research-based models. They confirm the best fit of a four-factor model rather than the DSM model. The evaluation of models of disorders established in psychiatric contexts to

medically ill populations is an important undertaking.

The paper by J. Gayle Beck and associates, "Psychometric Properties of the Posttraumatic Cognitions Inventory (PTCI): A Replication With Motor Vehicle Accident Survivors," has a different focus than the symptoms of PTSD in the DSM. This study extends the work of Foa and colleagues by evaluating the structural validity of the PTCI in a sample of persons exposed to motor vehicle trauma. The investigators report substantial replicability of the factor structure. Some of the differences in concurrent validity coefficients in this study and in Foa's original work, the authors note, might be due to population differences (rape vs. accident). Their work underscores the importance of scale validation in specific populations.

Factorial invariance across populations is also the focus of Shawn Currie et al.'s Brief Report, "Factor Validation of the Addiction Severity Index Scale Structure in Persons with Concurrent Disorders." They find that an alternative model developed by Alterman et al. is superior to McGahan and colleagues' original model, demonstrating that population differences may affect construct validity of a widely used clinical scale.

Three articles address the interface between clinical psychology and personality psychology constructs. These papers emphasize the potential fruitfulness of greater integration between psychopathology research and theory and personality psychology.

Brian Hicks et al. describe "Identifying Psychopathy Subtypes Based on Personality Structure," an investigation using model-based cluster analysis to identify variation among criminal psychopaths in personality structure. The subtypes relate to intellectual and behavioral differences and level of anxiety in theoretically expected ways.

Jay and John report "A Depressive Symptom Scale for the California Psychological Inventory: Construct Validation of the CPI-D." The CPI is a well-established multidimensional scale for normal personality that has been used in several classic longitudinal studies of normal personality and development. These authors report the development and initial validation of a clinical symptom scale for depression that may prove useful in secondary analyses of archival, as well as new studies, of psychological development.

Miller, Reynolds, and Pilkonis evaluate "The Validity of the Five-Factor Model Prototypes for Personality Disorders in Two Clinical Samples." The thrust of their article is to confirm the utility of translating DSM-based personality disorders into normal personality construct terms. They show good agreement between prototypes proposed

by Lynam and Widiger, based on expert consensus, and patients' actual scores on the NEO-PI, and stability of these relations over time.

The article by Hilton and associates concerns an important social-clinical issue: spousal abuse. These authors describe "A Brief Actuarial Assessment for the Prediction of Wife Assault Recidivism: The ODARA." This cross-validated instrument is based solely on archival data from offender records, an advantage for rapid assessment in psycho-legal settings. The scale is promising in its ability to predict new assaults against current or ex-wives (Cohen's  $d = 1.1$ ; ROC area = .77).

The three remaining articles are Brief Reports: Cooke, Hart, and Michie use generalizability theory to demonstrate that cross-national differences in the prevalence of psychopathy are more

likely to be real rather than artifacts of rater differences. An important method in clinical and personality research is the use of multiple informants for descriptions of personality or symptoms. De Los Reyes and Kazdin review three methods for describing discrepancies between informants in the clinical child literature. They emphasize the lack of intersubstitutability of one method for another. Longman provides clinically important statistical data for the comparison of WAIS-III Index Scores to overall mean scores. Using published normative data, Longman reports values for comparisons that reduce Type I error rates and, of similar importance, indicate the rarity of discrepancies of various sizes.

I look forward to reporting each issue of *Psychological Assessment* to you as it goes to press.

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## Graduate Student Issues

*By Jackie Gillie*

As I sit down to write this column, I realize that a whole year has elapsed since I first inherited this column from Maureen Ewing. A lot has transpired for me throughout this year, such as finishing my coursework, relocating my family from New York to Florida, and starting a full-time position. One major task that has inadvertently fallen to the wayside during this extremely busy year has been my dissertation. Unfortunately, I found myself procrastinating and pushing it to the back of my list of "things to do." I felt as though I had plenty of time, and now, a year later, I have not made any significant progress!

The only solace I can take from this situation is that I am not

alone. As I was surfing the net to obtain some advice, I came across a website entitled [dissertations.com](http://dissertations.com) ([www.dissertationassistance.com](http://www.dissertationassistance.com)). Within this website is an article by Diane Kennedy that addresses procrastination. She states that the procrastination process often begins when doctoral candidates decide to take a few months off prior to beginning their dissertation (as happened in my case), as well as a few other sources. Following are just a couple of the solutions she offers:

Forget about the time that has elapsed and concentrate on the present. Resolve to start today! Set achievable goals, such as setting a schedule with a reasonable time frame. Meet with your advisor to discuss the completion date for your proposal submission and to discuss your choice of topic.

I found this website helpful with other aspects of the dissertation process as well. For example, there are "Helpful Hints" for writer's block, the "Top 10" dissertation strategies, and advice concerning the literature review. So, if you find that you need a little motivation to get started or just a little help with any step along the way to completing your dissertation, I would recommend checking out this website.

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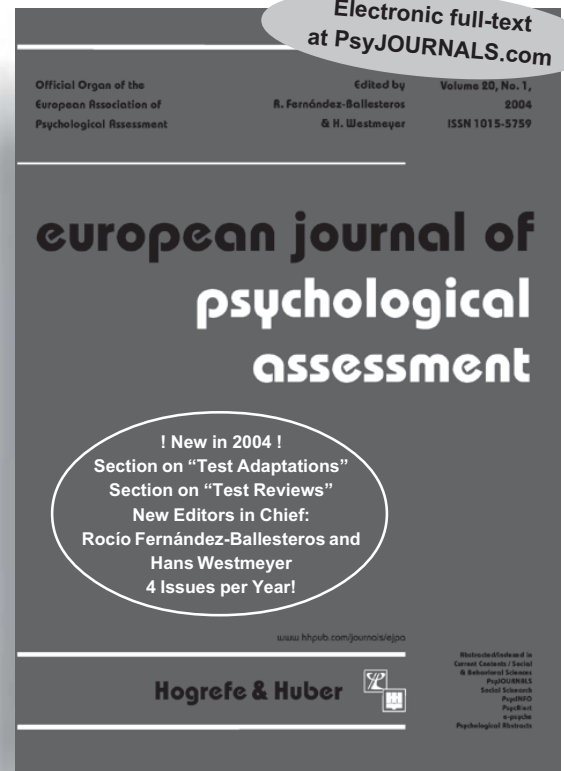
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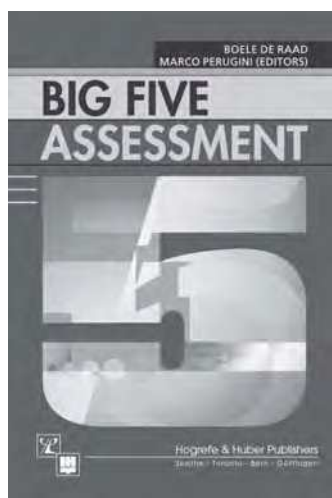
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## **Call for Nominations for the Brenda H. Loyd Outstanding Dissertation Award**

The National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME) is seeking nominations for the ninth annual Brenda H. Loyd Award for an outstanding dissertation in the field of educational measurement.

Nominations will be accepted for dissertations completed between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2004.

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To nominate a dissertation, the following items should be submitted to the Chair of the Brenda H. Loyd Dissertation Award Committee *by November 12, 2004*: (a) a letter of nomination from the author's advisor; (b) a summary of the dissertation research (up to 10 double-spaced pages), including the rationale for the study, research questions, methodology, results, and conclusions; (c) a table of contents (including a list of tables and figures); and (d) a statement from the graduate school confirming the date of completion and acceptance of the dissertation.

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#### **Fourth ITC International Conference Equitable Assessment Practices: Building Guidelines for Best Practices**

The International Test Commission (ITC) is featuring its fourth international conference *Equitable Assessment Practices: Building Guidelines for Best Practices* to be held October 7-10, 2004. This conference is co-chaired by Drs. Bruce A. Bracken and Thomas Oakland, and will be hosted by the Center for Gifted Education on the campus of The College of William and Mary.

This ITC conference will highlight advancements for developing and using tests and assessment data in a manner that helps ensure fairness for all individuals regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, and exceptionality. The conference will explore and discuss issues related to equitable assessment practices and fairness in testing, as well as offer skill-building training in assessment and psychometric practice. Pre-conference assessment and measurement workshops and conference presentations will highlight recent advances in theory, research, and practice that promote equity to those who take tests, those who use test results, and those engaged in the business of test development and distribution. Assessment contexts addressed by the conference will include clinical/counseling, education/school, health/medical, industrial/organizational, occupational/vocational, and test publishers/research laboratories. Consistent with prior ITC conferences, a primary goal of this conference is to develop, publish, and promote guidelines for equitable assessment.

International conference keynote speakers will include David Bartram (SHL Group, United Kingdom), Fanny Cheung (The Chinese University of Hong Kong), Elias Mpofu (formerly of Zimbabwe, now Pennsylvania State University, USA), and Robert Sternberg (Yale University, USA).

Invited conference workshops will include topics such as adaptive behavior, intelligence, differential item functioning, personality assessment, neuropsychology, executive functioning, and structural equation modeling, and will include the speakers Barbara Byrne, Peter Isquith, Elizabeth Lichtenberger, Thomas Oakland, Hector Ochoa, Gale Roid, Robert Stern, Lawrence Weiss, and Bruno Zumbo.

In addition to invited keynote speakers and workshop presenters, all ITC members and other participants are encouraged to submit proposals for symposia, papers, posters, and conference workshops. Abstract submissions that focus on theoretical issues, empirical research, or case studies relating to equitable assessment within any of the above contexts are invited. Topics may include a variety of testing methods and procedures (e.g., computer-based/internet-based assessment, individual/group assessments, interviewing, nonverbal assessment, objective/projective techniques, observational techniques, paper/pencil, play-based assessment, self/other-report). Abstracts also may address issues related to differential effects of examinee demographics in test construction and application. Successful abstract submissions will highlight aspects of equitable assessment practices.

Conference registration is \$295 (US) for ITC members and \$330 for ITC nonmembers; however, nonmember registration fee entitles the registrant to a one-year complimentary Individual Membership in the ITC.

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#### **Jason Millman Promising Measurement Scholar Award Description and Application Procedures**

**Award:** The Jason Millman Promising Measurement Scholar Award

**Purpose:** In 1995, the Department of Education at Cornell University, where Dr. Millman spent his entire career, initiated the Jason Millman Promising Scholar Program. The award was intended to honor the lifetime work of Dr. Millman, to recognize his contributions to the field of applied measurement, and to continue Dr. Millman's support of scholars in their formative years who are just beginning their research careers.

Beginning in 2003, the National Council on Measurement in Education with the support of the Millman endowment will continue the tradition with this award. As in the past, it is designed to honor Dr. Millman's work by recognizing a scholar at the early stages of his/her career whose research has the potential to make a major contribution to the applied measurement field. In addition to recognition by NCME, the successful candidate will receive \$1000. Only one candidate will be chosen to receive the award each year.

**Criteria for Eligibility:** To be eligible for the award in a given year, the candidate must have:

received the doctorate within the last five years;  
 two (2) or more unique papers either

accepted for presentation at an NCME annual meeting or published in NCME publications within the last five years; and the support of his/her professional colleagues that his/her work represents a significant contribution to the field of applied measurement.

**Application Procedures:** For full consideration of candidates, applications or nominations must include the following items.

A letter of nomination from a professional colleague who is a member in good standing of NCME.

At least two (2) letters of recommendation (from persons other than the nominator) that speak to (1) the candidate's contributions to the field of measurement as a teacher, and/or as an applied measurement practitioner, and/or as a measurement researcher; and (2) the reasons for which the candidate's work represents a significant contribution to the field of applied measurement.

Two (2) or more unique papers presented at any of the last 5 NCME annual meetings, or published in the last 5 years in an NCME publication. NCME annual meeting papers may be in a revised format.

Non-published or published dissertations do not qualify as a paper, although papers developed on the same or similar topics do qualify.

Candidate must be the first author on all multiple-author papers. In this case, the candidate must provide a statement that defines his/her contributions to the paper.

Candidate's current curriculum vita.

A letter from the candidate outlining his/her career goals and how his/her work contributes significantly to the field of measurement.

**Deadline:** Deadline for submission is November 5, 2004. All materials must be submitted on the same date for receipt by the deadline date. Only complete sets of materials will be considered.

The Committee will acknowledge receipt and notify the candidate if any materials are missing.

**Method of Submission:** Candidates may use more than one mode of delivery for submitting materials. One (1) copy is required for materials submitted electronically. Six (6) copies are required for materials submitted as hard copy. If some materials are submitted electronically and some by surface mail/package delivery, they must all be submitted on the same date. If more than one mode of delivery is used for the submission, the candidate must notify the Committee chair of the modes and expected date(s) of arrival. Submission dates and expected arrival dates must precede the deadline date.

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#### New Essentials Volume

A new paperback book, *Essentials of Psychological Testing* by Susana Urbina (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley; 326 pp.), will be available in July of this year. It is the second volume in Wiley's series on *Essentials of Behavioral Science*.

*Essentials of Psychological Testing* presents an overview of the areas of psychometric knowledge that test users need to use tests competently, supplies the basic information required to understand and evaluate tests, and provides readers with the major current references in the field. Starting with a basic introduction to psychological tests, their historical development, and their uses, the book covers the

statistical procedures most frequently used in testing, the frames of reference for score interpretation, reliability, validity, and test item considerations, as well as guidelines for test selection, administration, scoring, and for reporting test results.

The notion of fairness and other ethical considerations in testing are integrated throughout *Essentials of Psychological Testing*. For example, Chapter 3 deals with the importance of using appropriate norms and with the problem of using test scores to label individuals, Chapter 5 addresses the consequences of testing as an aspect of validity, Chapter 6 discusses differential item functioning, and Chapter 7 makes explicit important legal, ethical, and professional requirements with regard to test selection, test administration, test scoring, and the communication of test results.

Susana Urbina, a Fellow of Division 5, is Professor of Psychology at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida. She is the coauthor of the seventh edition of Anne Anastasi's classic text *Psychological Testing*.

#### Herman Aguinis appointed editor of Organizational Research Methods

Herman Aguinis, Ph.D., an APA Division 5 member, has been appointed editor-in-chief for the journal *Organizational Research Methods* (ORM). ORM is sponsored by the Academy of Management (Research Methods Division) and published quarterly by Sage. A recent survey of members of APA Division 14 (Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology) ranked ORM in the top-10 category for scholarly journals (Zickar & Highhouse, 2001; The Industrial-Organizational Psychologist). Dr. Aguinis will serve as incoming editor starting in July 2004, and will begin a 3-year term as editor-in-chief in January 2005.

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## Membership in APA Division 5

The Division of Evaluation, Measurement and Statistics of the American Psychological Association draws together specialists in the areas of evaluation, measurement, assessment and statistics. The disciplinary affiliation of division membership reaches well beyond psychology, includes both members and non-members of APA, and welcomes graduate students.

### Our Aims

- To promote research and the exchange of scientific information in the fields encompassed by Division 5.
- To promote high standards in both research and practical application in these fields.
- To interact professionally with other individuals and groups involved in the application of and interpretation of results from psychological measurement, statistics, individual assessments, and program evaluations.

### Our Activities

- APA convention symposia on topics of broad public and cross-disciplinary interest, such as legal issues in testing, standards for evaluation research, methodological training of psychologists.
- The Division's quarterly newsletter *The Score* covers current issues in evaluation, measurement, assessment, and statistics; APA news relevant to Division 5; job announcements; activities of Division members; and the

APA convention Division 5 program.

- Division 5 dues for Members, Associates, and non-student Affiliates pay for issues of valuable scholarly journals. *Psychological Methods* is devoted to the development and dissemination of methods for collecting, analyzing, understanding, and interpreting psychological data. *Psychological Assessment* publishes mainly empirical articles concerning clinical assessment.
- Participating in the Science Directorate of APA and its activities, including Science Weekend at the APA convention.
- Two Division 5 listserves: (1) DIV5 serves as a vehicle for discussion among members on topics related to evaluation, measurement, statistics, and assessment; (2) DIV5ANN is used for announcements from Division leadership, such as convention or workshop information or policy changes. To subscribe, check the box(es) on the front of this form.

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### Section Categories

- **Assessment:** focuses on construction of assessment instruments, collection of assessment information, and decision-making processes related to such information
- **Evaluation, Measurement and Statistics:** focuses on psychometric theory, psychological statistics, program evaluation, test construction, and research methods.

**Note:** It is possible to hold membership in both sections. However, for purposes of representation in APA it is necessary to select one of the two sections as your *primary* category.

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# President's Message

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are to be found not only in Professor Ben-Porath's address this July 28, in Hawaii, but also in the really neat article by Vincent Alfonso in this very Newsletter. Vincent's informative article on "How to be an educated consumer of assessment instruments" illustrates many things, among which are Division 5's need to be in the forefront on assessment issues. Speaking of which, please read Milton Strauss's Editor's Preview of the September 2004 issue of **Psychological Assessment**. In this piece, Milton eloquently "reintroduces" the mission and aim of this vitally important journal. The articles range from idiographic assessment of cognitive schemas, enhancing content validity, and a number of articles dealing with construct validity of scales in research and clinical application, as well as enhancing the integration between psychopathology research and theory and personality psychology. Mark Maruish and his Assessment Task Force, which I helped to create to advance knowledge and

information about assessment issues, deserve a special note of thanks for lining up Milton and future *Score* presenters. Lastly, my hat's off to Jackie Gillie, again for her piece on procrastination. You have lots and lots of company Jackie, let

me tell you, but not now...can I get back to you, later?

Hope to see you in Hawaii.

Paul Costa

## Member Listservs

Keep up with the absolute latest Division 5 news through its two e-mail lists.

**DIV5** serves as a vehicle for discussion among members on topics related to evaluation, measurement statistics, and assessment.

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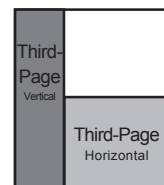
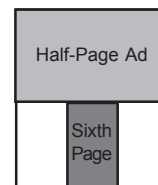
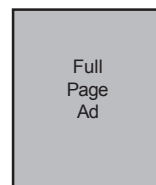
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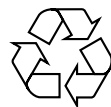
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