

Division of Professional Practice (Division 17)
SEPTEMBER E-News 2022
Susan McDaniel PhD: President
Tim Carey PhD: President-Elect



NEW President (2022-2026)

Susan McDaniel, PhD

(see Professional Biography below)



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Key Activities/News of Division of Professional Practice (August-September, 2022):

- **Succession Planning and Handover:**
 - A recent key focus for Division 17 has been the **succession planning** and a **smooth transition** to our new executive team, occurring at our on-line Handover Meeting on 26/27th July and formally on 30th July, 2022. All appointments are now in place with the new Division 17 Executive Team as follows:
 - **President: Professor Susan McDaniel**
 - **President-Elect: Professor Tim Carey**

- Immediate-Past President/E-Newsletter Editor: Dr Robyn Vines
- Executive Members: Professors James Bray (Past President), Nancy Ruddy (USA) and Judith Gullifer (Australia); Drs. Diana Prescott and Christine Jehu

We are keen to welcome new Executive members from different parts of the world to increase the diversity of our representation, so please be in touch if you would like to join and make a contribution.

Handover Meeting: 5.00pm Tuesday 26th July, 2022 (NYC time)/7.00am Wednesday 27th July, 2022 (Sydney time)

(Outgoing President's handover address – see:

https://iaapsy.org/site/assets/files/1222/iaaphandover_address_27_7_22.pdf)

BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES of incoming President and President-Elect: IAAP Division of Professional Practice (Div. 17)

President: Professor Susan H. McDaniel, PhD, is the Dr Laurie Sands Distinguished Professor of Families & Health at the University of Rochester Medical Center where she is Chief of Psychology, Director of the Institute for the Family in the Department of Psychiatry, Vice Chair of the Department of Family Medicine, and Director of the URMIC Physician Communication Coaching Program.

Dr McDaniel's career is dedicated to integrating psychological and relational science and practice into healthcare. She has won many awards and is the author of over 100 journal articles and 17 books, including *Medical Family Therapy*, *Family-oriented Primary Care*, and *The Shared Experience of Illness*. Her 18th book is In Press, titled *Systemic Integrated Care*, with Nancy Ruddy PhD. For 12 years, Dr McDaniel was Co-Editor with Tom Campbell MD of the interdisciplinary journal, *Families, Systems & Health*, Associate Editor for 10 years of the *American Psychologist*, and is a frequent speaker at national and international medical and mental health meetings.

Dr McDaniel has served in many leadership positions in primary care and mental health associations. Among them, she served as the President of the American Psychological Association in 2016, and currently serves on their Council representing the Society for Health Psychology. She is President of the Practice Division (17) of the International Association of Applied Psychology, and she serves on the policy-focused, interprofessional Board of the Primary Care Collaborative in Washington DC.

- **President-Elect: Professor Timothy Carey, PhD**, is Chair Country Health Research and Innovation at Curtin University, Western Australia. He is a researcher, author, teacher, trainer, clinician, senior Australian academic and Fulbright Scholar. Tim has worked as a clinical psychologist in rural and underserved communities in both Scotland and remote Australia. He has a PhD in Clinical Psychology, an MSc in Statistics, and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics as well as tertiary qualifications in teaching. Prior to his appointment at Curtin University he was the inaugural Director and Professor of the Institute of Global Health Equity Research and the Andrew Weiss Chair of Research in Global Health at the University of Global Health Equity in Rwanda and, before that, Charles Darwin University's Professor of Clinical Psychology in Health Equity and the Professor and Director of Flinders University's Centre for Remote Health in Alice Springs, Australia. A central focus of his work is the importance of control to health and wellbeing and recognition of internal conflict as a core feature of psychological distress. He is passionate about integrated primary care services. Tim is also very interested in different cultural explanations of psychological distress and the importance of control cross-culturally. He has pioneered clinical innovations such as: patient-led appointment scheduling; patient-perspective care; an efficient and effective cognitive therapy called the Method of Levels (www.methodoflevels.com.au); and a smartphone app called MindSurf. Tim has provided conference presentations and delivered training events in Australia, Canada, Chile, NZ, Rwanda, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, the UK, and the US. He has over 175 publications including books, book chapters, and peer-reviewed journal articles and a blog on Psychology Today called 'In Control', which has had over 1.36 million views, where he writes about general topics related to successful and contented day to day living. He holds adjunct Professorial posts at Charles Darwin and Newcastle Universities.

New Look Website:

This is underway and we hope will be launched shortly. We planned to have it ready for our Handover meeting in July; however, the transition has taken longer than envisaged.

International Congresses:

- **17th European Congress of Psychology July 5-8, 2022:** Professor James Bray and Dr Diana Prescott attended the in Ljubljana, Slovenia, presenting a paper on the role of psychology in integrated mental and general health care.
- **APA (American Psychological Association) Conference August 4-6, 2022:** “Psychology is here” – Minneapolis (Virtual and face-to-face): Two of our Executive members (Professors Susan McDaniel and James Bray) are Past-Presidents of the APA (2016 and 2009 respectively) and Dr. Diana Prescott an immediate-past member of the APA Board, so IAAP Division 17 representation at APA Conference is always strong.
- **The 18th European Congress of Psychology July 3-6, 2023:** the ECP will be held in Brighton, UK. Members of our Executive team will attend both the Congress and the IAAP Board meeting prior to the conference and will run a Division 17 Symposium on “*The Role of Psychology in Integrated Health Care: An International Perspective*”. Please be in touch with if interested in contributing to our Division’s Congress input: email the Division 17 Congress Coordinator/Manager’: Professor Judith Gullifer (Monash University, Australia: judith.gullifer@monash.edu) with lecture, symposia and/or poster ideas.

Monthly E-News - see: <https://iaapsy.org/divisions/division17/>

This continues each month, including: Division activities, items of interest, ‘snapshots’ of current events and changing statistics in “*The World in the Time of COVID*”. Robyn Vines (immediate-past President) will continue as E-News Editor.

Division 17 Webinars: (available on IAAP Website (introduced in previous E-News): see:

<https://iaapsy.org/members/webinars/>)

29.3.22: ‘Integrated primary care and the science of teamwork’: Professor Susan McDaniel: incoming Division 17 President (30.7.22) and Professor Eduardo Salas: *‘Integrated primary care and the science of teamwork’* on 29th/30th March, 2022.

- <https://iaapsy.org/members/webinars/economic-behavior-and-the-covid-19-pandemic-cooperation-consumption-and-entrepreneurship-1/>
- Files: [iaap_webinar_slides_3-29-22_handouts.pdf](#) ; References: [iaap_webinar_mcdaniel_salas_references_032922.pdf](#)

9.10.21: “The role of psychology in integrated healthcare: Migraine, a work in progress”

- <https://iaapsy.org/members/webinars/the-role-of-psychology-in-integrated-healthcare/>

15.5.19: “The Critical Role of Psychology in an Integrated Primary Care Model”

- <https://iaapsy.org/members/webinars/the-critical-role-of-psychology-in-an-integrated-primary-care-model-presented-by-iaap-division-17/>

Advance notice/forthcoming events:

- **The IAAP The Advanced Research Training Seminar (ARTS)** is currently looking for six engaged postdoctoral or early career researchers in psychology to become team leaders for **ARTS 2022- 2023**.

WHAT IS ARTS? The ARTS involves capacity-building workshops that in principle take place every four years in conjunction with the International Congresses of Applied Psychology (ICAP). ARTS promotes excellence in research skills and facilitates exchange and dialogue amongst early-career scientists. ARTS is organized by the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP).

For further information see:

https://iaapsy.org/site/assets/files/2326/call_for_arts.pdf

- **IAAP Early Career Marathon:** This is a ‘one-of-a-kind’ virtual event run by the IAAP and dedicated to student and early career psychologists. Selected participants have been asked to submit a brief presentation on their research to be reviewed by top psychologists around the world. Presentations and reviews will be shown during a 24-hour marathon with time for questions and answers. The marathon will start on **Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM London and end Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 9:00 AM London**. Awards will be given for the top two presentations chosen by the Executive Committee and the top five presentations overall, voted on by IAAP members. You must be a member to participate and attend and, if you have presented previously, you are still encouraged to submit your abstract.
For further information see: <https://iaapsy.org/meetings/early-career-marathon-integrating-research-and-practice-2022/>

Items/resources of professional interest:

August-September, 2022: (with thanks to the APA, APS, PBS, ABC – and other sources)

For items/resources of interest from previous Division 17 E-News, see Appendix below)

- **How Psychology Can Help Fight Climate Change—And Climate Anxiety**
Speakers at APA 2022 made it very clear (as reported by ‘*TIME*’): Psychology is crucial to addressing the climate crisis, both in identifying ways to change human behavior and helping people with mental health challenges brought on by extreme weather. The speakers offered tips such as harnessing anger for action and connecting with meaningful dialogue about climate change denial.
See: <https://time.com/6204083/climate-change-mental-health-psychology/>
- **Why Tween Girls Especially Are Struggling So Much**
Children’s mental health is not a new issue (although it is worsening), and many psychologists are concerned for tween girls in particular, as highlighted by the *Washington Post*. The middle school years can be especially rough for girls, as puberty often sets in just as increases in pressures in appearance, friendship, academics, and sports are occurring. Young girls are more likely to use social media than boys and more likely to be negatively affected by it. **See:**
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2022/08/08/tween-girls-mental-health/>
- **For Psychologists of Color, Self-Care is Much More Than That**
Living in a world that is not just, equitable, or safe has reinforced why many psychologists of color choose to think deeply and be more intentional about how they practice self-care. Among their new ideas: Self-care should incorporate one’s community, values, and culture; it involves setting boundaries; and it’s about claiming joy, pleasure, and rest despite a legacy of oppression.
See: <https://www.apa.org/> (Reference: [For psychologists of color, self-care is much more than that](#))
- **Alzheimer’s Researchers Are Looking Beyond Plaques and Tangles for New Treatments**
Past research on Alzheimer’s disease has looked at plaques and tangles in the brain, which are a “hallmark” of the disease, said **Maria Carrillo, PhD**, chief science officer of the Alzheimer’s Association, but that research hasn’t pinpointed how the plaques and tangles kill brain cells. Carrillo and other neuroscientists are rethinking the approach to study the changes in the brain and develop new treatments, as highlighted by *NPR*.
See: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/08/01/1113825311/alzheimers-researchers-are-looking-beyond-plaques-and-tangles-for-new-treatments>
- **APA Adopts Racial Equity Action Plan**
At APA 2022, APA outlined next steps the association and psychology should take to prioritize and operationalize the commitments made in the association’s 2021 apology for its role in contributing to racism. Among the steps recommended: Ensure equitable

representation of scholars of color in leadership positions; redesign traditional research methodologies to improve equity, diversity, and inclusion; implement efforts that mitigate barriers to graduate training completion; and more. The newly created Racial Equity Fund, developed to move this work forward, will be seeded by a \$1.1 million grant from APA.

See: <https://www.apa.org/> (Reference: [APA adopts racial equity action plan](#))

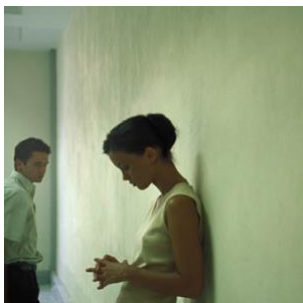
- **Workplace Well-Being Survey:** A new survey reveals 71% of workers believe their employer is more concerned about mental health now than in the past. See: <https://www.apa.org/> (Reference: **“Workers appreciate and seek mental health support in the workplace”**)



- **APA resources for coping with mass shootings, understanding gun violence: A Cascade of Collective Traumas:**

The regularity of mass shootings is razing Americans’ mental health—heightening stress and dulling compassion in ways that demand broader concern, engagement, and change. “Just because we can’t fix a problem in its entirety doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t do what we can do to make a difference,” said Paul Slovic, PhD, a professor of psychology at the University of Oregon. “We cannot afford to let our minds deceive us into underreacting.” See APA resources for coping with mass shootings and understanding gun violence.

See: <https://www.apa.org/> (Reference: “APA resources for coping with mass shootings, understanding gun violence”)



- **How to Forgive Ourselves for What We Can’t Change**

Our feelings of regret sometimes lead to change, but sometimes simply simmer for years. What’s behind action or inaction, and how can we live with our choices either way?

Psychologists **Shai Davidai, PhD**, and **Everett Worthington, PhD**, experts on regret and

forgiveness, spoke with *The Atlantic* on what sticks with us and how we can process those feelings.

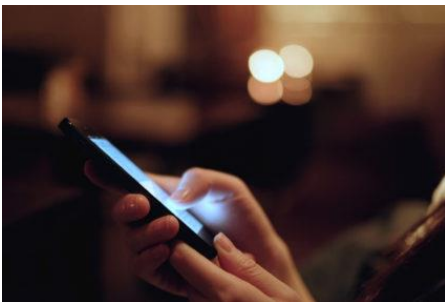
See: <https://www.theatlantic.com/world/> (Reference: [Simple Steps to Forgive Yourself and Overcome Regret](#))



- **Lack of adequate mental health care places heavy burden on young people** (PBS Newshour: Jun 29, 2022 10:40 PM EDT)

... some information from you, OK? Is he currently safe right now? ‘Youth Villages’ funds its crisis hot line through the Tennessee Department of Mental Health. And for many families, these intensive in-home services are funded through the State’s Medicaid program.

See: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/lack-of-adequate-mental-health-care-places-heavy-burden-on-young-people>



- **Rollout of new national mental health hotline in the USA faces obstacles** (PBS Newshour: Jun 29, 2022 10:35 PM EDT)

*“... because they know they can't get the response. The worst thing is when people take that brave step. You're struggling with your **mental health**. It takes a lot to step forward and to call. And we want to make sure, when people call, they get connected and ...”*

See: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/rollout-of-new-national-mental-health-hotline-faces-obstacles>

August-September, 2022: “Snapshot of Events”:

- **There have been some signs of optimism during this past month, most notably:**
 - **In Australia** where the recent election of a new Government has already resulted in greater recognition of Indigenous rights and the planning for a referendum on an ‘Indigenous Voice’ to Parliament – amongst other progressive/overdue changes
- **In the USA:** the US Congress passed the Democratic Party’s climate and healthcare bill, the most substantial legislative success of President Biden’s first term in office. The \$430bn bill, which passed 220-207 on Friday 12th August, includes \$375bn to encourage a shift away

from fossil fuels, as well as \$64bn to help people cover health insurance premiums. The bill is substantially less ambitious than was originally hoped for but, given the Democrat's narrow majority in Congress, is considered a sizeable achievement.

- **As with previous recent months, August has also contained an ongoing and extraordinary mixture of:**
 - **Environmental crises** with massive heatwaves and fires in Europe and the USA where record heat and pervasive wildfires in southern France, as in others places, continue to break all records.
 - **Ongoing presence of COVID-19 pandemic:** see below
 - **Ongoing Inflationary pressures world-wide: predicted to reach 13% in the UK before the end of the year, and higher next year.**
 - **Ongoing war in Ukraine:** has continued to result in global food and oil/energy/fuel shortages and massive price rises.



IAAP statement on Ukraine indicates our: *“deep concern about the military and humanitarian offenses the Russian Federation is carrying out in Ukraine, resulting in ongoing devastating loss of life and attack on innocent civilians. We strongly condemn this unjustified aggression and stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine”.*

(see: <https://iaapsy.org/about/human-rights-statement/ukraine/>)

All of these events continue to affect our patients and ourselves. Our role as psychologists/health practitioners is to attempt to instil hope, empowerment and some sense/semblance of control and efficacy in those we aim to help. It continues to be a difficult time for us all during this time of ongoing global turbulence.

The World in the Time of COVID-19:

(see: <https://covid19.who.int/>)

The WHO Coronavirus Disease ‘dashboard’ indicates that there are now (19.8.22)

591,683,619 confirmed cases of COVID-19; an increase of more than 26.5 million registered cases in the past month alone - with 6,443,306 deaths from COVID-19 world-wide ... (compared to previous

months' figures: 22.7.22: 565,207,160 confirmed cases and 6,373,739 deaths; 23.6.22: 539,893,858 cases and 6,324,112 deaths; 23.5.22: 521,920,560 cases and 6,274,323 deaths; 25.4.22: 505,817,953 cases and 6,213,876 deaths; 28.3.22: 476,374,234 confirmed cases and 6,108,976 deaths; 22.2.22: 422,188,754 cases, 5,876,766 deaths; 21.1.22: 340,543,962 cases, 5,570,163 deaths; 27.12.21: 279,114,972 confirmed cases, 5,397,580 deaths; 23.11.21: 256,966,237 cases, 5,151,643 deaths; 25.10.21: 243,260,214 cases, 4,941,039 deaths; 21.9.21: 228,394,572 cases, 4,690,186 deaths; 23.8.21: 211,373,303 cases, including 4,424,341 deaths; 26.7.21: 192,284,207 cases; 4,136,518 deaths; 22.6.21: 178,202,610 confirmed cases; 3,865,738 deaths; 23.5.21: 166,346,635 confirmed cases, including 3,449,117 deaths; 5.21: 152,535,452 cases, 3,198,528 deaths; 22.3.21: 22,524,424 cases, 2,703,620 deaths; 22.2.21: 111,102,016 cases, 2,462,911 deaths; 25.1.21: 99,363,697 cases, 2,135,959 deaths; 28.12.20: 79,673,994 cases, 1,761,381 deaths; 23.11.20: 57,882,183 cases, 1,377,395 deaths; 29.10.20: 43,766,712 cases, 1,163,459 deaths; 26.7.20: 15,581,009 cases, 635,173 deaths; 20.6.20: 8,385,440 cases, 450,686 deaths; 26.4.20: 2.8million cases, 200,000 deaths). It is estimated that the true prevalence is likely to be at least double this, with these figures representing a gross underestimate due to being based on ‘formal testing and reporting’ which continues to diminish.

Vaccinations: As of 16.8.22: **12,409,086,286** vaccines have been administered world-wide (compared to: 22.7.22: 12,219,375,500 doses; 20.6.22: 11,912,594,538 doses; 22.5.22: 12,186,798,032 doses; 17.4.22:

11,324,805,837 doses; 26.3.22: 11,054,362,790 vaccine doses; 20.2.22: 10,407,359,583; 18.1.22: 9,571,633; 27.12.21: 8,649,057,088; 21.11.21: 7,408,870,760 vaccine doses; 20.10.21: 6,655,399,359; 17.9.21: 5,776,127,976; 19.8.21: 4,562,256,778; 24.7.21: 3,646,968,156; 16.6.21: 2,413,847,050 vaccine doses). Sadly, the majority of these have

been given in the developed world with less-well-off continents/countries still lagging (e.g. in Africa: COVID-19 vaccination rates stand at 7.35% for the continent, with many countries hovering around 1%, according to the Africa Centers for Disease Control)

See:

- WHO Coronavirus Dashboard: <https://covid19.who.int/>
- Saul Eslake: The World Economy this week (13.5.22): <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fx7Z6ID17crillgkgYsAcz86tuS9xo6J/view>

Please contact us if you have additional information, items to share, questions to ask, ideas to put forward in relation to Division 17 activities. We welcome contact from all our Members and those interested in joining.



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Division Website: <https://iaapsy.org/divisions/division17/>

Division Newsletters:

- October, 2020: https://iaapsy.org/site/assets/files/2044/div_17_october_newsletter.pdf
- December, 2019: (End of Year Summary: 2019)
<https://iaap.createsend1.com/t/ViewEmail/t/CB562312D9AFD69D2540EF23F30FEDED>

UNITED NATIONS INTEGRATED CARE INITIATIVE:

See: [Integratinghealthintoprimarycare_pdf.pdf](#)

Also: [Integratingmhintoprimarycare2008_lastversion.pdf \(who.int\)](#)

APPENDIX: PREVIOUS ITEMS/RESOURCES of interest:

(from former editions of Division 17 E-News: December, 2021 - July, 2022 newsletters)

July-August, 2022

- **WHO's MENTAL HEALTH REPORT: released 1st July, 2022**
Press Release and REPORT



MEDIA ADVISORY

Science in 5: Mental Health

Friday, 1 July, 2022

WHO's World Mental Health Report says that Mental Health is the leading cause of disability. How did the pandemic impact our mental health? What are the signs and how can we keep ourselves mentally healthy? Dr Mark Van Ommeren explains in Science in 5. Refer to the full [Report](#) .

- **Ken Burns Film Explores Youth Mental Health: "Hiding in Plain Sight: Youth Mental Illness:**

See PBS Newshour: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/ken-burns-film-explores-youth-mental-health>

Awareness of mental health across all spectrums of the population has been growing after years living in the COVID pandemic. But there are particular concerns about the youngest generations. Those topics are explored in *Ken Burns' film, "Hiding in Plain Sight: Youth Mental Illness,"* which airs Monday night on PBS. Student Reporting Labs' Matt Suescun and Faiza Ashar spoke to Burns to learn more.

(PBS NEWSHOUR: June 27th, 2022)

- **Psyched Up: The race to make psychedelic drugs part of mainstream medicine**

In Australia and overseas there's a push to make psychedelic drugs part of mainstream medicine for the treatment of trauma and other mental health conditions.

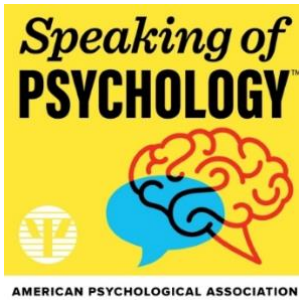
Results from clinical trials are promising for PTSD sufferers where conventional treatments have failed.

Four Corners investigates the world of psychedelic drugs, including the underground supply which is being sourced by increasing numbers of people who don't want to wait for the clinical trials to be concluded.

25th July, 2022: 48 minutes

See: <https://www.abc.net.au/4corners/>

- **A Post-Roe Future: - articles about the Supreme Court Decision to overturn Roe vs Wade**



- **Speaking of Psychology: A Post-Roe Future**
Antonia Biggs, PhD, a social psychologist at the University of California San Francisco, talks about the results of the Turnaway Study, which examined how receiving an abortion—or being denied one—affects mental health and well-being and what a post-Roe future might look like.

See: <https://www.apa.org/news/podcasts/speaking-of-psychology/abortion>

- **The Facts About Abortion and Mental Health**

More than 50 years of international psychological research shows that having an abortion is not linked to mental health problems, but restricting access to safe, legal abortions does cause harm. Research shows people who are denied abortions have worse physical and mental health, as well as worse economic outcomes than those who seek and receive them.

See:

- <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/09/news-facts-abortion-mental-health>
- https://www.ansirh.org/sites/default/files/publications/files/mental_health_issue_brief_7-24-2018.pdf

- **Title IX: 50 Years Later**



The landmark law has helped improve equity, safety, and wellness on college campuses since its passage in 1972, but there's still plenty of work to do.

See: <https://www.apa.org/news/apa/2022/title-ix-landmark>

SLEEP HYGIENE:



Stop Doomscrolling and Get Ready For Bed. Here's How To Reclaim a Good Night's Sleep.

Psychologists share in an *NPR* article why delaying our sleep in favor of stressing about the next day's work or problems can be an attempt to assert control over our time—and what to do if you want to get a better night's sleep.

See: <https://www.npr.org/2022/06/14/1105122521/stop-revenge-bedtime-procrastination-get-better-sleep>



The Impact of Misinformation on Public Health

Join us July 13 for a virtual national conversation between journalists, psychology and public health officials, and the public to discuss misinformation's effects on public health and psychology's potential for impact on solutions to address the pervasive issue.

See: <https://input.apa.org/f/rebuilding-trust>



14% of Students Say They Dropped Out of College Because of Mental Health Challenges

And nearly a third say it was at least a contributing factor to not finishing their degree. Students who left college for mental health issues were less likely to indicate they are planning to return than students who left for financial issues, as highlighted in a *Fortune* article.

See: <https://fortune.com/well/2022/06/15/college-students-drop-out-of-college-mental-health-challenges/>

June-July, 2022: (with thanks to the APA, APS, PBS, ABC – and other sources)

- **APA STATEMENT: Reaction to Texas Mass Shooting**
Statement by Frank C. Worrell, PhD, president of the American Psychological Association: in response to the mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, that left at least 21 people dead, 19 of them children.
"It is long past time to act to ensure that schools are safe havens for our children", says APA's president.
<https://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2022/05/gun-reform-texas-mass-shooting>
- **The Science Behind Creativity**: Psychologists and neuroscientists are exploring where creativity comes from and how to increase your own.
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/04/cover-science-creativity>



- **How to Assess and Intervene With Patients at Risk of Suicide:**

Suicidal ideation is on the rise. Recent advances in clinical research have identified critical and effective treatments.

<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/06/continuing-education-intervene-suicide>

APA Sponsored Webinar: **Caring for Suicidal Patients:** A look at how to support clinicians and family members caring for those struggling with suicidal behavior.

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EJ33-wWzRQ6yo-eVN7Kq2Q

(June 10th, 2022 – accessible via APA website)

- **Loneliness, the costly silent killer:** Julian Morrow on ‘The Roundtable’

<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/the-roundtable/13942606>

Health advocates are calling on the new Albanese Government to appoint a Minister of Loneliness.

The title Minister of Loneliness almost sounds comedic but the UK and Japan each have a Government Minister to address what’s now being described as a global epidemic of social isolation and loneliness.

The World Health Organisation has taken up the cause saying loneliness is a major contributor to ill health and it’s not just an issue for older people..

A study by researchers at Curtin University in WA puts the economic cost of poor health outcomes due to loneliness at nearly 3-billion dollars each year in Australia.

Guests:

- **Alana Officer**, Head World Health Organisation Demographic Change and Healthy Ageing Unit
- **Dr Michelle Lim**, Clinical Psychologist, Chief Scientific Advisor, Ending Loneliness Together organisation
- **Phil McAuliffe**, Creator, The Lonely Diplomat website



- **Unraveling the Mystery of Lyme Disease:**

Research shows the oft-misdiagnosed tick-borne disease can lead to serious mental health problems that can erode a person’s quality of life.

<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/06/feature-lyme-disease>

- **Standing Tall: A New Stage for Incompetency Cases:**

A growing number of people with serious mental illness are entangled in the legal system instead of receiving proper mental health care.

<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/06/feature-incompetency-cases>

- **Improving Traffic Safety:**
U.S. traffic fatalities started rising 2 years ago after several years of declines. Psychologists around the world are looking for ways to make driving safer for everyone:
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/06/feature-traffic-safety>
- **“In brief”:** The latest peer-reviewed studies within psychology and related fields
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/06/dementia-studies-research>

May-June, 2022

- **BPS May, 2022 – New report calls for more psychologists to be embedded into GP practices**
<https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/new-report-calls-more-clinical-psychologists-be-embedded-gp-practices>
<https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/www.bps.org.uk/files/Member%20Networks/Divisions/DCP/Clinical%20Psychology%20in%20Primary%20Care%20-%20Full.pdf>
- **USA: Restricting Access to Abortion Likely to Lead to Mental Health Harms**
<https://www.apa.org/topics/abortion>
- **Mental Health in the Workplace**
Most adults will spend a large amount of their lives at work and organizational support for employees’ mental health is imperative.
<https://www.apa.org/topics/workplace/mental-health/train-managers>
<https://www.apa.org/topics/workplace/mental-health/reexamine-health-insurance>
<https://www.apa.org/topics/workplace/mental-health/edi-policies>
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/04/feature-parental-leave>
- **Canadian Doctors Are Prescribing Free Passes to National Parks to Treat Patients**
A new evidence-based initiative in Canada called PaRx encourages health care providers to prescribe spending time in nature to improve people’s mental and physical health, as reported by CNN.
<https://edition.cnn.com/2022/04/30/health/canada-doctors-prescribe-nature-wellness/index.html>
- **How To Get Comfortable Talking With the Media**
A critical lesson of the COVID-19 pandemic has been seeing the importance of scientists communicating their findings to the public in an engaging and accessible way.
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/04/career-talking-media>
- **7 Podcasts to Support Your Mental Health**
Podcasts about mental health can deliver research to a wider group of people in an accessible way and can be a helpful addition for those in therapy or a resource for people with barriers to treatment.
<https://www.livestrong.com/article/13771942-best-mental-health-podcasts/>
- **How Many Friends Do You Really Need?**
Loneliness is associated with an increased risk for mental and physical health issues, but what does it take to not be lonely?
<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/07/well/live/adult-friendships-number.html>

April-May, 2022

Prolonged Grief Disorder recognised as a mental health condition

<https://www.abc.net.au/radnational/programs/sundayextra/prolonged-grief-disorder-recognised-as-mental-health-condition/13813018>

The age-old saying “time heals all wounds” may be relevant for some, but for others grief is an ongoing and debilitating disorder. This year American Psychiatric Association has recognised ‘Prolonged Grief Disorder’ as an official psychiatric illness in its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Guest: **Dr Katherine Shear**, Director of the Center for Prolonged Grief and Marion E. Kenworthy Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University Producer - Katie Fuller; **Duration:** 12min 30sec **Broadcast:** Sun 3 Apr 2022, 7:36am

The Burden of Weight Stigma: The increase in weight gain linked to the COVID-19 pandemic is taking a psychological toll, because weight stigma—bias against individuals because of their body size—is also on the rise. Weight stigma increases a person’s risk for mental health problems and undermines health behaviors and preventive care, causing disordered eating, decreased physical activity, health care avoidance, and weight gain. Psychologists are researching interventions for disrupting the pattern. **See:**

<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/03/news-weight-stigma>

How To Keep Anger From Getting the Best of You: How do you keep anger from rising to a level that interferes with your health and happiness? Howard Kassinove, PhD, of Hofstra University, and Raymond “Chip” Tafrate, PhD, of Central Connecticut State University, joined APA’s Speaking of Psychology podcast to discuss the difference between healthy and harmful anger, strategies to cope with anger, and why primal scream, rage rooms, and other forms of anger catharsis can do more harm than good. **See:**

<https://www.apa.org/news/podcasts/speaking-of-psychology/anger>

- **Where creativity comes from and how to increase your own.** Listen to APA’s *Speaking of Psychology* podcast episode on creativity and ‘eureka moments’: **See:** <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/04/cover-science-creativity>

- **The Need for Paid Parental Leave:** Psychological research shows why employers and policymakers should consider doing more: <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/04/feature-parental-leave>

- **More Psychological Growth in Less Time:** Psychologists are applying research on single-session interventions to improve patients’ symptoms in one visit. **See:** <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/04/feature-growth-patients>

- **Discussing firearm safety:** Providers can help reduce injuries and deaths by talking with patients about safe storage and temporary transfers during high-risk periods. **See:**

<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/04/ce-firearm-safety>

Supporting Parents Via Instagram: Psychologists have become the go-to parenting gurus of Instagram. Can their reach impact families for the better? **See:** <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/04/career-instagram>

Research In brief: How funny memes help us cope with the stress of COVID-19, and other research:

The latest peer-reviewed studies within psychology and related fields – see:

<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/04/inbrief-memes-research>

March-April, 2022

- **What’s driving the dramatic rise in alcohol-related deaths during the pandemic?**

During the first year of the pandemic, alcohol-related deaths increased dramatically by 25 percent, according to a new study. In 2020, deaths jumped from about 79,000 a year to 99,000, with the spike seen across all drinking-age groups. Katherine Keyes, an epidemiologist at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health, joins William Brangham to discuss.

PBS Newshour: 23.3.22: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/whats-driving-the-dramatic-rise-in-alcohol-related-deaths-during-the-pandemic> ;

Full Transcript: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/whats-driving-the-dramatic-rise-in-alcohol-related-deaths-during-the-pandemic#transcript>

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (in light of recent floods, fires, and other disasters world-wide)

- **Psychological First Aid:** This psychological first aid guide is for people working in disaster preparedness, response and recovery. It provides an overview of best practice in psychological first aid following disasters and traumatic events: https://psychology.org.au/for-the-public/psychology-topics/disasters/recovering-from-disasters/psychological-first-aid-supporting-people-disaster?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=220324_APSU_DRN&utm_content=220324_APSU_DRN+CID_2764159e348b5688207e3397759d80d7&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Psychological%20First%20Aid%20A%20guide%20to%20supporting%20people%20affected%20by%20disaster
- **Preparing and recovering from floods:** https://psychology.org.au/for-the-public/psychology-topics/disasters/floods?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=220324_APSU_DRN&utm_content=220324_APSU_DRN+CID_2764159e348b5688207e3397759d80d7&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Preparing%20for%20and%20recovering%20from%20floods
- **Guidelines for provision of psychological support to people affected by disasters (APS members and affiliates only):** <https://psychology.org.au/membership/member-login?returnurl=%2ffor->

[members%2fresource-finder%2fresources%2fassessment-and-intervention%2fguidelines-for-provision-of-psychological-support%3futm_medium%3demail%26utm_campaign%3d220324_APSU_DRN%26utm_content%3d220324_APSU_DRN%2bCID_2764159e348b5688207e3397759d80d7%26utm_source%3dEmail%2520marketing%2520software%26utm_term%3dGuidelines%2520for%2520provision%2520of%2520psychological%2520support%2520to%2520people%2520affected%2520by%2520disasters](https://members.apa.org/2022/03/13/us/suicide-hotline-mental-health-988.html)

COPING WITH TRAUMA:

- **As a Crisis Hotline Grows, So Do Fears It Won't Be Ready:** The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (USA) will have its own three-digit number, 988, starting in July—a shift that is expected to grow exponentially the number of callers over the next few years. The increased access is important, but experts say that more funding is needed to effectively staff the line. Roughly 17% of the lifeline's two million calls last year were abandoned before a caller could get help, as reported by *The New York Times*. Read more from APA about crisis lines during the pandemic. <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/13/us/suicide-hotline-mental-health-988.html>
- **Addressing the Pandemic's Mental Health Fallout:** <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/addressing-the-pandemics-mental-health-fallout/#>
Even when COVID-19 recedes, Americans will still be left with the trauma the virus has left in its wake, including more than 140,000 children who have lost a parent or caregiver. APA CEO **Arthur C. Evans Jr., PhD**, spoke with *CBS News* about the need to address the ongoing mental health crisis. "Because what we know from research is that when people experience these kinds of traumas—after 9/11, or Hurricane Katrina—we expect to see people experiencing problems for at least another seven to ten years out," Evans said.
- **American's Stress is Spiking Over Inflation and War in Ukraine:**
The APA's newest '**Stress in America**' survey found that over 80% of Americans said inflation, global uncertainty, and issues related to invasion of Ukraine are significant sources of stress. This is the highest number of people who have said they're significantly stressed about any issue in the 15 years APA has conducted this survey. "Typically, our highest levels of stress have been in the mid-60s, so hitting, for example, 87% for inflation as a source of stress is truly astounding," said psychologist **Vaile Wright, PhD**, APA's senior director of health care innovation in an NPR article: <https://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/stress/2022/march-2022-survival-mode>

OTHER:

- **Navigating thorny topics in therapy:** Clinicians and ethics experts share guidance on maneuvering disclosures about **politics, religion, and other hot-button topics** that can affect the therapeutic relationship: <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/03/career-navigating-therapy>
- **Improving Sibling Relationships:**
Eight in 10 children in the United States are growing up with a sibling—more than the number of kids living with a father. Over a lifetime, siblings are often the people with whom an individual will ultimately share the most years. Psychologists' research can help to improve these important relationships. Hear more about [how our siblings influence our lives](https://www.apa.org/news/podcasts/speaking-of-psychology/siblings) on APA's *Speaking of Psychology* podcast: <https://www.apa.org/news/podcasts/speaking-of-psychology/siblings>

February-March, 2022:

*A number of members have expressed a wish to know **what practitioners are doing around the world with regard to COVID in their practices**. We would be grateful if you could let us know what issues have arisen (including those outlined by the APA below) and how practitioners are dealing with them. Feedback appreciated.*

- **The Anatomy of a Misinformation Attack**
<https://www.apa.org/news/apa/2022/news-anatomy-misinformation>

- **Fighting Fake News in the Classroom**
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/01/career-fake-news>
- **Why Teens Need More Sleep, and How We Can Help Them Get It**
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/parenting/2022/01/18/kids-teens-more-sleep/>
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2020/07/ce-corner-sleep>
- **Healing Pain by Treating the Mind**
<https://www.apa.org/news/podcasts/speaking-of-psychology/healing-pain>
- **The Top 10 Journal Articles of 2021**
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/01/top-journal-articles>

January – February, 2022

- **Two years into the pandemic, students still struggle with their mental health:** (Jan 25, 2022; PBS Newshour): <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/two-years-into-the-pandemic-students-still-struggle-with-mental-health>
- **IAAP WEBINAR: "Economic Behavior and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Cooperation, Consumption, and Entrepreneurship"** (available on the IAAP Website)
- **14 emerging trends for 2022:** The pandemic era has changed attitudes toward science and mental health; See: <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/01/special-emerging-trends>
- **"Do Your Own Research": It's Not That Simple.**
See: <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/03/opinion/dyor-do-your-own-research.html>
- **How the Science of Habits Can Help Us Keep Our New Year's Resolutions:**
See: <https://www.apa.org/news/podcasts/speaking-of-psychology/behavioral-habits>

EVENTS, WEBINARS and NEW RESEARCH:

- **Social Media for Psychological Research in Ethical, Productive, and Prosocial Ways**
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6437901583821128720>
- **Essential Science Conversations: Mixed Feelings and Mixed Methods in Psychological Science:** See: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8316517256834408717>
- **Understanding the No Surprises Act: How to provide estimates for your services**
See: <https://www.apaservices.org/practice/legal/managed/no-surprises-act>

SES and Health: For new mothers, feeling low in social status poses risk to health, according to new research published by APA:

See: <https://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2022/01/new-mothers-social-status>

December, 2021 - January, 2022

- **How can we minimize Instagram's harmful effects?**
See: <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/03/feature-minimize-instagram-effects>
- **Coping with Seasonal Affective Disorder During Another Pandemic Winter**
See: <https://www.healthline.com/health-news/coping-with-seasonal-affective-disorder-during-another-pandemic-winter#Tips-for-managing-SAD-and-COVID-19-anxiety>
- **HOLIDAYS: It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Holiday Social Anxiety**
See: <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/24/well/mind/holiday-social-anxiety.html>
- **Re-thinking Work: The Great Resignation:**
See: <https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/bcnews/nation-world-society/education/g-a-the-great-resignation.html>
- **Essential Science Conversations: Anti-Racism in Psychological Science**
See: <https://www.apa.org/science/programs/essential-conversations>
- **Ideas re: facing current uncertainties:**
"Embracing Uncertainty: Achieving peace of mind as we face the unknown": by Susan Jeffers

November – December, 2021:

- **The promise and challenges of AI**
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2021/11/cover-artificial-intelligence>
- **Veterans Struggle With Issues That Are Often Invisible to Others**
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/07/us/politics/afghan-war-iraq-veterans.html>
- **Reenvisioning Self-Care:**

<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2021/11/conversation-boxley>

- **Creating a Better Holiday:**
<https://files.constantcontact.com/ac06501c401/8c72f84a-8acc-4856-9c8f-569810e95314.pdf>
- **Anticipating Difficult Holiday Interactions**
<https://files.constantcontact.com/ac06501c401/b35d5901-008c-45c6-a545-ceb627eda965.pdf>
- **Coping with Difficult Days After a Loss**
<https://files.constantcontact.com/ac06501c401/132f1d7e-272f-4ad2-bc2b-fdb51c3f35d9.pdf>

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