



VA PSYCHOLOGY
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

21st Annual VA Psychology Leadership Conference

“Preventing Suicide and Enhancing Access Through Integrated Healthcare”

Co-Sponsored by the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (AVAPL), the American Psychological Association (APA), and APA Division 18-Psychologists in Public Service

May 29-June 1, 2018

The Westin Riverwalk

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San Antonio, TX 78205

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Pre-Conference: Tuesday, May 29, 2018

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**Registration and Reception
Navarro Ballroom Lobby**

Conference Day 1: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 **Navarro Ballroom**

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Continental Breakfast (Navarro)

7:15 am – 8:00 am

***Welcome Breakfast
Introduction to the Conference (OPTIONAL)***

Mary Beth Shea, Ph.D.

Director of Training, Orlando VAMC

President, AVAPL

Ronald Girona, Ph.D.

Assistant Chief of Mental Health and Behavior
Sciences and Chief of the Psychology Section, James A.
Haley Veterans' Hospital; Past-President, AVAPL

Tracey Smith, Ph.D.

Associate Director for Improving Clinical Care
South Central MIRECC
President-Elect, AVAPL

Christopher Watson, Ph.D.

ACOS for Behavioral Health
Altoona VAMC

Kaily A. Cannizzaro, Psy.D.

Clinical Psychologist
Rocky Mountain MIRECC for Suicide Prevention

Jay L. Cohen, Ph.D.

Mental Health Technical Assistance Specialist
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

8:00 am – 8:15 am

Welcome and Overview**Mike Martin, Ph.D.**

Psychology Executive
Atlanta VA HCS

8:15 am – 8:45 am

Opening Invited Address**Carolyn Clancy, MD**

Executive in Charge
Veterans Health Administration

8:45 am – 9:45 am

Invited Panel***Innovative Practices in Suicide Prevention*****Craig Bryan, Psy.D.**

Assistant Professor, Clinical Psychology
University of Utah

Keita Franklin, Ph.D.

Director, Suicide Prevention
Office of MH and Suicide Prevention - VHA

Lisa Brenner, Ph.D.

Director, VA Rocky Mountain MIRECC

9:45 am – 10:00 am

Brief Break

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Keynote Address***The Interpersonal Theory of Suicidal Behavior*****Thomas Joiner, PhD**

Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Psychology
Florida State University

11:00 am – 11:30 am

Memorials and Tributes

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Breakouts – Session A

Breakout 1 (Navarro)

Women in Leadership

Janna Fikkan, Ph.D.

Associate Director of Training
VA Puget Sound, American Lake Division

Antonette Zeiss, Ph.D.

Retired
Former Chief Consultant, Office of MH Services - VACO

Wendy Tenhula, Ph.D.

Director, Innovation and Collaboration
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Jamylah Jackson, Ph.D.

Training Director
North Texas VA Healthcare System

Erin Patel, Psy.D.

Assistant Chief, Psychology Section
Director of Training, Psychology
VA Tennessee Valley HCS

Breakout 2 (Villa)

Psychology Advocacy

Russell B. Lemle, Ph.D.

Psychology Director
San Francisco VA Health Care System

Heather O'Beirne Kelly, Ph.D.

Director, Military and Veterans Health Policy
American Psychological Association

Kathleen M. McNamara, Ph.D., ABPP

Lead Professional (Retired)
Pacific Islands Health Care System

Jay L. Cohen, Ph.D.

VHA National Mental Health Technical Assistance
Specialist
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Breakout 3 (Madero)**Engaging Providers and Veterans in Shared Decision Making****Jonathan Hessinger, Psy.D.**

Staff Psychologist
Hines VA Medical Center

Kristin L. Powell, Ph.D.

Evidence-Based Psychotherapy Implementation Program
Manager
VISN 6 MIRECC
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Kristine T. Day, Ph.D.

National Evidence-Based Psychotherapy Program Manager
VISN 6 MIRECC
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Breakout 4 (Zapata)***Update from the Midwinter AVAPL Meeting*****Mary Beth Shea, Ph.D.**

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Genevieve Davis, Ph.D.

Staff Psychologist
Western Telemental Health Network (VISN 20)
Secretary, AVAPL

Samuel Wan, Ph.D.

Training Director, Postdoctoral Fellowship Program
San Francisco VA Health Care System
Treasurer, AVAPL

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Networking Lunches (1.5 hours) Women in Leadership (Navarro) General Lunch Area (Villa) Early Career Psychologists (Zapata) Mid-Career Psychologists (Madero)
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	Breakouts – Session A: (Repeated) (See previous descriptions and room locations)
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Brief Break – Move to Plenary (Navarro)
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm	Invited Presentation <i>Update from the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention</i> Dave Carroll, Ph.D. Executive Director Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Wendy Tenhula, Ph.D. Director, Innovation and Collaboration Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Invited Presentation <i>A View from Washington: Update on APA's Veterans Advocacy</i> Heather O'Beirne Kelly, PhD Director, Military and Veterans Health Policy American Psychological Association
4:45 pm – 5:45 pm	Workplace Safety for VA Psychologists – Open Discussion Russell B. Lemle, Ph.D. Psychology Director San Francisco VA Health Care System Lynn M. Van Male, Ph.D., CTM Director, VHA Workplace Violence Prevention Program Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
5:45 pm – 7:45 pm	Social Hour/Poster Sessions 1 & 2 (Navarro Ballroom Lobby)

Conference Day 2: Thursday, May 31, 2018 **Navarro Ballroom**

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am **Continental Breakfast (Navarro)**
- Job Networking Breakfast (Villa) (OPTIONAL)***
- Lisa Kearney, Ph.D., ABPP**
Associate Director – Education
VA Center for Integrated Healthcare (CIH)
- George Shorter, Ph.D.**
Chief, Psychology Service
North Florida/South Georgia VHS
- Kathy Dollar, Ph.D.**
Associate Directory – Implementation
VA Center for Integrated Healthcare (CIH)
- 8:00 am – 8:15 am **Welcome and Housekeeping**
- 8:15 am – 9:15 am **Keynote Address**
- APA Presidential Address***
Veterans: Multiple Sites and Roles as Citizen
Psychologists
- Jessica Henderson Daniel, Ph.D., ABPP**
President
American Psychological Association
- 9:15 am – 10:15 am **Invited Panel – Diversity Issues for Psychologists
and Veterans**
- Gayle Iwamasa, Ph.D.**
National Technical Assistance Specialist
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
- Marcos Lopez, Ph.D.**
PRRC Team Lead
VA Central California HCS - Fresno
- Jillian Shipherd, Ph.D.**
Director, LGBT Program, VACO
- 10:15 am – 10:30 am **Brief Break**
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10:30 am – 11:15 am

Invited Presentation

VA Telemental Health Innovations: Improving Access to Care

Kendra Weaver, Psy.D.

Sr. Consultant, Mental Health Operations
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Breakouts – Session B:

Breakout 1 (Navarro)

Psychology Productivity

Clifford Smith, Ph.D., ABPP

Director, Field Support and Analytics
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Breakout 2 (Villa)

Measurement-Based Care

Tracey Smith, Ph.D.

Associate Director for Improving Clinical Care
South Central MIRECC
President-elect, AVAPL

Lisa Kearney, Ph.D., ABPP

Associate Director – Education
VA Center for Integrated Healthcare (CIH)

Breakout 3 (Madero)

Beyond the Metrics: An Interactive Crash Course in Creative Performance Improvement

Gayle Iwamasa, Ph.D.

Matt Moore, Ph.D.

Theresa Schmitz, Ph.D.

John W. Klocek, Ph.D.

Claire Collie, Ph.D.

Jay L. Cohen, Ph.D.

Marcia Hunt, Ph.D.

VHA National Mental Health Technical Assistance Specialist
Team
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Breakout 4 (Zapata)***Multicultural Issues in Psychology Training*****Samuel Wan, Ph.D.**

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Jamylah Jackson, Ph.D.

Training Director
North Texas VA Healthcare System

Evelyn Lemoine, Ph.D.

Co-Director of Training
Atlanta VA Healthcare System

Andrea Michels, Ph.D.

Co-Director of Training
Atlanta VA Healthcare System

Zhen Cheng, M.S.

Psychology Intern
Minneapolis VAMC

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

Networking Lunches (1.5 hours)**General Lunch Area****(Navarro)**

- Includes Residential and other
special topic groups

Psychology Training**(Madero)****Advocacy****(Villa)****Psychologists of Color and Allies****(Zapata)**

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**Breakouts – Session B:
Topics (Repeated)**

(See previous descriptions and room locations)

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

**Brief Break – Return to Plenary
(Navarro)**

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

The Role of Veteran Service Organizations in the Future of VA**Shurhonda Love**Assistant National Legislative Director
Disabled American Veterans**Josh Hohenstein**Deputy Director, South Central
Team Rubicon**Caroline Angel, R.N., Ph.D.**Eagle Research Center Director
Team Red, White, and Blue

3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Invited Panel (Open Plenary)***Best Practices from the Field: Preventing Suicide and Improving Access to Quality Mental Health Services*****1. Utilizing Interprofessional Telehealth Emergency Response Teams: An Opportunity to Enhance Suicide Prevention Outreach During National Emergencies*****Jill Hedt, Ph.D.*****Matt Rogers, PA-C**Sari Ambert-Pompey, MD
VISN 20/Boise VAMC**2. REACH VET and the Impact on Integrated Healthcare*****Kaily A. Cannizzaro, Psy.D.**

Rocky Mountain MIRECC for Suicide Prevention

3. Impact of Participation in VA Evidence-Based Psychotherapy for Depression on Suicidal Ideation Among Veterans***Kristine Day, Ph.D.^{1,2}*****Kristin L. Powell, Ph.D.^{1,2}**Nathan Kimbrel, Ph.D.²Mandy Kumpula, Ph.D.²H. Ryan Wagner, Ph.D.²Chris M. Crowe, Ph.D.¹Wendy Batdorf, Ph.D.²Hani Shabana²¹Office of MH and Suicide Prevention – VACO²VISN6 MIRECC

*Denotes Presenter

- 4:15 pm – 4:45 pm **Invited Address**
- Update on Psychology Training from OAA***
- Stacy Pommer, LMSW**
Associate Director
Associated Health Education
Office of Academic Affiliations
VA Central Office
- 4:45 pm – 5:15 pm **Presentation of the Russell B. Lemle and Patrick
DeLeon Awards**
- 5:15 pm – 6:00 pm **Closing Remarks and Open Discussion**
- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Extended Open Discussion and Informal Social Hour**

CE Workshop Day: Friday, June 1, 2018 **Navarro Ballroom**

7:00 am – 8:00 am **Continental Breakfast**

8:00 am – 3:45 pm
(45 minute break for
lunch at noon and 2
fifteen minute breaks)

Continuing Education Workshop
Law, Ethics and Risk Management for
Psychologists

Daniel O. Taube, J.D., Ph.D.
The Trust Insurance Company
Professor (Retired), CSPP-San Francisco



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