



The 2012 APA Convention Will Feature Special Programs on the DSM-5 Reform Efforts

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In October 2011, the Society for Humanistic Psychology published an ***OPEN LETTER TO THE DSM-5*** on a petition website (<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/dsm5/>).

The petition caught fire. To date the petition has been endorsed by 53 mental health and other professional organizations, including 16 divisions of the American Psychological Association, and signed by almost 14,000 mental health professionals and other individuals.

The DSM-5 controversy has been covered by national and international media including ABC News, *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Nature*, *Scientific American*, *Medscape*, *Psychology Today*, *The Washington Post*, *The Huffington Post*, and dozens of other news agencies in the U.S. and around the world.

You are cordially invited to the following three events to learn why so many mental health professionals and organizations are concerned about the proposed DSM-5 and its impact on vulnerable populations, clinical research, and the practice of psychotherapy.

THE DSM-5 CONTROVERSY: PRESIDENT'S SYMPOSIUM

Friday, August 3: 10:00 AM - 11:50 AM / Convention Center, Room W109B

Features Presentations by scholars on the “Front Lines” of the controversy

CONVERSATION HOUR: DSM-5 REFORM EFFORT—AN INTERDIVISIONAL MEETING

Saturday, August 4: 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM / Convention Center, Room W109B

Features Melba Vasquez and Frank Farley (Two Past Presidents of APA), the Division 32 Open Letter Committee, Division Presidents, the Primary Author of the British Psychological Society's Letter to the DSM-5 Task Force, and the Primary Author of the American Counseling Association's Response to Task Force. Informal Presentations/Discussion.

CONVERSATION HOUR: THE DSM-5 CONTROVERSY—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Saturday, August 4: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM / Convention Center, Room W109B

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Division 32 is proud to announce the 1st International Summit on Diagnostic Alternatives, to take place in 2013. More information coming soon!