

RiSE-UP Newsletter

Research on Socially and Economically Underrepresented Populations

An Organization of the Association for Psychological Science Student Caucus

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Reflections on RiSE-UP

By Shu-wen Wang

As RiSE-UP quickly approaches its 14th anniversary, I am reminded of how important a group we are. Not only is RiSE-UP one of the *first* student groups to make up the APS Student Caucus, but it continues to act as a voice for the great need for research by and about underrepresented populations. As a student voice, we represent not only the current student contingent of a leading psychological science organization, but also the voice of future leaders in psychological research dedicated to studying underrepresented groups. For that reason, I always feel greatly encouraged knowing that so many of psychology's future great minds have already made a commitment to diversifying the field of psychology today. Psychology surely has a promising future!

Although RiSE-UP was originally established at the 1994 Convention to speak for the concerns of ethnic minority students, we have clearly grown to include committees for a variety of underrepresented groups. It is my hope that RiSE-UP not only continues to grow in representing diverse groups, but that we also grow in becoming a truly active scholarly community that fosters scientific dialogue, provides networking opportunities, and advocates for the underrepresented in a meaningful way. I believe that over the last few years, RiSE-UP has seen tremendous growth in these areas, and I look forward to seeing what RiSE-UP has in store in the coming years. Thanks to all of you for being a part of RiSE-UP!



RiSE-UP Research Award

An impressive **186 reviewers** have joined the peer review team for the RiSE-UP Research Award! Thanks to you all for helping make this happen!

Submissions are due **February 1st**. If you're conducting research with underrepresented populations, then please consider entering this competition. You only have to submit a 1250 word description of your research to be reviewed by your peers. Check out the RiSE-UP website for more information.

Updates on RiSE-UP Activities and Committees

FA Chair, **DeLeon Gray**, has completely revamped the existing resource lists, creating a more user-friendly format that will greatly improve the readability of RiSE-UP's flagship projects. With the help of RiSE-UP members, he has completed **updating resource lists** for the following areas: Aging, Ethnic Minorities, LGBT Individuals, Women's Issues, and Working Class. Watch out for an official resource list update on our website and be sure to tell your peers!

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Sharon Gingola, our AR Chair, has been hard at work on developing new and effective recruitment strategies for RiSE-UP. Her more personal

and targeted "word-of-mouth" approach and the efforts and enthusiasm of RiSE-UP members have helped get the word out about RiSE-UP to students in the United States as well as overseas. We are proud to celebrate the record-breaking **75 committee members** that make up RiSE-UP this year!

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Melissa Miller, Weight Issues Chair, is authoring an article for the Student Notebook section of *The Observer* about RiSE-UP and her research on exercise adherence in older adults. Watch out for this great article in an upcoming issue!

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Michelle Ackerman, reports that several interesting topics have been raised in the **Aging Committee**, and that committee members have most recently been discussing exactly what “successful aging” is in a society where any signs of aging are undesirable, as well as how to operationalize this concept in research.

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Similarly, **Daisy Tsao** and the **Women’s Issues Committee** have also been holding discussions about challenges unique to women as researchers, as well as mapping out similar research interests among members in order to encourage collaboration and networking.

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Kymerlee O’Brien has created helpful resources for the **Working Class Individuals Committee** that include a list of scholarly books about class and classism, website resources for teaching about socioeconomic issues, as well as financial resources for this area of research.

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Justin Kruse mentions that the **LGBT Committee** has delved into conversation about members’ research interests, and have also discussed LGBT organizations that are part of their universities and communities. In addition, members of the LGBT Committee are working together on a symposium proposal for the APS Convention — a great example of RiSE-UP working as a scholarly community for student researchers!

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Melissa Miller has created regular newsletters for the **Weight Issues Committee** in which interesting research findings, points of discussion, and members’ research interests are compiled and listed. In addition, the Weight Issues Committee has also scheduled online chat sessions at which time members can communicate directly with one another on a variety of topics.

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The **Individuals with Disabilities Committee**, chaired by **Christina Rivera**, and the **Ethnic Minorities Committee**, chaired by **Betina Yanez**, are getting started with discussions. We look forward to hearing about what exciting things come out of those groups!

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RiSE-UP has accomplished a lot in a relatively short amount of time this year. From recruiting and accepting new committee members, to selecting Chairs, to fostering group atmosphere and dialogue within the committees, to getting started on the resource lists, it’s been a fast-paced but productive few months. In addition, the RiSE-UP Research Award is in full swing. Thank you all for all of your hard work!

APS 20th Annual Convention, Chicago, May 22-25 2008

Haven’t decided yet whether or not to attend the APS Convention? Here are a **few great reasons** why you should go:

- 1) It’s the **20th Anniversary** of APS, meaning an extra-special convention awaits you! Learn more about the history of this great organization we are a part of while taking part in the many *many* convention festivities.
- 2) You’ll get to **meet the faces** of the RiSE-UP committee members you have gotten to know so well via email this year.
- 3) You could **present your research** at the convention. Submissions are due January 31st!
- 4) Hey, it’s in **Chicago!!!**
- 5) It’s **never too earlier** to start going to conventions and learn about your future profession.

Need more convincing? The APSSC Board sponsors several **Student Events** every year, including:

- Student Convention Kick-off and Student Social— with **free** food and drinks!
- Informative **peer panels** on getting into grad school, navigating grad school, and life after the PhD.
- A **distinguished panel** of journal editors with advice on how to get published.
- A chance to get up close and personal with some **Champions** of Psychology.
- The winners of the APSSC Research Awards (including the **RiSE-UP Research Award**) will



present their research in symposium format.

- And many more opportunities to **get to know** your fellow student researchers!
- Worried about \$\$\$? The APSSC offers a **Travel Assistance** program every year that offers monetary awards to help defray convention travel expenses in exchange for some volunteer service. Applications are due March 31st. Check out the APSSC website for more info.

APSSC Elections

As a RiSE-UP member, your involvement in RiSE-UP activities and projects provides you with a particular set of experiences that make you particularly suited for leadership in the APSSC.

Why not consider running for an APSSC Board position this year?

Information about nominations and the election process will be available in March 2008.

Check out the APSSC website for a list of Board positions:

<http://www.psychologicalscience.org/apssc/>