



VA PSYCHOLOGY  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

## ***21<sup>st</sup> 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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### **Pre-Conference: Tuesday, May 29, 2018**

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Registration and Reception  
Navarro Ballroom Lobby**

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### **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)***

8:00 am - 8:15 am

**Welcome and Overview**

8:15 am – 9:00 am

**Opening Invited Address**

**TBA**

VA Central Office

9:00 am- 10:00 am

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

Assistant Professor, Clinical Psychology  
University of Utah

**Keita Franklin, Ph.D.**

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

**Lisa Brenner, Ph.D.**

Director, VA Rocky Mountain MIRECC

10:00 am – 10:15 am

**Break**

10:15am – 11:00 am

**Invited Presentation*****Update from the Office of Mental Health and  
Suicide Prevention*****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

11:00 am– 12:00 pm

**Breakouts – Session A****Breakout 1 (Navarro)*****Women in Leadership*****Antonette Zeiss, Ph.D.**

Retired  
Former Chief Consultant, Office of Mental Health Services  
VACO

**Janna Fikkan, Ph.D.**

Associate Director of Training  
VA Puget Sound, American Lake Division

**Breakout 2 (Carranza)*****Psychology Advocacy*****Tracey Smith, Ph.D.**

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

**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

**Breakout 3 (Villa)*****Shared Decision Making*****Kristine T. Day, PhD**

National Evidence-Based Psychotherapy Program Manager  
V6 MIRECC  
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

**Breakout 4 (Zapata)*****Update from the Midwinter AVAPL Meeting*****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

**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

12:00pm – 1:30 pm

**Networking Lunches (1.5 hours)****General Lunch Area (Navarro)****Women in Leadership (Carranza)****Early Career Psychologists (Villa)****Mid-Career Psychologists (Zapata)**

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**Breakouts – Session A:  
(Repeated)**

(See previous descriptions and room locations)

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

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

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

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

Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Psychology  
Florida State University

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

**Invited Presentation*****APA Update*****Heather O'Beirne Kelly, PhD**

Director, Military and Veterans Health Policy  
American Psychological Association

4:45 pm – 5:30 pm

**Invited Address*****Update on Psychology Training from OAA***

**Ken Jones, PhD**  
Director, Associated Health Education  
Office of Academic Affiliations  
VA Central Office

**Stacy Pommer**  
Associate Director  
Associated Health Education  
Office of Academic Affiliations  
VA Central Office

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Social Hour/Poster Sessions 1 & 2  
(Navarro Ballroom Lobby)**

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

7:00 am - 8:00 am

**Continental Breakfast (Navarro)**

***Job Networking Breakfast (Villa) (OPTIONAL)***

8:00 am - 8:15 am

**Welcome and Housekeeping**

8:15 am – 9:15 am

**Keynote Address**

***Title TBA***

**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, PhD**

National Technical Assistance Specialist  
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

**Jillian Shipherd, PhD**

Director, LGBT Program, VACO

10:15 am – 10:30 am

**Brief Break**

10:30 am - 11:15 am

**Invited Presentation**

***VA Telemental Health Innovations: Improving Access to Care***

**Kendra Weaver, Ph.D.**

Senior Consultant, Mental Health Clinical Operations  
VA Central Office

11:15 am – 11:30 am

**Brief Break**

11:30 am – 12:30 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 (Carranza)**

***Measurement-Based Care***

**Tracey Smith, Ph.D.**

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

**Breakout 3 (Villa)**

***Beyond the Metrics: A Crash Course in Performance Improvement***

**Gayle Iwamasa, PhD**

National Technical Assistance Specialist  
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

**Matt Moore, Ph.D.**

National Technical Assistance Specialist  
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

**Breakout 4 (Zapata)**

### ***Multicultural Issues in Psychology Training***

#### **Samuel Wan, Ph.D.**

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

#### **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

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

#### **Networking Lunches (1.5 hours)**

**General Lunch Area** (Navarro)

**Training Directors** (Carranza)

**Advocacy** (Villa)

**Diversity/Psychologists of Color** (Zapata)

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

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

(See previous descriptions and room locations)

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

#### **Brief Break**

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

**Amy Webb**  
AMVETS

TBA

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

#### **Invited Panel (Open Plenary)**

***Best Practices from the Field: Improving Access to  
Quality Mental Health Services***

**TBA**

4:45 pm – 5:15 pm

**Presentation of the Russell B. Lemle and Patrick DeLeon Awards**

5:15 pm – 6:00pm

**Closing Remarks and Open Discussion**

6:00 pm – 6:15pm

**Brief Break  
Social Hour begins, CE Certificates available, return to Extended Open Discussion**

6:15 pm - 8:00 pm

**Extended Open Discussion and Social Hour**

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

7:30 am - 8:00 am

**Continental Breakfast**

8:00 am - 2:45 pm  
(45 minute break for  
lunch at noon)

**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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