

# Newsletter

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The Academy of Couple & Family Psychology President:

John Thoburn, Ph.D. ABPP

The past several years have seen a flurry of action on the part of the Academy of Family Psychology (AFP) as it has sought to recruit, train and recognize the professional competence of its board certified members. Past presidents, such as Frank Ezzo and John Northman, have offered enthusiastic and involved leadership. Besides John Northman's outstanding leadership, special commendation should go to Jerry Morris, Ph.D. ABPP who has taken the AFP Newsletter to a new level of professionalism, and Wes Crenshaw, Ph.D. ABPP who has been an excellent treasurer. We are fortunate that these individuals have agreed to continue in their positions for another term of office. The next two years should continue to build upon previous years' accomplishments. Let me introduce you to the agenda for the next year at AFP:

1. Recruitment of candidates: AFP is making a concerted effort to recruit diplomate candidates of sterling competence. This past year we created an excellent brochure and began marketing at national events such as APA. This year we plan to contact pre and post

## President's Message

By John Thoburn, Ph.D.

doctoral internship directors and family psychology faculty with direct invitations to apply for board certification. We also plan to continue working with Division 43's efforts to educate family psychology students in the understanding that professional competence does not end with licensure, but board certification.

2. Mentoring of candidates. AFP has recognized that we need a more centralized, programmatic and structured approach to mentoring candidates through the application and examination process. We have placed the mentoring program under the duties of the AFP president-elect and will spend this year clearly defining goals and resources that the academy can bring to bear in the service of helping candidates experience the application and exam process as a positive experience. Actually, nearly everyone who goes through the application and examination process talks about what a great experience it was – I think the main issue is helping people overcome their initial anxiety about taking the plunge into the process.
3. During APA's mid-winter conference, AFP met with representative board members from the American Board of Family Psychology, Division 43, Family Psychology and the Family Psychology Specialties Council. The boards have dialogued for the past two years about

the possibility for greater interactivity. Members have recommended that their respective organizations explore how they might interact with each other to pursue common interests and achieve goals that serve common purposes in furthering the field of family psychology and serving the public through the practice of family psychology. An ad hoc committee was formed August 2006 to create a white paper outlining a potential working relationship between the four boards. The results of that paper were shared at a jointly sponsored breakfast, and some excellent decisions were made. First, the Paper recognized that there are areas of commonality around recruitment, practice, science, education and public policy. The Paper recommended establishing a coordinating structure and the FPSC board agreed unanimously, and I must add, enthusiastically, to act as the body to provide that structure. It's a natural fit since representatives from the other three associations serve on that board. The boards' representatives also agreed to contribute modest funding for interactive efforts.

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### The ABFamP Board Becomes American Board of Couple & Family Psychology, and our Academy becomes The Academy of Couple & Family Psychology

The ABPP Board approved a name change for our academy. Hence forth, our academy will be officially known as **The Academy of Couple and Family Psychology (AACFP)**.

Advertise your practice or faculty position in the AFP Newsletter.

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- 4. Bylaws: AFP will perform an audit of its bylaws this year with the goal of fleshing out the roles of officers in the organization.

We are looking forward to continued wonderful collaboration with our colleagues in the other family psychology associations, a continued upward trend in applicants for certification and more

clearly defined roles among the officers of the Academy.

John Thoburn – AFP President

## A Call For Nominations

By Irene Goldenberg

The **American Board of Family Psychology**, now currently **renamed American Board of Couple and Family Psychology (ABC FP)**, is seeking committed board certified couple and family psychologists to be **members of the ABCFP Board**.

The term of a board member is 2 years. Candidates must be current in their re-

newal of all attestation fees with ABPP, ABCFP and the Academy. They must be willing to serve on a minimum of 2 examining committees a year and be able to attend 2 board meetings a year, one sometime between January and April and the other at APA.

The experience of working with others on the cutting edge of the field is a rewarding

one. Before nominating, please check with your nominee to see if they are willing to serve if elected. (Self-nomination is accepted.) There are four openings on the board

Contact: [kprager@tx.it.com](mailto:kprager@tx.it.com) or **Karen Prager, Ph.D., Prof of Psychology, U of Texas at Dallas, PO Box 830688, Richardson, TX 75083-0688 by July 31, 2007**

## ABPP Booth At APA Convention

Friday, August 17 – Monday, August 20

	Friday August 17 9AM-5PM	Saturday August 18 9AM-5PM	Sunday August 19 9AM-5PM	Monday August 20 9AM-12PM
9AM-10AM				
10AM-11AM			Norma Simon (CO)	
11AM-12PM	Mike Westerveld (CN)		Norma Simon (CO)	
12PM-1PM	Chris & Art Nezu		Jeff Miller (SC)	closed
1PM-2PM	Chris & Art Nezu		Mary Alice Conroy (FP)	closed
2-30PM-4PM	Frank Ezzo & Mary Ann Watson			closed
3PM-4PM	Dolores Morris (PA)	Bill Amberg (OB)		closed
4PM-5PM	Rosemary Flanagan (SC)			closed

- CL-Clinical
- CO-Counseling
- CC-Clinical Child
- CH-Clinical Health
- CN-Clinical Neuropsychology
- BP-Cognitive and Behavioral
- FM-Couple and Family

- FP-Forensic
- GP-Group
- OB-Organizational and Business Consulting
- PA-Psychoanalysis
- RH-Rehabilitation
- SC-School

### APA Conference News: The President's Reception

The American Academy of Couple and Family Psychology is co-sponsoring the Division 43 President's Reception and Social Hour. Please join us following the ABPP dinner for the President's Reception, from 8:00-10:30 PM in the Division 43 Hospitality Suite. The Academy will present the President's Award and commendations for service. The Social Hour will be on Saturday evening from 5:00-7:00 at the San Francisco Marriott Golden Gate Salon B3. We look forward to seeing you.



**ABPP Hospitality Rooms**

**Sir Francis Drake Hotel**

450 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

Thursday, August 16, 2007 – Sunday, August 19, 2007

**Thursday, August 16 (3 rooms)**

8AM-11AM

Room 1-Counseling

Room 2-Open

Room 3-Open

11AM-2PM

Room 1-Clinical Health

Room 2-Counseling Academy

11AM-5PM

Room 3-Cognitive & Behavioral

3PM-5:30PM

Room 2-Ethics Committee

2PM-5PM

Room 1-Open

5:30PM-Ethics Committee Dinner

**Saturday, August 18 (1 room)**

8AM-12PM

Room 1-**Governance Meeting**

**Friday, August 17 (3 rooms)**

8AM-11AM

Room 1-Open

Room 2-Open

8AM-10AM

Room 3-Past Presidents Breakfast

10AM-11AM

Room 3-ABCN PCR Meeting

11AM-2PM

Room 1-Rehabilitation

Room 2-School

Room 3-Couple and Family (11-1)

2PM-5PM

Room 1-Clinical Neuropsychology

Room 2-Clinical Health Academy

Room 3-Open

**Sunday, August 19 (1 room)**

8AM-11AM

Room 1-CPPSA

11AM-1PM

Room 1-Nat'l Acad of Psych

1PM-3PM

Room 1-Open

3PM-5PM

Room 1-Open

Contact Nancy McDonald for reservation at [nmcdonald@abpp.org](mailto:nmcdonald@abpp.org)

**ABPP Events**

**Thursday, August 16**

6:30PM-PER Dinner



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Fifth Floor at Hotel Palomar  
12 4<sup>th</sup> Street

**Friday, August 17**

6:30PM-60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner  
Hotel Monaco-Paris Ballroom  
501 Geary Street

**Saturday, August 18**

8AM-12PM-Governance Meeting  
Sir Francis Drake Hotel  
450 Powell Street

1PM-2:50PM-Convocation

Hilton San Francisco-Imperial Ballroom B  
333 O'Farrell Street

**APA Convention**

Friday, August 17 – Monday, August 20

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Friday-Sunday)

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Monday)

The Moscone Convention Center

Exhibit Hall A, B and C

Booth 1117

**See the academy web site at:  
<http://www.acfamp.org/>**

**Russ Newman, PhD, JD  
Executive Director of the  
Practice Directorate  
And Practice Organization  
Resigns to Take Academic Post**

Dr. Newman's new position will be Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Alliant University in California.

Dr. Newman has worked at APA, dedicating most of his professional career to helping practitioners and improving the practice of psychology. He was assistant to Bryant Welch, PhD, JD during the many successful campaigns of the Welch era and came to his CEO job well trained and experienced.

As a leader of the largest trainer of psychologists in the world it is likely that he will continue to positively affect practice.

**Family Practitioner Focus**

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Dr. Daniel Aroz was the third President of the Academy of Family Psychology. He prefers to be called Daniel, and finished his post-doctoral training in 1971. After becoming a psychoanalyst and obtaining the psychology license in Illinois and Pennsylvania, he tried different theoretical approaches, as his 12 books and over 100 articles, book chapters, etc. show.

Dr Aroz was involved in systemic therapy, in brief therapy, in sexology and in hypnosis. His clinical practice continues to be psychodynamic and the 34 years of graduate teaching at Long Island University centered on Mental Health Counseling, which is now a licensed profession in New York.

He wrote his latest book, "The Symptom is not the Whole Story: Psychoanalysis for non-Psychoanalysts," (published by Other Press in October 2006, \$27), for the many mental health practitioners who did not have the opportunity to learn psychoanalysis. Among these we find many family therapists who limit themselves to cognitive-behavioral methods bypassing the unconscious dynamics that affect relationships. His stance is that in the final analysis we are all behaviorists because we are helping people to change for the better, but that many obstacles are unconscious and we can assist the clients/patients to use them for their benefit.

The new book is practical with numerous applications to clinical situations, including

with Couple and families, in therapy groups, with sexuality issues and using clinical hypnosis.

The book can also be used as a text as well as a primer for quick consultation.

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## ABPP UPDATE

By Florence Kaslow, Ph.D., ABPP



### MAJOR NEWS

**AMERICAN BOARD OF FAMILY  
PSYCHOLOGY  
BECOMES  
AMERICAN BOARD OF COUPLE  
AND FAMILY PSYCHOLOGY**

In March 2007, the ABFamP requested approval for a change of name to ABCFP. The request was approved by an overwhelmingly positive vote, and became official in April 2007.

Our rationale, as presented to ABPP, read as follows:

“The American Board of Family Psychology would like to request a change of name to the American Board of Couple and Family Psychology. Please note that our predecessor organization was The Academy of Psychologists in Marital, Family and Sex Therapy. We believe that the change of name to include *couple* more fully describes what it is that those engaged in our specialty actually do and that it will enhance the clarity of our ability to communicate this to other professionals in the health, mental health, legal and other professional fields as well as to the public at large. We also believe that by broadening the name to include *couple*, now deemed preferable to the term marital as it includes all of the non-marital couples we see, we will enlarge the pool of psychologists to whom we can appeal to become Board Certified in this specialty. There are many psychologists who treat couples but do not call themselves family psychologists; yet they are generally defined as coming under the rubric of Family Psychology.”

When this change occurred, the Academy of Family Psychology also then changed

its name to be consistent and is now the American Academy of Couple and Family Psychology. The Academy is the organization to which diplomats belong after they become Board certified, and which is currently collaborating with ABCFP in offering \$100 rebates to those who successfully complete the Board Certification process.

With certification becoming increasingly important and required in some hospitals; some academic departments expressing preference for Board certified psychologists; the VA now giving pay incentives to only ABPP Board certified diplomats (See *VA, ABPP Bonus a Reality at Last, The Specialist*, Winter 2007, 26, [1], p. 1), etc., this has become a more and more important post-doctoral credential to acquire. So now is the time. If you know anyone who may be interested, have them contact ABPP at 1-800-255-7792 (Phone & Fax) or 1-912-234-5120 (Fax only) and ask Nancy McDonald for an application, or go to the ABPP website for it ([www//abpp.org](http://www//abpp.org)). If they are 15-years post-doc and have made a substantial recognized contribution to the field, they can feel free to apply in the Senior Track. Mentors are available through the Academy of Couple and Family Psychology to help them through the process. It really is “in their best interest!”

## Relocation of Children After Divorce and Children's Best Interests: New Evidence and Legal Considerations

**Braver, Ellman, Fabricius**  
**Journal of Family Psychology**

2003, Vol. 17, No. 2, 206–219

Some have found that relocation cases, in which a divorced parent seeks to move away with the child, are among the knottiest problems facing family courts. The recent trend is to permit such moves, largely because of Wallerstein's controversial *amica curiae* brief, which a recent court (*Baures v. Lewis*, 2001) interpreted as supporting the conclusion that “in general, what is good for the custodial parent is good for the child.” The authors present direct evidence on relocation. On most child outcomes, the ones whose parents moved are significantly disadvantaged. This suggests courts should give greater weight to the child's separate interests in deciding such cases.

## 60th Anniversary Dinner

### APA Convention

To purchase tickets [http://www.abpp.org/admin/handle\\_Event.php](http://www.abpp.org/admin/handle_Event.php) (We are holding several special activities during the convention which require registration and prepayment: **Summer PER Dinner**, Thursday, August 16, 6:30 p.m. - Tickets are \$125.00 each **60th Anniversary Dinner**, Friday, August 17, 6:30 p.m. - Tickets are \$125.00 each, **Convocation & Social Hour**, Saturday, August 18, 1:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. - no cost, register only

David H. Barlow, Ph.D., ABPP, recipient of the Year 2006 ABPP Distinguished Service Award to the Profession of Psychology, will speak at the ABPP Convocation. The topic will be "Clinical Psychology in Ascendancy". The Convocation will be Saturday, August 18, 2007, Hilton San Francisco Hotel, Imperial Ballroom B from 1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

#### THE AMERICAN BOARD OF COUPLE & FAMILY PSYCHOLOGY

##### Brief Description of Specialty

Intervention and assessment in Family Psychology embracing the total couple & family system including individuals, couples, families, and the intergenerational system.

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##### APA Division 43 Election Results

President-elect: Thomas L. Sexton, PhD

Secretary: Terry Soo-Hoo, PhD

V.P. for Practice: Deborah L. Cox, PhD

V.P. for Science: Erika Lawrence, PhD

## Mentoring

Mentoring is helping qualified colleagues prepare their application, theoretical paper and work sample,  
and to prepare for examination.

If you would like to be more fully and formally involved in the very satisfying mentoring process, please forward your name to

**Dr. Melton Strozier at [strozier\\_am@mercuer.edu](mailto:strozier_am@mercuer.edu)**



## President, American Board of Family Psychology

Frank R. Ezzo, Ph.D., ABPP

As president of the American Board of Family Psychology (ABCFP), I wish I had better news for the members of the Academy. Specialty board certification in Family Psychology is at a critical juncture in its continued growth and development. On January 30, 2007 I received a memorandum from the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) essentially placing us on notice regarding continued affiliation as a specialty board due to limited new board certified members within the last three years. The Affiliation Committee of ABPP expects at least 21 new board certified specialists in each specialty over a successive three (3) calendar year period. Consequently, we need to make a concerted effort to work together and increase the number of candidates for Board Certification in Family Psychology.

This issue of productivity places Family Psychology Board Certification at risk for disaffiliation from ABPP. To quote Alfred J. Finch, Ph.D., ABPP, President, and David R. Cox, Ph.D., ABPP, Executive Officer: "Significantly limited production of Board Certified Specialists presents a serious credibility gap to the public and profession as well as financial support issues to the organization." The memorandum goes on to state that low productivity of new board certified Family Psychologists raises the question about the current viability of specialty board certification in Family Psychology. The Bylaws of ABPP direct that "Affiliation of a Specialty Board may be rescinded by the Board of Trustees if such Specialty Board does not maintain the criteria of affiliation..." We must meet this challenge with a unified effort from all of our board certified family psychologists.

Recruitment of Board Certified Family Psychologists is not a new issue, and has only recently evolved to this critical point. Over four (4) years ago during my tenure as President of the Academy of Family Psychology recruiting new candidates was my major emphasis. I called for a "grass roots" effort from our Academy members

to recruit new candidates in their geographical areas by giving presentations, talking to colleagues who may have the appropriate credentials, and generally creating a higher visibility for our specialty. Dr. John Northman, who succeeded me as President, continued with a recruiting theme and helped to unite the Academy, Division 43, the American Board of Family Psychology, and the Family Psychology Specialty Council. Dr. John Thoburn's new leadership will further develop these themes with his draft of a White Paper outlining the importance of collaboration among the four groups in Family Psychology. Our united groups are replete with synergistic energy and ideas, but this core group needs the help of all of our members to comb the landscape for appropriately trained psychologists who met the criteria for specialty board certification in Family Psychology.

The ABCFP has responded to this challenge with a Strategic Plan for recruitment that includes, but is not limited to, contacting the following organizations and conducting the following activities:

- Past presidents, and other officers of Division 43
- Fellows of Division 43
- Past Awardees in Division 43
- An article will be printed in the Family Psychologist
- Marital, Couples and Family Therapy training institutes
- American Family Therapy Academy (AFTA members who are psychologists)
- Veteran's Administration
- American Board of Cognitive and Behavioral Psychology
- A letter has already been sent to Directors of Clinical Training in APA approved Clinical and Counseling Psychol-

ogy Programs

- ABCFP unanimously passed a resolution to recommend to ABPP a change in our name to the American Board of Couple and Family Psychology. This recommendation was made on the premise that it more accurately reflects our specialty and may broaden the base of potential candidates

Doctoral programs and post doctoral fellowships in family psychology will also be contacted

As you can see, we will be busy throughout the next two years to increase our candidate base. We also need your help to recruit candidates. Talk to colleagues, call training programs, and explain the growing importance of specialty board certification in Psychology in general, and in Family Psychology in particular. If you need literature I recommend that you contact Dr. John Thoburn as President of the Academy to obtain brochures that explain the importance and benefits of board certification in Family Psychology.

This MUST be a concerted and galvanized effort from all our members, not just officers from the Academy, and ABCFP. Please contact me with your recruiting goals and activities, and I and other board members of ABCFP and the Academy will be ready to assist you if you need any help with these activities. Our continued affiliation with the American Board of Professional Psychology depends on the success of our united efforts. With your activities to recruit new candidates I am optimistic that our ranks will increase and the specialty of Family Psychology will expand its influence on both practice and research.

## A New Board Certified Family Psychologist

By Ward Lawson, PhD, ABPP



I started the ABPP application process in April 2005. I did not know what to expect. Nancy McDonald, the ABPP Office Manager, was the first person to contact me. She was friendly and thoroughly outlined the steps for me. The application process, which involved verification of general and specific education and training, was a bit formidable (contacting people for letters of recommendation, documentation of CE's, getting transcripts sent, providing informa-

tion about my internship, etc.), but steady attention and determination resulted in completing the requirements. After I submitted by application, I received confirmation of my application's status quickly. I had a couple of deficiencies (I learned that my supervisors could not also fill the role of endorser so I needed to find two more psychologists who would be willing to serve as endorsers). I quickly took care of this problem. The staff at ABPP was personable, and I was able to talk with a friendly voice personally each time I needed clarification.

I received correspondence from John Northman, Ph.D and ABPP, President of the Academy of Family Psychology, and Russ J. Bent, Ph.D, D. Sc., ABPP, executive officer of the Academy, warmly welcoming me as a candidate and offering suggestions on how to make the process smoother. They also emphasized the importance of connecting with a mentor. Fortunately, I already had a mentor, Dr. Jerry Morris. Having a mentor was indeed sage advice and I relied on him throughout the process when necessary. Dr. Morris was helpful in guiding me and allaying anxieties associated with this process. After I submitted my professional statement and

practice sample (video tapes of actual sessions), it came time to set the oral examination. Waiting for the setting of the orals date took several months. This was to be expected, since the examining board is composed of busy professionals. Patience was required. Part of the time I was glad for the extra time to prepare, and part of the time I wanted to get it over with! The examiners made it clear that I was viewed as a colleague. It was an intellectually stimulating experience.

Being "ABPP'd" has always been a goal of mine and I was admittedly a bit nervous when it was appropriate to apply. The process spurred me to dig into the books again and to refine my theories and views of families and systems thinking. Being a life-long learner, I enjoyed submerging myself in this material again. I found the process of submitting my own theory a gratifying and helpful process as it solidified my own thinking. I am a better family therapist for it. I recommend attaining ABPP status in Family Psychology!

### Welcome to the Academy Dr. Lawson

**Ward M. Lawson, PhD, ABPP**, got his doctorate in Counseling Psychology in 1991 from the University of Kansas. He has completed post-doctoral fellowships in neuropsychology and forensic psychology, has ABPP status in Family Psychology and is a member of Division 43. He is certified by the American Psychological Association's (APA) College of Professional Psychology in the Treatment of Alcohol and Other Psychoactive Substance Use Disorders. He is a member of the Missouri Psychological Association (MoPA), American Psychological Association, National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN), and is a clinical member of the American Association of Marital and Family Therapists (AAMFT). From 1996 to 1998, he served on the board of MOPA as Treasurer and is on MOPA's Insurance and Managed Care Committee and the RxP Taskforce. He is a member of National Association of Practicing Professional Psychologists (NAPPP).

Dr. Lawson owns Tri-County Psychological Services, Inc., providing mental health services in rural southwest Missouri. Tri-County also is a state-certified outpatient substance abuse program and is the treatment provider for the county's Drug Court. Due to Dr. Lawson's commitment to integrated health care, he opened Wellpointe Family Medical Clinic, LLC in 2004, a certified Rural Health Clinic that provides both general medical as well as mental health services.



## ABPP Accepted for Licensure in Many States

### Mobility Chart ABPP 6/06

Accept ABPP	Accept + Documentation	Accept +oral	Does not Accept
Alabama	Delaware	Colorado	All Canadian Provinces
Alaska	Idaho	DC	Arkansas
Arizona	Illinois	Georgia	Connecticut
California	Massachusetts (for supervision)	Hawaii	Indiana
Florida	New Jersey	Nevada	Iowa
Louisiana		New Hampshire	Kansas
Missouri		New Mexico	Kentucky
Nebraska		Oklahoma	Maine
North Carolina		Oregon	Maryland
Ohio		Rhode Island	Montana
South Dakota		Tennessee	New York
Utah		Texas	North Dakota
Vermont		Washington	Pennsylvania
Virginia		West Virginia	South Carolina
		Wisconsin	Virgin Islands
		Michigan	Wyoming

The National Register is accepted in the following jurisdictions

Canada

Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Minnesota, (Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee,\*)  
Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina Rhode Island

In Process:

Washington, Nebraska, Arkansas, West Virginia

Facilitates Health Service provider Status ?

North Carolina, Texas, Oklahoma

\* these states accept to expedite generic licensure and the HSP



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## Editor's Notes

By Jerry Morris, Psy.D, MBA, MSPHarm, ABPP



This is an important time in the evolution of our Academy. We are strong, and have the top names in family psychology in our membership. However, it is time to develop a cadre of new specialists to continue our tradition of attracting the brightest and best family psychologists to our specialty. In this issue you will note that states are increasing using ABPP certification as a criterion for licensure mobility and many employers recognize board certification as criterion for higher salaries and bonuses.

In this issue you will also note that our Academy must grow to continue to meet the ABPP criterion as a specialty. That pressure to attract top psychologists in a specialty is not a problem, but rather a strength that will keep us strong and ever building the next generation in our specialty. In this issue you were introduced Dr. Ward Lawson, a new

ABCFP from my home state of Missouri. We hope to add several specialists in Missouri in the next year so that we have a close and collaborative group of family psychologists with a vision for our specialty in our state. We hope several of you in your states pull together a group of family psychology specialists who can build a rewarding and supportive core group in your states. How exciting for state focused groups of family psychology specialists who are excited enough about our specialty to influence state legislative programs relative to families, provide continuing education in family psychology at state psychological associations and practitioner chapters, and who will eventually make up the supervisory corps for family psychology training programs in their state.

You are in a position to influence your specialty like no other time in its evolution. The Senior Option allows a fast track route to board certification for well established and experienced family psychologists with 15 years of experience. You can help these colleagues become vital parts of our Academy and family psychology leadership in your state. The young generation of family psychologists 5 years post licensure will need your help and mentor ship, and lasting friendships can be forged by such collaboration and provision of elite systems interventions.

The hard work is done! We have established a specialty, developed the core group that has led to a solid Academy and examination and certification process, and have gained the respect of other ABPP Boards and specialties. Now is the time to grow our Academy and fuse the developmental stage with the maturity stage of our specialty. You are the key to this exciting component of our evolution. You can identify, recommend, and mentor the top family psychologists in your state. Each member can ensure that their state cadre of our Academy grows next year. When each person lights one candle and holds it up this year a great light will emerge in family psychology.

I am excited to be your editor and to have the pleasure and opportunity to chronicle your emerging achievements.

## Dr. Melton Strozier Elected President-Elect Of The American Academy of Couple & Family Psychology



A doctor at Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, GA, Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences & Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Melton Strozier will be our Academy President-Elect.

**Credentials:** Licensed Psychologist; ABCFP Diplomate; Fellow, Academy of Family Psychology; CPQ (Clinical Qualifications in Psychology), Association of State and Provincial Boards of Professional Psychology (ASBPP). Member, American Psychological Association, primary affiliation Division 43, Family Psychology. Clinical Member and Approved Supervisor, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.