Dear Members of Division 26,

My co-editor Peter Hegarty and I are pleased to circulate a call for papers for a special issue of American Psychologist scheduled for 2019 to reflect on the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising:

50 Years Since Stonewall: The Science and Politics of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity


The goal of this special issue is to stimulate scholarly reflection on how psychology — through both research and policy influence — has been entangled with changing social and scientific attitudes and theories about sexual orientation and gender diversity over the past 50 years.

The history of psychology and the history of recent LGBTI activism have only recently begun to be co-narrated.

The aim of this issue is to analyze and explore the co-constitutive relationships between psychological research on gender diversity and sexual orientation and the societies in which this research has been, and is, embedded, both in the United States and other national and geopolitical contexts.

Broad questions of interest include, but are not limited to:

- How has the "science of sexual orientation" changed and been drawn upon in tandem with efforts to combat homophobia and cultural heterosexism?
- How have efforts to develop LGBTQ-affirmative psychologies developed in national contexts outside the United States and transnationally?
- How has psychological science been used to influence mental health policy, legal rulings, and social attitudes about same-sex marriage, gay parenting, trans-rights?
- How has psychology’s engagement with sexual orientation and gender diversity intersected with its engagement with other movements for equality and social justice?
All manuscripts should explicitly discuss psychology’s contributions to our understanding of the issues being investigated, and should address the importance of the historical, social, political, intellectual, and/or institutional contexts in which these contributions have developed.

The journal has "an outstanding reputation as a primary means by which the contributions of psychologists are communicated to psychologists, to other professionals, and to the public" (Kazak, 2016, p. 1).

Please see the full call for papers for details on how to submit:


and please circulate widely! Many thanks - Alexandra Rutherford (alexr@yorku.ca)

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