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PROMETHEUS IN PRISON

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"The pilot performance of *Prometheus in Prison* was a landmark event that brought employees from across divisions together and engaged them in a safe, constructive conversation that helped us examine and strengthen our core values. We are grateful for the opportunity to proliferate this project throughout our system and believe it will give our staff a better understanding of the crucial role they play, as well as generate a renewed enthusiasm about the work we do each day."

—George Lombardi, Director of the Missouri Department of Corrections

Aeschylus' *Prometheus Bound* is a play about a god who is imprisoned for stealing fire from the gods and giving it to man. The incarcerated Prometheus admits that he willfully committed a crime, and he is sentenced severely for his actions. He is placed in extreme segregation/isolation at the end of the earth for the rest of time.

Over the course of the play, Prometheus is visited by a number of characters (three corrections officers, a close relative, a caseworker, and even a deputy warden). Not surprisingly, each of these characters attempts to impart advice to Prometheus about how he can lessen his sentence. Enraged by each exchange, Prometheus progressively shuts down and spends the final moments of the play shaking his fist at the sky, willfully provoking a far worse punishment than isolation.

Anyone who has visited a prison or a jail has seen Prometheus. Those who work in our nation's corrections system see him every day. Upon a visit to a maximum-security prison in Jefferson City, Missouri, last year, I stared Prometheus in the eyes as he rattled his cage and shouted to anyone who would listen about the numerous justifications behind his 17-day hunger strike.

Having seen Prometheus in prison, I

was convinced that his story would speak to corrections professionals across America and potentially create the conditions for an unprecedented and much-needed conversation about the challenges of returning prisoners like Prometheus back to society, healthy and whole.

In 2009, my producing partner, Phyllis Kaufman, and I began presenting readings of *Prometheus Bound* to corrections staff, including: wardens, corrections officers, mental health professionals, parole officers, caseworkers, and food service workers at male and female correctional facilities in the state of Missouri. In August 2010, we presented a workshop performance and discussion of *Prometheus in Prison* at the American Correctional Association Conference in Chicago.

These performances were followed by lively town hall discussions about the unique challenges faced by corrections professionals. The goal of these performances has been to inspire a safe, constructive conversation between members of different services within the corrections community about core ethical issues and shared values. The scenes from the ancient play provide a framework and a vocabulary that permits diverse stakeholders from all ranks to speak openly

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The IACFP Newsletter is published every January, April, July, and October, and is mailed to all International **Association for Correctional** & Forensic Psychology (IACFP) members. Comments and information from individual members concerning activities and related matters of general interest to international correctional mental health professionals and others in international criminal and juvenile justice are solicited. The IACFP endorses equal opportunity practices and accepts for inclusion in The IACFP Newsletter only advertisements, announcements, or notices that are not discriminatory on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation. All materials accepted for inclusion in The IACFP Newsletter are subject to routine editing prior to publication. Please send material for publication or comments to Dr. Robert R. Smith: smithr@marshall. edu. Deadlines for submission of all material are:

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about their experiences and tell their stories.

After one of our performances in Jefferson City, Missouri, a female corrections officer approached me and said, "Thank you for elevating our profession with your story." I responded, "Thank you for elevating our story with your profession." It is my belief that people who live lives of mythological proportions, who confront the darkest aspects of our humanity on a daily basis, have no trouble understanding ancient myths. That is the core principal behind *Prometheus in Prison*, as well as our other projects, such as *Theater of War*.

Hailed by U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) officials as a "revolutionary public health campaign," Theater of War presents readings of Sophocles' Ajax and Philoctetes to promote awareness of post-deployment psychological health issues in military communities. Since founding Theater of War in 2008, I have directed film and stage actors such as Paul Giamatti, Terrence Howard, David Strathairn, Jesse Eisenberg, Lili Taylor, Charles S. Dutton, Jeffrey Wright, Gloria Reuben, Tamara Tunie, April Grace, and Michael Stuhlbarg in readings of these ancient plays for military audiences. The project presents a rare opportunity for artists to be of service to those who serve our country and do something socially meaningful with their craft. Recently, after a performance of Theater of War on a U.S. Army base, one of our actresses, April Grace, said, "I never felt that I was doing more good telling a story."

Over the past year, *Theater of War* has delivered more than 100 performances at more than 50 military sites throughout the United States and Europe. Performances have been attended by nearly 30,000 service members and veterans of every rank, their family members, and caregivers, from high level DoD and VA officials to U.S. Special Forces, as well as the U.S. Army and Marines. Each of the performances has been followed by a powerful audience discussion in which service members, veterans, their caregivers, and family members have spoken openly about their experiences dealing with combat stress, psychological injury, suicide, and the impact of war on families. As a public health awareness project, Theater of War has become a catalyst for crucial conversations within military communities and the sharing of stories.

Prometheus in Prison utilizes the same strategies as Theater of War; however, the intended audiences are wardens, corrections officers, mental health workers, parole and probation officers, social workers, food service workers, and other professionals within the criminal justice system. With the understanding that many programs exist for prisoners, but very few have been developed to address the needs of staff, Prometheus in Prison aims to help correctional professionals talk openly about the challenges and stressors associated with their jobs and develop humane strategies for returning angry, rebellious inmates, like Prometheus to society.

For correctional systems that are searching for unique ways to engage their staff in community-building professional development activities, *Prometheus in Prison* presents a rare and powerful opportunity for open dialogue, generating a sense of pride, mutual trust, cohesion, camaraderie, and communication, while reinforcing shared values. For more information about the project and to learn how to bring *Prometheus in Prison* to your community, please visit: prometheusinprison. com.

IN CASE PEOPLE ASK

The International Association for Correctional & Forensic Psychology provides a forum for exchanging ideas, technology, and best practices among correctional mental health professionals and others in the international criminal and juvenile justice communities.

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INDELIBLE IMPRESSIONS TATTOOING IN THE CONTEXT OF INCARCERATION

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Her thesis research was on offender

tattooing. The Correctional Service

of Canada (CSC) did not finance any

portion of her thesis research and the

official position of the CSC on tattooing

prohibits offenders from tattooing while

they are in CSC custody. Opinions

expressed in this article are those of the

author and theorists and researchers who

are mentioned in the article, and do not

represent the opinions of the CSC.

Among mainstream society, tattooing is commonly conceived of as a rebellious and nonconformist practice, traditionally engaged in by groups such as sailors, bikers, and convicts. Despite isolated academic attempts to challenge and expand such interpretations, the majority of existing research on tattoos correlates the decision to obtain ink with such traits as criminality and delinquency. For instance, psychologists and psychiatrists have conducted many studies in order to identify differences in the biology and psyches of tattooed populations.

Although worthy of inquiry, research which assumes that the decision to obtain a tattoo is necessarily a function of one's personality and character neglects to examine the impact of context on action. It also fails to explore the relationship between one's lived reality, material location, structural

environment, and the role of tattooing among those who commonly opt for the marks.

It has been estimated that 10% of the world's population sport a tattoo, enjoying a slightly greater popularity in Canada, where 20% of the population has opted for ink. While continuing to gain popularity among the general public, tattooing among prison populations still occurs at a substantially higher rate than in the general population - in fact, 85% of the Russian prison population is tattooed, 60% of the Canadian prison population is tattooed and 45% of Canadian offenders claim to have been tattooed behind bars.

In consideration of the prevalence and popularity of tattoos in prison, I felt it was worthwhile to explore whether the disciplinary institution and the carceral experience can affect the function and value of tattoos for the incarcerated. Exploring a phenomenon from the point of view of those engaged in it, wherein the subject becomes the expert, can help foster a rich and authentic qualitative understanding of a practice and its symbols - one that offers a different point of view than is offered through mainstream interpretations.

Operating within a theoretical framework informed by the works of James Messerschmidt on the construction of masculinity, and the works of Michel Foucault on the body of the condemned, I interviewed eight tattooed Canadian men serving life sentences for my master's degree research to determine whether the prison and the experience of incarceration had impacted their perceptions of tattooing and its role in their lives. In addition to interviewing the men, I conducted a timeframe analysis in order to examine the interviewees' experiences with tattooing during three time periods: prior to incarceration, during incarceration, and present day. This exploratory research yielded significant findings. An analysis of the lifers' retrospective constructions of tattooing from pre-prison days to the present revealed that the meaning, value, and significance of tattoos had shifted over time - and perhaps most importantly - as a direct result of the prison experience. While tattooing meant very little to the subjects prior to incarceration, the practice of tattooing and its symbols very much represent a meaningful part of their lives today.

The findings also revealed that tattoos obtained in prison largely derive their appeal and value from the context in

> which they emerge. Doing life seems to transform the prison into a world of its own, where lived realities dynamically interact with prison culture to create a specific variety of masculinity and collective social identity. This identity is one that accepts and embraces tattooing one that conceptualizes the act as a highly valuable means of expression capable of fulfilling many needs, some of which are unique to the context of imprisonment. In short, where opportunities for selfexpression are limited, and the experience of loss, isolation, routine, and frustration can be great, tattooing can become an extremely valuable means of permanently accomplishing and/or outwardly affirming

several things about oneself and one's experiences, including resistance, solidarity, individuality, respect, masculinity, biography, and commemoration, among others. More specifically, in institutions, tattoos can serve as a way of resisting several aspects of the prison experience, including the deprivation of liberty, the ever-present surveillance of the institution, the control of the body, and the professionals' assessments of the individual.

By adopting and conforming to a standard appearance, tattooing also helps to establish a common social identity among the prison population and foster a sense of solidarity. While tattooing helps to create a distinct and unified look among prisoners, it also simultaneously affords the opportunity to showcase one's individuality. The appeal of tattooing and

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original art can be heightened when there are limited means to differentiate oneself from the next, and the infinite array of design possibilities provides prisoners with an opportunity to select artwork that effectively distinguishes oneself from others in the same environment.

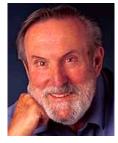
My findings also revealed that tattoos are useful in constructing a retrospective biography or a diary of sorts. In the prison context, tattoos can act as a viable substitute for photographs and other mementos typically used as a means of retrospection, as they represent a concrete means of transcribing experiences, changes, relationships, struggles, and milestones in one's life and help to evoke memories of a specific time. Similarly, tattoos seem to become a useful way to commemorate loved ones and meaningful events, such as the passing of friends and family members during an individual's incarceration. Commemorative tattoos seemed to be more frequent among prisoners in the latter years of their life sentence, thereby suggesting that the experience of loss tends to increase as a function of time served.

In addition to heightening the appeal and function of tattooing, my research also indicated that the prison environment, including its culture, can affect several aspects of the tattooing process itself, such as one's choice of artist, the selection of tattoo design, and the significance of the end product. Given the limited opportunities to bond and spend quality time with other males in a prison environment, the interviewees revealed that when a solid tattooist had been identified, the experience of getting a tattoo fulfilled the need for male bonding. In fact, several interviewees said that they refused to touch up poor quality tattoos because of the respect and bond established through the tattooing procedure and the meaning attached to the tattoo once completed. While tattoos can help express individuality, interviewees also revealed that choice of imagery was typically expected to fall within the rules, norms, and values of prison culture. For example, imagery that depicted a woman or child in pain was avoided at all costs, as were racially discriminatory logos.

In summary, my research strongly suggests that the significance of tattooing continues to develop with continued exposure and adaptation to prison, the individual's experience of the sentence, and the dynamics of prison culture. Moreover, tattooing represents a longstanding prison tradition and ritual, an activity that first began with a needle and thread that has since evolved to tape recorder motors and guitar strings. Its historical prevalence, coupled with the heightened value of tattoos within the prison environment, suggest that tattooing will continue to represent a uniquely viable resource for the incarcerated.

DON ANDREWS, Ph.D....

Donald Arthur Andrews, Ph.D., passed away on Friday, October 22, 2010 at the age of 69. Don left this world which he so embraced and appreciated every day. He leaves behind his wife Catherine who was loved deeply and became a better person through her asso-



ciation with Don. He will be missed by his loyal sister Heather, children Rebecca and Adam, granddaughters Ashley and Jeminah and many others whose lives he touched. He wished Karen, Donna, and Vicky well. Don completed his doctorate degree in psychology at Queen's University in 1969, after which time he joined the faculty at Carleton University, where he remained throughout his academic career. His academic work was devoted to the psychology of criminal conduct and is summarized in a book of the same name. He is responsible for what became known as the "theory of

correctional intervention" which has set the standard for successful intervention practices throughout the field of corrections worldwide. He was a founding member of the University's highly successful Criminology and Criminal Justice Program. He was a Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association and received numerous awards for his work in the criminal justice field, including those from the American Probation and Parole Association, Correctional Service of Canada, the International Community Corrections Association, and from the American Society of Criminology. Don retired in 2006 after a stellar 35-year career of teaching and research. Throughout his career he mentored numerous students and was always generous with his time to colleagues, practitioners, and policymakers. After his retirement, he remained active in the criminal justice field as a Professor Emeritus and Distinguished Research Professor at Carleton University.

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Messages from Dr. John Gannon, Executive Director

ICPA CONFERENCE IN BELGIUM

The International Corrections and Prison Association held its 12th annual, and largest ever, conference in Ghent, Belgium, October 24-29, 2010. Workshop and presentation topics included those related to the Rule of Law, collaboration of corrections with community corrections, substance abuse, reentry and rehabilitation, provision of psychological and psychiatric services, and regional updates from correctional leaders in Oceania, Latin America, and Asia.

Among the participants from 75 countries were the Directors General from Belgium, Romania, Moldova, Denmark, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Sudan, and Sweden as well as, among others, the Deputy Directors and other high officials from China, Thailand, Argentina, Canada, Scotland, and Uganda. Attendees spent nearly a week networking with each other, reviewing presentations on current programs and

new developments, and educating each other about the best practices and opportunities for improvement.

The breadth of crises in different countries is daunting. Simple provision of food and shelter is a huge challenge in some areas, particularly Africa, while the conceptual intricacies of creating useful programs for inmates ranging from the ideological prisoners in the Israeli prison system, to the majority of inmates in the Nigerian system who have not yet been to trial, to the mass-incarceration populations of the U.S., presents yet another set of issues. At the same time, limited progress was reported by several presenters in specific instances regarding improved training, development of facilities, and care of the mentally ill in some countries. The goal of broad scale behavioral change in typical offender populations remains an unmet challenge worldwide.

ANNUAL ICCA RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The 18th Annual Research Conference of the International Community Corrections (ICCA) was held October 31 to November 3, 2010 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. This year's conference, titled, "Doing What Works: How to Get it Done," was attended by over 400 community corrections people from Canada, the United States, and several other countries.

Our IACFP sponsors a lecture and banquet honoring former Association President and pioneer researcher, Dr. Edwin I. Megargee, each year at the conference. This year's Lecture was presented by Dr. Kirk Heilbrun, Chairman of the Psychology Department at Drexel University. Heilbrun spoke on the Sequential Intercept Model, which provides a conceptual framework for communities to organize targeted strategies for justice-involved individuals with serious mental illness.

While community corrections may at first seem an odd interest for our Association of psychologists and other mental health workers in corrections, the ICCA areas of interest, including: transition, work release, chemical dependency, health, mental health, employment/vocational training, education, restorative justice, sentencing, juvenile justice, workforce development, and tracking/monitoring, and the titles of the workshops, including those related to PREA, sex-offender treatment, cognitive-behavioral therapy, and racism reveals the relevance to our own efforts and practices.

In addition, regular readers of this newsletter will already be familiar with my observation from discussions with correctional administrators at various conferences over the last several years that the emphasis on "reentry" has been and continues to be the first prison-reform issue to gain and maintain serious traction among correctional administrators since the program efforts of the 1960s. My conviction in this regard, as it evolves within the ecology of criminal justice, continues to be strengthened based on the now wide scale acceptance of the RNR (Risk, Needs, Responsivity) model, the sensibility of developing EBP (Evidence-Based Practices) and the need to bring correctional budgets within the capacity of states to fund them.

Ultimately, departments of corrections and community corrections organizations will be led, ineluctably, to the formation of strategies for mutual collaboration. Currently the emphasis is on "reentry," i.e., which obviously involves both sets of agencies in trying to return inmates successfully to the community, but ultimately, the more important initiatives will be in what will soon become widely known as "pre-entry" efforts, that is, systematic strategies to keep people from entering the prison in the first place.

I strongly encourage correctional and forensic psychologists, and other mental health workers, to attend carefully

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to these trends. Professionals who are familiar with the application of RNR and EBP, both in facilities and in the community, will continue to grow in value, and will have access to significantly more career and professional opportunities as time goes on.

The ICCA conference next year will be held at September 18-21 at John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel, Reno, Nevada, and I strongly encourage members of IACFP and other readers of the newsletter to consider participating. The workshops will be relevant and useful, the opportunities for expanding your conceptual and professional horizons considerable, and the networking invaluable. We will keep you posted on the details of the upcoming program, accommodations, and other information as they develop.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WORLDWIDE

A unique volunteer opportunity to influence mental health treatment for correctional populations around the world has emerged as a result of the leadership of Romanian prison officials and their desire to collaborate with our Association. The Director General, National Administration of Prisons, Romania, Dr. Ioan Bala, his technical wizard, Dorin Muresan, and their team are in the process of developing an E-learning platform and program that can be accessed by other prison officials and trainers around the globe. Director Bala is particularly interested in developing training modules for professionals working with the mentally ill in corrections.

As a first step, I am soliciting the participation of our members to form a committee to create workable training modules on crisis intervention, suicide prevention and risk reduction, psychological evaluations, classification, risk and needs assessments, etc. If these are areas of expertise and interest for you, please join the development committee by contacting John Gannon at jg@iacfp.org or (805) 489-0665. Given the high rates of mentally ill individuals in prisons everywhere, there may never be a chance for so few people to have an effect on the treatment of so many mentally ill inmates than through this initiative. Please join us.

PSYCHOLOGY LEADERSHIP FOCUS GROUP APPLICATIONS OPEN

The IACFP Institute for the Behavioral Sciences, Law, and Public Policy will be collaborating with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs in conducting a Psychology Leadership exploratory focus group during the American Correctional Association meeting January 2011, in San Antonio. Not every member of our Association has realized that the way psychology is practiced in most states is not the norm in other countries.

In the United States, many departments of corrections relegate correctional psychologists and other mental health workers almost entirely to specific mental health programs behind the walls. In other countries, such as Canada, much wider professional opportunities are available.

Given the expertise that we have in organizational matters, communication, development and maintenance of relationships, staff training, program development, program monitoring, and program and correctional research, it is our belief that we are underutilized in correctional systems, often to the detriment of the taxpayers who pay our salaries.

The goal of this focus group will be to explore these issues with a limited group of invited correctional mental health professionals and to seek new ways of improving the provision of mental health services in correctional facilities. Some limited travel funds for the focus group may be available. If you are interested, please contact John Gannon at jg@ia4cfp. org or (805) 489-0665.

IACFP STARTS PROCESS WITH UNITED NATIONS

I'm pleased to let everyone know that I have started the process to become an official "NGO" (Non-Governmental Organization) under the auspices of the United Nations. In time, we can apply for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the U.N. as the next step in our broadening, international sphere of influence. My understanding is that it takes about 2 years to qualify for this distinction, but I believe we have an excellent chance to do so.

ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

Solicitations for nominations of officers for the next 2 years have closed. Edward Dow, Ph.D., was nominated for President Elect, and Mr. David Randall was nominated for another term as our Secretary/Treasurer. As is often common with volunteer organizations, there are only a limited number of members who have the time and the expertise to serve in these positions, and we are grateful to Dr. Dow, former Board Member, and Mr. Randall, our current Secretary/Treasurer, who are willing to continue to contribute their efforts to the Association.

During the next 2 years we expect that there will be a number of opportunities for members to participate in Association

activities. Volunteering on committees or for other projects can be an excellent way to get involved in the workings of our organization.

As you will note in this issue of the newsletter, we are inviting members to participate in a leadership focus group and on a committee to assist our Romanian colleagues in a project with possible world-wide benefit. Participation in either or both would be an excellent first step if you would like to bring your leadership skills to our Association or just be more involved. Congratulations to our new President Elect, Dr. Dow, and our returning Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Randall.

ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

As you will see from the report below, the financial strength of the Association continues to grow despite the current difficulties in the economy. Our assets are being prudently managed, our income remains strong, and our expenses carefully controlled. While long-term developments

are difficult, if not impossible, to predict, we see nothing in the short term that will bring radical change, and we expect current trends to continue through the next year. David Randall, Secretary-Treasurer/John Gannon, Executive Director.

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Assets:			
Checking Account	\$ 75,995.13	\$ 74,508.00	\$129,994.00
Certificates of Deposit	855,469.51	723,198.00	\$467,538.00
Total Cash	\$931,464.64	\$794,706.00	\$597,532.00
Fixed Asset	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
Total Assets	\$932,414.64	\$795,656.00	\$598,482.00
Revenue:			
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Income from Sage	\$239,677.37	\$308,187.00	\$283,259.00
Interest Income	6,029.53	12,970.00	\$ 6,333.00
Other Income	26.00		
Total Revenue	\$245,732.90	\$321,157.00	\$289,592.00
Expenses	\$108,949.45	\$124,084,00	\$130,288.00



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FLORIDA'S PRISON SYSTEM ACHIEVES AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION-ACCREDITED Ph.D. INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Florida Department of Corrections has become only the second state prison system in the United States to have a Pre-Doctoral Psychology Internship Program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). The APA Committee on Accreditation made this decision at the November 9, 2010, meeting in Washington, D.C. The accreditation was granted for a period of 7 years, the maximum allowed by the APA. Florida DOC now joins 10 other accredited internship sites at state and federal correctional facilities in the country. "Accreditation of our psychology internship program is a distinction that reflects the Department's continued commitment to professionalism and excellence in treating mentally ill offenders and preparing them for reentry into their communities," said Florida Department of Corrections Secretary Walt McNeil.

Dean Aufderheide, Ph.D., Director of Mental Health Services at the Florida Department of Corrections began the first internship class in 2007 with the goal of producing highly trained entry level psychologists who would be retained as correctional psychologists in the Department. Aufderheide's vision to "Train and Retain" Psychology Interns has had both short-term and long-term benefits to the Department, including the recent APA accreditation.

Over the last 3 years, interns have provided high quality, in-depth patient assessment and treatment, and several of the interns have, after graduation, been hired as employees with the Department. "Congratulations to all Department staff who have been involved with the internship program and its success in becoming accredited by APA in the state prison systems in the United States," said Secretary McNeil.

"Accreditation by the APA is a hallmark accomplishment and will result in attracting the best and brightest candidates who are interested in pursuing a career in correctional psychology," McNeil said. "I want to personally thank Dr. Aufderheide for his vision in establishing and developing the internship program and also to thank Dr. Carolyn Holmes, who served as the Internship Training Director throughout the rigorous 2-year accreditation process. Her unwavering commitment to the excellence of the training program was essential in achieving this milestone accreditation."

The Florida Department of Corrections is the third largest state corrections system in the country and is a respected national leader in corrections due to its innovations and insistence on quality. Health Services is an integral and constitutionally required element in the Florida Department of Corrections' services, and is responsible for the physical and mental care of all 102,000 inmates in its care, custody, and control.

The APA is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States, and is the largest association of psychologists in the world. The APA's membership includes more than 150,000 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants, and students. Through its divisions in 54 subfields of psychology and affiliations with 60 state, territorial, and Canadian provincial associations, APA works to advance psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means of promoting health, education, and human welfare.

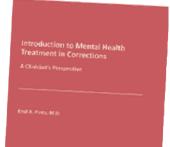
DEAN AUFDERHEIDE, Ph.D., APPOINTED

Our new IACFP President, Dr. Dean Aufderheide, was appointed by the Governor of Florida to the Florida's Board of Psychology. The Florida Board of Psychology consists of five Florida licensed psychologists and two consumer members. Each Board member serves a 4-year term.

Aufderheide has also been appointed by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court to its Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in the Court Task Force. The Task Force comprises 22 representatives from the judicial, mental health, and substance abuse communities and is authorized to propose statutory and rule changes.

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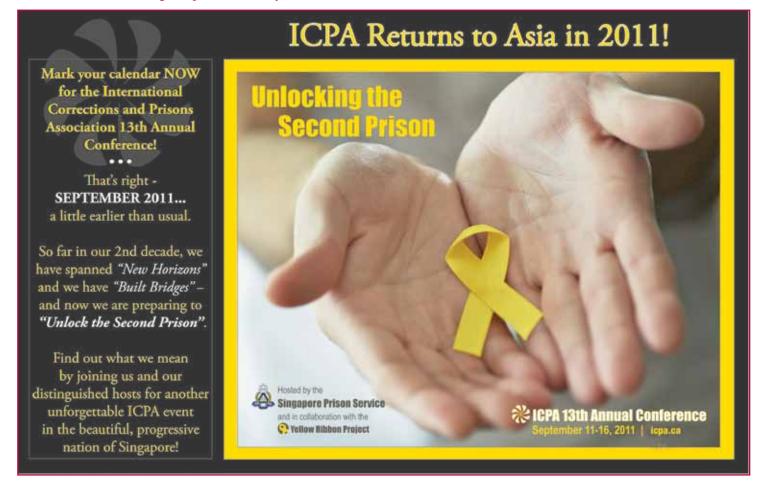
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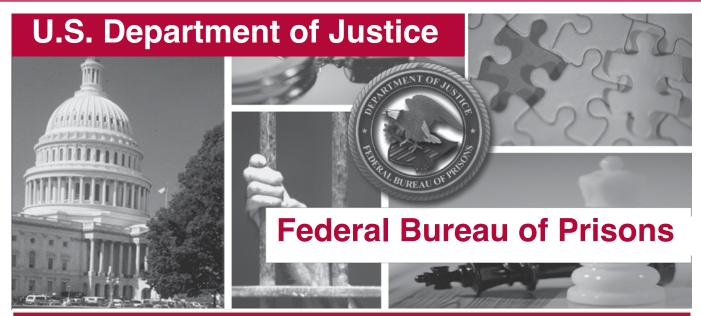
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