

ANA NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha, my name is Daryl Fujii, a *Yonsei* (fourth generation) Japanese-American neuropsychologist at the Honolulu VA, and President of ANA.

On behalf of the ANA founding members, I'd like to personally thank you for your overwhelming support in the creation of our organization. I hope you can join us in being excited in the promise of what we can achieve together.

It is hard to believe that the first organizing conference call of the founding members occurred in November 2018. To give you a sense of the momentum we have gained, by January, we were over 130 strong. In February, we held our inaugural meeting and social at INS in New York City. In April, we were granted nonprofit status.

Some of our efforts at present include finishing up our Bylaws and Strategic Plan, applying for a seed grant, setting up our website, and planning for meetings at the upcoming AACN, APA, and NAN conferences. Whew!

A major reason for our early accomplishments is the guidance and support we received from the Hispanic Neuropsychological Society (HNS), our Big Sister organization. We are indebted to President Monica Rivera-Mindt, and past Presidents Tedd Judd, David Lechuga, and Xavier Cagigas, who generously shared

their experience and wisdom with us to ensure our success. HNS is a well-oiled machine with strong leadership, important initiatives, and a pipeline of young, enthusiastic professionals.

If that's not enough, let me tell you, they sure know how to throw a party! Their organization is one we definitely want to emulate.

That said, the future success of ANA rests in our members. Our overarching goals are to first, ensure accessibility and provision of excellent, culturally-sensitive neuropsychological services for all individuals of Asian descent and, develop a supportive community for Asian neuropsychologists. This latter goal can only be accomplished by an engaged membership.

I strongly encourage everyone to be involved in some of our current initiatives:

- Compile neuropsychological resources for major Asian ethnic groups
- Student and early-career mentorship
- Facilitating board certification efforts
- Build professional connections through social media forums
- Collaborate with international colleagues

I believe that in being involved in these efforts, we can build a professional community where we can all feel we belong and grow.

In closing, when envisioning the

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future of ANA, I would like to leave you with a quote from Bhagavad Gita:

"You are what you believe in. You become that which you believe you can become."

Mahalo.



Daryl Fujii, PhD
ANA President

INS 2019: INAUGURAL MEETING

Sara Chan, MA

Origins

The first ANA meeting took place at the International Neuropsychological Society

end of the month, there were 53 members. At the end of 2018, there were 101 members. By the first ANA meeting, the number rose to 130.

mentors from similar language and sociocultural backgrounds.

When the hour-long meeting time quickly came to an end, the meeting was adjourned,



annual meeting in New York City on February 22, 2019, in a full conference room of 44 members hailing from a myriad of ethnic, racial, and sociocultural backgrounds.

The welcome began with members introducing themselves and Daryl Fujii sharing his recollections of the groups' beginnings, which began in 2016 when Lauren Mai and Mimi Wong reached out to create a neuropsychological association for Asians. A soft-spoken man, Dr. Fujii gently and warmly thanked present members from ANA's sister organization, the Hispanic Neuropsychological Society (HNS) for their support in developing the scaffolds of ANA. He also expressed an appreciation of ANA President-Elect, Nick Thaler's efforts during this process.

Momentum

Dr. Fujii went on to describe the momentum gained since announcing the founding of ANA in November 2018. By the

Current Efforts

Major themes that arose during the meeting focused on continuing current efforts to develop ANA's foundational structure. Dr. Fujii emphasized that this could only be done with the support and energy contributed by ANA's members themselves.

Discussion then included updates for the organization's structure and mission, announcement for logo contest winner (Congratulations to Chris Nguyen of Ohio State University!), and discussion around developing ANA's social media presence.

Further discussion among members included future meetings and social gathering at major national neuropsychology conferences, the development of a resource library, communication via newsletter, and mentorship opportunities. Dr. Thaler brought up efforts in expanding mentorship opportunities to ensure mentees are matched to

with Dr. Fujii inviting members to continue building connections and stoking discussions at the first social gathering.

It would be many hours later before the last person left the restaurant & bar.

Growth

All in all, the inaugural meeting was a major success because of the significant efforts and enthusiasm shared by its members. Dr. Fujii gently and gracefully highlighted the point that despite its origins a few years ago, the birth and future success of ANA truly rely on the collective efforts of the individuals in its membership.

Our current membership today is 153 strong.

As we continue our multifaceted growth—both in and out of the confines of our organizations and institutions—it is important to note this was a point that was well-articulated then, and, is echoed here as well.

GET TO KNOW US: ANA LEADERSHIP

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BOARD MEMBERS



Daryl Fujii, Ph.D., ABPP-CN, is a staff neuropsychologist at the Veterans Affairs Pacific Island Health Care Services Community Living Center. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Wyoming in 1991, interned at the Sepulveda VAMC, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific. Daryl earned his diplomate in clinical neuropsychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology in 1999 and was elected to fellow status of the

American Psychological Association in 2006 and the National Academy of Neuropsychology in 2016.

His research interests include cross-cultural neuropsychology, schizophrenia, geriatrics, secondary psychosis, and psychosis secondary to traumatic brain injury. Daryl has 70 publications including three books: *The Spectrum of Psychotic Disorders: Neurobiology, Etiology, and Pathogenesis* (2007), *The Neuropsychology of Asian-Americans* (2010), and *Conducting a Culturally-Informed Neuropsychological Evaluation* (2016).

Daryl is currently the Chair of the VA Pacific Island Health Care Services and Central California Internal Review Boards.

Nicholas Thaler, Ph.D. ABPP-

CN, is half Japanese and Russian-Jewish. Like many mixed-race kids, I grew up trying on many different identities. This led me to explore issues of ethnicity, culture, and language throughout my life. In college I was the president of the Hapa (half Asian) club in UC San Diego. Throughout my graduate studies, I learned how little information there was available regarding Asian and Asian Americans in neuropsychology. It is therefore a privilege to be among the passionate and energetic members of this organization who are dedicated to building a new foundation for future academics, clinicians, and patients. I look forward to working with you all!



For fun: My son is half Indian, quarter Japanese, and quarter Jewish. Does that make him a "trappa?" I welcome any thoughts!

Board members (Cont'd)

Jasdeep Hundal, PsyD, ABPP-CN. I am of Asian-Indian decent and was born and raised in the Indian State of Punjab before immigrating to the US and settling in the suburbs of Chicago, IL. I am conversationally fluent in Punjabi and Hindi and have working knowledge of Urdu.

A graduate of Roosevelt University, I completed internship at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York followed by a fellowship at the JFK-Johnson Rehabilitation Institute's Center for Head Injuries in New Jersey. My clinical practice is varied, and, while I see the full range of neurological disorders, my particular interest is in sports concussion/mTBI, epilepsy, movement disorders, and dementia. I take an active role in training externs, interns, residents and fellows in neuropsychology, psychiatry and neurology. My treatment philosophy emphasizes a comprehensive integrative approach to diagnosis and management of brain-based disorders.



Lauren Mai, PsyD. I was a refugee at 7 months old when my parents escaped Vietnam by boat. I came to America when at age 2 and was fortunate to learn to read, write, and speak Vietnamese as I grew up in southern California.

At a young age, I knew my life's work would revolve around the history, trauma, and wellbeing of this group. Throughout college, graduate school, and clinical rotations, I was constantly reminded of how invisible Vietnamese were in the world of psychology. I wanted to make a difference (*cliche, I know!*) and work with underserved, underrepresented groups. I chose rotations with Vietnamese patients and neuropsychological training. I am a staff neuropsychologist at ZSFG/UCSF. Out of wanting to provide access to Vietnamese patients, I also see Vietnamese patients for psychotherapy.

Being part of this group allows me to support and feel supported to work towards a personal and professional goal of helping the Vietnamese community. I hope to build/create resources to improve the quality of our care for individuals of Asian backgrounds.

Mimi Wong, PhD, was born in Guangzhou China and immigrated to the USA with her family when she was about 8 yrs old. As she progressed in her clinical training, she learned that not only were there few psychological and neuropsychological resources available to the Chinese and Asian American patient population, there was also little peer or mentor support for those training to serve this population.

This led to a journey of seeking out and helping to create a new community, the Asian Neuropsychological Association, with the shared vision of providing excellent culturally sensitive neuropsychological services for all individuals of Asian descent.

For fun, she likes to play tennis, badminton, snowboard, travel, and enjoy time with family and friends.



COMMITTEE CHAIRS



Sara Chan, MA, will eventually complete her doctorate at Pacific University (*come on, summer 2020*). She will be completing her internship at the Northern California VA HCS in neuropsychology (2019-20). She received her Bachelor of Science (Hons.) from Lancaster University (UK) in 2008. A born and raised multilingual Malaysian who recently immigrated to this side of the pond, she has always been drawn to positions and careers offering meaningful impact, such as an Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) therapist, journalist, and Programme Officer for survivors of human trafficking, sex trafficking, abuse, and domestic violence. She has a particular passion for working with people with neurological and neurodegenerative conditions of all ages through a multicultural, rehabilitative framework.

In her free time, Sara weight-lifts, hugs beloved PNW trees, and engages in satirical dark humor with her partner, a neuropsychologist (*fortunately and unfortunately*). Together, they take too many pictures and videos of their cat-child, Schrödinger, while debating the flagrant vitiation of the English language in America (*he disagrees*).

Angeles Cheung, PhD, ABPP-CN. I am a board certified clinical neuropsychologist who provides clinical and forensic services in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin. I work with adults age 18+ with known or suspected brain disorders associated with a variety of conditions that include general medical conditions, neurological / neuropsychiatric disorders (e.g., dementias/memory disorders, stroke, epilepsy), developmental disorders, and acquired brain injury. My private practice is devoted to providing comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations including Independent Medical Examinations ("IME" or "INE"), Workers' Compensation and disability evaluations. Other services include testing to support accommodated testing and academic accommodations, cognitive behavioral therapy and rehabilitation.

Aside from my private practice, I also enjoy teaching predoctoral students in rehabilitation neuropsychology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, where I work as Clinical Instructor in Rehabilitation Medicine.



Vidya Kamath, PhD, ABPP-CN. I am a board-certified Indian-American neuropsychologist in the Division of Medical Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

I received a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Duke University and obtained a doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the University of Central Florida. My neuropsychology fellowship training took place at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine.

My clinical expertise is in the evaluation of older adults with suspected neuropsychiatric or neurodegenerative disease. My research is focused on chemosensory and orbitofrontal dysfunction in schizophrenia, frontotemporal dementia, Parkinson's disease, and Alzheimer's disease.

I have also co-authored several book chapters on the neuropsychological evaluation and treatment of individuals of Asian-Indian descent.

Committee Chairs (*cont'd*)



Jennifer Lai, PhD, is a first-year clinical neuropsychology postdoctoral resident currently completing her fellowship at West Los Angeles VA, where she is currently providing cognitive rehabilitation and neuropsychological services (with emphasis for TBI/polytrauma veterans). She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from UC Berkeley (*go Bears!*), majoring in Psychology and Integrative Biology before completing her doctorate at Palo Alto University and internship training at VA Loma Linda.

She is originally from Hong Kong and grew up in southern California. She is natively fluent in Cantonese and can somewhat get by conversationally in Mandarin and Spanish (*as long as no one laughs!*).

Currently, she is primarily focused on website development for ANA and is hopeful and excited for ANA to be a booming hub for neuropsychologists to connect!

Chris Nguyen, PhD, is an attending neuropsychologist and assistant clinical professor at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, where he also serves as a co-director of the Neuropsychology Clinical-Translational Research Laboratory. He is the SCN Early Career Neuropsychologist Committee Representative for the state of Ohio and the interim representative for Iowa. He completed his doctoral degree at the University of Iowa, pre-doctoral internship at the Ann Arbor VA HCS, and postdoctoral residency at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. His research interests include topics in cognitive aging, decision making, civil capacities, and cross-cultural considerations in neuropsychology. Chris is fluent in Vietnamese and works with adults in both outpatient and inpatient settings.



Preeti Sunderaraman, PhD, is a former NRSA (F32) Postdoctoral Research Fellow who recently received the K99/R00 award and is now an Associate Research Scientist in the Cognitive Neuroscience Division at Columbia University Medical Center. She was born and raised in India. After obtaining her Master's degree in Clinical Psychology from University of Mumbai, India, she worked as a clinical psychologist conducting neuropsychological evaluations for patients with epilepsy, and other neurological disorders. She moved to the U.S. to complete her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, focusing on Neuropsychology, at Drexel University. Since, she has focused on enhancing research and clinical competencies in concurrent areas including decision-making research with a focus on financial decision making, and cross-cultural evaluations. Preeti is fluent in English, Hindi, Marathi and Tamil.

Alexander Tan, PhD, is a first-year postdoctoral fellow in pediatric neuropsychology at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. He completed his doctorate in clinical psychology and internship in pediatric neuropsychology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW) and Children's Health. He currently serves on the National Academy of Neuropsychology's Honors and Awards Committee. Previously, he was chair of the Texas Psychological Association's Student Interest Group of Neuropsychology and the UTSW chapter of the Society for Clinical Neuropsychology's Association of Neuropsychology Students and Trainees. He is Chinese-American and speaks Mandarin fluently. He aims to foster the community of neuropsychology trainees of Asian descent or those working with individuals of Asian descent, promote professional development, cultural competence, and international collaboration.



RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Ashita Gurnani, PhD

Dear members, in this section, we will be sharing findings from hand-picked, recent publications in Asian Neuropsychology. Our focus is to shed attention on helpful articles to consider when working with individuals with Asian backgrounds. We invite you to send us other interesting articles you peruse in your daily work—particularly if they are of high clinical value—to showcase in future editions.

1. Role of Native Language in Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACT) of Youth Athletes

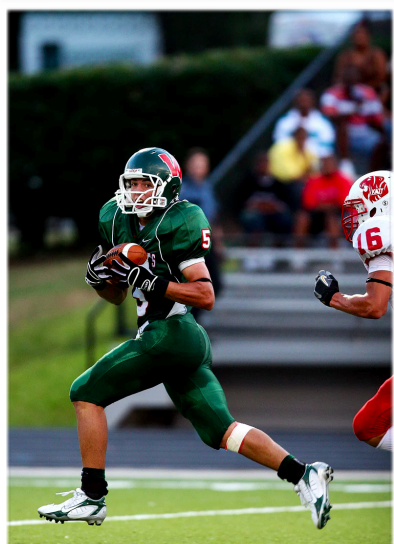
The ImPACT, a frequently used computerized neuropsychological tool for the assessment of concussion in high school, college and professional sports, was developed and normed in the United States and has been translated into several languages.

However, studies examining the effect of language on ImPACT scores have yielded mixed results, raising caution regarding interpretation of test scores of bilingual athletes.

The present study compared the neuropsychological test performance of Hawaii high school athletes whose native language is English versus their counterparts whose native language was not English.

Results revealed no differences in the ImPACT neurocognitive scores (Verbal Memory, Visual Memory, Visual Motor Speed, Reaction Time, and Impulse Control) between athletes in the two language groups.

The authors concluded that there is not substantial research to suggest that non-native English speakers will perform more poorly on the ImPACT than native English speakers.



2. Longitudinal brain structure and cognitive changes over 8 years in an East Asian cohort

Longitudinal studies examining cognitive aging in Asia have not investigated the link between neuroanatomy and cognitive changes in specific cognitive domains.

The present study examined the changes in brain volume and cognitive function from data collected over eight years in 111 relatively healthy and well-educated older adults from the Singapore-Longitudinal Aging Brain Study.

Results showed significant volumetric decline and ventricular expansion with increasing age in all brain regions examined. Global cognition did not significantly decline, and processing speed was the only cognitive domain that declined significantly with age. Longitudinal associations were found between cerebral volume loss and verbal memory decline particularly in the frontal and parietal regions.

3. A novel language-neutral Visual Cognitive Assessment Test (VCAT): validation in four Southeast Asian countries

In Asia, where a wide variety of languages with different writing systems are spoken, modification and translation of cognitive tests often results in over-diagnosis of cognitive impairment in non-English speakers. The current study evaluated the performance of the Visual Cognitive Assessment Test (VCAT), a 30-point visual-based cognitive screening tool designed to detect early cognitive impairment, in four linguistically diverse Southeast Asia populations (Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines).



(Research corner, cont'd)

Specifically, the present study investigated the influence of different language families and writing systems on test performance across healthy controls and patients with cognitive impairment.

It was found that in comparison to the Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA), the VCAT had similar discriminative ability in distinguishing between healthy controls and cognitively impaired individuals, but was less likely to be influenced by language of administration (despite translation).

4. Application of machine learning methods for diagnosis of dementia based on the 10/66 battery of cognitive function tests in south India

The 10/66 Dementia Research Group developed, validated, and normed a culturally and educationally fair battery of tests to be used with low and middle income countries (LMIC) that are suitable for use in people with little to no education.

Artificial intelligence techniques are being used to automate aspects of clinical diagnosis in individuals with cognitive impairment, although there is limited data on the use of these methods in LMIC including India.

The current study examined machine learning algorithms to determine if the analysis of neuropsychological data from the 10/66 battery along with demographic and population based normative data, can be automated for the diagnosis of dementia in south India.

Results indicated that machine learning methods were helpful in discriminating between older adults with 10/66 criterion diagnosis of dementia and those without cognitive impairment with good accuracy in a LMIC setting like India.



5. Visual attention in 5-year-olds from three different cultures

With respect to attention to visual scenes, children from Western cultures tend to focus on focal objects and their properties whereas those from urban East-Asian cultures tend to have a higher sensitivity for the context and the relations between elements in a scene.

With respect to attention to others' activities, children from Indigenous-heritage communities focus their attention on different activities simultaneously, whereas those from urban Western cultures tend to use a sequential attention pattern.

The purpose of the current study was to assess cultural differences in attention to visual scenes and the activities of others, which already exist in the preschool years, before children have been influenced by formal schooling, in three prototypical cultural contexts (urban Germany, rural Cameroon, urban Japan).

Results revealed higher context-sensitive attention varied by task and culture, whereas levels of parallel attention and learning from others' were lower in rural Cameroonian children compared to the urban samples.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DARYL FUJII

Farzin Irani, PhD

In every edition, we will be featuring different Asian neuropsychologists whose practice in the United States include working with patients from Asian backgrounds. Our hope here is to illuminate the path of Asian neuropsychologists throughout their career; their background, motivations, hopes, and journey to who they are today.

In our first edition, Farzin Irani interviewed Daryl Fujii, whose career has included a heavy focus on improving the quality of care for patients.

What was your career path?

I went to graduate school at the University of Wyoming, completed an internship at San Fernando Valley VA and then a postdoctoral fellowship in Honolulu. I then worked for 16 years at the Hawaii State Hospital as a neuropsychologist where I did some research in schizophrenia and psychosis secondary to brain injury. In 2007, I had a mid-career change with a year working on a SAMSHA grant before moving to a geropsychology position at a VA in the CLC (nursing home) where I have been for the past 11 years.

What cultures do you identify with?

I am 4th generation Japanese-American with basically all of my extended family living on Oahu. So I identify strongly with Japanese culture, although definitely a watered down version! For example, I don't speak Japanese, and my Korean

mother-in-law's Japanese skills puts my entire family to shame! I was also fortunate to grow up in Hawaii, since it is a remote island with the largest percentage of Asian and Pacific Islanders per capita in the U.S. Thus, there is a strong local island culture that is an amalgam of different group oriented cultures. In Hawaii, multigenerational living is common, so I live at home with my wife, 2 adult sons, a 3-year grand-daughter, 2 dogs and a cat. Everyone lives under the same roof!

What advice would be helpful for Asian students interested in a career in neuropsychology?

Try to follow your interests but know that sometimes, you may

"Whatever job you have, know that there is no perfect job, but the most important thing is to pursue your interests"

not be able to control certain things. For example, I wanted to do a postdoc in LA, but while I didn't get accepted, it ended up working out fine since I got to go home to Hawaii and then I met my wife who was a rehab nurse, which was good thing! I then was fortunate enough to get a job at a State Hospital during a time when neuropsychology jobs were hard to find. So, whatever comes your way, you can follow it. I later got interested in psychotic disorders and brain injury, which became a unique niche area based on the population I was working with at the time. And I was able to

publish work in this area! Similarly, I wanted to get an academic position at the University of Hawaii... and applied... and got rejected 3 times, which was disappointing. But, I was able to move on and get the position at the VA, which has been great! I belong to a great interdisciplinary team, I was given the opportunity to co-chair a VA national multicultural diversity committee, chair our local IRB, and continue my interest in cross cultural neuropsychology.

I may not have been so fortunate in an academic setting. So, whatever job you have, know that there is no perfect job, but the most important thing is to pursue your interests. I now have the opportunity to trade in some of my unstructured time to help with ANA. So, make the most of where you go and realize that there is good and bad in every job anyway, so, try to make the most of it and if things don't work out, just move on.

What do you consider to be the most rewarding aspect of your career in neuropsychology?

I find it interesting how the brain works and affects behavior. I am not very articulate, so therapy was difficult for me. But! With assessments, I can look at something, think, then be an investigator, read articles and do research. So, I really enjoy the investigative aspect of the work we do.

(Member spotlight, cont'd)

What do you find most interesting about cross-cultural neuropsychology?

I have always been interested in the interface between our culture and mainstream culture. I like to identify how cultures impact evaluations and what we do. I had been thinking about it for a while, but ideas develop slowly sometimes. I was interested in contextual factors and what about culture impacts a neuropsychological evaluation. A lot of focus so far has been on getting the right norms and translations for tests.

But, if the test process is inherently biased, then people won't be able to get a good evaluation! It's not because of their cognition but it's more about a mismatch of contexts, so it's important to dissect and identify aspects of culture that impact parts of testing.

Culture is like a zen construct- it's there but it's not there - it can seem invisible, yet impact everything. By dissecting the impact of culture, we can intervene to make the process more fair, understand weaknesses in the evaluation process, and thereby produce a more accurate and useful product. I also like the challenge of creating models.

What is your vision for ANA as our first president?

The overarching goals are to facilitate availability of competent neuropsychological evaluations for people of Asian descent. Some of that is getting tests translated, collecting norms and also the contextual factors that are involved. We want to get a pipeline of

neuropsychologists and facilitate research. We are currently focused on the US, but we could recruit internationally at some point.

There are other countries where neuropsychology is not as well developed so those

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countries could benefit from us Asians in the U.S. And then the second goal is to create a community. When I was in grad school in Laramie, Wyoming, I felt isolated, since there weren't many Asians there. And while it's better now, Asian neuropsychologists are spread across the country!

It would be nice to have an organization where people feel like they belong. I attended an Asian American Psychological Association meeting and thought it would be nice to have something like this for neuropsychology as well, so we can develop a sense of a community, then when we go to a conference, we have people we know there and can feel comfortable grabbing a drink with someone!

Sometimes Asians can feel shy in the corner and when I went to conferences in the past, I didn't know anyone... and since I am not that outgoing, I didn't introduce myself to others. So, I really hope that we can create a space for others to hang out together at conferences and get to know more people to feel more connected with each other.

Also, I'd like to provide mentoring for the next generation. Asian countries are very different. We speak so many different languages too! So I hope to fulfil our goal of increasing access to competent services from diverse professionals. I think this is especially important for patients from ethnicities where there are only a few neuropsychologists competent to perform assessments.

What is one message you would like everyone to hear?

I want to encourage people to get involved (with ANA). The more people get involved, the stronger the organization becomes, and this then helps us meet our goal for a stronger community that can help people of Asian descent have access to neuropsychological services.



MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sara Chan, MA

Dear members,

Every newsletter, we want to dedicate a few minutes to share some of the latest news and updates available about your colleagues, including their many varied activities.

Hope you enjoy.

Kamini Krishnan, PhD, ABPP-CN, just recently received board certification through the American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology. Congratulations, Kamini, on being certified! She has thoughtfully offered to help

answer any inquiries regarding the process.

Elsa Lee, PhD, wrote to let us know that her recent paper on optimism and cognitive functioning after TBI has been accepted for publication in *Brain Injury*. Congratulations!

Chris Nguyen, PhD, informed us that his proposal titled "Decision-making abilities and testamentary capacity among older adults" submitted to the APA Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (Division 40) Early Career Pilot Study

Awards program was selected as one of the 2019 Awardees. What a mouthful! The goals of his study are to develop a risk model to detect older adults with weaknesses in decision making and testamentary capacity.

Thomas Nguyen, PhD, is excited to share that he is about to complete the second year of his residency at the Michael E. DeBakey VA and just accepted an offer for his "first real job" at Baylor Scott and White Institute for Rehabilitation in downtown Dallas! He is *quite* excited to be done with training.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sara Chan, MA

AACN

Members are invited to attend the ANA social at the upcoming AACN conference in Chicago. The event will take place within the AACN Reception either on Thursday or Friday between 6-8pm. Please be on the lookout

for more specific details through your email.

APA

We are currently planning a gathering for the annual meeting in San Francisco this year, with details yet to be finalized. We hope you enjoy the

sun and fog with us at APA!

NAN

Details for a social at the NAN annual meeting in sunny San Diego is currently in the works as well. More information to come!

ANA NEWSLETTER EDITORS

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From the Editors:

We are delighted to provide support to members. As editors, we will aim to make the ANA Newsletter an enjoyable read from the formality and rigor of academia. We openly invite you to submit material for the Newsletter, including information intended for the Member Announcements column, to Sara Chan's attention at sarachan@pacificu.edu.

