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ANNUAL REPORT

The Foundation for Rehabilitation Psychology (FRP) was established in 2005 by a group of past presidents of the Division of Rehabilitation Psychology (Division 22) of the American Psychological Association (APA). They envisioned the Foundation as the means through which all who care about the future of Rehabilitation Psychology could invest in its vitality and growth through tax-deductible donations and planned gifts. Thank you for your gift of time reading this annual report. Please consider making a financial gift to the Foundation.

ACTIVITIES

The Foundation for Rehabilitation Psychology's mission is "to improve the lives of people with disability or chronic health conditions". FRP's vision is "improving society by making the foundational insights of the psychology of disability and chronic health conditions common knowledge." The Board thanks Dr. Kate Bechtold and Dr. Brian Czerny for their service to the Board. The Board would like to welcome new member Dr. Linda Mona, Dr. Brad Daniels, President, ABRP, and student representative Sreenath Panchagnula. The Board underwent a Strategic Planning process this year under the guidance of Drs. Terrie Price and Linda Mona. That process is ongoing. Increased advocacy efforts in coordination with the Division and APA are being spearheaded by Dr. Kate Brown. The Board has committed to underwriting the costs of the annual Dembo-Wright lecture in perpetuity. The Leung travel award was given for the first time to a student to help defray the necessary costs of personal care help required for travel to the mid-Winter meeting. The Board thanks the Membership Committee of the Division for their help in marketing and vetting that award.

DISSERTATION AWARDS

The Foundation has provided 47 dissertation awards since 2012, including the winners this year (see below). Awards to date total over \$108,000. Dr. Barry Nierenberg oversaw the application process this year with judging help from the Science Committee of Division 22. With funds donated in honor of Dr. Leonard Diller, the Leonard Diller Dissertation Award in Neurorehabilitation was granted again this year.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUPPORT

Over the past fourteen years, the Board has provided unrestricted support to the Rehabilitation Psychology annual conference to help make this important educational meeting more affordable to all attendees. Two funds, the Dr. Bernie Brucker and Dr. Ed Taub funds, provide unrestricted funds to support the mid-Winter meeting.

STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS

The Foundation provides funding for student research awards that are given at the annual conference. These funds make the educational meeting more affordable for graduate students and recognize their research accomplishments. The Nancy Crewe Student Research Award, made possible by a generous gift from Dr. Robert Fabiano, is given for the best oral presentation.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP NETWORK (SLN) SUPPORT

The Board provided inaugural resources for establishment of the Rehabilitation Psychology Student Leadership Network and continues to support its activities.

EARLY CAREER PSYCHOLOGISTS

The Board provides support to the Division 22 Early Career Psychology Committee for their ongoing activities.

2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR DISSERTATION AND STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

FRP Dissertation Awards

Dylan Serpas



Dissertation title: Disability stigma, disability identity and psychological distress

University of South Florida

Dissertation advisor: Kemesha Gabbidon, PhD

Mariel Emrich, MA



Dissertation title: PTSD

and pain after trauma

University of Connecticut

Dissertation advisor: Crystal Park, PhD

Margaret Rose-McCandish, MA



Dissertation title: The role of pain attribution and perceived acceptability of physician's pain treatment decisions

Indiana University

Dissertation advisor: Adam Hirsh, PhD

Leonard Diller Dissertation Award in Neurorehabilitation

Emily Dudek, MA



Dissertation title: Neuropsychological effects of a single session of mindfulness in adults with traumatic brain injury

University of Houston

Dissertation advisor: Michael W. Williams, PhD

Paul Leung travel award

Melissa Shang

Oregon State University



PLANNED GIVING

The long-term goal of FRP is to build an endowment of \$1 million to support the field of Rehabilitation Psychology. This endowment will provide investment earnings that substantially underwrite the annual conference and provide continuous support to graduate students and early career Rehabilitation Psychologists. To make that goal feasible, the Board realized that a consistent and concerted effort to procure substantial gifts was required. In addition to the annual request for donations, the Board has focused on legacy giving. Under the leadership of Dr. John Corrigan, the Board invested considerable time learning about bequeaths, planned giving and other methods of leaving a gift from one's estate.

Legacy giving is as simple as naming FRP in one's will or as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy. The Columbus Foundation, which manages the FRP investment account, provides free consultation to potential donors about more complex giving mechanisms. Early success of the Legacy Giving campaign is evident in the many Legacy commitments listed below. If you are interested in exploring a Legacy gift, please contact either Drs. Stephen Wegener (swegener@jhmi.edu) or John Corrigan (johncorrigan1@me.com).

FUNDS

In addition to a General Fund named for Mitch Rosenthal, the Foundation for Rehabilitation Psychology has established several funds that honor individuals with notable contributions to Rehabilitation Psychology.

The **Mitchell Rosenthal General Fund** provides funds to support the general operation of the Foundation, including support of graduate students, early career psychologists and other activities that advance the future of Rehabilitation Psychology. Dr. Rosenthal was a President of Division 22 and a founding member and President of FRP. He was also a founding member and President of the American Board of Rehabilitation Psychology. He was a world-renowned leader in the field of brain injury rehabilitation as a researcher, writer, and mentor to hundreds of students and colleagues.

The **Bernard Brucker Continuing Professional Educational Fund** supports the Rehabilitation Psychology annual meeting. Dr. Brucker was a President of Division 22, a founding member of FRP, and a founding member and President of the American Board of Rehabilitation Psychology. He was also an innovative researcher and internationally renowned speaker. Donations to this fund are dedicated in their entirety to support the midwinter meeting.

The **Leonard Diller Fund** was created in 2019. The fund supports recognition of dissertations that reflect the principles of neurorehabilitation as advanced by Dr. Diller. Leonard Diller is widely credited with being a founder of American neurorehabilitation and was a leader among clinicians who did not accept the belief that impairments following acquired brain injuries were permanent and irremediable. Donations to this fund are dedicated in their entirety to support the Diller Neurorehabilitation Dissertation Award.

The **Nancy Crewe Fund** supports the Nancy M. Crewe, Ph.D., Student Research Award, which is presented each year for the best student oral presentation at the annual conference. This award is made possible by the generosity of Bob Fabiano Ph.D.

The **Dr. Ed Taub Fund** honoring Dr. Bernie Brucker was established by a gift from Dr. Taub. The interest from this fund supports the annual conference, which is a major legacy of Dr. Brucker's contributions to Rehabilitation Psychology.

ENDOWMENT FUND MANAGEMENT

The Foundation for Rehabilitation Psychology works with the Columbus Foundation, one of the largest community foundations in the U.S., to manage the FRP endowment. Their low fees minimize expenses. The Columbus Foundation has over 80 years of experience and manages over \$3 billion in assets. They provide expertise in planned giving and can consult with donors for gifting via their wills, life insurance policies, retirement funds and other estate planning vehicles.

FRP FINANCES

FRP closed the year with \$295,511 in total assets, including \$14,617 in our U.S. Bank checking account, \$92,155 in our PayPal account, and \$278,739 in investments at the Columbus Foundation.

Revenue	Actual 2025	Budgeted 2025
Donations	\$ 19,922	\$ 22,000
TOTAL	\$ 19,922	\$ 22,000
Expenditures		
Dissertation awards	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Grad Student Activities	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Rehab Psych Conference	\$ 21,644	\$ 21,500
Division 22	\$ 350	\$ 350
Operations	\$ 300	\$ 3,000
TOTAL	\$ 32,794	\$ 36,350

Legacy Commitments

A growing number of psychologists are designating FRP as beneficiaries of life insurance, trust funds or wills. Sixteen Division members have made legacy commitments to FRP. The process can be as simple as adding FRP as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or adding a gift the next time you review your will.

If you have questions please direct them to Steve Wegener (swegener@jhmi.edu) or John Corrigan (johncorrigan1@me.com).

Legacy Commitments:

Baker, Laurie
Brownsberger, Mary
Bruyere, Susanne
Corrigan, John
Farmer, Janet
Fraser, Bob

Goldberg, Alan
Hanson, Stephanie A
Heinemann, Allen
Kewman, Don
Nierenberg, Barry

Pawlowski, Carey
Richards, J Scott
Rohe, Dan
Snoxell, Ellen
Wegener, Stephen

Contributors to FRP

FRP's annual activities are made possible by donations from Division members and their family and friends. We have over 200 donors to FRP to date, including 11 Visionary donors and 15 Leadership donors.

Gifts can be made anytime by going to www.rehabpsych.org and choosing "Donate".

Visionary: \$10,000+

Bruyere, Susanne
Caplan, Bruce
Corrigan, John D.
Diller, Mirjam
Fabiano, Robert
Heinemann, Allen
Leung, Paul
Richards, J. Scott
Rohe, Daniel
Rosenthal, Edythe
Taub, Edward

Leadership: \$3,000-\$9,999

Brown, Kathleen S.
Bush, Shane
Callahan, Charles D.
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Farmer, Janet
Hanson, Stephanie L
Kewman, Donald
Malec, James
Nierenberg, Barry P.
Pawlowski, Carey A.
Rosenthal, Margaret F.
Rusin, Michele
Wegener, Stephen T.
Wright, Beatrice A.

Platinum: \$1,000-\$2,999

Baker, Laurie
Bogner, Jennifer
Bombardier, Charles
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