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*A presentation highlighting the contributions
of 26 women scholars over 25 years*





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Past and Present:

- ❖ In 1999 ICfW was formed and approved as a Standing Committee by Division 52, International Psychology.
- ❖ By 2005, our annual meeting at APA brought together some 33 members and leaders, and today we have quarterly Zoom meetings and a listserv of over 200 members.





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Collaborative research and networking, however, is the heart of our work.

Over the years the ICfW has spearheaded the strong presence of global women's issues in APA annual programs with dozens of symposia on highly relevant topics such as

- ❖ Sex Trafficking
- ❖ Leadership Development
- ❖ Reproductive Justice and
- ❖ Psychotherapy with Women Internationally, to name just a few.



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Joy Rice, Ph.D.

Emerita Professor
University of Wisconsin, Madison



*Past
President
Div 52,
2006*

*Inaugural
Chair, ICfW*

- ❖ 2000-04 - A ICfW task force writes the Resolution on Cultural and Gender Awareness in International Psychology adopted by APA, published in the *American Psychologist* and widely disseminated.
- ❖ In 2015 ICfW sponsors a two day Summit, "From International to Transnational; Transforming the Psychology of Women," featuring global speakers and culminating in the book *Women and Transnational Psychology*, (Collins, Machizawa & Rice, 2019). This remains an important transforming perspective for women globally.



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Nancy M. Sidun, PsyD, ABPP, ATR

Independent Practice & Scholar
Past Chair of ICfW
Honolulu, Hawaii



*Chair of Div52
Task Force on
Human
Trafficking.*

*Co-Chair of the
APA Task Force
on Trafficking
of Women and
Girls.*

The ICfW Task force on Human Trafficking of Women & Girls emphasized that

- ❖ Human trafficking is global, affecting majority and minority countries
- ❖ All genders are trafficked
- ❖ All aspects of psychology are involved in a human trafficking task force, not just international



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Lenore Walker, Ed.D.

Professor Emerita, College of Psychology
Nova Southeastern University
Forensic Psychologist, Walker & Associates, LLC



*Joined the
ICfW in
1999*

- ❖ As former Chair of CIRP (Committee on International Relations in Psychology) I understood the power of women's voices united together to demand our rights internationally.
- ❖ Women's rights are still not secure anywhere in the world; most importantly, is the right to make health care decisions for oneself. Without the freedom to plan our families and remain healthy, we cannot make further advancement in other areas of our lives.



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Janet A. Sigal, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus in Psychology
Fairleigh Dickinson University
ICP Representative to the UN



*A founding
member of
ICFW*

*Active in
ICfW since
1999*

Then and Now:

- ❖ An important goal of ICFW when it was formed was to encourage APA to maintain the focus on issues relevant to women, but also focus on global issues.
- ❖ One of the most important issues for women, especially globally, is to combat violence against women since violence prevents them from fully participating in society. SDG 4 (Quality Education), and SDG 5 (Gender Equality) also are extremely important.



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Joan C. Chrisler, Ph.D.

Professor Emerita of Psychology
Connecticut College
New London, CT, USA



*ICfW
member
since
inception*

*Chair
2008-10*

- ❖ As a scholar of the psychology of women and a feminist activist, I have been concerned about women's rights globally.
- ❖ Reproductive justice remains crucial today. Without it, women's health is endangered, and our ability to accomplish educational, professional, and familial goals is more difficult.



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Carolyn Zerbe Enns, Ph.D.

Emeritus Professor of Psychology
Cornell College, Iowa



*Member
ICfW
since
early
2000s*

- ❖ When I joined, disseminating the *Resolution on Culture and Gender Awareness in International Psychology* and building relationships and partnerships with psychologists from multiple regions around the globe were priorities.
- ❖ Decolonial transnational feminisms, which are sensitive to ecological contexts, offer crucial perspectives for fostering egalitarian, strength-based, and equity-based approaches to women's health and well-being, as well as allying with colleagues around the globe.



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Merry Bullock, Ph.D.

Co-Chair Global Network of Psychologists
for Human Rights, S-G International
Council of Psychologists, USA / Estonia



*With
ICFW
since its
inception*

Areas for women's advancement

- ❖ Promoting involvement of women in positions of leadership across all sectors
- ❖ Infusing a global, feminist perspective into diverse subject psychology areas
- ❖ Promoting colleagues for recognition and awards to raise awareness
- ❖ In APA, celebrate work with feminist perspectives: nominate for awards, submit newsletter articles, and organize meetings



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Judith Gibbons, Ph.D.

Professor Emerita of Psychology
Saint Louis University
Founding Editor, International Perspectives
in Psychology



*“Member of
ICfW for as
long as I can
remember”*

*President
elect, APA
Division of
International
Psychology*

- ❖ As ICfW members, we have made important contributions to the international and global wellbeing of women and girls through editing, research, and leadership.
- ❖ Globally, the challenges facing women, girls, and gender diverse persons are multiple, including threats to their economic wellbeing, reproductive rights, and political participation.



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Irene Hanson Frieze, Ph.D.

Emeritus Professor of Psychology
University of Pittsburgh



*Long-term
member
ICfW*

*ICfW
chair
2013-15*

- ❖ Major priorities for me were increasing communication within the group through the listserv (which I helped set up).
- ❖ We also worked to have regular formal programs as well as informal gatherings in the Suite at APA conferences.
- ❖ I feel our committee should focus on women psychologists around the world, helping us to meet and get to know each other.



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Lynn Collins, Ph.D.

Professor, La Salle University
Philadelphia, PA



*Former 52
President
and ICfW
Chair*

- ❖ Decolonizing psychological science and practice requires that psychologists enhance awareness of the global multiplicity of psychologies and rigorously examine and acknowledge the frameworks that shape their beliefs (Kurtis & Adams, 2013, 2015).
- ❖ By understanding the psychological and practical impacts of local through global influences and working in partnership with affected communities, changes can be made at all levels to improve women's situations as well as their communities.



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Sayaka Machizawa, Psy.D.

Associate Director-APAC Lead
Clinical Science, Signant
Clinical Consultant, Apple



*ICfW
member
since
2006*

*ICfW
Chair
from
2012-13*

- ❖ When I joined the ICfW, one of the most important goals was to further the advancement of women internationally through psychology, and to promote mentoring and collaboration with early career psychologists and students to help them advance in the field
- ❖ It is difficult to choose just one area for advancement, but one of the most pressing issues is the rapid advancement of climate change and environmental degradation, which disproportionately affect women, particularly in the Global South.



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Silvia Sara Canetto, Ph.D.

Professor
Colorado State University, USA
Graduate degrees: Italy, Israel, and USA



*ICfW member
since 2000*

*Multiple ICfW
presentations*

*Division 52
"Fellow" (2002)*

Areas for advancement

- ❖ Sustained education, research and advocacy for women's human rights, globally, including in psychology (e.g., via a resolution on women's human Rights)
- ❖ Challenge the idea of an opposition between women's human rights and the right to culture (Canetto, S. S., et al., 2020).



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Senel Poyrazli, Ph.D.

Distinguished Professor of
Counseling Psychology
Penn State Harrisburg



*Member
of ICfW
since
2016*

*Division 52
International
Psychology
President 2014*

- ❖ I like being a part of the committee because it helps me learn more about how women in academia and the rest of the society can use different strategies to deal with the challenges they face.
- ❖ I believe that a big challenge facing women internationally today is financial stress as they are trying to make sure that the needs of their loved ones are met.



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Tara Pir, Ph.D.

CEO/ Founder of IMCES
Director of Clinical Training



*ICfW
committee
member
since 2013*

*Founder &
CEO of IMCES
community
clinic in Los
Angeles, CA*

- ❖ Our goal in 2013 was to understand cultural circumstances to better promote equality and equity for women and girls around the world.
- ❖ I strongly believe that there is no domain in which women, with their political ID, have not demonstrated their ability and advancement.
- ❖ However, women have been faced with barriers of oppressive social structures on an ongoing basis throughout our history, even in the most democratic advanced societies.
- ❖ Women's initiation in leadership is required to actively participate and advocate for the necessary changes.



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Giselle Gaviria, PSYD

Walker & Associates, LLC
Besner Group
Fort Lauderdale, Florida



*Member
of ICfW
since
2015*

- ❖ I joined ICfW while I was in graduate school at Albizu University. I remember being excited to meet other women that were interested in working with survivors of human trafficking and gender violence.
- ❖ There has been significant progress in women's education especially in higher education and entering traditionally male-dominated fields such as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).



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Nancy Russo, Ph.D.

Regents Professor Emerita
Department of Psychology
Arizona State University



*Member
of ICfW
since
2008*

- ❖ Having an abortion is not linked to mental health problems, but restricting access to safe, legal abortions does cause harm.
- ❖ People who are denied abortions have worse physical and mental health, as well as worse economic outcomes than those who seek and receive them.
- ❖ Large longitudinal and international studies have found that obtaining a wanted abortion does not increase risk for depression, anxiety, or suicidal thought.
- ❖ The best predictor of a woman's mental health after an abortion is her mental health before the abortion.



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Florence Denmark, Ph.D.

Robert Scott Pace Distinguished Research
Professor Emeritus, Pace University



*Past President
American
Psychological
Association*

- ❖ It is important to understand how the relationships between measures of nation-level gender inequity and women's psychological functioning and empowerment differ in various nations.
- ❖ Yet there is only a limited application of these indicators in the psychological literature (Else-Quest & Grabe, 2012).
- ❖ Further, very few empirical studies linking national level gender inequity to gender differences in various psychological constructs have employed an explicit feminist framework.



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Brigitte Khoury , Ph.D.

American University of Beirut
Department of Psychiatry



*President
of Division
52, 2020*

*Chaired and
presented in
multiple
ICFW
symposia*

Area for advancement:

- ❖ In many low to middle income countries in the world women's rights are still an area of concern and among the main obstacles for the development of society.
- ❖ Whether in relation to reproductive rights, economic freedom and equitable compensation, civil rights, rights for education, freedom of movement and so many more areas which need to be addressed on a macro as well as micro level.



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Susan A. Nolan, Ph.D.

Professor
Seton Hall University
USA



*Joined
the ICFW
in 2009*

*Chaired
from
2010-12*

Important goals:

- ❖ Continue a focus on reproductive justice as essential for women's advancement internationally.
- ❖ Propose, implement, and/or evaluate interventions to meet the psychological needs of communities (local to global), with reference to the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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Marilyn P. Safir, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus
School of Psychological Sciences
University of Haifa, Israel



*Founder &
Director of
First
Women's
Studies
Program in
Israel*

- ❖ Women's contributions to psychology have broadened and deepened the field and contributed to its increasing importance and knowledge of human functioning
- ❖ Women are still disadvantaged in advancement and salaries and also expected to serve in ways that are not advantageous to their academic advancement



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Jyotsna Vaid, Ph.D.

Professor of Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies
Convenor of South Asia Studies Working Group,
Texas A&M University



*Joined ICfW
about 8
years ago*

*Editorial board
of International
Perspectives in
Psychology
(2018-2023)*

Outstanding Area for Advancement:

- ❖ Whatever advances women have made have often faced tremendous backlash.
- ❖ I feel that without large-scale organizing against autocratic, authoritarian tendencies that are gaining ground in many parts of the world that seek to control women's bodily autonomy and economic independence, women's advancement in legal, health, educational, and other spheres is severely threatened.



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Anna E. Rae, Ph.D., LPC-S, CSAC

Office of the Secretary of Defense
Bridge to Wellness Centers
ICfW Chair (2024-2025)



*Joined
ICfW
in 2022*

Goals then and now:

- ❖ Increase awareness of psychologists' role in pelvic injury and pelvic organ prolapse care
- ❖ Collaboration between psychologists, physical therapists, and OBGYNs
- ❖ Provide information on psychologists' role in pelvic repair after global geopolitical events
- ❖ Research shows coordinated care can reduce community and familial discrimination



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Érinn C. Cameron, Ph.D.

Boston Medical Center, Boston University,
and Massachusetts General Hospital
Departments of Psychiatry



*Joined
ICFW in
2019*

Goals: Then and Now

- ❖ The most important goal I remember from the time I joined was women's empowerment
- ❖ An outstanding area for women's advancement today is climate Justice.



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Judy Kuriansky, Ph.D.

Adjunct Professor
Psychology and Education
Columbia University Teachers College



*APA
Fellow,
United
Nations*

*NGO
Representative*

Advancing Women Globally

- ❖ Need to understand the difficult psychosocial experiences and adjustment of women and their families immigrating to the USA and to advocate for social policy to better their lives.
- ❖ Need to support the UN Commission on the Status of Women events for Sustainable development Goal 5: “Empowering Women and Girls” e.g., eliminating trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence and promoting an innovative sexual violence monitoring system.



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Juanita N Baker, Ph.D.

Professor Emerita
Florida Institute of Technology
Melbourne, Florida



*Joined
ICfW in
1999*

- ❖ Our goals were to bring women's issues attention in a male-dominated institution and share science and experience and to find camaraderie in professional educational and clinical settings.
- ❖ We need more highly trained women psychologists working towards gender equality, studying the impact of all aspects of womanhood and furthering women's rights and opportunities around the world.



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Julie Hakim-Larson, Ph.D.

Professor Emerita
University of Windsor,
Windsor, Ontario, Canada



*2020 APA
Division 52
Conference
Program Co-
Chair*

*2023-25:
APA Division
52 Vice-
President for
Initiatives*

- ❖ Joined ICFW in my role as Vice-President for Initiatives in 2023 to assist in future planning.
- ❖ A primary goal of ICFW was to globalize an understanding of the basic human rights and psychological needs of girls and women which have been compromised historically.
- ❖ One way to advance the well-being of girls and women globally is by developing relevant psychology curricula for each level of education and promoting its dissemination in courses.



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ICfW today continues productive work in fulfilling its original mission:

“to identify substantive issues that affect the welfare of women globally and to recommend action to the division; to promote research, education, symposia, and projects that advance equality for women internationally; and to encourage the awareness and infusion of gender equity issues throughout the activities of the division and APA.”