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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.

A high point of the ICfW's work in its early years was helping to launch a mentoring match project and many of our members served as initial mentors to emerging women leaders, students and early career psychologists throughout the world. Our global advocacy efforts included sponsoring projects and raising funds to help support the Pakistan Women's University; the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan; Half the Sky Orphanage for Girls in China; The Coalition against Sex Trafficking; and MADRE in Latin and Central America.

Collaborative research and policy is a key part of the ICfW's mission and work. From 2007 to 2010, ICfW members and Division 35 members worked on a special APA Task Force to produce the first set of guidelines for psychological practice with women. An intense three year project culminated in the publication of APA Guidelines for the Psychological Practice with Girls & Women. These guidelines were passed by APA in 2007, led to a book published by APA (Enns, Rice and Nutt, 2010), and continue to be revised today.


An international scholar and award winner, Rice has published over 100 articles, chapters, and books on research and policy in the areas of women and poverty, welfare, divorce, education, and psychotherapy.



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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

I joined the ICfW committee in the early 2000s. I was highly concerned about the human trafficking of women and girls. ICfW embraced my goal and encouraged me to establish a Div52 Task Force on Human Trafficking of Women and Girls. As a result, APA's Program Office established a system-wide task force on human trafficking, which I had the honor of co-chairing. Today, I continue to be concerned about women's human rights globally. We know that with climate change and climate events women and girls are negatively dis-proportionally impacted, especially from majority countries.


I have presented on critical issues addressing many SDGs at national and international conferences, published articles, and co-edited special issue journals. For example, in an initiative that was born out of an ICfW meeting, fellow ICfW members Judith Gibbons, Joan Chrisler, and I guest co-edited a special issue for Div52's International Perspectives in Psychology (IPP) on reproductive justice, which is currently at press. Judy Gibbons and I also co-edited the IPP special issue on Women during COVID-19, another project conceived at an ICfW meeting. Earlier this year, the International Journal of Psychology published Judy Gibbons and my manuscript entitled "Women, girls, and climate change: Human rights, vulnerability, and opportunities."



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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.


In 1977 I was elected to be a delegate to the Colorado delegation to the UN Conference on the Decade for Women. I was inspired by the exciting work being done towards women’s rights around the world. Here in the U.S. we are not as advanced as we wish, especially in our work to protect women and girls from all forms of gender violence. On the other hand, we do have many more psychological tools to help women heal from gender violence. I have been engaged in such work in both my academic and independent practice of psychology developing evidence-based programs and testifying on behalf of women victim/survivors.



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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.

My research, writing, and national and international conference presentations focus on global violence against girls and women. I am a Co-author of a chapter on Violence against Women: International Workplace Sexual Harassment and Domestic Violence; a chapter on Cross-Cultural Violence against Women and Girls: From Dating to Intimate Partner Violence; a chapter on Violence against Girls; and a recent chapter on Human Rights and Well-Being of Older Persons: Challenges and Opportunities (2020).

I am a Past President of APA Division 1, Past President of International Council of Psychologists, and current President of the Academic Division of NYSPA. As an APA UN Representative initially, and as a current ICP Representative to the UN, I served as the Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing/NY, and Co-Chair of the NGO Committee on the Family. Currently I am a member of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women. I also have served as the Co-Chair of the Virtual Psychology Day at the UN.


I am Co-Editor of a two-volume set of books: *Violence against Girls and Women: An International Perspective*. Editor of the *NYSPA Journal Volume Spring 2021: Psychological Perspectives on Violence: Prevention and Intervention*.



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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.

When I chaired ICfW, the group decided to undertake a joint book project with Division 35’s Global Issues Committee on reproductive justice. I edited the book whose chapters were authored by members of the two committees: *Reproductive Justice: A Global Concern* (2012), Praeger Press. The book won the 2013 Distinguished Publication Award from the Association for Women in Psychology.


More recently, I was invited by Nancy Sidun and Judy Gibbons to join them in another ICfW project: co-editing a special issue of *International Perspectives in Psychology: Research, Practice, Consultation* on the topic of Reproductive Justice. The issue was published in 2024 (vol. 13, no. 3).



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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.


As an extension of my recent interests in transnational and decolonial feminisms, I co-edited (with Lillian Comas-Díaz and Thema Bryant) a special issue on Transnational Feminist Practice for *Women and Therapy* (2021). During the past two years, I have been a member of an APA presidential task force on Decolonial and Liberation Psychology (APA presidency of Thema Bryant). At present, we are completing our work on a special issue for the *American Psychologist* on Practicing Decolonial and Liberation Psychologies. I continue to pursue interests related to teaching about transnational psychology from a non-WEIRD perspective and exploring and learning more about the varieties of decolonial feminist practice 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


I have been involved with ICFW since its inception. The goals from the inception were to support a global (transnational) perspective on women’s issues, and women’s strengths and empowerment, especially as leaders of change.



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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.

Editing

Founding editor of International Perspectives in Psychology

Editor of two special issues of IPP

Women’s Lives during the COVID-19 Pandemic


Reproductive Justice

Research

Women and girls of the global south

Leadership


Presidencies of Society for Cross-Cultural Research, Sociedad Interamericana de Psicología, and Division 52 of APA



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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.

Collins became acutely aware of the need for more information on conceptual, diagnostic, and therapeutic psychological approaches around the world after teaching a workshop on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder to counselors from the University of Kuwait. She subsequently organized numerous symposia that showcased psychology-related work around the globe and served as Division 52 Program Chair, Chair of the ICfW, and on the APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology (CIRP). While Division 52 President, Collins helped to shepherd the creation of Division 52's journal, *International Perspectives in Psychology: Research, Practice, Consultation*. She also initiated a joint annual mini conference on international psychology with the Western Psychological Association to expand the division's geographical representation.


While President of the Society for the Psychology of Women (SPW), Collins worked with ICfW and other organizations inspired by transnational psychology's potential for decolonizing mainstream Western psychology to organize a summit, chaired by Sayaka Machizawa. The summit resulted in the book, *Transnational Psychology of Women: Expanding International and Intersectional Approaches* (Collins, Machizawa, & Rice, 2019). Collins is a Division 12, 35, and 52 Fellow and a recipient of SPW's Heritage Award and the Association for Women in Psychology's Christine Ladd-Franklin Award.



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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.

History with the ICfW


- Joined in 2004 through my mentor, Carol Enns; The first ICfW meeting attended was on July 31, 2004, in Honolulu
- Served as Chair from 2012 to 2013
- Co-Chaired the Task Force, Enhancing International Perspectives on the Psychology of Women, with Joy Rice and Lynn Collins from 2014 to 2017
- The Task Force successfully organized Transnational Feminist Psychology Summit in August 2015 in Toronto, which was attended by 75 women from 12 countries.
- Co-edited a book "Transnational Psychology of Women: Expanding International and Intersectional Approaches" (APA, 2019), with Joy Rice and Lynn Collins.



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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).


I joined the ICfW in 2000. I started research on girls’ and women’s human rights as my contribution to the Committee on International Relations in Psychology during my term as an elected International Council of Psychologists member. At that time APA did not have a human rights focus, and very few psychologists did scholarship on women’s human rights. My research on girls’ and women’s human rights led to several publications, including a chapter on women and human rights in Travis & White’s 2018 edited *APA Handbook on the Psychology of Women*, and a chapter challenging the idea of an opposition between women’s human rights and the right to culture in Rubin & Flores’ *Cambridge handbook of psychology and human rights*. These publications served as the scholarly foundation of my work as primary author of the APA Resolution on Girls’ and Women’s Human Rights. In 2023, as an elected member of APA Council, I submitted the resolution to Council as a New Business Item. In the past year, the resolution was revised based on feedback from BAPPI and other APA committees. In July 2024, BAPPI communicated its support of the revised resolution and its passage by Council August 2024.



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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.

Being a part of the ICfW helps me see and remember how important it is to empower women (colleagues in academia, female international psychologists, etc.) and to help them achieve their goals. Women share their knowledge and resources with their family members and the people around them. So, helping a woman, for example, to get educated, to increase their knowledge, or to advance in a career will benefit multiple individuals around that woman.


I served as president of APA Division 52 International Psychology in 2014. I have chaired an international conference on educational research for three years and currently serve as the chair of my department at Penn State. I also served as vice-president of the Pennsylvania Immigrant and Refugee Women's Network (PAIRWN). Within these roles, I strived to raise awareness around women's issues and encouraged people around me to help women to better their lives.



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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.

Throughout my role as a Clinical Training Director, I promoted non-Western women’s experiences and perspectives by recruiting, engaging, and involving international women from different countries in our APA-accredited clinical training programs, including doctoral internships and postdoctoral residency.

I designed our clinical training and practices based on the value of human rights and social justice with the mission of promoting contextually and culturally responsive equity/access to resources.

Recently I have been a primary investigator in an international collaborative research project with Canada and Australia to investigate the experiences of refugee and immigrant youth and to provide policy recommendations to local and national governments to better support refugee and immigrant youth in settling in their host country.


As CEO/ Director of a Community Clinic in Los Angeles for over 35 years (IMCES), my proposal was awarded to provide legal and supportive services to victims of domestic violence, especially from under served ethnic communities with many complex challenges of health, mental health, finances, and relationships, as main barriers to their adjustment in our social structure. The successful implementation of this program has saved and improved the lives of thousands of individuals and families every year.



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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).


Thanks to the support and guidance of women I have met through ICfW, I have been able to continue my meaningful work with victims and survivors of gender violence. This includes providing individual therapy and presenting internationally on critical issues such as immigration, gender violence, and human trafficking. I've also had the honor of editing and contributing to the *Handbook of Sex Trafficking: Feminist Transnational Perspectives* with women also involved in ICfW.



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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.

I have been involved and supporting the International Committee for Women for many years. My research interests are gender roles and mental health, reproductive issues, factors influencing women's educational and career achievements (particularly in science and engineering fields), ethnic minority women's issues, population and environmental psychology and reproductive health and social policy.


Every woman in the world has the right to control her own body, plan her family, receive good quality medical care, and give birth to a healthy baby. Our work (Russo and Steinberg, "Contraception and Abortion: Critical Tools for Achieving Reproductive Justice" in Reproductive Justice, 2012) takes a comprehensive look at the status of women's reproductive rights from a transnational, human-rights perspective. "Reproductive justice" is a relatively new term that underscores the fact that the existence of reproductive rights does not mean that women are able to exercise those rights. High quality studies aimed at understanding the varied relationships of unintended pregnancy to mental health outcomes-both positive and negative-in the context of the diverse circumstances of women's lives are sorely needed. Such studies can inform the development of programs to reduce unwanted childbearing and promote pre- and post-pregnancy mental health for all women, regardless of how they choose to end their pregnancy (PsycINFO Database Record 2017 APA).



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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.

Denmark was the fifth woman to be elected to serve as president of the American Psychological Association (APA) in 1980. She also participated in the founding of the Association for Women in Psychology, the Division on the Psychology of Women of the American Psychological Association and the Division of International Psychology and the International Committee for Women.

Her studies on the [psychology of women](#) have played an integral role in promoting research into the psychology of women nationally and internationally (*Denmark. "Women and Psychology: An international perspective," 1998, American Psychologist*). Because of her tireless efforts and years of research in the field, she is seen by many as the founder of the field of psychology of women. She co-authored *The Psychology of Women: Future Directions of Research* and co-edited the third edition of the [Handbook of Psychology of Women](#) in 2017.


Denmark has advocated for the empowerment of women and has striven to enlighten and encourage all women to continue to work toward their full potential, as she herself continues to support women of all ages through her work with the United Nations and other organizations throughout the world. In honor of her efforts, the APA's Society for the Psychology of Women introduced the Florence L. Denmark Award for Contributions to Women and Aging in 2010.



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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.


I cannot really remember exactly when joining the ICfW, possibly 20 years ago. Our goal then and now has been to gather like-minded international women psychologists and form a group for networking, exchanging ideas, collaborating and having conversations on common concerns and interests.



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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).


My most recent work has focused on undergraduate education in psychology, and specifically learning outcomes and means of assessment. I co-founded and co-lead a team of 17 psychology educators from 13 countries, as well as a larger advisory group of more than 100 psychology educators from over 40 countries, as we developed the International Competences for Undergraduate Psychology (ICUP). (See icupo.org for more information) Among the competences is one aimed directly at the UN SDGs. “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).” Our team is in the process of finalizing the ICUP model, after which we will disseminate it and begin developing teaching and assessment strategies tied to the competences, including the one related to the SDGs. I hope that this model will encourage undergraduate psychology educators to include the SDGs, including related to women and girls, in their curricula and courses.



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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

Professor Emerita Marilyn Safir was a founding member of Division 52 and ICfW and the founder and former Director (1983-1993) of the first Women Studies program in Israel. She chaired the First International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women: Women's Worlds in Haifa in 1981. This was the first major international feminist women's studies congress and resulted in the formation of an international network of feminist women's studies scholars and activists, enabling a series of 13 additional Congresses. In addition, Safir initiated and runs The Israel Feminist Forum that has an international list of over 400 subscribers which focuses on current feminist issues in Israel and abroad.


APA's Committee on Women and Psychology honored her in 1992 with Distinguished Leadership Citation for her contributions to improving the status of Women in Psychology both Nationally and Internationally. In 2009 she received the Award for Contributions to International Psychology by APA's Division 52. She was singled out as one of the 100 Heroines of the World in Rochester New York (1998) in recognition of her lifetime achievements in furthering the cause of women's rights, freedom, health and equal opportunities; and for serving as a role model for women and girls around the world.



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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.


Jyotsna Vaid is a Fellow of APA Divisions 3, 9, 35, 45, and 52 and served on the editorial board of *Psychology of Women Quarterly* (1986-88) and on the APA Psychology of Women Book Series Editorial Board (2018-2022). She has published extensively on neuropsychological and cognitive aspects of bilingualism. An Associate Editor of the *Journal of Cultural Cognitive Science*, and a former Editor in Chief of *Writing Systems Research*, she has worked tirelessly to bring non-WEIRD researchers and research topics into the forefront of psychological research on language. Vaid cofounded the South Asian Women's Community Center in Montreal in the early 1980s, and for ten years edited the *Committee on South Asian Women Bulletin*. She is currently working on making the archives of this publication digitally available. Vaid is also the editor of a forthcoming collection of writings and speeches by her sister, Urvashi Vaid (1958-2022), a legendary and trail-blazing LGBTQ activist and social justice leader. The book is titled, *The Dream of a Common Movement: Selected Writings of Urvashi Vaid* (Jyotsna Vaid and Amy Hoffman, editors, Duke University Press, 2025).



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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


I advocate to increase awareness of coordinated pelvic organ prolapse care and quality of life and published a book on this topic in 2022; this work supports the United Nations Sustainable Developments goals of good health and wellbeing and gender equality. I present on integrated care for pelvic organ prolapse and quality of life at APA conferences and address how to recover from pelvic wars, in which pelvic obliteration is a focus of war to subdue a community. I published newsletter articles on these topics for Division 52 and Division 48, give international lectures encouraging mental health professionals to take part in pelvic health care plans, and provide trainings to leaders and clinical directors in the Department of Defense on how to integrate addressing mental health responses to pelvic conditions into counseling programming. I am associated with PostPartum Support Virginia and assist clients with reproductive mental health in my private practice. I am the 2024-2025 chair of the International Committee for Women, and am honored to work to increase awareness of pelvic repair and health for women and girls globally, and to help highlight the incredible work committee members are doing to help women across the world.



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*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.

My current affiliations include
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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.


- Co-developed the “Girls Empowerment Camp” in Africa
- Collaborated on the “Hands Off Our Girls” initiative to stop all forms of violence against girls, with the First Lady of Sierra Leone
- Advocated for the rights and protection of women and girls at the UN
- Past President of the Psychology Coalition of NGOs at the United Nations
- Trustee, United African Congress
- Co-editor of “*Women's Evolving Lives: Global and Psychosocial Perspectives*” (2017) by, Brown, Gielen, Gibbons, & Kuriansky
- Co-founder, “Global Kids Connect Project”
- TV and radio commentator



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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.

From 2010-present initiated the weekly Psychology Science Minute broadcast on WFIT at the Florida Institute of Technology, and as a podcast weekly bringing awareness of psychology science including focusing on women's issues.


IWfC was instrumental in one of my projects as a faculty member at Florida Institute of Technology as it was totally because of the ICFW that we purchased the Sasha McInnes Book Collection. Canadian Sasha McInnes, on ICFW list serve, asked to sell her 30-year collection of 1600 Feminist Books to establish a memorial for her mother. Colleagues and friends from the National Organization for Women raised funds to bring McInnes' Collection of references, biography, fiction, and poetry to Florida Tech **with the goal of supporting** the School of Psychology curriculum and research on feminism, cultural sensitivity, eco-feminism, women's movement, First Nations, self-help, sexual abuse, aging, feminist therapy, eating disorders, politics, and social change.



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*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.

My educational background includes training as a life-span developmental psychologist and as a child clinical psychologist. As a clinician, in addition to individual therapy with girls and women, I have also conducted family therapy. My academic research and writing include emotional development in families and issues involving mental health and culture with particular emphasis on immigrants to North America from the Arabic speaking countries of the Middle East. Since the 1970s and the beginning of my training as a psychologist, I have been interested in the psychology of women. This interest stemmed from my personal experience of growing up in a male-dominated world in the United States and from my observation of the many inequities that were obvious to me as a female. I lived through and was deeply affected by the women's movement of the 1970s in the United States. My career goals overall have been and continue to be consistent with UN Sustainable Development Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.



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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.”