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**Psychiatry and the Arts at the APA Annual Meeting in Honolulu**

**ARLINGTON, Va. (March 2, 2011)** – The intersection of psychiatry and the arts will be addressed in a number of sessions, including a look at lessons on faith and resilience in film, portrayal of psychiatry in films and fiction, and a display of member artwork, at American Psychiatric Association's 2011 Annual Meeting. The APA's 164th Annual Meeting, the world's largest psychiatric meeting, will run Saturday, May 14 to Wednesday, May 18, 2011 in Honolulu at the Hawaii Convention Center.

The American film industry has long had a fascination with psychiatry. Major motion pictures have the power to enduringly influence the public perception of mental illness, its treatments, and the profession of psychiatry. A workshop on Sunday, "Unconscious Projections: The Portrayal of Psychiatry in Recent American Films," will address the portrayal of psychiatry in contemporary films from the past two decades, such as "A Beautiful Mind," "As Good As It Gets," "Good Will Hunting," and "Girl Interrupted." Another session will look specifically at the portrayal of forensic psychiatrists in fiction and the link to public perception, public policy, and jury decisions.

Resilience and recovery will be addressed in a session using the movie "Precious" which vividly portrays the psychological life of Precious Jones, a multiply traumatized, inner city adolescent girl. Presenters will discuss ways to draw on psychoanalytic concepts and inquiry to help the real young people in inner cities to heal from trauma and transform their experiences into more hopeful lives.

Films and other media have often created negative or even violent depictions of mental disorders such as bipolar disorder. The 60-minute documentary, "**Madly Gifted,**" which will be screened at a workshop on Wednesday, was produced to break stereotypes and fight stigma about bipolar disorder.

The challenges facing gay and lesbian teenagers and adults in revealing their sexual orientation to others, particularly in rural and small town America, are highlighted in the 2009 award-winning film "Out in the Silence." The filmmakers will participate in a discussion following the screening of the film at a workshop on Monday.

The creative artwork of APA members, spouses, significant others, and staff will be on display at the APA Art Association's annual art exhibit at the Convention Center Sunday Through Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meeting participants can vote on their favorite artwork, and APA President Carol Bernstein, M.D. will announce award winners at a reception on Tuesday, May 17, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**PSYCHIATRY AND ART SESSIONS AT THE APA ANNUAL MEETING****SATURDAY**

8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Cluster B Personality Disorders and the Neo Noir Femme Fatale  
*Chair: Scott Snyder, M.D.*

12 noon – 3 p.m.

Faith and Resilience: Carl Dreyer's "The Passion of Joan of Arc"

*Chair: Francis Lu, M.D.*

**SUNDAY**

7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Unconscious Projections: The Portrayal of Psychiatry in Recent American Films  
*Chair: Steven E. Pflanz, M.D.*

**MONDAY**

12 noon – 1:30 p.m. Out in the Silence: A Film About Being Gay or Lesbian in Small Town America  
*Chair: Richard R. Pleak, M.D.*

**TUESDAY**

7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. From Dr. Kreizler to Hannibal Lecter: Forensic Psychiatrists in Fiction  
*Chairs: Sara G. West, M.D., Cathleen A. Cerny, M.D.*

8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Personal Transformation Through an Encounter With Death: East Meets West  
in Akira Kurosawa's "Ikiru" *Chair: Francis Lu, M.D.*

12 noon – 3 p.m. Precious: Using Psychodynamic Concepts to Inform Care and Facilitate Recovery  
American Psychoanalytic Association *Chair: Sandra C. Walker, M.D.*

**WEDNESDAY**

8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Madly Gifted  
*Chairs: Nubia G. Llubes, M.D., Assim Shah, M.D., Niberca Polo, M.A.*

Online advanced registration for journalists is open. Review the [guidelines for press participation](#) in the meeting. For regular updates on plans for the [2011 Annual Meeting](#), visit and subscribe to the [APA Annual Meeting blog](#).

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