



Elect Robert McGrath, Ph.D. President of the American Psychological Association

Who I Am

- **A teacher**

I have been teaching psychology for over 20 years at Fairleigh Dickinson University, and currently serve as the Director of the Ph.D. Program in Clinical Psychology and the M.S Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology.

- **A scientist**

My research program, primarily in measurement and applied assessment and professional issues in pharmacotherapy, has resulted in over 100 publications and presentations.

- **A clinician**

As a licensed psychologist (New York) I continue to supervise graduate students in assessment and psychotherapy.

- **An advocate for the profession**

I have been involved in legislative activism in numerous states.

- **An active community member**

I'm a member of Div. 8, 12, and 55. I have served on numerous committees in APA and am currently a member of the Div. 12 Committee on Science and Practice and the Primary Care Coordinating Group. In my free time, I am very involved in environmental and quality-of-life issues in my town.

What I Believe

- **We can become better advocates for ourselves and for society.** Psychologists have a great deal to offer concerning social policy. We should increase our **involvement in identifying solutions for social problems**. However, these solutions will have little effect without **greater involvement in the political system**. Advocacy is also the key to maintaining the economic viability of psychology as a profession, and to increased federal support for psychological research.
- **APA can become a more integral part of psychologists' professional lives.** Opportunities for more **hands-on experiences** include more distributed training in advocacy, greater emphasis on involving psychologists in the organization, and more collaboration with other organizations.
- **We must pursue new professional opportunities.** Prescriptive authority and increased involvement in primary care offer our best options for enhancing our profession, increasing the role we play in creating a sane healthcare system, and addressing the shortage of internships.
- **We must value our scientific roots.** It is our commitment to science that distinguishes psychology from other professions.
- **We must address weaknesses in the Ethics Code.** The Ethics Code has become both a statement of moral principles and a legally binding document. The Code must be revised so that the former purpose is not sacrificed to the latter.

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