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Introducing the 2015-2016 LAPT Board Members

PRESIDENT

Adrienne Frischhertz, Ph.D., LPC-S, CRC,
Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Laura Fazio-Griffith, Ph.D., LPC-S, LMFT, NCC,
Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor

PAST PRESIDENT

LeAnne Steen, Ph.D., LPC-S,
Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor

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Nicole Bartlett, LPC-S

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Amanda H. Chapoton, LPC-S, LMFT,
Registered Play Therapist

MEMBERSHIP

Sheila Gold, LCSW, Registered Play Therapist

ELECTIONS

(currently vacant)

WORKSHOP

Michelle Niemeier, Ph.D.,
Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor

PROMOTIONS (NORTH)

Emily Vincent, LCSW, Registered Play Therapist

PROMOTIONS (SOUTH)

Kenneth Schmitt, LPC, NCC, Registered Play Therapist

COMMUNICATIONS

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LEGISLATIVE, ETHICS & BY-LAWS

Carolyn Ellender, LCSW, LPC,
Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor

GOLD BRANCH

Marcia Cox, LCSW, Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor

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Ray Melerine, LPC, Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor

HISTORIAN

Dana Planchard, LCSW



Meet our new President

Meet our new President, Adrienne Frischhertz, Ph.D., LPC-S, CRC, Registered Play Therapist - Supervisor. You can visit the LAPT website for Adrienne's bio, [Louisiana Association for Play Therapy](#)

My name is: Adrienne Frischhertz

Where I learned to play (school/trainings): My intro to play therapy course was at the University of New Orleans and I was hooked! I also took many continuing education workshops at LSUHSC and was fortunate to attend both state and national conferences early in my training.

Why play therapy: I love the energy, enthusiasm, and resilience of children! My clients, new and old, have inspired me so much!

My favorite play therapy book (why?): *Dibs in Search of Self* was the first play therapy book that I read, and it's still my #1!

My favorite children's book: *I Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch



Upcoming Events

- **May 1, 2015** - *Play Therapy Across the Ages*
Featuring Scott Riviere, M.S., LPC, Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor
Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA [Click here for information.](#)
- **October 6-11, 2015** - APT Annual Conference
Atlanta, GA [Click here for information.](#)
- **February 26-27, 2016** - LAPT Annual Conference
Loyola University, New Orleans, LA [Click here for information.](#)
Featuring: Guest Speaker Linda Homeyer, Ph.D., LPC-S Registered Play-Therapist Supervisor

LAPT will have sectionals on the 27th. **Call for proposals coming soon!**



LAPT 2015 Annual Conference

The Many Faces of Play Therapy

This year's conference had approximately 97 attendees. Unfortunately the guest speaker, Eliana Gil, was unable to present due to a family emergency. The Board would like to extend a big "Thank You" to Adrienne Frischhertz, LeAnne Steen and Erin Dugan for stepping in Friday. Despite last minute changes, all had a good time and learned more about play. We were lucky enough to have a video chat with Eliana Gil Saturday morning and attend her daughter's portion of the conference, *Integrating Play Therapy and Drama Therapy to Facilitate Attachment.*

Other News



Congratulations to Louisiana for LAPT making Gold Branch status AGAIN!

Catherine Pacyna - LAPT would like to extend their condolences for the untimely passing of Catherine Pacyna, New Orleans, LA. [Click here for obituary.](#)

Credentials - We reside in a state where "RPT" is protected for registered physical therapists, and must spell out "Registered Play Therapist" or "Registered Play Therapist - Supervisor" credential. Visit <http://a4pt.site-ym.com/?page=Credentials> for more information.

eMail Update - We are now using MailChimp, a widely used reputable email service, to send our newsletters and other bulk communications to members. If you are not receiving these emails from us, please register your address at <http://eepurl.com/bkPJZr>.