

**SECOND ROUND OF APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED TO
EDITORIAL BOARD OF *ADVANCING SUICIDE PREVENTION™* MAGAZINE**

***Drs. Yeates Conwell, Diego de Leo, Sean Joe, Marsha Linehan, Spero Manson,
Ann Mitchell, Charles Roadman to serve Health policy expert Leslie Scallet and author
Terry Wise also to guide editorial direction***

MAY 3, 2005 – Sheboygan, Wis. – *Advancing Suicide Prevention™* (www.advancingsp.com), **launching this month with its premiere issue on the Public Health Peril of Suicide**, is pleased to announce the second round of appointments to the magazine's Editorial Advisory Board. They are prominent professionals, many known internationally in their respective fields, and representing diverse at-risk populations and constituencies impacting suicide prevention across the lifespan.

"We are delighted to have so many prominent professionals in all arenas stepping forward to bring their knowledge to bear and assist this important magazine in staying true to its mission," says Denise Pazur, Senior Editor. "They bring incredible energy and knowledge to the publication and its role in advancing suicide prevention on a national scale and beyond."

New additions to the Editorial Advisory Board members of *Advancing Suicide Prevention* are:

YEATES CONWELL, MD is Professor of Psychiatry, Associate Chair for Academic Affairs, and Co-Director of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in Rochester, New York. He received his undergraduate education at Princeton University, his MD degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, and his postdoctoral training in psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine. His areas of subspecialty interest include geriatric psychiatry and suicide studies. Dr. Conwell has lectured extensively and written over 150 journal articles and book chapters on suicide and depression in later life. He serves on the editorial boards of *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, *American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*, and *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry* and is a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. His research, continuously funded by the National Institute of Mental Health since 1988, concerns the risk factors for suicide in the second half of life, and their implications for preventive interventions.

DIEGO DE LEO, MD, PhD, FRANZCP is Director of the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention and Professor of Psychiatry at Griffith University in Brisbane. Dr. De Leo is a leading figure in the fields of suicide prevention and psychogeriatrics, nationally and internationally. Past President of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Dr. De Leo is Founder and Past President of the International Academy for Suicide Research. He is a member of editorial boards for eight internationally refereed journals, and has published extensively with 180 refereed journal articles, 130 book chapters, and 25 books published in the past 20 years and over 100 conference presentations in total. Dr. De Leo is the winner of 6 international awards for his work in suicide prevention and mental illness.

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SEAN JOE, MSW, PhD is an Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan with appointments in the School of Social Work and the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Joe received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and M.S.W. and B.A. from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Joe's current research, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, focuses on urban adolescent self-destructive behaviors, black male suicidal behavior, and developing father focused family-based interventions to prevent African-American adolescents from engaging in multiple forms of self-destructive behaviors. He has published in the areas of suicide, violence, and firearm-related violence and his work on African American suicide has been used in setting the United States National Suicide Prevention Strategy. Dr. Joe serves on the board of the Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN USA), the scientific advisory board of the National Organization of People of Color Against Suicide, and is the Co-Chair of the Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network Research Study Group on African American Suicide. He has a significant interest in theoretical and methodological issues regarding community level intervention research, community organizing, and positive youth development. He engages in intervention research and social change organizing to positively enhance the transition of urban youth to young adulthood.

MARSHA M. LINEHAN, PhD ABPP is Professor of Psychology, Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington. She is also Director of the Behavioral Research and Therapy Clinics, a consortium of research projects developing new treatments and evaluating their efficacy for severely disordered and multi-diagnostic populations. Dr. Linehan's primary research is in the application of behavioral models to suicidal behaviors, drug abuse and borderline personality disorder. Her current work includes developing effective models for transferring efficacious treatments from research to the clinical community, and is founder of Behavioral Tech LLC, a behavioral technology transfer group. Recipient of the Louis I. Dublin Award for Lifetime Achievement in the field of suicide, Dr. Linehan's work has also been recognized by the American Psychological Association, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, American Association for Applied and Preventive Psychology and Society of Clinical Psychology. An author of three books including two treatment manuals, Dr. Linehan is also past president of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, a fellow of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychopathological Association, and a diplomat of the American Board of Behavioral Psychology.

SPERO M. MANSON, PhD is professor of psychiatry and head of the American Indian and Alaska Native Programs at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. A Pembina Chippewa, Dr. Manson is also a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of The National Academies. His current research, funded at over \$53 million by multiple federal agencies, focuses on the assessment, epidemiology, treatment, and prevention of alcohol, drug, mental and physical health problems across the developmental life span of Indian and Native people. He has published extensively in the areas of health disparities, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse and suicide. Dr. Manson received a senior scientist award from the Indian Health Service in 2004, and garnered a "Ten Best Telemedicine Programs in the USA" award in 1999 from TeleHealth Magazine. He is a fellow of numerous professional organizations including the American Anthropological Association, Society for Medical Anthropology, and the Gerontological Society of America. Dr. Manson is also a member of the National Advisory Council for the National Institute on Aging, and of the Special Medical Advisory Group in the Office of the Secretary for the Department of Veterans Affairs. He has consulted for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, and served on the editorial board for the Supplement on Race, Ethnicity and Culture to the Surgeon General's Report on the Mental Health of the Nation in 2001.

ANN M. MITCHELL, PhD, RN is a faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, responsible for teaching, facilitating research, and clinical instruction in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Her scholarly interests include: mental health outcomes research; bereavement following sudden, unnatural deaths (specifically by suicide); and complicated grief. Dr. Mitchell is a certified clinical research coordinator (CCRC) through the Association of Clinical Research Professionals, and is currently principal investigator on two studies, one designed to evaluate the efficacy of a crisis intervention program for survivors of suicide within one month of the death of a family member, and another, designed to determine survivor's perceptions of currently available bereavement services. She serves as a consultant for a study examining nurse's attitudes toward the death of a patient they have cared for and is currently examining how these attitudes are similar or different across cultures. As a board certified advanced practice holistic nurse (AHN-BC) through the American Holistic Nurses Association, she also provides consultation and education services specific to issues related to comprehensive holistic healthcare. Most recently, she was appointed by former Governor Thomas Ridge to the Board of Trustees of Mayview State Hospital in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Additionally, she has received a Global Citizen Award from the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association. Dr. Mitchell is actively involved in numerous local grief and bereavement organizations including the Pittsburgh Center for Grief and Loss, and serves as vice president of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

CHARLES H. ROADMAN II, MD, CAN is a former lieutenant general and Surgeon General of the U.S. Air Force. After retirement from the USAF in 1999, Dr. Roadman served as President and CEO of the American Health Care Association (AHCA), a Washington, DC-based non-profit organizations that works to attain just, equitable and compassionate long-term health care for all Americans. Dr. Roadman currently sits on several scientific advisory boards and corporate boards.

LESLIE SCALLET, JD has worked in national mental health and health policy for over 30 years. A member of the Carter Center Task Force on Mental Health since 1991, Ms. Scallet advises not-for-profit groups and government agencies on policy and organizational issues. In 1987 then joined The Lewin Group, a national healthcare research and consulting firm, as the first vice president leading a new practice in mental health, and later as a senior vice president overseeing the firm's practice group in policy, evaluation and community health. Earlier in her career Ms. Scallet was a special assistant in the Office of the Director, National Institute of Mental Health. She also initiated the program in Policy Advocacy at the Mental Health Law Project (Washington DC), now the David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, and served as its first director until 1981.

TERRY L. WISE, JD is an award-winning author, lecturer and consultant in bereavement, end-of-life issues, depression, and prevention of child abuse and suicide. Formerly a practicing trial attorney and investment banker, Wise was widowed at 35 when her husband died from ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). After his passing, she survived a near-fatal suicide attempt and spent the next several years in treatment for clinical depression. Wise then devoted herself to full-time writing and public speaking, authoring her first book *Waking Up: Climbing Through the Darkness* currently in use at Rutgers and Columbia Universities and endorsed by prominent organizations and best-selling authors in related fields. Wise is a consultant for the American Academy of Bereavement, an affiliate of the Center for Hospice & Palliative Care. She is an instructor for CMI Education Institute and conducts seminars for professionals and the general public on long-term care-giving, bereavement, depression and suicide prevention. Wise's keynote appearances include the National ALS Association Leadership Conference, ALS Society of Canada Annual Symposium, Partnership to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse, National Convention of Spastic Paraplegia (SP) Foundation, Mount Sinai ALS/MDA Forum, and Midwest Coalition Conference for National Caregivers. She is a member of the speakers' bureau for the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, and has appeared at the annual conferences of the American Association of Suicidology, Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention, Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC), 15th International Symposium on ALS/MND, as well as academic colloquia, grand rounds and chaplaincy programs.

The Editorial Advisory Board of *Advancing Suicide Prevention*, when finalized, will consist of up to 20 key and prominent professionals representing all major constituencies comprising the magazine's readership. Board members will serve for a limited term. Other current members of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Advancing Suicide Prevention* are: Aaron T. Beck, MD; Frank R. Campbell, PhD, LCSW, CT; Lindsay M. Hayes, MS; Michael F. Hogan, PhD; David Jobes, PhD; John Kalafat, PhD; David Lester, PhD; and Cynthia Pfeffer, MD.

About *Advancing Suicide Prevention*

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