

Platform

A. Psychology as a Healthcare Profession

(APA Monitor: Psychology's Visionary)

1. Issues

- a. Psychology as an evidence based healthcare profession
([American Psychologist 2011](#))
- b. Professional psychology involves mental *and* behavioral health
- c. Psychology professional = medical professional
- d. Collaboration with other health professionals
- e. Psychology as the catalyst to integrative healthcare
([AMA Integrative Care 2013](#))
 - i. Clinical Neuropsychology as a prime example
 - ii. Other examples: include Health Psychology, Medical Psychology, RxP, and others
 - iii. Inclusion in insurance panels as health professionals and not just mental health professionals (no carve outs)
 - iv. Psychology as the integrative mechanism of health care in the Affordable Care Act

2. Experience/Past Performance and Future Directions

- a. Current Procedural Terminology (of the AMA & Medicare)
([AMA CPT](#)) ([APA CPT](#)) ([Psychology Coding](#))
 - i. This system establishes what health procedure can be done, how it should be done, and how much will we be reimbursed; Puente involved since 1989
 - ii. Represented APA from 1992-2008 on the CPT HCPAC
 - iii. On 17 member voting panel 2008-present; same vote as Medicare and BC/BS
- b. Non-profit: Cape Fear Clinic ([Cape Fear Clinic Website](#))
 - i. Multi-disciplinary health clinic serving 1500 patients yearly; One million dollar budget; Past-president of the board (founder and co-director of mental health section)
 - ii. Free mental-health and neuropsychological services to the indigent since 2002; Collaboration with PharmD provide RxP service with physician supervision of PharmD
- c. Profit: Wilmington Health Associates ([Wilmington Health](#))
 - i. Multidisciplinary, 100+ physicians; Established and directed Clinical Neuropsychology division
 - ii. Helped found rehabilitation hospital ([NHRMC Rehab](#))

- d. University Neuropsychology ([Private Practice](#))
 - i. Private practice, since 1999
 - ii. Clinical to forensic; mostly diagnostic with some intervention (including Medicare, Medicaid & Tricare)
- e. Understand our past, anticipate our future
 - i. *History: professional psychology needs changing- the lack of true parity with physicians (e.g., definition of physician)*
 - ii. *Over 25 years of experience attempting to achieve true parity and matching psychology's promise to present reality (CPT)*
 - iii. *APA PO*

B. Psychology as a Science

1. Issues

- a. Science as a foundation for all of psychology
- b. Psychology viewed as a STEM discipline
- c. Re-recruitment of academics & scientists

2. Experience/Past Performance and Future Directions

- a. Antonioepuente.com ([AntonioEPuente.com](#))
 - i. 8 Books
 - ii. 75+ Chapters
 - iii. 100+ Articles
 - iv. Founding editor of [Neuropsychology Review](#), [Journal of Interprofessional Health Care](#), & [Journal of Interprofessional Education and Practice](#)<http://informahealthcare.com/jic>
 - v. Associate editor of [Psychological Assessment](#)<http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/pas/>
- b. Collaboration with Roger Sperry, first psychologist to win Nobel Prize ([rogersperry.org](#), [josephbogen.info](#))
- c. Recent work with blast injuries and veterans ([MilitaryTBI.org](#))
- d. *Understand our past, anticipate our future*
 - 3. *Increase/expand grant Funding*
 - 4. *Interface basic & applied science*
 - 5. *Integrate APA & APF*

C. Diversity in Psychology

1. Issues

- a. Demographics of the APA should better match the demographics of the US and Canada ([Toward a Psychology of Variance Chapter](#))
- b. Generalization of psychology to a more global platform

2. **Experience/Past Performance and Future Directions**
 - a. Cuban born; American educated Bilingual/Bicultural
 - b. Teaches abroad regularly (Spain) and has trained students/scientists from 13 different countries
 - c. Regular collaboration with colleagues in Puerto Rico & Latin America, Spain, Russia and South Africa
 - d. Founded and directs a bilingual mental health clinic for underserved ([Cape Fear Clinic](#))
 - e. *Understand our past, anticipate our future*
Emphasize demographic diversity and diversity of thought
Increase globalization (bidirectional)

D. Training and Education in Psychology

1. **Issues ([Professional psychology in health care services: A blueprint for education and training](#))**
 - a. Training as a continuum, especially of mentorship, from high school through continuing education
 - b. Resolve the internship crisis
 - c. Provisional Licensing of post-doctoral fellows (similar to physicians)
2. **Experience/Past Performance and Future Directions**
 - a. Undergraduate: have taught 7500 students; chaired APA Committee for Undergraduate Education, attended two APA undergraduate curriculum policy conferences (1 of 4 individuals)
 - b. Graduate degrees= 30; Post-doctoral Fellows= 10+; Current visiting professorships at UCLA & Universidad de Granada, Spain
 - c. Past Chair of APA Continuing Education, Convention Board, Conference Chair of APA, NCPA, National Academy of Neuropsychology, and National Academies of Practice
 - d. Three children: 1) Krista- Psy.D. in Florida 2) Nicolas- Post-doctoral fellow of Johns Hopkins 3) Lucas- Obtaining Ph.D. in political economics at Stanford ([Sincere Flattery December 2012 APA Monitor](#))
 - e. *Understand our past, anticipate our future*
Internship crisis
General Medical Education
High school psychology

E. Leadership in Psychology

1. **Issues**

- a. Within Psychology: Scientist-Practitioner and supportive of Clinician-Scholar model
 - b. Outside Psychology: Leading healthcare out of present crisis, through AMA, CPT and CMS primarily Medicare as well as ACA
- 2. Experience/Past Performance and Future Directions**
- a. Within APA: Numerous committees, chair/presidencies, and awards ([APA involvement](#))
 - b. Outside APA: Leadership at the local, state, and national levels through psychological, health, scientific and scholarly organizations
 - c. *Understand our past, anticipate our future*
 - Focus on APA governance efficiency and collegiality*
 - Increase and engage APA membership*
 - Expand APA's engagement and focus on globalization*

F. Summary

Puente's platform is his history - psychology as a health care profession founded on and supported by science, education & training, and public service

- 1. Two primary issues
 - a. Economic (parity)
 - b. Social (diversity & representation)
- 2. Provide a vision of problem solving and hope
- 3. Psychology has not been as effective in the past in placing itself in the role it deserves
- 4. This paradigm is needed by the profession and APA
 - a. It is time for psychology and APA
 - b. An APA for all members, *A Psychology for all Society*