

Meet the Board's Newest Member

Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., joined the Board on December 8, 2014. Dr. Spayd is a clinical psychologist in independent, private practice in Duncansville, PA, and has been licensed to practice psychology in Pennsylvania since 1991. She provides individual and group psychotherapy, psycho-educational groups, and psychological evaluation and testing services for adults and older adults. She also provides consultation services for the Blair and Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging offices. Dr. Spayd received her Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Clinical Psychology from The Pennsylvania State University. She completed a pre-doctoral internship in clinical psychology at Friends Hospital in Philadelphia, PA, and a post-doctoral fellowship in geropsychology at Philadelphia Geriatric Center. Before developing a full-time private practice in 2000, she worked for 2 years as a Rehabilitation Psychologist at Mercy Regional Health System, in Altoona, PA. She then created, developed and was Clinical Director for 6 years at PathWays, Bon Secours-Holy Family Hospital's inpatient and partial hospitalization geropsychiatric programs. In October of 2014, Dr. Spayd was appointed as a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Psychology. She is also a member of the American Psychological Association, the Pennsylvania Psychological Association (PPA), Blair County Psychotherapy Association, PPA's Practice Research Network, and Penn State University Psychological Clinic's Research Evaluation Committee, and serves on the board of the Geriatric Interest Network of the Blair County Region.

Ever consider "banking" your credentials?

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- Did you ever think about moving out of state or to Canada? With the rapidity that the field is moving into telepsychology, you also may be required to obtain licensure in another jurisdiction to be able to practice via electronic means. Think about what would be necessary to apply in another state. Do you have contact with your internship director? What about your post-doc supervisors? How do you get forms signed if former supervisors or faculty members are retired? What if some are deceased? In order to help facilitate moving from one jurisdiction to another the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) and the National Register both have well established credential banks to help secure licensure in many jurisdictions. The ASPPB has developed the Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ). The CPQ will document that the individual holding the certificate has met specific requirements in licensure, education, examination and training. Psychology licensing boards that accept the CPQ have agreed to accept the CPQ holder's educational preparation, supervised experience and examination performance for licensure in their state or province. It does not, in and of itself, however, constitute a license to practice and local requirements, such as the state exam, would still apply. The CPQ will establish a "Credentials Bank Record" for you and provide a free Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology EPPP transfer service. Requirements for the credential are that you must be licensed in the US or Canada, have met standards of educational preparation, supervised experience and examination performance, have practiced for a minimum of five years and have no history of disciplinary action. Currently, 44 jurisdictions accept the CPQ including

Pennsylvania. More information can be found on the ASPPB website:

www.asppb.net

- The National Register has a similar Credentials Bank and currently 43 jurisdictions accept their credentials, including Pennsylvania, with several more pending. Their program is for members only, so you must join the National Register to avail yourself of the program. Their information can be found at: www.nationalregister.org.

Former Member of the Psychology Board Recognized by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)

Alex M. Siegel, J.D., Ph.D., former member and chair of the Pennsylvania State Board of Psychology was awarded the 2015 Norma P. Simon Award at ASPPB's Annual Meeting of Delegates in Tempe, AZ, in October 2015. In addition to his previous service to the Board, Dr. Siegel has a long history with ASPPB and with the national and international psychology communities. Dr. Siegel is currently the Director of Professional Affairs for ASPPB. The Board congratulates Dr. Siegel on receiving this prestigious award.