

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

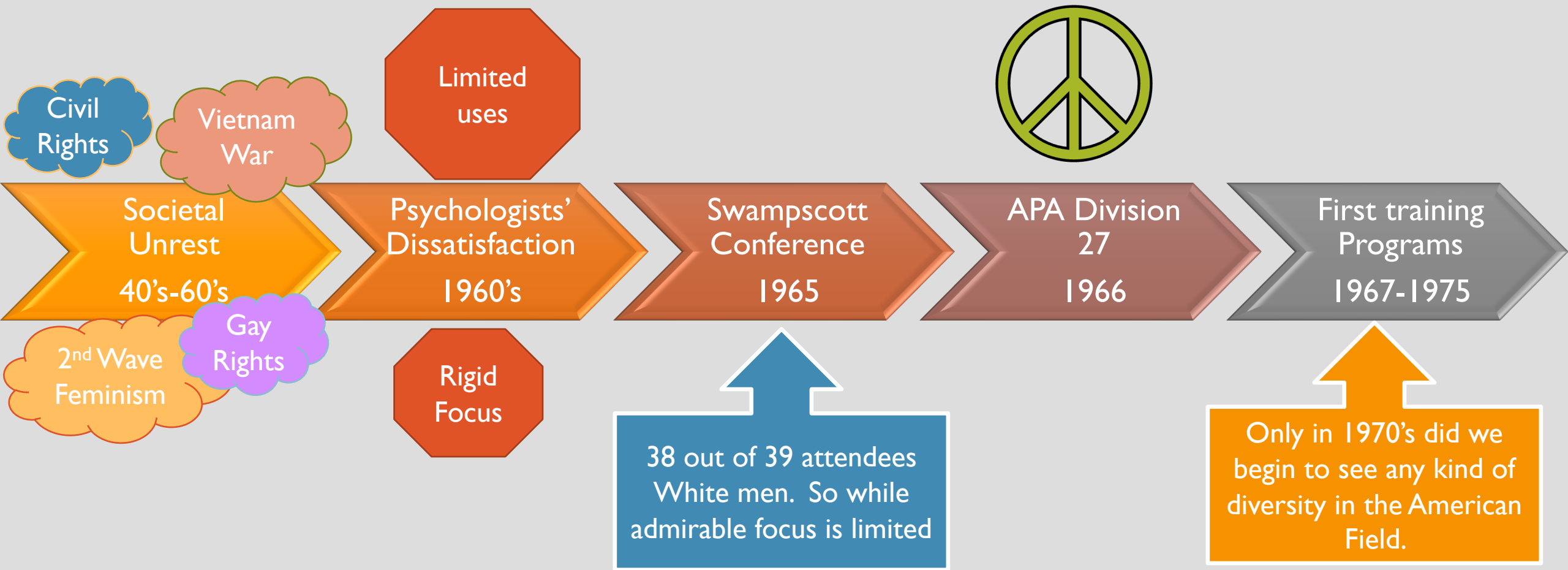
- Blackboard is up and so is Assignment 1: Radical Honesty
- Radical Honesty due Next Friday 2/10 at 11:59pm (24hr grace) Questions?
- Please add “R.connorclark@gmail.com” to your contacts. If you don't emails may go to spam

CHECK IN QUESTION(S):

WHAT IS PSYCHOLOGICAL
RESEARCH?

WHAT CAN IT TELL US?

THE BEGINNING™



DEFINING COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY

Community psychology goes beyond an individual focus and integrates social, cultural, economic, political, environmental, and international influences to promote positive change, health, and empowerment at individual and systemic levels.

CENTRAL COMPONENTS OF COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY

- Social justice & Action
- Action-oriented research
- Global in nature
- Influencing public policy
- Working for empowerment
- Multidisciplinary in focus
- Celebrating culture and diversity
- Preventing harm
- Behavior in context
- Supporting community strengths
- Reducing oppression
- Promoting well-being
- Scientific inquiry
- Honoring human rights

Sharing Non-Physical Spaces?

Sharing Experiences?

Sharing History?

Sharing Privilege Oppression?

Sharing Physical Spaces?

Sharing Ideologies?

Sharing Feelings?

Sharing Identities?

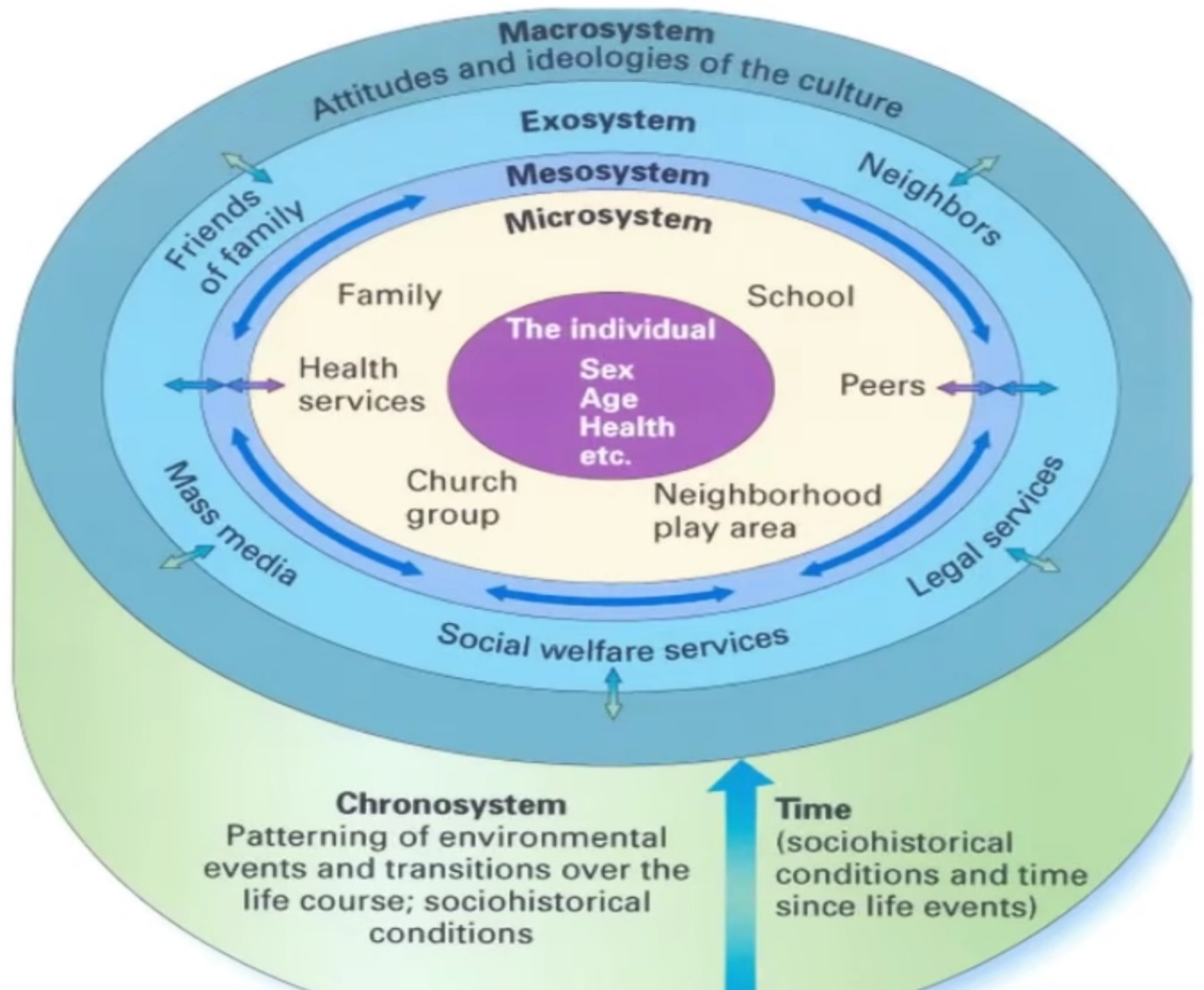
Sharing Relationships?

Community Psychologists believe each of these things and more can contribute to and even create communities.

WHAT MAKES A COMMUNITY?

ECOLOGICAL VIEWS

- This theory originally posited by Bronfenbrenner in 1977 looks at the many different relationships between individuals and the many contexts they exist in.
- Values the importance of each relationship and recognizes many forces at play within a community.



ACTIVITY: WHAT'S A COMMUNITY ISSUE?

- In small groups discuss what you feel some of the most pressing issues of our time are. Narrow your groups focus to a single issue.
- Where did this issue come from?
- What does it look like now?
- What groups of people are the most impacted by this issue? Least impacted?
- How do you feel this issue should be addressed?