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## **CONVENTION 2016**

**Calling All Young Adults (18-35) for a *Crime and Punishment: A 1920's Murder Mystery Experience!***

**When:** Thursday, June 23, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

**Who:** All young adults REGISTERED for HLAA Convention 2016/IFHOH Congress

Visit the [Convention page](#) for additional information and the Murder Mystery registration form.

Questions? Email [Nancy Macklin](#) or call 301.657.2248 Ext. 106.

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### **New at Convention: The Experience Room**

Do you want to hear better at home? Of course you do. Well, come to **The Experience Room** at HLAA Convention 2016 and find out what's available to help you! In a comfortable family room environment, you'll be able to try out the latest home tech for people with hearing loss. And to help you get the most out of The Experience Room, audiology doctoral students will be on hand to help you connect to the gadgets you'll want to use at home.

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### **Sponsorships**

There are still some excellent [sponsorship opportunities](#) available for Convention 2016. Now is the time to take advantage of the remaining opportunities to reach the large number of participants in Convention 2016. It's going to be a great gathering!



## WEBINARS

March Webinar: March 16, 8 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Eastern)

### ***Nurturing Resilience In the Face of Hearing Loss***

Presenter: **Michael A. Harvey, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.**

Michael A. Harvey provides training and consultation on mental health issues having to do with hearing loss, including consultation and training for audiologists regarding motivational interviewing and the psychological aspects of patient care. As a clinical psychologist, he has a private practice in Framingham, Massachusetts. In addition to his more than 45 articles, his books include *Listen with the Heart: Relationships and Hearing Loss*; *Psychotherapy with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons: A Systemic Model*; and *The Odyssey of Hearing Loss: Tales of Triumph* (the one book that is required for the HLAA Hearing Loss Support Specialist Training).

This presentation will describe several psychosocial challenges with hearing loss and methods of nurturing one's resilience. These include managing traumatic influences, helplessness, anxiety and fear, anger and rage, self-esteem, and reconciling one's group identity. Methods of overcoming "internalized handicaps" will be explained. Persons with hearing loss too frequently accept a wide array of *self-depreciatory beliefs as self-evident truths which are beyond scrutiny.*

To join the webinar go to the [Schedule page](#).

## HEARING LOSS MAGAZINE

Are you ready for some fun? The [March/April Hearing Loss Magazine](#) is in the mail! Not only does this issue show a snippet of HLAA staff, Board of Trustees, and members on the cover, it is chock-full of information. You will not want to miss this issue with complete Convention 2016 coverage and registration information. If you are a member, you can also access the digital version of [Hearing Loss Magazine online](#). If you are **not** a member, you can get a sneak preview. If you don't get *Hearing Loss Magazine* and want to, [join HLAA today](#).



## CHAPTERS

### Chapter Annual Filings

The Chapter Development office is available to assist chapters with the completion of their required annual filings.

The **Chapter Updates** were due October 1, 2015. If your chapter has not yet submitted, please do so right away. This is the only way we can keep the most current information about your chapter on [hearingloss.org](http://hearingloss.org). The Chapter Update form can be downloaded [here](#).

Has your Chapter or State Association acquired an **EIN (Employer Identification Number)** from the IRS? It is important that the HLAA Chapter does so. Why?

- EINs are required for entities wishing to be listed in the drop-down menu boxes for Walk4Hearing donations. EINs are required for HLAA Chapters and State Associations to be recognized as authentic HLAA Affiliates.
- EINs are required to complete HLAA Chapters and State Association's annual filing with the IRS.

Here are some resources to assist chapters and state associations with acquiring its EIN:

- To learn more about EINs, [this IRS Publication](#) can be downloaded for free.
- To view a sample completed EIN application click [here](#).
- To download and complete an EIN application form that you can then fax or snail mail to the IRS, please click [here](#).
- To complete the EIN application form online, click [here](#).  
(Tip: print out a copy of the sample EIN and pencil in all the information for your Chapter before you begin the online application to identify areas about which you may have questions).

More information about acquiring an EIN can be found on the [Prepare For and Request HLAA Chapter Recognition section](#) of the HLAA website.

**Tax Season** is fast approaching. A chapter's annual required filings for the tax year ended December 31, 2015, are due May 16, 2016, if the chapter operates on a calendar year. The IRS will revoke the chapter's EIN if annual filings are not submitted for three years in a row. You do NOT want that to happen! [Here](#) is the information you need to know as an HLAA Chapter or State Association in order to file the IRS 990.

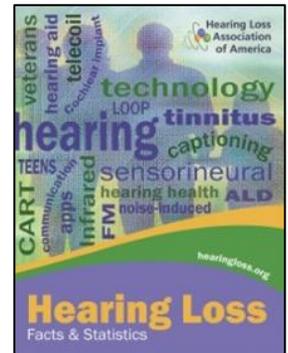


## DEVELOPMENT

We are continually honored by donors who [give to HLAA](#) in memory of a loved one, colleague, or family member. Just this week we had someone unfamiliar with HLAA find us online and inquire about whether we could accept donations in honor of a recently deceased family member. We assured him that any donation made in honor of his family member would be gratefully received and acknowledged to the individual donor. We thank you all – long-time members, newcomers to HLAA, friends – for your continued trust in HLAA’s mission.

## MARKETING

HLAA has created a colorful new infographic about hearing loss facts. Go to [hearingloss.org](http://hearingloss.org) and click on the snappy image on the homepage with the smiling faces and you can download the brochure. This same brochure was printed in the March/April *Hearing Loss Magazine* and will be available in print form soon.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HLAA Board Member Richard Einhorn from New York City will be traveling to Seattle this weekend, March 5-6. He will meet with the HLAA Washington State Chapter. He will also speak to the Seattle Repertory Theatre about their new loop and participate in a training session for staff.

