

# American College of Forensic Psychology 26th Annual Symposium April 22-25, 2010 San Francisco • Stanford Court Hotel

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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 21

4:30-6:00 Early Registration

Thursday, April 22

7:00-7:45 Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:45-8:00 Opening Remarks and Announcements

8:00-12:15 Criminal Issues/Child Abuse (4 CE credits)

8:00-8:40

**“The Blood of Patriots and Tyrants”:  
what the research says about the proper balance  
between free speech and public safety**

**Donna M. Veraldi, Ph.D. and Lorna Veraldi, J.D.**

There is concern that heated political rhetoric on cable television and talk radio might contribute to potential threats to the safety of the President and other public officials. What is the proper balance between free speech and public safety? What limits have the courts already put on speech that may have the potential to incite violence? Based on research on the possible connection between political rhetoric and political violence, have the courts struck the proper balance? Current legal theories will be examined in light of relevant research about the effects of speech about violence on the behavior of listeners and viewers.

Donna M. Veraldi, Ph.D. has a private clinical and forensic practice in Billings, Montana. Lorna Veraldi, J.D. is Associate Professor, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Florida International University.

8:40-9:20

**Using Criminal Investigative Analysis (profiling) in court**  
**John H. White Ph.D.**

Criminal Investigative Analysis (CIA) (criminal profiling) has become a viable investigative tool used by law enforcement to help capture unknown suspects. However, CIA is only one of several profiling techniques used worldwide. Because of the popularity of profiling, cases resolved with the help of criminal profiling are being offered in court in numerous ways for both the prosecution and defense. In some cases, profiles are offered after the suspect has already been arrested, which may certainly bias information used to construct the profile. Following the presentation, participants will be able to 1) list the various types of profiles and how they are used; 2) identify cases in which profiles were used successfully in court; 3) relate how profiles have been excluded because of the inability to meet Frye or Daubert standards.

John H. White, Ph.D., formerly a Dallas police officer, is a psychologist in private practice and consultant to local police agencies.

9:20-10:00

**Overkill: facts, fictions, and cases**  
**Robert Ley, Ph.D.**

The forensic psychological concept of “overkill” is applied to murders when the wounds to, and mutilation of, the deceased greatly exceed the

force and number of injuries (e.g., stabbings or gunshots) necessary to kill the victim. Sometimes the wounds are inflicted post-mortem, and often it is assumed that the perpetrator experiences a “blind rage” toward the victim, which creates a heightened dyscontrol of the offender’s violent actions. Overkill is relatively uncommon, and when it does occur, it may be associated with offenders who are psychotic, grossly impaired by drugs, or dissociated and acting like automatons. The presenter will review overkill and describe cases in which it features.

Robert Ley, Ph.D., a clinical and forensic psychologist in Vancouver and professor at Simon Fraser University, has assessed more than 500 murderers, and been retained as an expert in a number of Canada’s most sensational crimes involving overkill.

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

Note: The meeting will split into 2 rooms following the coffee break.

*Room 1: Criminal Issues*

10:15-10:55

**CSI of the mind: the forensic psychologist  
as coordinator of a multidisciplinary team**  
**Barbara R. Kirwin, Ph.D.**

The role of forensic psychologists in criminal cases, as a result of the CSI effect, is evolving to become a team approach where many scientific specialists contribute their expertise. In cases where the mental health of the defendant is an issue and a psycholegal defense is offered, the forensic psychologist is often the first expert consulted. We are in a unique position to not only analyze the defendant’s state of mind as it relates to criminal intent but to assemble a compatible, multidisciplinary team of experts in scientific fields such as DNA, ballistics, toxicology, and polygraphing, in order to help bolster our opinions and better assist the triers of fact. Participants will be walked through actual cases illustrating the utility of a multidisciplinary approach in helping the forensic psychologist construct a profile of the mind behind the crime.

Barbara R. Kirwin, Ph.D. has testified in numerous high-profile cases. She maintains a private practice in Long Island, New York.

10:55-11:35

**Cultural competence in forensic evaluations**  
**Valerie R. McClain, Psy.D.**

This presentation will focus on the importance of cultural competency in forensic evaluations in criminal cases. Assessment strategies and interviewing techniques will be presented that optimize mitigation efforts. Diagnostic guidelines for cultural interviews as set forth by the DSM-IV-TR will be discussed to help clarify differences in diagnosis and symptom expression. Participants should be able to identify 1) interviewing strategies that can enhance information gathering when working with individuals from different cultural backgrounds; 2) potential challenges and adaptations in assessment tools when used in multicultural settings; 3) key areas in criminal law proceedings in which cultural competence can be used to optimize legal outcomes.

Valerie R. McClain, Psy.D. practices in the areas of neuropsychology in a neurology practice and in criminal law in private practice.

11:35-12:15

**Delusions, neurotoxicity, and homicide**  
**Raymond Singer, Ph.D., Dr. Edward Dougherty,  
Rebecca A. Smith, J.D., M.A.**

Homicide and other crimes are often preceded by delusions. Among the causes of delusions is neurotoxicity. Courts in many jurisdictions adjudicate the mental health defenses of impaired capacity to form an intention—often “not guilty by reason of insanity”—differently than “not guilty by reason of involuntary intoxication.” Involuntary intoxication can result in complete exoneration from the charges. A case of alleged homicide by a man who believed he was involuntarily intoxicated by

pesticides will be presented. Because of the florid presentation of the defendant when examined by mental health professionals, he was diagnosed as delusional. After being examined for neurotoxicity, the defendant was found to have a history, symptoms, and signs consistent with organophosphate pesticide neurotoxicity, which was responsible for his delusions.

Raymond Singer, Ph.D., is a neuropsychologist and neurotoxicologist specializing in evaluating effects of toxic substances on the nervous system. Dr. Edward J. Dougherty is Director of Associates in Forensic Psychology in Bound Brook, New Jersey. Rebecca A. Smith, J.D., M.A. is a legal consultant at Associates in Forensic Psychology.

#### *Room 2: Expert Testimony in Child Abuse Cases*

10:15-10:55

#### **Evaluating expert testimony in child abuse cases**

**Kristine M. Jacquin, Ph.D.**

When child abuse allegations are presented in court, at least one type of mental health expert is likely to testify. Such testimony is often provided by well-intentioned mental health professionals who may have biased and unscientific beliefs about child abuse allegations. In these cases, forensic psychologists can serve as trial consultants. As consultants, psychologists can help attorneys separate biased opinions from fact-based statements by evaluating the mental health expert's testimony. This presentation will: 1) help forensic psychologists decide whether to include trial consulting in child abuse cases as part of their practice, 2) help psychologists and attorneys evaluate the common problems in child abuse testimony by mental health professionals, and 3) help psychologists and attorneys describe current relevant research.

Kristine Jacquin, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor and the Director of Clinical Training at Mississippi State University.

10:55-12:15

#### **Coping with Child Sexual Abuse Accommodation Syndrome testimony**

**Demosthenes Lorandos, Ph.D., J.D., Barry Bricklin, Ph.D.,  
Gail Elliot, Ph.D., Hollida Wakefield, M.A.**

"Expert" testimony concerning the Child Sexual Abuse Accommodation Syndrome is as prevalent as it is scientifically untenable. Originating in the 1980s as a descriptive heuristic, testimony founded in CSAAS descriptions are now used to suggest that because an alleged victim displays symptom X, abuse allegations are more credible. That CSAAS is a "confirmatory bias" model is well known. However, compassion for alleged victims finds CSAAS testimony misleading attorneys, judges and juries. Forensic psychologists armed with research and a methodology for describing CSAAS will contribute to more valid and reliable adjudications of child sexual abuse allegations. Attendees will be provided with materials used to illustrate a method for educating attorneys, judges and juries, and taught their use and misuse. There will be a lively question/answer session with panel members concerning research into "disclosure," "forgetting" and "trauma" in the experience of actual and artificial victims of child sexual abuse.

Demosthenes Lorandos, Ph.D., J.D. is a clinical psychologist and attorney with extensive research, publication and expert witness experience presenting scientifically based testimony and debunking junk science. Barry Bricklin, Ph.D. and Gail Elliot, Ph.D. are experts in the assessment of children and families in trauma. Hollida Wakefield, M.A. is a licensed clinical psychologist and authority on children and memory and the assessment of claims of sexual abuse.

12:15-1:45 Lunch Break (on your own)

1:45-4:45 Two Rooms

#### *Room 1: Forensic Psychology Basics (3 CE credits)*

1:45-2:40

#### **The practical aspects of a forensic practice**

**Donna M. Veraldi, Ph.D.**

This presentation will include: the process of being retained; how to define what you can and cannot do in the case; dealing with privilege and confidentiality in forensic cases; how to respond to a subpoena; how to determine who your client is and what your obligations are to the people you may treat or evaluate; HIPPA rules and how they interact with forensic practice; license requirements for testifying.

Donna M. Veraldi, Ph.D. is in private practice in Billings, Montana.

2:40-3:35

#### **An introduction to forensic psychological testing**

**James W. Schutte, Ph.D.**

Forensic psychology, in contrast to other areas of psychological practice, demands a greater reliance on objective test data in reaching conclusions and rendering expert opinions. This introductory workshop will outline philosophical differences between forensic and traditional clinical psychology, and will address testing in several realms of forensic interest: test effort and motivation, intellectual functioning, personality and psychopathology assessment, and risk of violent and/or sexual recidivism. The newest test instruments, such as the WAIS-IV and MMPI-2-RF, will be discussed. The workshop is primarily aimed at the graduate student considering work in forensic practice, but will be of interest to the veteran forensic psychologist wishing a refresher course.

James W. Schutte, Ph.D. is a bilingual psychologist in private practice in El Paso, Texas.

3:35-3:50 Break

3:50-4:45

#### **Pivotal differences between forensic and clinical psychology**

**Robert L. Halon, Ph.D.**

This presentation will address: the decisive differences in job descriptions between forensic and clinical practices; the elements of practice that distinguish forensic from clinical; how information that is helpful, reliable and valid when applied in one arena may be useless and even harmful in another; to whom forensic and clinical psychologists owe their allegiances; what constitutes "objectivity" in each arena; the use and value of "clinical opinion" and empirical evidence; the kinds of information courts need (and wish for) from expert witnesses and the kinds of information psychologists can validly provide. Numerous practical examples will be discussed, texts and other publications will be recommended, and there will be a question and answer period.

Robert L. Halon, Ph.D. is in private practice in San Luis Obispo, CA.

#### *Room 2: Child Custody and Juvenile Competence (3 CE credits)*

1:45-2:30

#### **A preliminary study to establish norms for the 16PF in child custody evaluations**

**Jeffrey C. Siegel, Ph.D., ABPP**

The 16PF is well-established as a sound, effective measure of psychological functioning. The current study expands the use of this test to the area of child custody evaluations. Research participants were all parents involved in child custody litigation, and were referred for psychological evaluations by the courts. Each was administered the 16PF as part of a standard protocol of psychological test measures. The results were analyzed with accepted statistical techniques to develop an initial normative data set for the 16PF with child custody litigants. Findings and data interpretations will be discussed.

Jeffrey C. Siegel, Ph.D. practices as a forensic and clinical psychologist in Dallas, Texas, specializing in child custody evaluations.

2:30-3:10

### **Emotional intelligence of parents in custody disputes**

**Allan Posthuma, Ph.D., ABPP**

This presentation will summarize research by the author on the use of the Mayer-Salovey-Caruso Emotional Intelligence Test (MSCEIT) of custody litigants compared to a control group. The MSCEIT is an ability (as opposed to a self-report) test, with validity measures, making it suitable for forensic applications of emotional intelligence (EI). Co-parenting recommendations present many challenges. The addition of objective measures of EQ can assist the court's decision making on co-parenting arrangements. Attendees should be able to: 1) describe the empirical results of the use of the MSCEIT in custody disputes; 2) describe EI research implications for successful intimate relationships; 3) explain use of EI in co-parenting custody recommendations.

Dr. Allan Posthuma practices in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

3:10-3:25 Break

3:25-4:05

### **Child custody and social networking: implications for comparative custodial fitness evaluations**

**Daniel P. Kremin, Ph.D. and Leah Klungness, Ph.D.**

Matrimonial attorneys are enthusiastically accessing social networking sites to gather data to present as evidence in court. Despite this growing practice, forensic psychologists do not generally recognize the value of these easily accessed data as an essential and integral component of a comprehensive child custody evaluation. Forensic psychologists are typically vulnerable as experts when questions are posed during cross examination regarding their knowledge of social media and the relevance of data obtained from these media. This presentation will discuss the data that can be derived from social networking sites, and will demonstrate that these data offer relevant and potentially "game changing" collateral information not otherwise available to the evaluator.

Daniel P. Kremin, Ph.D. is a psychologist in private practice in Westbury, New York. Leah Klungness, Ph.D. is a psychologist in private practice in Locust Valley, New York.

4:05-4:45

### **Assessment of competencies in juveniles and the intellectually disabled**

**Michael J. Perrotti, Ph.D.**

This presentation will focus on the assessment of competencies in juveniles and the intellectually disabled. Discussion will include assessment and evaluation of cognitive and neuropsychological deficits and their impact on the ability of juveniles to comprehend court proceedings as well as a diverse area of competency functioning, such as competency to plead. The inconsistencies of the widespread misunderstanding in the courts concerning assessment of juveniles and competency will be addressed. Specific assessment instruments for the assessment of competency in juveniles will be discussed. Participants will learn of the California Penal Code definition of developmental disability and disposition of defendants rendered incompetent.

Michael J. Perrotti, Ph.D. is a clinical and forensic neuropsychologist in private practice in Yorba Linda, California.

5:30 – 7:00 Welcome Reception

## **Friday, April 23**

7:15-8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-12:00 Ethics and Practice Issues (4 CE credits)

Note: Presentations on this day are designed to meet the California ethics and the law continuing education requirement. The presentations will include discussion of laws, ethics and ethical issues as they apply to the practice of psychology.

8:00-8:45

### **A review of the APA standards and responsible test use**

**Arthur D. Williams, Ph.D. and Richard Ivins, Ph.D.**

The APA Standards are required for all psychologists who do assessments. We have reviewed many psychological and neuropsychological reports for more than two decades and would like to alert practitioners to areas of vulnerability in their reports. A greater awareness of the Standards will increase the quality of reports in clinical, forensic and research settings and improve the logic and integrity of the conclusions. Some of the key APA Standards and how to apply them to test selection and interpretation will be discussed. The participant will be able to better deal with vulnerabilities in testing on cross-examination.

Arthur D. Williams, Ph.D. is in private practice in Seattle, Washington. Richard Ivins, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist and a neuropsychologist with decades of experience in the forensic and clinical arenas.

8:45-12:00

### **Forensic skills workshop: role of the psychologist in civil and criminal litigation**

**Dr. Elliot Atkins, Art Donato, J.D.**

A forensic skills forum will focus on issues in civil and criminal law that interface with psychology and expert testimony by psychologists. This is an interactive session involving moderator, panelists and audience on advanced ethical and practice issues confronting the forensic psychologist. Vignettes submitted to the panel by practicing forensic psychologists will be read aloud and discussed. The vignettes describe problems and experiences that forensic psychologists often confront in their practices and in court. Attendees will be exposed to a wide variety of forensic cases and problems in civil and criminal areas.

Dr. Elliot Atkins (Moderator) is in private practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Panelist: Art Donato, J.D. is a criminal trial attorney in Media, Pennsylvania. Additional panelists to be announced.

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

12:00-1:30 Lunch Break (on your own)

1:30-4:30 Ethical Issues/Psychological Testing (3 CE credits)

1:30-2:15

### **Internet libel: Is the computer mightier than the sword?**

**Steven Klee Ph.D., ABPP and Jay Davidowitz, Ph.D.**

This presentation will explore controversies involving negative computer based communications including several highly publicized cases in which children have been taunted, resulting in tragic consequences. Additionally, adults have used the computer media to defame one another. Agencies and schools face similar threats through anonymous blogs that threaten to defame their programs or staff. Current case law regarding anonymous postings, blogs and e-mails will be reviewed. Legal considerations for persons engaging in such behavior and legal remedies for individuals and agencies receiving such communications will be discussed. Focus will be on ethical implications for using computer based communication in a non-destructive manner and the need for regulatory policies to help protect potential victims.

Steven Klee, Ph.D. is the Associate Executive Director for Clinical and Medical Services at Green Chimneys Children's Services in Brewster, New York and has a general private practice. Jay Davidowitz, Ph.D. is the Internship Director at Green Chimneys and has a private practice.

2:15-3:00

### **Intentional and unintentional misuse of psychological tests**

**John W. Podboy, Ph.D., Albert J. Kastl, Ph.D.**

Attendees will be provided with real life examples of potential pitfalls in complex forensic proceedings, wherein psychological tests were utilized. The advantages and distinct disadvantages of certain personality

tests will be underscored with suggestions as to how to deter prior, but undisclosed, exposure to both personality and intelligence tests routinely used in clinical and forensic practice.

John W. Podboy, Ph.D. is in private practice in clinical and forensic psychology in California, and has testified throughout the U.S. Albert J. Kastl, Ph.D. is in clinical and forensic private practice and has performed thousands of psychological evaluations in northern California.

3:00-3:45

**Symptom magnification and Waddell's behavioral signs**  
**Joshua Kirz, Ph.D.**

In recent years, forensic psychologists have been increasingly asked to evaluate patients with chronic pain. The plaintiff claims a psychiatric injury (depression, anxiety, PTSD) secondary to a physical injury, which has caused pain, suffering, and functional impairment. Chronic pain cases are inherently conflictual and litigious. There are typically more subjective complaints than objective physical findings. The evaluating psychologist is dependent on a high-quality medical evaluation of the initial physical injury, typically involving some comment on Waddell's signs and other evidence of symptom magnification. The judgments derived from Waddell's signs (and other pain behavior) have been controversial and highly variable, and have been inappropriately used to invoke a diagnosis of malingering. Waddell's signs, symptom magnification and other aspects of chronic pain syndrome will be discussed, with the goal of providing guidance to the evaluating psychologist.

Joshua Kirz, Ph.D. is Chief Psychologist at the Stanford Pain Clinic and on the clinical faculty at Stanford School of Medicine.

3:45-4:30

**Forensic ethical and risk assessment factors in law enforcement pre-employment psychological evaluations: Race matters**  
**Ronn Johnson, Ph.D., ABPP and Marcia Scott, M.D.**

This presentation includes a discussion of the role pre-employment psychological interviews assume in law enforcement personnel selection. Several areas critical to the assessment process are examined with emphasis placed on the risk factors associated with racial issues presented by diverse applicants. Common problems found in reports are reviewed. The presenters explore ethical issues in forensic reports written for law enforcement selection, as well as implications for fitness for duty evaluations. The session concludes by identifying cultural factors that may play a part in evaluating applicants.

Ronn Johnson, Ph.D., ABPP is Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Clinical Mental Health Program at the University of San Diego. He has conducted thousands of psychological interviews of law enforcement applicants. Marcia Scott, M.D. is a lecturer at Harvard Medical School and consultant to the Boston Police Department.

**Saturday, April 24**

7:15-8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-1:00 Posttraumatic Stress Disorder/Trauma  
(5 CE credits)

8:00-8:45

**Bonds of blood and love: witnesses to unspeakable horror**  
**Mary D. Laney, Ph.D.**

From legal and psychological perspectives, the witnessing of the traumatic death or serious injury to a loved one, to whom one is bound by ties of blood or intimate involvement, poses unique forensic challenges to both evaluating psychologists and attorneys. The context of horror brings with it associated indelible memories and a profound psychological experience which appears distinguishable from loss and bereavement, or distress stemming from physical injury to oneself. That

experience is central to such cases and their clinical and legal management. Participants will be able to 1) discuss how to conduct a forensic evaluation of witnesses to trauma; 2) differentiate symptoms related to PTSD from symptoms of bereavement and personality disorders in witnesses to trauma; 3) describe which particular symptoms differentiate and characterize witnesses to trauma from victims who experience trauma directly to their own body or physical integrity.

Mary D. Laney, Ph.D. is in private clinical and forensic practice and is an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

8:45-9:30

**Sexual assault in the examining room: predictors, consequences and forensic assessment**  
**William J. Koch, Ph.D.**

Sexual assault of women is associated with problems such as PTSD, depression, substance use, sexual dysfunction, and risky sexual behavior. Women who are younger, use substances, have relationship concerns, or who feel relatively powerless are more at risk. Although health professional sexual misconduct is an ethical violation, there is relatively limited empirical literature concerning the mental health consequences arising in women who suffer sexual violations by health providers. Data on a sample of 22 women involved in civil litigation against a physician with respect to sexual assaults occurring primarily in the examining room is presented. Particular attention will be paid to (a) functional and mental health correlates of the sexual assaults, (b) patient vulnerability factors, and (c) issues in the forensic assessment of such sexual assault claimants—including linking mental health problems to the assaults and associated functional disabilities.

William J. Koch, Ph.D. is a clinical and forensic psychologist in Vancouver, British Columbia, with interests in psychological injuries. Co-authors: Rami Nader and Michelle Haring

9:30-10:30

**PTSD versus Combat PTSD and diversion programs in our judicial system**  
**Allan Gerson, Ph.D.**

The presentation will cover the differences, similarities and overlaps between PTSD as defined in the DSM and complex or combat-related PTSD. A description of programs now in place in the judicial system to divert vets from the court and penal systems to treatment, specifically at V.A. centers, will be presented. There will be discussion of the issues arising from combat PTSD, and how forensic psychologists can intervene using our skills to divert the vets to treatment, and expand programs into new jurisdictions.

Allan Gerson, Ph.D. was in private practice in Encino, California for 38 years, and is now working part time doing evaluations in a colleague's forensic practice, as well as volunteering with vets with PTSD at the Veterans' Hospital in West Los Angeles.

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-11:30

**Diagnostic problems with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder**  
**Brett Trowbridge, Ph.D., J.D.**

The diagnosis of PTSD is the only DSM-IV diagnosis that specifies a cause, a traumatic event. But PTSD has significant co-morbidity with other disorders, and trauma is not always required for PTSD symptoms, which are relatively easy to malingering. The likelihood of developing PTSD depends more on pre-morbid personality factors than on the severity of the trauma. There are problems using psychological testing to diagnose PTSD, and changes in the criteria for PTSD have led to an expansion of the diagnosis. Participants will be able to: 1) explain difficulties in distinguishing PTSD from other diagnoses; 2) list pre-mor-

bid personality characteristics that enhance the probability of contracting PTSD; 3) describe how symptoms can occur without any trauma.

Brett Trowbridge, Ph.D., J.D. is a licensed psychologist in Washington, and is a member of the Washington Bar. For the past 23 years he has been in private practice as a forensic psychologist.

11:30-12:15

### **Recollections: cultural trauma, history, and memory**

**Peggy Diane Avakian, Ph.D.**

We live in a world of myriad cultures which immediately places us in harmony and conflict with one another. Cultural traumas, varied histories, and collective memories present their images into the individual and collective unconscious. As psychologists and attorneys, we see remnants of these images in testimony, reports, and evaluations. To experience these unclaimed fragments without understanding the cultural context from which they exist leaves the individual and collective psyches forgotten and unattended. The presenter distinguishes many aspects of cultural trauma, history, and memory; highlights case studies; suggests specific methods of recollection; and recommends therapeutic possibilities for healing silenced individual and collective trauma.

Peggy Diane Avakian, Ph.D. is a depth psychologist, researcher, and university professor in California. Her research and published works center on cultural trauma and recovery.

12:15-1:00

### **The neurologically deteriorating adult: issues in civil competence**

**Ines Monguio, Ph.D.**

Degenerative conditions that affect the central nervous system may affect cognition, behavior, and emotions before clear signs of dementia are detected by physicians, family, or the patient. In early phases of dementia these individuals may be impaired subtly in functions that make them vulnerable to become victims, or participate in civil contracts that they are ill prepared to handle. This presentation will focus on testamentary and commercial areas. Participants should be able to 1) summarize areas of cognitive functions that are affected by deteriorating neurological conditions; 2) list specific areas of civil competence that could become affected with degenerative neurological disorders; 3) plan assessment of cognitive, emotional, social, and behavioral areas to clarify competence in civil areas.

Ines Monguio, Ph.D. has been in clinical and forensic practice for 20 years. She specializes in neuropsychology and medical psychology.

## **Sunday, April 25**

7:15-8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-12:00 Sex Offenders/Testing (4 CE credits)

8:00-8:40

### **Deception NOS: the polygraph in sex offender identification and management**

**Ken Blackstone**

Decisions made by attorneys, clinicians, and forensic examiners are often impacted by the outcome of a psychophysiological detection of deception (PDD) test. How do they know if the test was reliable? This presentation will detail differences between the diagnostic PDD and the screening PDD, especially during the identification and management of sex offenders. The diagnostic or “forensic approach” is often confused with the screening or “utility approach” and the presenter intends to highlight the dangers of this fallacy while he summarizes the PDD technique and discusses proper question formulation, validated techniques, and decision rules. As a result of this presentation, the learners, when in the field, can better judge the reliability of the outcome by iden-

tifying the technique used, whether it was used correctly, and some of the basic errors made in question formulation.

Ken Blackstone, an examiner since 1979, has conducted approximately 15,000 examinations, been involved in about 10,000 others, and has testified under oath as an expert witness over 100 times. He currently provides consultation for attorneys and forensic psychologists.

8:40-9:20

### **Making sense with sex offenders maintaining their innocence: the clinical utility of repertory grids**

**Nicholas Blagden, MSc**

This presentation will focus on the application of repertory grids as an aid in case formulation and assessment with sex offenders maintaining their innocence. It will detail the prevalence of denial in sexual offenders, with particular reflection on the institution where this research was conducted—HMP Whatton, UK—Europe's largest treatment facility for sexual offenders. It will detail the range of problems this population can have for clinicians. This presentation will then focus on this author's research with prisoners maintaining their innocence and will detail how repertory grids can be used to 1) facilitate communication, gain rapport and produce constructive clinically relevant discourse; 2) how the analysis of grid data can aid in case formulation and assessment of this population. The present research (although small scale N=11) found that dynamic risk factors could be identified without the prisoner having to admit to their offense/offending behavior.

Nick Blagden is a lecturer in applied criminology at Huddersfield University, United Kingdom.

9:20-10:00

### **The psychometric properties of penile plethysmography: implications for forensic practice**

**Joseph Plaud, Ph.D., Robert Halon, Ph.D., Ken Blackstone**

Assessment of male sexual arousal is a critical element in the detection and treatment of sexual deviations and sexual dysfunctions. The majority of laboratory research on sexual arousal patterns, which is relatively sparse, has been conducted with sexual offenders. Behavioral researchers, however, have examined such issues as the classical conditioning, operant conditioning and habituation and spontaneous recovery of sexual arousal with nondeviant human male samples. The main laboratory and clinical approach to measuring male sexual arousal has been the penile plethysmograph (PPG). The psychometric properties of the PPG have been questioned by some researchers. One reason is the fact that different types of stimuli are used by different researchers, making comparisons of different studies very difficult at best. Factors which may affect the internal, predictive, and external validity of the use of the PPG in experimental and applied settings, with implications for SVP civil commitment laws, will be addressed.

Joseph Plaud, Ph.D. is a licensed clinical and forensic psychologist whose research and clinical focus has been on forensic evaluations and behavioral treatment of sexual offenders, including civil commitment. Robert Halon, Ph.D. is in private practice in San Luis Obispo. Ken Blackstone is a polygraph examiner in Atlanta, Georgia.

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

10:15-10:55

### **Malingered Ignorance of Legal Knowledge (MILK): initial development, validation, and psychometric testing**

**Diomaris E. Jurecska M.S., M.A. and Mary A. Peterson, Ph.D.**

Best practice in forensic evaluations requires assessing effort and response validity. This is commonly accomplished through the use of a general assessment of effort, such as the Test of Memory Malingering (TOMM). While the TOMM and similar tests of effort are useful in determining feigned general impairment, some examinees in forensic

evaluations feign specific impairments of legal knowledge. The Malingered Ignorance of Legal Knowledge (MILK) Test is a symptom validity test with content that is specifically relevant to the legal milieu. Both the TOMM and the MILK were administered to 112 prison inmates with intellectual disabilities. Inmates whose score on the TOMM suggested exaggerated cognitive deficits did not also obtain elevated scores on the MILK.

Diomaris Jurecska is a third year doctoral student in clinical psychology at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon. Mary A. Peterson, Ph.D. is Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Training, Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology at George Fox University.

10:55-11:35

**Changing the SVP paradigm:  
from civil commitment to public health interventions**

**Paul Good, Ph.D. and Jules Burstein, Ph.D.**

The foundation of America's "war" on sex offenders is the civil commitment of sexual predators. SVP laws attempt to punish and contain a tiny minority of sex offenders who are deemed predators, thus focusing on a few bad individuals while ignoring larger social forces and root causes. The predator paradigm takes aim at the stranger, mistakenly described as an inexcusable recidivist who is impossible to treat. Despite its "zero tolerance," get tough rhetoric, the predator paradigm does not address the much broader continuum of sexual violence, voraciously devours scarce resources, and ultimately fails to protect society. It should be replaced by a public health paradigm that is science driven and that reduces sexual violence through "harm reduction" approaches that include primary, secondary and tertiary interventions.

Paul Good, Ph.D. is a clinical and forensic psychologist in San Francisco. Jules Burstein, Ph.D. is a clinical and forensic psychologist in Berkeley.

11:35-12:10

**Leadership and attachment: Does secure attachment  
inform effective leadership in law enforcement?**

**Bryan Hill MA and William Marek, Ph.D.**

Effective leadership within the law enforcement milieu is especially important because the effects of misguided leadership can be seen vicariously through poor police policy and public demonstrations of bad policing. Effective leadership can be demonstrated through measures of follower satisfaction and proper police procedures, making it mutually beneficial to law enforcement followers and the public. Attendees will learn how leadership studies have a bearing on how leaders can be developed, and how to apply attachment theory to these studies in order to determine effective leadership.

Bryan Hill, M.A. is a psychology intern at FCI Dublin. His interest in research of secure attachment of law enforcement leaders comes from

his 17-year career as a law enforcement officer. William Marek, Ph.D. has been with the Federal Bureau of Prisons for 20 years.

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**Goal:** The goal of this symposium is to keep forensic psychologists abreast of important issues which lie within the interface of psychology and law, recent developments in psychology that require new knowledge for expert witnesses, and new case law affecting forensic practice. **Target Audience:** The program is intended to benefit practicing forensic psychologists, psychologists in other subspecialties, and attorneys who litigate civil and criminal cases involving psychological evaluations and expert testimony. **Objectives:** Participants should improve their knowledge and skills in the following areas: (a) evaluation or treatment of forensic litigants and individuals with other forensic psychological issues; (b) new and ongoing research and developments in the field of forensic psychology; (c) relevant concepts useful in testifying and educating the court on mental health issues, and in working within the legal system; (d) changes in the law that affect clinical and forensic practice; (e) legal and psychological aspects involving the mentally disordered inmate in correctional facilities.

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