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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 5

4:00-5:30 Early Registration

Thursday, April 6

7:00-7:45 Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:45-8:00 Opening Remarks and Announcements

8:00-12:00 Criminal Issues (4 CE credits)

8:00-8:45

Disorganized attachment, complex trauma, and pathological dissociation in a serial murderer Francis Abueg, Ph.D.

Andrew Urdiales confessed to killing eight women, three in Illinois and five in California, between 1988 and 1996. He was sentenced to death in Illinois but his sentence was commuted to life without parole when the death penalty was abolished in that state. He was extradited to California to face another death penalty trial. Fourteen forensic psychiatric and psychological evaluations were reviewed for this trial in addition to voluminous discovery and novel family history data. Emergent themes included evidence of disorganized attachment, Tourette's Syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome, complex PTSD and pathological dissociation. A forensic case formulation will integrate these data from a cross-cutting, affective neuroscience perspective.

Francis Abueg, PhD, BCETS is a psychologist and owner of TraumaResource: Clinical and Forensic Psychology in Sunnyvale and Cupertino, California.

8:45-9:30

From witchcraft to waterboarding: the art and science of false confessions Donna Veraldi, Ph.D. and Lorna Veraldi, J.D.

With the advance of more sophisticated forensic science, there is a growing awareness that false confessions can and do happen. Juries tend to give a great deal of weight to confessions and are reluctant to believe that individuals (particularly those facing the death penalty or long imprisonment) would be willing to admit to committing crimes they never committed. Innocent people have confessed to crimes that they did not commit and have been convicted of those crimes. This talk will address the research on methods of interviewing suspects. Methods that increase the likelihood of false confessions will be discussed.

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

9:30-10:15

Using the neuropsychological consequences of cannabis use as a mitigating factor in criminal sentencing Kristine M. Jacquin, Ph.D., Jonathan C. Blassingame, M.S.W., Amanda K. Armstrong, M.S.

Cannabis is the most widely used illicit substance with approximately 22.2 million current users in the U.S. Regular cannabis use is associated

with neuropsychological impairments, including deficits in attention, memory, learning, and executive functions. Because cannabis use can alter the maturational processes that normally occur in the adolescent brain, neuropsychological impairments associated with chronic use before age 15 may be especially severe and long-lasting. At the conclusion of the presentation, attendees will be able to 1) describe the neuropsychological consequences of cannabis use, 2) analyze the association between cannabis use during adolescence and later outcomes, including criminal behavior, and 3) evaluate the use of neuropsychological research and test data as mitigating evidence in criminal sentencing hearings.

Kristine M. Jacquin, Ph.D. is a Professor of Psychology and Dean at Fielding Graduate University. She is also a licensed clinical psychologist with a consulting practice focusing on forensic and neuropsychological evaluations. Jonathan C. Blassingame, M.S.W. and Amanda K. Armstrong, M.S. are clinical psychology doctoral students at Fielding Graduate University and research assistants in the forensic neuropsychology lab of Dr. Jacquin.

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:15

Undiagnosed autism spectrum disorder (previously Asperger's syndrome) in child pornography defendants Thomas F. Haworth, Ph.D. and Dr. Elliot Atkins

This presentation will review our current knowledge of autism spectrum disorders and discuss the formation of a path in such individuals that leads them to wider use of pornography and ultimately accessing child pornography without specific deviant sexual drives. Current research, case examples, and strategies for assisting courts in understanding this mental state will be reviewed. Participants will: 1) learn how to identify autism spectrum in adults not previously diagnosed, despite average or better IQ and a history of occupational/academic success; 2) develop an understanding for the salience of Internet pornography as a viable source of sexual stimulation for individuals on the spectrum; 3) build an awareness of the presence of AS in child pornography defendants through rich case presentations.

Thomas F. Haworth, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist in Pennsylvania and New Jersey who has practiced clinically and forensically for the past 15 years. He is the past Executive Director of The Joseph J. Peters Institute. Dr. Elliot Atkins is in private practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

11:15-12:00

Can the accuracy of sexual recidivism actuarial measures be increased by considering dynamic risk factors? Brian R. Abbott, Ph.D.

Efforts to increase the accuracy of actuarial instruments to predict sexual recidivism through static factors appear to have reached a ceiling. Research has examined supplementing actuarial measures with dynamic predictors of sexual recidivism to increase predictive accuracy. While these studies have had some success, their results have been extended by forensic evaluators as evidence for a higher potential for sexual reoffense than predicted by the actuarial measure alone. The presentation discusses research conducted by the presenter to test this thesis. Implications of these results are discussed in the context of forensic practice, in particular, as applied in sexually violent predator civil confinement proceedings. Participants will learn what incremental validity measures and its relationship and effect on the probability of risk determined by actuarial measures.

Brian R. Abbott, Ph.D. has performed more than 1,700 forensic evaluations for criminal, civil, dependency, delinquency, and family courts in a wide variety of areas, including with sexually violent predators, for the past thirteen years.

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

1:30-4:30 Two Rooms

1:30-2:15

Restoration of competency to stand trial and a model for jail based restoration treatment

Danielle Weittenhiller, Psy.D. and Leah Wallerstein, Psy.D.

There are currently a handful of jail based restoration programs throughout the United States. To address increasing numbers of court ordered competency evaluations and restoration treatment, Colorado implemented a State directed jail based competency restoration program in 2013. The program focus is restoration of competency; however, mental health and community reentry are also targeted. Topics discussed in the presentation include the challenges associated with creating a therapeutic environment in a jail setting; the similarities and differences between jail based and hospital based restoration programs; specific considerations in the development and implementation of a jail based restoration program; outcome data and the effectiveness of jail based restoration; and admission criteria and best practices for a jail based restoration program.

Danielle Weittenhiller, Psy.D. is a licensed psychologist in the State of Colorado and has been the Director for the Jail Based Restoration Program for the CDHS Office of Behavioral Health since its inception in 2013. Leah Wallerstein, Psy.D. is Director of Forensic Programs, RISE Program, Denver, Colorado.

2:15-3:00

Assault at Moose Lake Lodge Treatment Center: the role of the forensic psychologist in the protection of civil liberties
Robert Meyer, Ph.D.

The presentation will provide an overview of my involvement in this civil rights action based on the defense failure to protect the plaintiff from a brutal physical and sexual assault by his roommate while imprisoned in a locked treatment facility. The Sexually Violent Persons Act and the history of the Minnesota Sex Offender Program in Moose Lake, Minnesota will be summarized; the requirements for being qualified as an expert witness in federal court will be reviewed; and the procedures used to evaluate this program will be presented. I will discuss the report I wrote and the material included which assisted the attorney in resolving the case with a favorable outcome for the plaintiff.

Robert Meyer, Ph.D. is Chief Clinical Psychologist at Mathers Clinic, LLC and adjunct faculty at Walden University.

3:00-3:45

Psychological evaluations concerning patient release from state hospitals

John Podboy, Ph.D. and Albert J. Kastl, Ph.D.

This presentation is based on conditional or general release evaluations of fifteen patients at Napa State Hospital, the largest psychiatric treatment facility in Northern California. These evaluations aim to determine whether these individuals' mental illnesses are in remission and if their release poses unacceptable risks to the community. In light of the almost reflexive administrative denial of these requests, it is often necessary to pursue them through judicial means. A thorough knowledge of the institution and its inherent problems are essential in undertaking a successful release process. Elements that should be reviewed include the accuracy of initial hospital evaluations given the high staff turnover rates, the frequent failure to administer standard psychological testing, reliance on dubious HCR-20 v3 workups, administrative hostility to favorable staff reports, and failure to account for the chaotic facility conditions brought about by continuous lockdown status. The nature of the attending judicial unit must also be ascertained: some are more likely to entertain modern notions of mental illness than others that fail to recognize a patient's progress and accomplishments.

John Podboy, Ph.D. and Albert J. Kastl, Ph.D. are clinical and forensic psychologists in practice for more than 40 years.

3:45-4:30

Psychology of terrorism and suicide warriors: Does it take two villages to raise a terrorist?

Jamshid A. Marvasti, M.D.

In the current global tragedies of terrorism and atrocities it is necessary to explore the psychology of offenders. In this presentation an attempt will be made to remain neutral/objective and try to understand the motivations of offenders and explore the cause-effect relationship with the help of psychodynamic principles. It is a basic premise that "understanding" is not "justifying." I will explore Kohut's psychology concerning narcissistic injury, narcissistic rage and desire of revenge, plus the work of Volkan in the subjects of "reactivating chosen trauma," national humiliation, demonization of enemies, "time collapse," and difficulty in mourning the losses. The splitting of the bad part of the self and projecting onto others, is discussed.

Jamshid A. Marvasti, M.D., is a child and adult psychiatrist and a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Room Two—Child and Juvenile Issues (3 CE credits)

1:30-2:15

Detection of previous exposures to trauma among juvenile offenders

Benjamin Edner, M.S. and Adrian Kunemund, M.S.

Childhood trauma is broadly defined as being exposed to and/or experiencing violent and/or stressful event(s) early in life. It has been reported that up to 93% of delinquent populations have experienced at least one traumatic event. Though different types of traumatic exposure may yield different behavioral presentations, all have been shown to relate to experienced trauma symptoms and future delinquent behavior. As such, it is crucial to be as accurate as possible in detecting the presence of past trauma exposure among juvenile offenders, which may inform the best possible treatment. This presentation will summarize the types and rates of trauma exposure among delinquents, analyze behavior profiles of trauma exposed delinquents, and evaluate the statistical accuracy of predicating the presence or absence of trauma exposure.

Benjamin Edner, M.S. is a third-year doctoral student in counseling psychology at the University of Georgia. Adrian Kunemund, M.S. is a doctoral student in counseling psychology at the University of Georgia.

2:15-3:00

Till death do us co-parent? The sustainability of co-parenting

Ashley Heiner Ph.D. and Allan Posthuma, Ph.D.

Numerous research studies have found that effective co-parenting is beneficial for children's socio-emotional development and for family adjustment. Despite these findings, questions remain about the development of co-parenting over time. Of particular interest is the stability or sustainability of co-parenting, including the impact of parent factors, relationship factors and child characteristics on co-parenting over time, as well as the influence of co-parenting on parents and children over time. In this presentation the aforementioned questions are explored, the current state of knowledge is discussed, and attempts to improve the effectiveness of co-parenting over time are reviewed. Modifications to the traditional co-parenting model are also considered. Following the presentation, participants should be able to: 1) describe barriers to co-parenting; 2) analyze factors influencing sustainability; and 3) evaluate whether co-parenting is beneficial under all circumstances.

Ashley Heiner, Ph.D., is a clinical and forensic psychologist in private practice on the west coast of Canada in Vancouver, British Columbia. Allan Posthuma, Ph.D., ABPP (Forensic and Clinical) is in private practice in Vancouver. He is a frequent contributor to national and international conferences in forensic psychology covering both family and personal injury law.

3:00-3:45

Methodology of bonding studies to evaluate sibling attachment bonds: interface with social psychology

Michael J. Perrotti, Ph.D.

This presentation will describe in detail the methodology, assessment of group dynamics, measures of strength, quality of attachment in sibling-sibling interactions, and the steps in conducting a sibling bonding study. The objective is to assist participants and determine if it's in the children's best interest to remain together or to be placed separately. Application methodology will be presented on assessing sibling bonds in child custody evaluations. Issues of modeling and nurturance by older siblings and effects of sibling support in children's developmental and mental health will be discussed. Use of structured developmental protocols in objective bonding study data will be presented. Interpretation of clinical data, attachment bonds, conflict resolution models, and contextual settings will be discussed. Relevance to classic studies of sibling research will be presented.

Michael J. Perrotti, Ph.D. is a clinical and forensic neuropsychologist in Brea, California.

3:45-4:30

Forensic psychological and psychiatric advocacy for troubled kids in trouble in special needs schools

Marc L. Zimmermann, Ph.D., Edward J. Dougherty, Ed.D., Daniel P. Greenfield, M.D.

An area of forensic psychological and psychiatric practice which has been little explained is that of advocating for and helping students in legal trouble who attend special needs schools. Using Dr. Edward Dougherty's Green Brook Academy, a special needs suburban day school serving middle and high school students referred from their public school districts, as a springboard, this presentation will 1) describe several consultative models for forensic psychological and psychiatric services at special needs schools generally; 2) discuss three case examples of students at GBA with legal problems who were helped by GBA staff and consultants who advocated for them; and 3) discuss procedural and ethical concerns and issues arising from these unique services.

Marc L. Zimmerman, Ph.D., MP is in the private practice of clinical and forensic psychology in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Edward J. Dougherty, Ed.D. is a practicing clinical and forensic psychologist in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and the founding director (in 1979) of Green Brook Academy. Daniel P. Greenfield, M.D., MPH, MS is in the private practice of general and forensic psychiatry, and addiction medicine in New Jersey and the tri-state area, generally, and is Clinical Professor of Neuroscience (Psychiatry) at Seton Hall University.

5:30-6:30 Student Poster Session

5:30-6:45 Welcome Reception

Friday, April 7

7:15-8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

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

8:00-8:45

Valid assessments: What do the APA standards and the AMA guides tell us?

Arthur D. Williams, Ph.D.

The presentation will review major sections of the APA Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing regarding standards for validity, intended uses, issues involved in samples, scores, scales cut scores, test administration, scoring reporting and interpretation, supporting documentation for tests, and test selection. The AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Disease and Injury Causation sections will focus on issues related to assessment of mental disorders. Validity issues raised by the

APA Standards will be discussed, with the goal of making more appropriate decisions in test choice, administration and interpretation. The positions of the AMA regarding assessment of mental disorders, especially concerning causation, will be reviewed. Methods to more effectively defend one's assessment approach in deposition and in court will be presented.

Arthur D. Williams Ph.D. is a neuropsychologist in San Diego, California, and a former clinical assistant professor and researcher at the University of Washington.

8:45-9:30

Fees and collections: practice challenges and ethical quandaries in forensic psychology

Mark D. Ackerman, Ph.D. and Valerie R. McClain, Psy.D.

Most forensic psychologists do not accept third party reimbursement as our work is designed to address legal questions as opposed to providing treatment. Thus, we are both blessed and cursed. We do not have the burden of dealing with insurance companies and the many challenges that brings, however, we face unique billing and collection challenges, including fee setting and collections. This presentation will address the dilemmas of setting fees for individuals who cannot afford to pay, or refuse to pay our charges. We will also discuss how to navigate collections when a client is unhappy with our final report, how to approach a legal team that requests lower fees for complex cases for "a client in need" and the inherent bias that comes with being retained. Case examples will be provided and audience participation will be encouraged.

Dr. Mark Ackerman is a licensed psychologist in Atlanta, Georgia, with a clinical and forensic private practice as well as VA Medical Center and Emory University School of Medicine faculty appointments. Dr. Valerie McClain is a licensed psychologist in Tampa, Florida with expertise in forensic psychology.

9:30-12:00

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

Dr. Elliot Atkins, Gretchen von Helms, J.D., Valerie R. McClain, Psy.D., Thomas Haworth, Ph.D.

This 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. Gretchen von Helms, J.D. is a criminal attorney in San Diego. Dr. Valerie McClain is a licensed psychologist in Tampa, Florida. Thomas F. Haworth, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

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

1:30-4:30 Ethics and Practice Issues (3 CE credits)

1:30-2:15

Suicide risk assessment: What is the standard of care?

Joseph H. Obegi, Psy.D.

The legal standard of care for assessing and responding to suicide is ambiguous. This likely creates inconsistency in the testimony of forensic experts and uncertainty about clinical responsibilities among practitioners. To fill this gap, participants will learn six probable standards of suicide risk assessment that can support objective analysis of malpractice cases involving suicidal behavior as well as clarify testimony about the standard of care. Participants will be able to summarize the

legal and forensic basis for each standard and apply the standards to a hypothetical case.

Joseph H. Obegi, Psy.D., is a Senior Psychologist Supervisor with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation where he manages inpatient and outpatient mental health services. In the community, he provides training and consultation in suicide risk assessment and intervention.

2:15-3:00

Avoiding trouble doing custody assessments

Michael Elterman, Ph.D., MBA

After 35 years of conducting child custody evaluations as a primary activity in my practice, I will present on different components of the process that represent where professional complaints and lawsuits most often arise. The presentation will go through all of the key tasks of agreements, file review, interviewing, testing, collateral references, observation and report writing, and will discuss traps and points of vulnerability. The presentation will also emphasize what practitioners can do to avoid professional trouble by changing how they practice.

Michael Elterman, Ph.D., MBA has been in forensic practice for 35 years, served on regulatory boards of psychology for 15 years and has a special interest in ethical issues in forensic psychology.

3:00-3:45

Forensic implications of autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

Michael George Ditsky, Ph.D.

Characteristics of ASD that may contribute to offending behaviors as well as a possible behavioral profile of an offending ASD individual will be presented. Issues surrounding competency to stand trial as well as preparing the ASD individual for court will be presented. The presentation will conclude with two cases known to the presenter. Participants will be able to: summarize the key elements of ASD; discuss recent findings regarding the connections between ASD and offending behaviors ranging from assault, stalking behaviors and murder; and prepare a defendant with ASD for court proceedings.

Michael G. Ditsky, Ph.D., is in private practice in Sugar Land, Texas.

3:45-4:30

Forensic psychological evaluation in immigration cases: assisting immigration attorneys by providing an expert opinion of clients applying for immigration relief

Erendira Lopez-Garcia, Psy.D. and Deifilia M. Diaz, J.D.

Immigration relief available in the U.S. is limited. There are three types of immigration relief: employment, family, and humanitarian. Employment and family based petitions are restricted options for the worldwide need of refugees, people suffering persecution and poverty. This reality leaves the humanitarian based immigration relief in extremely high demand, where psychologists are essential in assisting attorneys, immigrations officials and the bench in determining if relief is warranted. Thus, the professional recommendations in forensic psychological evaluations become essential. This presentation will: 1) address legal definitions; 2) provide report samples; 3) discuss assessment instruments; and 4) explain the nuances of expert testimony.

Dr. Erendira Lopez-Garcia is a licensed psychologist and is currently Associate Director of Psychological Assessment Training at the Office of Disability Services at Wright State University. She also maintains a private practice, conducting psychological evaluations used in immigration cases. Deifilia Diaz is licensed to practice law in Mexico and in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. She concentrates her practice in the area of immigration law.

Saturday, April 8

7:15-8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-1:00 Forensic/Criminal/Police Issues (5 CE credits)

8:00-8:45

Clinical forensic issues for OEF/OIF/OND veterans involved in child custody or visitation cases: psychoeducational challenges

Ronn Johnson, Ph.D.

There is a paucity of empirically-based case conceptualizations for OEF/OIF/OND veterans who present with custody or visitation issues. At the same time, as a result of various military campaigns, there are significant numbers of these same veterans who have mental health disorders. These veterans often find themselves in adversarial custody or visitation challenges that can compromise clinical forensic work with them. This presentation examines topics that are relevant for delivering clinical forensic services to veterans with child custody and visitation issues.

Ronn Johnson, Ph.D. is Associate Professor, Creighton University School of Medicine-Department of Psychiatry, and Clinical Psychologist, VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System.

8:45-9:30

Cases of larceny, threats with deadly weapons, assault, custody and truancy: the ever expanding nexus of autism spectrum disorders and the courts

David Larson Holmes, Ed.D. and Ira Fingles, Esq.

Courts are expected to mete out reasoned judgments. When autism spectrum disorder is a consideration most jurists are not properly prepared for such "reasoned judgments." ASD can reflect a significant range of cognitive capacity[s] and emotions. This presentation will address current events and various court proceedings that reflect the challenges courts face when autism is a consideration. Attendees will be able to identify current conditions related to autism spectrum disorder, e.g., demographics, court proceedings, and media coverage of ASD. Attendees will be presented with and expected to reflect upon various court proceedings that address criminal behavior perpetrated by those with ASD. Attendees will engage in discourse regarding the important factors to consider in divorce cases.

Dr. David L. Holmes is Chairman and CEO of Lifespan Services, LLC, a full service consulting company established to help families and individuals with autism and related disabilities. Ira Fingles is an attorney in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

9:30-10:15

The cost of crime and social justice or What's HIS problem?

William K. Marek, Ph.D.

This half-qualitative, half-quantitative presentation will provide attendees with the latest information on the actual, emotional and other intangible costs of crime to society. This information will be presented in the context of a social justice framework. Attendees will learn how emotional costs are calculated.

William K. Marek, Ph.D. is retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons and has a private practice. He is an adjunct professor at CSU-East Bay.

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:30

The unconscious defense in criminal law

**John W. Podboy, Ph.D., Michelle Tong, Esq.,
Valerie McClain, Psy.D.**

The 17th edition of the *Merck Manual*, a compendium of the majority of medical knowledge at the introductory level, lists the common causes of unconsciousness as acute alcohol intoxication, cranial trauma, diabetic acidosis, drugs, epilepsy, hypoglycemia, stroke, and syncope. This standard text does not address an area that is now being accepted in the legal arena—specifically criminal law—wherein unconsciousness is a condition in which the individual is not conscious or aware of his or her actions, despite the fact that they may be able to move about. There is a presumption that a person who appears conscious is in fact con-

scious; consequently, in criminal law, the defendant must produce sufficient evidence raising a reasonable doubt that he or she was conscious before instruction on unconsciousness may be given. A recent trial in San Francisco will be discussed in detail as to the justifications for using the unconscious defense.

John Podboy, Ph.D. is a clinical and forensic psychologist in practice for more than 40 years. Michelle Tong is a Deputy Public Defender in the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. Dr. Valerie McClain is a licensed psychologist in Tampa, Florida.

11:30-12:15

Police deadly force: perspectives from behind the badge

John H. White, Ph.D. and Misti K. Pierce-Cloutier

One of the most scrutinized acts in law enforcement is the use of deadly force. Police officers murdered on the job and citizens killed by police have devastating impacts on our communities and on society as a whole. The impact is even more intense when an unarmed citizen is killed. Several high-profile incidents of police officers killing unarmed subjects have recently occurred in the United States and police psychologists are attempting to determine the psychological aspects in these types of shootings. Police internal affairs investigators and homicide detectives across the nation must determine if there is any justification when an unarmed citizen is killed by police action. Is the problem due to poor training, the selection process, citizen disrespect, or prejudice? This presentation will give attendees a glimpse into the selection and training of police to handle various types of dangerous encounters.

John H. White, Ph.D. is a former Dallas Police Investigator Sergeant with the Dallas Police Department. He was assigned to the Internal Affairs Division for two years in which he worked over 70 police-involved shootings. He is presently a professor of psychology at Stockton University in New Jersey and has a private forensic psychology practice. Misti K. Pierce-Cloutier is a former police officer for the City of Tucson. She also has 10 years of active service in the United States Army.

12:15-1:00

Police psychologist as expert witness in contested deadly force cases

Laurence Miller, Ph.D.

Law enforcement officers who have been involved in deadly force encounters may find themselves facing disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, and/or civil litigation. This presentation will enable participants to: 1) discuss the rules and standards for the use of deadly force in police-citizen encounters and the adverse outcomes of an excessive-force complaint; 2) describe the range and variety of cognitive, perceptual, and emotional phenomena that may affect an officer's behavior during a deadly force encounter and that may be relevant to that officer's legal defense; and 3) list the roles and activities of the police psychologist as case consultant and/or expert witness in a contested deadly force case.

Laurence Miller, PhD is a clinical, forensic, and police psychologist based in Boca Raton, Florida. Dr. Miller conducts critical incident and fitness for duty evaluations for local, regional, and national law enforcement agencies, as well as providing clinical services to officers and their families, and consultation to law enforcement management. He has been retained as an expert witness on a number of high-profile police shooting cases in the U.S. and Canada.

Sunday, April 9

7:15-8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-12:00 Sexual Offender/Military Issues (4 CE credits)

8:00-8:45

Forensic psychological assessment of child pornography offenders

James W. Schutte, Ph.D. and Christopher W. Schutte

Anecdotal, there appear to be a growing number of individuals charged with child pornography offenses. While such defendants are often automatically assumed to be pedophiles, research has shown a number of individual differences among persons charged with the same crime. Fact finders in these cases increasingly rely on forensic psychologists to diagnose defendants and make recommendations regarding risk of recidivism and treatment needs. This presentation will address legal issues in child pornography cases, describe differences among online, offline, and mixed offenders, and make recommendations for psychological testing, risk assessment instrument selection, and empirically supported conclusions.

James W. Schutte, Ph.D. is a bilingual psychologist in private practice in El Paso, Texas. He has performed numerous evaluations of child pornography offenders, and consults regularly with the Federal Public Defender in El Paso, Texas, on said cases. Christopher W. Schutte is a student in El Paso, Texas.

8:45-9:30

Personality characteristics of sexual offenders

Melissa Maranville, Ph.D.

A majority of sexual assault cases end in plea bargaining, resulting in a limited psychological understanding of the Non-Internet Offender or General Sex Offender (GSO) and Internet Sex Offender (ISO). Currently, there is little research focusing on the comparison of the personality characteristics of GSOs and ISOs as most literature has focused on the development of a specific sex offender typology (Tomak et al., 2009). Treatment programs and incarceration within the Department of Corrections often focus psychological treatment on a generalized population rather than their differences which can often result in repeat offending. This presentation will review the similarities and differences of General Sex Offenders and Internet Sex Offenders in an attempt to explain why sexual offenders have high recidivism rates. Understanding sex offender personality characteristics could result in the minimization of repeat offenses or recidivism.

Melissa Maranville, Ph.D. is a Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at Western Carolina University.

9:30-10:15

Paraphilias and sexual deviations

John H. White, Ph.D.

Sexual deviations, including paraphilias, range from harmless activities performed in private or in exclusive groups, to devastating and life-changing events. Generally, sexual deviations and paraphilias are not illegal unless performed in a public setting or force is used on another to participate. Differences between fetishes, partialisms, and fetish activities will be explained. The latest theories, including neuropsychological theories relative to the genesis of such acts will be presented. This presentation will review the DSM-5 definition of paraphilia and how it differs from a sexual deviation, as well as the latest treatment and risk assessment tools from a psychological perspective, and the latest investigative tools used at crime scenes from a law enforcement perspective.

John H. White, Ph.D. is a professor of psychology at Stockton University in New Jersey and has a private forensic psychology practice.

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:15

Moral injury on and off the battlefield: trauma-related guilt, shame and institutional silencing

Francis Abueg, Ph.D.

Moral injury often occurs in the context of traumatic victimization and involves the violation of core values of justice, fairness, and preserva-

tion of life. Moral injury occurs in battle in what is required to survive including adaptations of posttraumatic stress disorder and pathological dissociation. However, there has been a notable absence of discussion of moral injury in civilian trauma—interpersonal traumas such as parental abuse and neglect, rape, workplace and institutional trauma. Research on trauma-related guilt, betrayal in incestuous families, and attachment disorder will be reviewed for their relevance to understanding moral injury. Two cases—one in combat and one civilian trauma—will be described that capture the probative power of moral injury in psycholegal argumentation.

Francis Abueg, Ph.D., BCETS is a psychologist and owner of TraumaResource: Clinical and Forensic Psychology in Sunnyvale and Cupertino, California.

11:15-12:00

Child sexual molestation and child abuse: a review of the scientific literature as contrasted with popular opinion
Edward J Hyman, Ph.D. and Hollida Wakefield, M.A.

Most lay people, along with many professionals and scientific organizations, hold erroneous beliefs about child sexual abuse. Efforts to conduct or report research contradicting these strongly held beliefs are often met with resistance, anger, and personal attacks. We will address the effects and damage of physical, emotional, and sexual child abuse, the recidivism of sexual abusers, and behavioral indicators of sexual abuse, along with how society's response to child sexual abuse is often ineffective. We will review the credible scientific literature and will provide several historical and recent cases as examples of this.

Edward J. Hyman, Ph.D. is the R. Nevitt Sanford Professor of Psychology, Psychiatry and Law Emeritus at the Center for Social Research. Hollida Wakefield, M.A. is a forensic psychologist in private practice at the Institutes for Psychological Therapies in Northfield, Minnesota.

The foregoing program is a “preliminary program” and additions/deletions are to be expected in the presentations and scheduling of talks. The final program will be distributed to all registrants just prior to the meeting.

Goal: The goal of the 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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