

**American College of Forensic Psychology  
39th Annual Symposium  
March 14-16, 2024  
San Diego • The Westgate Hotel**

**PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, March 13**

4:00-5:30 PM **Early check-in for registrants; late registration** — Grand Lobby

**Thursday, March 14**

7:00-7:55 AM **Registration and Continental Breakfast** – outside of Versailles Ballroom

7:55-8:00 AM **Welcome and Announcements** – Versailles Ballroom

8:00-12:15 **Forensic Assessment: Mitigation and Neuropsychology** (4 CE credits) – Versailles Ballroom

8:00-9:00 AM

**Post-Traumatic Distress Disorders as a Mitigating Factor in Forensic Psychological Evaluations**

Rebecca Smith-Casey J.D., Psy.D., Erica Jennett, M.A., Hilary Good, B.A.

9:00-10:00 AM

**Intellectual Developmental Disorder and the IDD Adjudications: "A Rainy Night in Georgia"**

Jonathan Venn, Ph.D.

10:00-10:15 AM **Coffee Break**

10:15-12:15 PM

**Distinguishing Cognitive and Emotional Symptoms Associated with Neurological and Psychiatric Disorders**

Arnold D. Purisch, Ph.D.

12:15-1:30 PM **Lunch Break** (on your own)

***The afternoon session has presentations in two rooms***

**ROOM 1: 1:30-4:45 PM Professional Practice and Assessment Issues (3 CE credits) –**  
Versailles Ballroom

1:30-2:30 PM

**Conceptualizing and Practicing Forensic Psychology through a Human Science Lens**

Susan G. Goldberg, J.D., Ph.D., Dasha Kotalik, MSW, and Giovanna Martinez, B.S.

2:30-3:30 PM

**Male Sex Offender Transitioning to Transgender - Impacts of Safety and Recidivism Risk**

Thomas F. Haworth, Ph.D.

3:30-3:45 PM **Break**

3:45-4:45 PM

**Forensic Assessment of Sexual Recidivism: Research Update and Practical Implications**

Brian R Abbott, Ph.D.

**ROOM 2: 1:30-4:45 PM Prisoner Mental Health and Psychology of Crime (3 CE credits)**

– Regency Room

1:30-2:30 PM

**The Impact of Solitary Confinement on Prisoner Mental Health**

Rebecca Smith-Casey J.D., Psy.D., Hilary Good, B.A., Stephanie Thierer, B.S., and Erica Jennett, M.A.

2:30-3:30 PM

**Capturing Serial Killers: Is it Science, Profiling, the Public, or Their Own Delusional Thinking?**

John H. White, Ph.D.

3:30-3:45 PM **Break**

3:45-4:45 PM

**No One Is Coming For You.... A Conceptualization of Crime and its Causes**

William K. Marek, Ph.D.

5:30-6:30 PM **Student Poster Session** - Embassy Room

5:30-6:45 PM **Welcome Reception** - Riviera Room and Terrace

**Friday, March 15**

7:15-8:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast** – outside of Versailles Ballroom

8:00 AM - 12:15 PM **Competency Assessment and Ethics in Forensic Psychology (4 CE credits)** – Versailles Ballroom

8:00-9:00 AM

**Emerging Issues in Competency and Restoration**

Michael Ditsky, Ph.D.

9:00-10:00 AM

**Competence Assessment--Collaborating with A Lawyer Expert**

John Philipsborn, J.D.

10:00-10:15 AM **Coffee Break**

10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

**Forensic Skills Workshop: Addressing Ethical and Practice Issues in Forensic Psychology**

Mark Ackerman, Ph.D. (Moderator), Mark Burdick, Ph.D., and panelists to be named

12:15-1:30 PM **Lunch Break** (on your own)

1:30-4:45 PM **Forensic Assessment (3 CE credits)** – Versailles Ballroom

1:30-2:30 PM

**Police Evaluations: Impression Management Considerations in Pre-Employment and Fitness for Duty Evaluations for Law Enforcement**

Rebecca Smith-Casey J.D., Psy.D.

2:30-3:30 PM

**The End of Suicide Risk Assessment? A Research Update (part 1)**

Joseph Obegi, Psy.D.

3:30-3:45 PM **Break**

3:45-4:45 PM

**The End of Suicide Risk Assessment? A Research Update (part 2)**

Joseph Obegi, Psy.D.

5:00 PM **Advisory Board Meeting** – Fleur de Lis

**Saturday, March 16**

7:15-8:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast** – outside of Versailles Ballroom

**8:00 AM - 12:15 PM Mental Health Courts and Culture & Diversity in Forensic Psychology (4 CE credits)** – Versailles Ballroom

8:00-9:00 AM

**Lock up or Treat Out? How Mental Health Diversion can be used in Protecting California communities by use of an Effective Evaluator Model**

Mark Burdick, Ph.D.

9:00-10:00 AM

**Considerations Related to Mental Health Courts in Rural Communities**

Rebecca Smith-Casey, J.D., Psy.D., Erica Jennett, M.A., and Hilary Good, B.A.

10:00-10:15 AM **Coffee Break**

10:15-11:15 AM

**Adjusting Our Lens: Exploring Cultural Biases in Family Court**

April Harris-Britt, Ph.D.

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

**A Primer on Differentiating Religious and Psychological Experience**

Robert W. Evans, Ph.D., Ph.D.

12:15-1:30 PM **Lunch Break** (on your own)

**1:30-4:45 PM Culture & Diversity in Forensic Psychology and Forensic Assessment (3 CE credits)** – Versailles Ballroom

1:30-2:30 PM

**Best Practices for Mitigating Racial Bias in Forensic Diagnosis and Report Writing**

Lisa Faille, Ph.D., MPH, ABPP

2:30-3:30 PM

**Forensic Psychological Accountability Perspective on the Decertification of Police Officers and Law Enforcement Agencies: An Anti-Diversity Paradigm**

Ronn Johnson, Ph.D., ABPP

3:30-3:45 PM **Break**

3:45-4:45 PM

**Four Short Symptom Validity Tests You (Probably) Haven't Heard Of (But Should)**

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

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