

American College of Forensic Psychology
40th Annual Symposium
March 20-23, 2025
San Diego • The Westgate Hotel

OVERVIEW

The American College of Forensic Psychology is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The American College of Forensic Psychology maintains responsibility for this program and its content. This program will offer a maximum of 25 hours of Continuing Education credits. To earn CE credit for each session, attendees must attend the entirety of the session and sign in and out at the registration desk.

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 inmates in correctional facilities with psychological disorders. All CE sessions are taught at an intermediate level, building upon psychologists' foundational knowledge.

Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest or Relevant Financial Relationships: The American College of Forensic Psychology does not receive financial or commercial support. All instructors were asked to disclose potential conflicts of interest, or relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest. All instructors reported that they have nothing to disclose.

The meetings each day will be in the Versailles Ballroom. Registration and continental breakfast each day will be outside the meeting room. Thursday night's welcome reception will be in the Riviera Room and Terrace, and the student poster session on Thursday will be held in Embassy Room, Riviera Room, and the surrounding hallways. The student poster sessions on Friday and Saturday will be in the Versailles Foyer. The events described in this paragraph are **not** CE events.

Although no changes are anticipated, it is possible that changes will be necessary to the program.

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 19

4:00-5:30 PM **Early check-in for registrants; late registration** — foyer outside of Versailles Ballroom

Thursday, March 20

7:15-7:55 AM **Registration and Continental Breakfast** – foyer outside of Versailles Ballroom

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

8:00-12:15 Hot Topics in Forensic Psychology – Versailles Ballroom

8:00-9:00 AM (1 CE – ethics)

Ethical Considerations in Using Generative AI in Forensic Practice

Kristine M. Jacquin, Ph.D.

9:00-10:00 AM (1 CE - diversity)

Mental Health Diversion: Cultural and Psychological Perspectives

Baljit Atwal, Ph.D.

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

10:15-11:15 AM (1 CE)

“The Owl Hoots Twice”: Psychosis and Family Murders

Rebecca Smith-Casey, J.D., Psy.D., and Anna Casey, B.S.

11:15-12:15 PM (1 CE)

Volition and Folk Psychology in Death Penalty Mitigation

Jonathan Venn, Ph.D.

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

1:30-4:45 PM Mental Health Diversion and Forensic Neuropsychology – Versailles Ballroom

1:30-2:30 PM (1 CE - ethics)

Case Study of Mental Health Diversion in the Courtroom: Promoting Integrity of the Court Systems with Expert Psychological Opinion

Mark Burdick, Ph.D., and Charles Baum, J.D.

2:30-3:30 PM (1 CE)

Neurotoxicology Applied to Forensic Neuropsychology

Raymond Singer, Ph.D.

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

3:45-4:45 PM (1 CE)

Homicide: Life on the Neuronal Street

John White, Ph.D.

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

5:30-7:30 PM **Welcome Reception** - Riviera Room and Terrace

Friday, March 21

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

8:00 AM - 12:15 PM **Competence to Stand Trial & Ethical and Legal Issues in Forensic Psychology** – Versailles Ballroom

8:00-9:00 AM (1 CE)

Competence to Stand Trial Issues

Albert Kastl, Ph.D., and William K. Marek, Ph.D.

9:00-10:00 AM (1 CE)

The Assessment of the Accused's Ability to Assist Counsel Revisited

John Philipsborn, M.Ed., M.A.S., J.D.

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

10:15 AM - 12:15 PM (2 CE – ethics)

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

Mark Ackerman, Ph.D. (Moderator), Valerie McClain, Psy.D., and John Philipsborn, J.D.

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

1:30-4:45 PM **Trauma Informed Care & Sexual Offender Cases: Ethical and Professional Practice Issues** – Versailles Ballroom

1:30-2:30 PM (1 CE)

Trauma Informed Care in Correctional Settings

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

2:30-3:30 PM (1 CE - ethics)

Clinician Bias Against Sexual Offenders: Professional, Treatment, and Ethical Implications

Rebecca Smith-Casey, J.D., Psy.D., and Hannah Pitchford, B.S.

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

3:45-4:45 PM (1 CE)

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

Brian Abbott, Ph.D.

4:45-5:30 PM **Student Poster Session** - Versailles Foyer

Saturday, March 22

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

8:00 AM - 12:15 PM **Family Law and Professional Practice in Forensic Psychology** – Versailles Ballroom

8:00-10:00 AM (2 CE - diversity)

Viewing the Impact of Different Parenting Styles and Values through Developmental Science

April Harris-Britt, Ph.D.

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

10:15-11:15 AM (1 CE)

Assessing Allegations of Parental Alienation Child Abuse During Child Custody Evaluations

Shawn Wygant, M.A., Ph.D. Candidate

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM (1 CE)

Starting and Building a Forensic Psychology Practice

Mark Burdick, Ph.D., April Harris-Britt, Ph.D., and James Schutte, Ph.D.

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

1:30-4:45 PM **Ethics, Diversity, and Assessment in Forensic Psychology** – Versailles Ballroom

1:30-2:30 PM (1 CE – ethics)

Unresolved Ethical Challenges in Providing Mandated Sex Offender Treatment

Susan G. Goldberg, J.D., Ph.D., Giovanni Martinez, M.A., and Megan Spees, M.A.

2:30-3:30 PM (1 CE – diversity)

Gender Affirming Care in Forensic Settings

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

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

3:45-4:45 PM (1 CE)

The Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale – Fifth Edition (WAIS-5): Conceptual and Forensic Issues

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

4:45-5:30 PM **Student Poster Session** - Versailles Foyer

Sunday, March 23

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

8:00 AM - 12:15 PM **Hot Topics and Professional Practice Issues in Forensic Psychology** – Versailles Ballroom

8:00-9:00 AM (1 CE)

History of Unacknowledged Sexual Victimization Influences Rape Trial Outcomes

Kasey Connors-Beron, M.S., M.A., Ph.D. Candidate

9:00-10:00 AM (1 CE)

Found in Translation: Effective Communication of Statistics to Attorneys

Beverly Griffor, Ph.D., J.D., and Sarah Vasquez, Ph.D., M.P.H.

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

10:15-11:15 AM (1 CE)

Neuropsychological Consequences of Cannabis Use

Kristine M. Jacquin, Ph.D.

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM (1 CE)

Programs Don't Work

William K. Marek, Ph.D., and Yahziq Ohmn-Drayden, M.A.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Consultation Group – Normandy (for psychologists who signed up in advance)

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