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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 25

4:30-6:00 Early Registration

Thursday, March 26

7:00-7:45 Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:45-8:00 Opening Remarks and Announcements

8:00-12:15 Criminal Issues/Deception/Forensic Assessment/
Child Custody (4 CE credits)

8:00-8:40

I Was in Corrections When Corrections Weren't Cool...

William K. Marek, Ph.D.

This presentation will include a review of the historical facts and growth of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, selected U.S. states' prison systems and several international prison systems, in terms of their budgets, programs, growth, direction, focus, and progress. Attendees will be able to: 1) enumerate the forces that have impacted different prison systems and how/why they have evolved and changed; 2) enumerate the "What Works" literature related to prisons; 3) enumerate facts and disputes used to dispel the many incorrect and negative perceptions about prisons.

Dr. William Marek has been with the Federal Bureau of Prisons for 20 years, and is author of *Symbolic Thinking as a Unifying Force of Change*.

8:40-9:20

Serial Murderers: Do You Know a Hannibal Rising?

John H. White, Ph.D.

Many serial killers and multiple murderers were involved in psychotherapy and/or evaluations before they began killing. Multiple theories have been disseminated about the backgrounds of serial killers, i.e., they have all been abused or they fit into the homicidal triad. This presentation is designed to give participants information on the backgrounds of 500 serial killers from around the world using 167 variables. Participants will learn the killer's life cycle, from birth through the first murder. The data may have implications for both forensic psychologists who treat future murderers and attorneys who prosecute and defend them, as well as law enforcement who profile their crime scenes.

Dr. White, in private practice in New Jersey, began studying multiple murder over 30 years ago as a Dallas police officer assigned to the Psychological Services Office. He has interviewed serial and non serial killers.

9:20-10:00

Detecting Deception During Consensual Conversation

R. Edward Geiselman, MS, Ph.D.

Fabricated stories about autobiographical events often contain elements that are less likely to be found in true stories. The range of indicators includes verbal, vocal, and behavioral elements. These indicators must be viewed as imperfect clues that only sometimes discriminate a deceptive statement from a truthful statement. The diagnostic power of

the indicators can be enhanced with appropriate investigative interview procedures.

Dr. R. Edward Geiselman is a Professor of Psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles. He has served as a consultant to numerous federal, state, and local law-enforcement agencies including Homeland Security.

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

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

Room 1: Criminal Issues/Deception/Forensic Assessment

10:15-10:55

Thelma and Louise: What Do We Know About Women Who Commit Serious Crimes and How Do We Evaluate Them?

Linda M. Grounds, Ph.D., Megan McNeal

The number of women charged with serious crimes has increased rapidly over the past few decades. In response, researchers have focused on better understanding the different types of female offenders and how they become involved in criminal activity. As a result of the sharp increase in the numbers of women arrested and charged, many more women are being seen for forensic psychological evaluations. This presentation will provide an overview of current data, summarize research regarding the factors associated with women's criminal behavior, present the results of an original research project, and describe evaluation questions, strategies and assessment tools to consider.

Linda M. Grounds, Ph.D. is in private practice in Portland, Oregon.

10:55-11:35

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): How to Provide Comprehensive Forensic Assessment

Douglas Christian Johnson, Ph.D.

Several challenges exist to forensic assessment of PTSD. What constitutes a "trauma," as well as the subjective nature of DSM-IV-TR diagnostic criterion A2, make assessment of PTSD uniquely difficult. Further complicating accurate assessment are the pervasive use of symptom checklists, symptom overlap with other anxiety disorders, depression, and TBI, and the widespread omission of differential diagnosis for malingering. This presentation will examine the nature of these challenges to assessment, and outline some specific methods for improving precision and thoroughness in forensic evaluation of PTSD. Attendees will be able to 1) identify DSM-IV-TR diagnostic criteria that create challenges to forensic assessment of PTSD; 2) enumerate approaches to assessment that can resolve or minimize challenges to forensic assessment of PTSD.

Douglas Christian Johnson, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor in Psychiatry at UCSD and serves as Head of Research Facilitation at the Navy Center for Combat Operational Stress Control, Naval Medical Center San Diego.

11:35-12:15

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 numbers 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 the phenomenon of 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.

Room 2: Child Custody/Child Abuse

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 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 help forensic psychologists decide whether to include trial consulting in child abuse cases as part of their practice, and will help psychologists and attorneys to understand current relevant research, and evaluate the common problems in child abuse testimony by mental health professionals.

Dr. Jacquin is an Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Training at Mississippi State University. She is a clinical psychologist with a consulting practice focusing on forensic and neuropsychological evaluations.

10:55-11:35

Helping Seriously Impaired Custody Disputants Upgrade Their Parenting Skills

Barry Bricklin, Ph.D., Gail Elliot, Ph.D.

Research has shown that as many as 90% of high-conflict custody disputants suffer from borderline personality disorders, or worse. Our presentation is about parents who fall in the "or worse" category. We will describe ways to engage such parents in a therapeutic process, and techniques that are surprisingly effective in helping them raise psychologically healthy children. Few of these techniques reflect "traditional" therapeutic approaches. Our main points will be illustrated by a representative case.

Barry Bricklin, Ph.D. and Gail Elliot, Ph.D. are the authors of books, book chapters and articles on custody issues.

11:35-12:15

Overnight Visitation in Custody Evaluations of Young Children

Mark L. Goldstein, Ph.D.

The issue of overnight visitation and the literature related to this topic will be addressed. Issues of attachment, family dynamics, history of parenting, level of conflict and the psychological make-up of the parents and child will be examined. The use of observational techniques and psychological tests in assessing the appropriateness of overnight visitation with very young children will also be explored. Case studies will be presented.

Mark L. Goldstein, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist and custody evaluator in the Chicago area.

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

1:30-4:30 Two Rooms

Room 1: Criminal Issues/Forensic Assessment (3 CE credits)

1:30-2:10

Competency to Stand Trial: A Brief Evaluation

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

Many authors have described detailed evaluations regarding competency to stand trial, and psychological instruments have also been developed. However, in some jurisdictions, there are severe limitations because of cost containment. The presenters describe a brief examina-

tion which considers the major issues in such assessments, namely, understanding the current legal situation, legal issues and procedures, the role of criminal justice personnel, and the ability to rationally cooperate with counsel. Attendees should be able to understand the nature of extensive assessments for competency to stand trial. They will also be provided a brief examination and will grasp the limitations of all examinations of this type.

Dr. Albert Kastl has conducted hundreds of clinical assessments in the course of 40 years of clinical practice in Northern California. Dr. John Podboy maintains an extensive forensic practice in state and federal courts throughout the United States.

2:10-2:50

Mitigation Strategies in Criminal Cases

Valerie R. McClain, Psy.D.

This presentation focuses on the role of the forensic psychologist in providing mitigation in the criminal arena including both capital and non-capital cases. Psychological interview techniques, assessment tools and expert testimony that assists in providing effective mitigation efforts will be addressed. Strategies for working with the defense team and judicial system for optimal outcomes will be provided including initial planning stages, preparation for hearings and trial testimony. Specific emphasis will be placed on a conceptual approach that allows for maximum benefit from the forensic expert's efforts. Case examples will be used to illustrate both the technical and strategic aspects of successful mitigation efforts.

Valerie R. McClain, Psy.D. is in private practice in forensic psychology and neuropsychology in Tampa, Florida.

2:50-3:30

Crafting the Integration Section in Forensic Psychological Reports for Law Enforcement Applicants: Cultural Matters

Ronn Johnson, Ph.D.

This presentation includes a discussion of ways to craft psychological reports for law enforcement personnel selection. Several areas critical to the report writing process are examined with emphasis placed on the integration section. The discussion also examines potential negligent hire risk issues stemming from inadequate reports. In addition, common problems found in reports are reviewed. The presenter explores 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.

Dr. Ronn Johnson is Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Clinical Mental Health Program at the University of San Diego, and has conducted thousands of psychological interviews for law enforcement agencies.

3:30-4:10

Autism Spectrum Disorders: Forensic and Legal Challenges

Dee M. Langford, M.Ed., Ed.D.

A description of the autism spectrum disorders (ASD) with an emphasis on and an in-depth review of both the limitations and the inherent potential of these individuals will be covered. A focus will be placed on three of the six disorders: autism, Asperger's syndrome, and savant syndrome. Current facts and figures, cause theories, types of crimes linked to ASD, and recent court cases involving encounters by these individuals with law enforcement and their outcomes will be described. Importance will be placed on the role of forensic psychologists in assessing (including appropriate tests), recognizing, and working with ASD. Future projections regarding accommodations and treatment of individuals with ASD will be touched on.

Dr. Dee M. Langford is a psychologist in Tennessee, teaches psychology, and has taught for the university system of Georgia.

4:10-4:45

Chemical Hyper-Reactivity Syndrome is Both a Medical and a Neuropsychological Condition

Raymond Singer, Ph.D.

Chemical hyper-reactivity syndrome is becoming a preferred medical designation for the disease also known as multiple chemical sensitivity. Chemical hyper-reactivity syndrome is an accepted condition among doctors who treat patients for this condition. However, some doctors, often those who do not treat the condition, dismiss people who complain of chemical sensitivity as having a psychological disorder as opposed to a medical disorder. Because neuropsychology as an area of scientific inquiry overlaps both medical and psychological conditions, this specialty has an ideal perspective to opine regarding chemical sensitivity. The presenter will review the epidemiological and toxicological evidence demonstrating the non-psychiatric existence of chemical hyperactivity syndrome.

Dr. Raymond Singer is a neuropsychologist and neurotoxicologist specializing in evaluating effects of toxic substances on the nervous system.

Room 2: Child Custody/Child Abuse (3 CE credits)

1:30-2:15

Evaluating Family Violence in Child Custody Disputes

Michael F. Elterman, MBA, Ph.D.

Family violence and allegations of family violence are commonly reported in the context of custody and access assessments. Some jurisdictions even mandate where there has been violence that the court include this as a factor in determining child custody. Recent research and commissioned reports make the point that family violence is not a uniform occurrence and that while some is more characteristic of the type of familial relationships, e.g., spousal battery, some occurs only at the end of the relationship just before the separation. It is important for the custody evaluator to be familiar with the different types of family violence being reported by the parties as this has important implications for the findings.

Dr. Michael Elterman is in private practice in Vancouver, BC. He has conducted over 2500 court assessments in 26 years.

2:15-3:00

Grounding Custody Evaluations with Rationale and Interview Data

Michael W. Firmin, Ph.D.

Judges and attorneys are accustomed to approaching documents with logic and rationale that support assertions made. Obviously, forensic psychologists do not write legal briefs or any legal documents. Nonetheless, psychologists' objectives are best served if they frame their documents in ways that are most understandable and usable by the court. In the present context, a case is made for providing judges and attorneys involved with child custody evaluations with three important components: (a) conclusions that are explicitly grounded in data collected during the evaluation, (b) making explicit assumptions on which conclusions were drawn, and (c) a clear and explicit rationale for why the psychologist drew the stated conclusion. This process aids judges and attorneys in grasping the psychologist's recommendations, assists attorneys in preparing for direct and cross examinations, and helps the psychologist to prepare for likely questions that will be faced when defending custody reports.

Michael W. Firmin is a licensed psychologist in Ohio, with a part-time private practice in forensic psychology. He is professor and chair of the psychology department at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio.

3:00-3:45

Making Recommendations in Child Custody Forensic Examinations: Utilitarian and Ethical Considerations

Daniel S. Lobel, Ph.D.

Prior to the current decade forensic evaluators in contested divorces and custody cases routinely made recommendations to the court about

assignment of custodial duties and structuring of visitation. Over the past several years the ability of examiners to make valid recommendations in this area has been challenged on scientific, legal and ethical grounds. This presentation will help attendees understand and evaluate the challenges so that they can make recommendations regarding child custody and visitation that are scientifically, legally and ethically defensible with confidence. Implications for the profession of including/excluding recommendations for the perceived utility of evaluations will also be discussed.

Daniel S. Lobel, Ph.D. is in private practice, and Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

3:45-4:30

Complicated and High Conflict Child Custody Evaluations: Case Study of Sexual Abuse Allegations in a Custody Dispute

Kathleen M. O'Brien, Ph.D.

This presentation will explore a ten-year custody dispute involving ongoing allegations of child sexual abuse and efforts to limit parent contact. This case required careful exploration of the allegations, while also respecting the boundaries between law enforcement roles and the role of child custody evaluator. The presentation will address the ethical and professional pitfalls inherent in the case, especially given all four children's denial of sexual abuse. Attendees should be able to 1) describe the ethical considerations that are inherent in child custody evaluations which include allegations of sexual abuse, including appropriate assessment considerations, especially appropriate use of psychological testing; 2) delineate the role differences between law enforcement and custody evaluators in determining the presence or absence of child sexual abuse.

Kathleen M. O'Brien, Ph.D. maintains a private practice in Illinois.

5:30 – 7:00 Welcome Reception

Friday, March 27

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.

8:00-8:40

Ethics, Rules, and Risk Management

Donna M. Veraldi, Ph. D.

Differences between ethics and rules, how standards of care are developed, how they impact practice, and whether standards of care have worked to improve care or to play a major factor in risk management issues will be presented. Attendees will have a chance to 1) discuss our current ethical guidelines and to consider both the positive and negative impact of these guidelines, 2) discuss whether our profession, which is a scientifically-oriented and research-based profession, follows its own standards in coming to conclusions about research that can affect professional practice.

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

8:40-9:20

Ethics and the Law: Update and Overview

Martin H. Williams, Ph.D.

Primary goal of the presentation is to make attendees aware of the insoluble tension between practicing from a defensive, risk management posture and practicing in a creative, genuine and inspired style. Attendees will learn the background, as well as recent changes/updates of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct published

by the APA and how these principles translate into real-world legal cases.

Martin H. Williams, Ph.D. is a clinical and forensic psychologist who consults and testifies nationwide before psychotherapy and healthcare regulatory boards regarding ethics matters.

9:20-12:00

**Forensic Skills Workshop:
The Role of the Psychologist in Civil and Criminal Litigation**
Dr. Elliot Atkins, Martin H. Williams, Ph.D., 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. Panelists: Martin H. Williams, Ph.D. and Art Donato, J.D. Mr. Donato is a criminal trial attorney in Media, Pennsylvania.

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

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

1:30-2:15

Mistakes Made by the Forensic Psychologist as Expert Witness
Daniel P. Kremin, Ph.D.

This presentation is designed to enable the forensic psychologist to identify and avoid the most common mistakes and uncommon pitfalls that can negatively impact on their credibility and careers. The topics to be covered include forming and expressing expert opinions, writing the report, testifying, and the ethics involved in expert functioning. Attendees will be able to demonstrate knowledge of appropriate techniques for gathering adequate and valid data and translating this data into meaningful written opinions. Attendees will be able to describe the components of an expert report that withstand the challenge and scrutiny of cross examination. Attendees will become familiar with those ethical issues that are absolute necessities to ensure the credibility of the forensic psychologist as an expert.

Daniel P. Kremin, Ph.D. maintains a clinical and forensic practice in Westbury, New York.

2:15-3:00

New Evidence Standards for Experts in the Behavioral Sciences
Demosthenes Lorandos, Ph.D., J.D.

Behavioral science professionals who attempt to qualify in federal and many state courts must now undergo enhanced scrutiny described in the "Daubert trilogy." This evolving standard requires an extensive voir dire concerning education, training and relevant experience. The courts are required to conduct a "fit" analysis of the proposed expert's background and experience. Then, inquiry into the principles and methodology of the proposed expert's analysis must be completed. The expert must demonstrate the facts or data they relied upon and be able to show how their methodology has been reliably applied to the facts of the case. Attendees will become conversant with the decisional template federal and most state court judges use to evaluate them and their proposed expert testimony, and will learn to prepare themselves and their work product to pass muster under the new more stringent requirements for expertise in our courts.

Dr. Lorandos is a clinical psychologist with over 40 years of experience. He is an attorney, licensed to practice in New York, California

and Michigan, and a member of the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court as well as numerous federal circuit and district courts.

3:00-3:45

When Good Clinicians Go Forensic
Ines Monguio, Ph.D.

The majority of us spent countless hours learning and practicing clinical skills. When working in forensic areas those skills can be an advantage and a danger. Being a good and seasoned clinician will enable the psychologist to establish necessary rapport, notice important information given or withheld, and structure the evaluation to obtain diagnostically important information. However, the clinician also runs into danger when doing forensic evaluations or treatment. There is the danger of becoming a "patient's advocate" in poignant cases, the contrary but possible development of "jadedness," miscommunication with attorneys, and the dreaded burnout. These advantages and dangers will be elaborated. Ideas for potential strategies to minimize the dangers will be presented.

Dr. Ines Monguio, a psychologist in Ventura, California, has been in private practice since 1989, in forensics since 1992.

3:45-4:30

Occupational Stress (Burnout) and Forensic Psychology Practice
Daniel L. Davis, Ph.D.

Forensic psychology is a professionally and personally demanding area of practice of professional psychology. Forensic psychologists are daily exposed to professional experiences that include violent crimes, victimization, abuse, neglect and personal injury. Forensic examiners complete evaluations that are held to the highest level of professional and legal scrutiny. Forensic therapists work with the most difficult and often most resistive client groups. This presentation will explore the "human cost" of the practice of forensic psychology. Relevant research will be presented and open discussion between forensic providers concerning healthy and adaptive ways to cope with the inherent (and often misunderstood) stresses of forensic psychology will be explored.

Daniel L. Davis, Ph.D. is in independent practice in Columbus, Ohio where he focuses on the assessment and treatment of severely emotionally and behaviorally disordered youth, and adult and juvenile forensic evaluations.

Saturday, March 28

7:15 - 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-1:10 The Psychologist as Expert Witness (5 CE credits)

8:00-8:40

What the Defense Expert Sees and the Clinician Doesn't:
Differential Access to Data in Psychological Injury Assessments
William J. Koch, Ph.D.

Treating mental health professionals and plaintiff-hired forensic experts have access to different sources and types of data concerning personal injury claimants than do defense-hired forensic experts. These types of data include structured versus unstructured interviews, longitudinal observation during therapy, collateral information from family members, tests of response bias, standardized psychological tests, health and employment records, and surveillance recordings. This presentation will focus on the different sources and types of data used in supporting expert opinions, as well as the varied threats to reliability and validity of different data sources. Liberal use of case examples will illustrate these threats to validity.

Dr. William Koch is a clinical and forensic psychologist with interests in psychological injuries. He is the first author of Koch WJ, Douglas KS, Nicholls TL, O'Neill M: *Psychological Injuries: Forensic Assessment, Treatment, and Law*, Oxford University Press (2005).

8:40-11:15

Mock Trial

Roger Sharp, J.D., Paul Forrest, J.D.

The mock trial will focus on the direct and cross-examination of the psychologists as expert witnesses. Attendees will learn about expert testimony in court and how to conform expert testimony to optimal style and content. All of the College's mock trials are fictionalized and presented solely to educate the attending forensic psychologists.

Roger Sharp, J.D. is an Attorney at Law in Scottsdale, Arizona and Salt Lake City, Utah. Paul Forrest, J.D. is an Attorney at Law in Phoenix, Arizona. Expert witnesses to be announced.

11:15-11:55

Where is the Accountability?

Allan Gerson, Ph.D., Barry Halote Ph.D.

Levels of accountability for civil psychological reports versus those for workers' compensation differ measurably. The same levels of professionalism are not found in each. The absence of cross examination in workers' compensation appears to be a major variable. Methods to assess the differences and suggestions to improve the reports will be examined. Critical thinking, exploration of testing, validity and reliability of devices, as well as ways to rebut opposing evaluations will be covered. Information for attorneys and judges to recognize valid instruments, and methodology will be offered in order to differentiate them from those which do not meet the standards of our profession.

Drs. Allan Gerson and Barry Halote have over 60 years of experience in the workers' compensation and civil areas of forensic psychology.

11:55-12:35

Expert Witness Mental Health Testimony: Handling Deposition Traps

Donald A. Eisner, Ph.D., J.D

An expert witness in a deposition usually is subjected to intense questioning. There are a number of landmines that emerge. The presentation focuses on four areas: credibility trap, conflict of interest trap, invasion of privacy trap, and hypothetical question trap. Attendees should learn how to deal with intense questions during oral depositions; the various ways opposing attorneys try to destroy expert witness credibility; ways to avoid being ensnared in the deposition traps.

Donald Eisner is a licensed psychologist and attorney. He has represented plaintiffs in psychotherapy malpractice actions, therapists in front of licensing boards, and has been an expert witness in state and federal court.

12:35-1:10

Wrongful Death, Abuse and Neglect, and Sexual Predation: When Autism is a Consideration

David Holmes, Ed.D., George Niemann, Ph.D.

Throughout judicial history there have been numerous accounts of individuals with "mental illness" or "unusual behavioral characteristics" who have perpetrated various criminal acts such as serial crimes, failure to abide by law enforcement directives, and, now, cybercrimes. These perpetrators occasionally present symptoms that are indicative of autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Individuals with ASD, however, are more apt to be the recipient of abuse and/or neglect or other crimes against their person. Attendees will be able to address the numerous behavioral traits associated with ASD that could lead to an individual perpetrating a crime, and will be able to identify the numerous factors that lead to an individual with ASD being abused or neglected or wrongfully charged with a crime.

Dr. David Holmes is the Chairman and CEO of Lifespan Services, LLC. Dr. George Niemann has a doctorate in neuropsychology and is a licensed clinical psychologist in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Sunday, March 29

7:15 - 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

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

8:00-8:45

"Delusions" and Malingering in Civil Commitment and Criminal Cases

Daisy K. Switzer, Ph.D.

While flagrant cases of delusional disorder exist, there are a range of subtle areas in both criminal and civil commitment cases which beg to question what we think we know about the nature of delusions. The application of delusional disorder in civil commit or criminal cases, and the danger of misapplication of the diagnosis will be presented. Cultural context—diagnosis and the dangers of prejudice—and ethical considerations—when the diagnosis will keep a criminal off the street, what is the ethical thing to do?—will be discussed.

Dr. Switzer does contract evaluations for the Board of Parole Terms and is in private practice, with an emphasis on criminal forensics. Her practice is in Nevada County, with satellite offices in Humboldt and San Francisco.

8:45-9:30

Forensic Implications of the MMPI-2 Restructured Form

Allan Posthuma, Ph.D.

The MMPI-2-RF is a stand alone 338-item version of the MMPI-2 with 50 scales (including a shorter FBS, 7 revised validity scales, a new infrequent somatic complaint scale and a revised MMPI-2 PSY-5). While the 2003 RC scales remain, the newer RF includes new measures of psychopathology that show promise in forensic applications. While information from the MMPI-2 can be found on the MMPI-2-RF, these new scales still require further research in forensic applications. This presentation will review what is currently available in the forensic arena and the implications in choosing the MMPI-2-RF over the MMPI-2.

Dr. Allan Posthuma practices in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. He has conducted research on the forensic applications of the MMPI-2 since 1993.

9:30-10:15

Introducing the WAIS-IV: Conceptual and Forensic Considerations

James W. Schutte, Ph.D.

The Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale is one of the most widely-used psychological tests, and a staple in forensic psychological and neuropsychological evaluations. The recent release of the fourth edition, the WAIS-IV, brings substantial changes in test structure and in the conceptualization of IQ. This presentation will discuss the changes in the WAIS-IV, compare this version of the test to its predecessor, and make recommendations for use of the WAIS-IV in forensic evaluations. Issues regarding the use of the WAIS-IV in disability evaluations and death penalty assessments will be discussed, and likely areas of cross-examination will be reviewed.

Dr. Schutte is a bilingual psychologist in El Paso, Texas. His practice involves Social Security disability evaluations, evaluations for Child Protective Services, and assessments in criminal and civil litigation.

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:15

Methodology of the Assessment of False Confession: A Primer of Assessment

Michael J. Perrotti, Ph.D.

The methodology and assessment of false confession is discussed. A model of assessment is presented wherein the protocol of how a false

confession occurs is illustrated via assessment instruments measuring suggestibility, personality factors conducive to false confessions. A typology of various kinds of false confessions will be covered. Following this presentation, attendees should 1) be able to assess a defendant for false confession and be versed in the assessment instruments to evaluate false confession; 2) be able to distinguish false from genuine confessions; 3) be aware of the different kinds of defendants who are at “risk” for false confessions.

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

11:15-12:00

How Accurate are Polygraphs?

Brett C. Trowbridge, Ph.D., J.D.

In forensic cases, particularly criminal ones, polygraphs are often employed. This presentation examines the scientific evidence concerning the accuracy of polygraphy, and finds there is little evidence that polygraphy works. Attendees will be able to identify the research which shows that to be true, to see how proponents of polygraphy inflate the accuracy of polygraphs, and will know when the results of polygraphs are admissible in court.

Brett Trowbridge, Ph.D., J.D., is a licensed psychologist in Washington and a member of the Washington Bar. He is a former King County prosecuting attorney.

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 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.

San Diego and The Westgate Hotel: San Diego in March—a lovely time to visit! Mild temperatures, sunny days...The timeless and classically elegant Westgate Hotel is located in the heart of the vibrant downtown shopping, entertainment, and historic Gaslamp Quarter. The Westgate is within short walking distance of many excellent restaurants, and close to Balboa Park with its many museums and the San Diego Zoo, Seaport Village, Sea World and the beautiful beaches north of San Diego. The Westgate Hotel was named to the 2008 Travel & Leisure 500, the 500 best resorts and hotels in the world, and awarded the AAA Four Diamond Award. The lobby, meeting rooms, and intimate dining areas showcase eighteenth-century antiques, Baccarat crystal chandeliers, French tapestries, and one of the first five Steinway pianos made. The hotel’s French restaurant, Le Fontainebleau, received San Diego Magazine’s 2007 Best Restaurant Award, and the Plaza Bar was voted San Diego’s Best Piano Bar. The hotel even has its own gourmet delicatessen. The guestrooms are said to be the largest in downtown San Diego. You can catch the red electric trolley behind the hotel to get to Seaport Village, the Gaslamp Quarter (both also within walking distance of the hotel), Little Italy, Historic Old Town, and many other places.

Hotel Reservations: We have secured a block of rooms for the College at The Westgate Hotel at a special rate of \$209 per night for a Deluxe room. You may call the hotel’s reservation department toll-free at 1-800-524-4802. The hotel’s direct telephone number is 1-619-238-1818. You must identify yourself as part of the College to secure the preferred rate. You may also go to our web site: forensicpsychology.org for a link to make your hotel reservation online. The hotel is located at 1055 Second Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101. **Room reservations must be received by March 4, 2009.** Reservations made after March 4 are subject to availability at the prevailing hotel rate which will be considerably higher than the group rate.

See other side for Symposium Registration Information and Registration Form.

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