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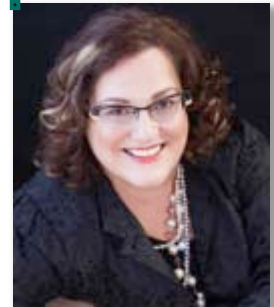
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Welcoming Words from the President

Dr. Jane Storrie, Ph.D., C.Psych., ABDA

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Ontario Psychological Association's 68th Annual Conference on behalf of your Board of Directors. We are thrilled this year to focus on the great work being done by psychological service providers in our home province. I'm quite sure you will find many reasons to be proud and energized by the exciting and innovative initiatives highlighted in clinical practice, teaching and research domains across a wide number of arenas. We are especially proud that our workshops, symposia and posters were selected through peer review, and I would like to thank those who participated in this process.



We are also looking forward to discussions about the role of psychological service providers in Ontario's health system, to be conducted by leaders in government and health care, and to stimulating keynote addresses. We will also be updating you with respect to progress in our advocacy initiatives, particularly the increasing relevance and acceptance of OPA as an important collaborative partner.

My first year as President has been a busy one, but so incredibly fulfilling. There is nothing better than making positive change, whether it is from an organizational, administrative or goal achievement perspective. I have been so very lucky to work with dedicated and enthusiastic colleagues on the Board and our various committees, and I cannot say enough about the contributions of our staff. Our CEO, Jan Kasperski, has been tireless in her work to ensure OPA takes its rightful place as a key and respected player in healthcare. We are also indebted to our members, who prove their commitment to the people we serve and the profession on a daily basis. We will continue to work hard to make you proud of your professional association, and we hope you plan to join us at our Annual General Meeting on Saturday morning to learn more about our activities over the last year and our plans for the future.

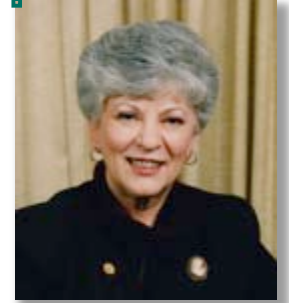
We are so pleased that you are here to experience this outstanding Conference, and trust you will find it informative and worthwhile.



Greetings from the Chief Executive Officer

Ms. M. Janet Kasperski RN, MHSc, CHE

In a few short months, I will be celebrating my second anniversary as your Chief Executive Officer. It is such an honour to work with our incredibly dynamic President and energetic board. I have to admit that I accepted the role thinking that it would be a part-time job that would ease me into retirement sometime in the distant future. My orientation to the OPA in 2013 made me swiftly aware of the fact that there was a major need to reposition the OPA as a strong voice for psychologists and psychological associates - and the people we serve. We identified the steps we needed to take in order for the OPA to become a forceful voice in Ontario. We faced an uphill battle. The various associations in Ontario that represent mental health practitioners, including the OPA had been viewed by government as “lobby groups” – groups that were in competition with one another for all the wrong reasons. We have beaten down every door possible to find opportunities to develop relationships with government officials and the leadership of various organizations to position the OPA to influence public policy and the rollout of access strategies to needed mental health services.



A key part of our strategy was to brag loudly about the multi-faceted roles of psychologists and psychological associates. We are proud of our presence on social media and the partnerships that have evolved as a result of Twitter and Facebook interactions. I believe we have succeeded in putting the OPA and its members on the map!! This conference builds on this body of work and provides us with an opportunity to showcase and celebrate the great work of Ontario’s psychological practitioners.

This time last year, I took on the responsibility of conference oversight. I was proud of what we offered last year but many of the speakers were imported from the United States. This year, our program is anchored in demonstrating the excellent teachers, researchers and clinicians that we have within our own borders. With the exception of Dr. Patch Adams, who is travelling to the conference from California, all of our keynote speakers, panelists and workshop presenters are proud Canadians who excel in the work they do.

I cannot tell you how excited I am to provide you with an overview of the conference format. For the first time, we are offering two pre-conference workshops that are “must attend programs”. The first one is aimed at anyone interested starting, closing or in improving the effectiveness of private practice. The second one provides an overview of the new WISC-V and an electronic test delivery system that will change assessment administration as we know it. Our line-up of workshops on Friday and Saturday are second to none. Your biggest problem will be deciding which ones to attend.

Each morning will begin with a featured event. Friday’s key message is the “Joy of Caring” provided by Dr. Patch Adams who has kindly agreed to provide a workshop on the techniques one needs to remain healthy and fulfilled when faced with trauma as a component of one’s daily work life. Dr. Bob Bell, our Deputy Minister of Health, will lead a panel forecasting the future mental health system that they are actively trying to create – and the role of psychologists in that system. Our lunchtime keynote addresses should be incredibly interesting as well, as we hear from Seamus O’Regan about his touching interviews with individuals and family members impacted by mental disorders and his efforts, in conjunction with Bell Canada, to reduce stigma across Canada. The Saturday luncheon



will feature the team from W5, led by Kevin Newman, who researched and developed the program “Suicide Watch” that sensitized the public, government and hospitals to the deaths that occur in psychiatric wards. The role of the media in influencing public policy will be a message delivered by these two presentations – a message that we have heard loudly and clearly as the OPA has entered the world of social media and became more widely known to the media. Don’t miss the President’s Reception on Friday afternoon and the opportunity to participate in the award ceremony to recognize your peers. I would be remiss if I did not thank our great staff members (Natasha Teoli, Ryan Morley, Anna DiDonato and Lara Pocock), our committee members, and especially our presenters. May you have a great time at the conference networking with your peers, recharging your batteries and joining us as we celebrate Psychology Month in Ontario.



Conference at a Glance

Thursday, February 19, 2015 – Preconference Workshops

	“The Essentials of Private Practice” King I Ballroom	“Discover the Power of V: Learn about the new WISC V” King II Ballroom
7:45-8:30	Registration	
8:30-8:35	Welcome	Welcome
8:35-9:20	“Starting a Practice & Choosing a Business Model” (<i>Drs. Jane Storrie & Diana Velikonja</i>)	WISC V in Context: Canadian development and results (<i>Dr. Jessie Miller, Pearson</i>)
9:20-10:05	“Accounting” (<i>Regina Baezner & Andrea Guenther Grant Thornton LLP</i>)	
10:05-10:20	Break	
10:20-11:05	“Insurance” (<i>Brian Gomes, BMS</i>)	WISC V on Q-interactive: seeing it is believing it (<i>Jeremy Clarke, Pearson</i>)
11:05-11:50	“Financial Planning” (<i>Jamie Golombek, CIBC</i>)	
11:50-12:35	“Estate Planning” (<i>Ian Hull, Hull & Hull, LLP</i>)	
12:35-1:30	Lunch	
1:30-2:30	“Marketing” (<i>Aaron Wrixon & Kimberly Moffit</i>)	WISC V Interpretation: clinical applications and case studies (<i>Dr. James Holdnack, Pearson</i>)
2:30-3:00	“Thinking Outside the Box: Multidisciplinary & Niche Practices & Retirement” (<i>Drs. Jane Storrie & Diana Velikonja</i>)	
3:00-3:15	Break	
3:15-4:00	Panel Discussion	WISC V Interpretation: clinical applications and case studies cont’d
4:00	Adjourn	
6:30-8:30pm	Pre-registration for OPA Conference	

Preconference Workshop, “Discover the Power of V: Learn about the new WISC V”, generously sponsored by:





Friday, February 20, 2015

7:00-8:15	Registration. Breakfast refreshments available			
8:15-10:30	Plenary Session: Opening Ceremonies, Keynote Speech, & Award			
8:15-9:00	Welcoming remarks			
8:30-9:00	Remarks by Minister of Labour, the Honourable Kevin Flynn			
9:00-10:20	Keynote speech, “The Joy of Caring” (<i>Patch Adams</i>)			
10:20-10:30	Presentation of <i>BMS Lectureship Award</i>			
10:30-11:00	Break & Poster Review			
Morning Sessions—Choose between 4 Symposia				
11:00-12:30	Stream A “Help! My Brain’s Stuck!: Repetitive Behaviours in Children and Adolescents”	Stream B “The Joy of Giving”	Stream C “Workplace Harassment: HEART”	Stream D “Indigenous Masculinities: Exploring trauma, recovery and healing”
12:30-2:15	Luncheon: Keynote Speech, Selected OPA Awards			
12:30-1:00	Luncheon			
1:00-1:45	Keynote speech, “Mental Health & the Media’s Role” (<i>Seamus O’Regan</i>)			
1:45-2:00	Presentation of OPA Lectureship Award (<i>to Seamus O’Regan</i>) & Public Service Award (<i>to George Cope, CEO of Bell Media</i>)			
2:00-2:30	Break & Poster Review			
Afternoon Sessions—Choose between 4 Symposia				
2:30-4:30	Stream A “Making it Stick: Private Practice Psychology Reports and the School Board”	Stream B “Evidence-based treatment and Special Considerations for Military-related PTSD”)	Stream C “A lawyer and Psychologists Discuss Evaluating Long-term Damages of Childhood Sexualized Assault”*)	Stream D “The Road to Prescriptive Authority and Opportunities for Collaborative Primary Care Practice”
4:30-5:00	Break & Poster Review			
5:00-7:00	President’s Awards Event & Reception – <i>Colonnade & Regency Foyer</i>			



Saturday, February 21, 2015

7:45 -9:30	Breakfast refreshments available			
8:30-9:30	Annual General Meeting			
9:30-9:45	Break			
9:45-11:00	Plenary Session: Fireside Chat, “Driving Transformation of the System”			
9:45-10:45	Moderated discussion: <i>Facilitated by Dr. Bob Bell (Deputy Minister of Health and Long Term Care), Neil Stuart (Consultant), Dr. Donald Stuss (President and Scientific Director of the Brian Institute), and Mr. Ron Sapsford (CEO of the Ontario Medical Association), Hon. Carolyn Bennett (MP)</i>			
10:45-11:00	Q & A period			
11:00-11:15	Break			
Morning Sessions—Choose between 4 Symposia				
11:15-12:45	Stream A “Tele-Link Mental Health Program - The Hospital for Sick Children”	Stream B “Early Psychological Intervention in the Emergency Services”	Stream C “Malingering, Feigning, and Negative Response Bias in Psychological Injury and Law”	Stream D Auto Insurance Update
12:45-2:15	Luncheon and Panel Discussion, “Development of Great Media and its Impact on Public Policy”			
12:30-1:15	Luncheon			
1:15-2:15	Panel discussion: <i>Facilitated by Jennifer Glickman (Environics). How investigative reporting has the power to influence public opinion and government policy (Kevin Newman and the W5 team)</i>			
2:15-2:30	Break			
Afternoon Sessions—Choose between 3 Symposia				
2:30-4:00	Stream A “Integration of Psychologists in Primary Care and Hospital-based Services”	Stream B “Griefwork Primer”	Stream C “Strong As Me: Strength Based Resilience”	Stream D “Custody & Access Issues: Discussion with lawyer, psychologist & family physician”
4:00	Closing remarks & Adjourn			



Keynote Speeches & Fireside Chats

Friday – Keynote Speeches



Dr. Patch Adams: “The Joy of Caring”

Morning Keynote Speech

Dr. Adams will open our Conference with a keynote address on the “Joy of Caring”, and will also be leading a workshop on how psychological practitioners and others, such as first responders, emergency physicians/nurses, correctional staff, 911 dispatchers, lawyers and other providers can build personal resilience to the traumas they face as part of their daily work-lives while maintaining the “joy of caring”.

Seamus O’Regan: “Mental Health & the Media”

Luncheon Keynote Speech

Television journalist, Mr. Seamus O’Regan, will provide the lunchtime address at the Conference on Friday, in which he will speak about — and receive the OPA Advocacy Award for — his work as a mental health advocate.



Saturday – Fireside Chats

Driving Transformation of the System

Join key health-care experts and advocates as they discuss the future of healthcare in Ontario - and Canada. This exciting panel will be moderated by Dr. Bob Bell (Deputy Minister of Health), and joined by Hon. Dr. Carolyn Bennett (Member of Parliament), Neil Stewart, Ron Sapsford (CEO of the Ontario Medical Association), Dr. Donald Stuss (President & Scientific Director, Ontario Brain Institute), and Mr. Dan Hefkey (Commissioner of Community Safety and Correctional Services)

Development of Great Media and its Impact on Public Policy

Often, improvements in the system occur when the public has access through the media to information and puts pressure on government and healthcare organizations to change conditions. This happened when W5 presented Suicide Watch, a powerful documentary uncovering the shocking incidents of in-patient suicides in Canadian hospitals. Join the W5 team (Kevin Newman, Senior Correspondent and Co-Host; Litsa Sourtzis, Producer; and Annie Piper-Burns, Associate Producer), as they discuss their research, what was involved in making this story, and their views on the impact that such stories have on public policy. This fireside chat will be moderated by Jennifer Schipper, Chief of Communications & Patient Engagement with Health Quality Ontario



Sessions: Friday, February 20th

Help! My Brain's Stuck!: Repetitive Behaviours in Children and Adolescents

Friday 11am -12:30pm

Dr. Kim Edwards, Dr. Holly McGinn, Dr. Sandra Mendlowitz

Abstract

Repetitive behaviours (RBs) are core symptoms of many disorders including Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD), Tic Disorders (TD), and Trichotillomania (TTM). Despite their widespread occurrence and ability to interfere with functioning, many RBs have been dismissed as mild nervous habits that do not warrant clinical attention. As a result, there is a lack of knowledge about RBs causing delays in diagnosis and confusion around treatment. The purpose of this symposium is to discuss the clinical presentations of RB disorders (particularly OCD, TD, and TTM) as well as assessment and treatment options. Through the use of case examples participants will improve their skills regarding how to best care for pediatric patients living with RBs.

The Joy of Caring

Friday 11am -12:30pm

Dr. Patch Adams

Abstract

Dr. Adams will uplift and support the psychologists of Ontario who support those with PTSD and mental illness on a daily basis by talking about the Joy of Caring. Psychologists and psychological associates in Ontario are heavily involved in caring for those that place themselves in harm's way physically and emotionally on a daily basis (veterans and active duty military, police officers, 911 dispatchers, paramedics, emergency physicians and nurses, staff on forensic units, and correctional officers) who suffer from PTSD and other mental health and addictions. Psychologists and psychological associates also serve children, adolescents and their family members with developmental, behavioural problems, and people of all ages with mental illnesses, addictions, acquired brain injuries, and other major chronic disorders complicated by depression and anxiety. They lose patients to suicide, they address the needs of the grieving family members, and still they truck on. Dr. Adams will speak for 60 minutes, after which he will be leaving to visit Sick Kids. The remaining 30 minutes of the session will be a moderated discussion.



Workplace Harassment: How Psychologists Can Help...An Introduction to the Harassment Education Advisory Response Team (HEART) Program

Friday 11am -12:30pm

Dr. Stephanie Bot, Donna Marshall

Abstract

Harassment and Bullying are major contributors to mental health issues in Ontario workplaces. To date these issues have been addressed by Health and Safety Advisors instead of mental health professionals. The HEART training program is a comprehensive response to Bullying and Harassment in the workplace that can take Psychologists out of their consulting rooms and into workplaces to influence and impact the management and prevention of bullying and harassment in the workplace. The presentation will introduce participants to the principles of the HEART program and how they can be applied to the workplace to foster a culture of respect, mental health and psychological safety for employees.

Indigenous Masculinities: Exploring Trauma, Recovery and Healing

Friday 11am -12:30pm

Dr. Allison Reeves, Dr. Suzanne Stewart, Harvey Manning

Abstract

Therapeutic interventions to address sexual trauma are often not designed with men in mind. In partnership with Anishnawbe Health Toronto, this qualitative project explored culturally appropriate Indigenous healing methods in mental health service provision for male survivors of sexual trauma. Results considered gender norms for men that interfere with help-seeking behaviours, as well as the unique context of shame and isolation for men in recovery from sexual trauma. The experience of intergenerational trauma emerging from pervasive sexual abuse in residential school emerged as a central consideration for Indigenous survivors. Importantly, participants described the harmful impacts of colonization on traditional gender norms for men, and the need for men to reconnect with Indigenous cultures on their healing journeys, under the backdrop of historical and contemporary colonization. Results contribute directly to the creation of culturally appropriate and gender relevant mental health programs at Anishnawbe Health Toronto for male survivors and offers suggestions for intervention for all practitioners working in this area.



Making it Stick: Private Practice Psychology Reports and the School Board

Friday 2:30pm -4:30pm

Dr. Debra Lean, Dr. Maria Kokai, Dr. Paulo Pires, Dr. Carolyn Lennox, Dr. Marie-Josée Gendron, Dr. Kathy Smolewska

Abstract

How can psychological assessments completed outside of the school system be most helpful to the student? This symposium will provide practitioners information on (a) issues arising when private practice or clinic reports are not accepted by school boards, (b) school boards' differing interpretations of identification criteria, (c) diagnosis versus identification issues and (d) the recently released new definition of the Learning Disabilities identification category. Psychology practitioners from school boards, clinics and private practice will present on their perspectives to assist all symposium participants in providing the best assessments (including school-friendly recommendations) for their child and adolescent clients.

Evidence-based Treatment and Special Considerations for Military-related PTSD

Friday 2:30pm -4:30pm

Dr. Maya Roth & Dr. Alexandra McIntyre-Smith

Abstract

The decade-long war in Afghanistan and the psychological sequelae that resulted from it have highlighted the prevalence of military-related Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) among currently serving members of the Canadian Forces and generations of veterans. Consequently, members of the Canadian Forces and veterans are being encouraged to seek help in addressing the tarnish that years of service have left on their psychological suit of armour. This workshop will cover the treatment of military-related PTSD and special considerations for working with veterans and members of the Canadian Forces (CF). First, we will provide an introduction to the diagnosis of PTSD with an overview of its origins and more recent formulation in the DSM-5. Special attention will be given to differences in clinical presentation among military personnel and veterans. Emphasis will be placed on the virulence of military-related experience in terms of vulnerability to psychological sequale, and factors contributing to this will be reviewed. Second, the importance of psychological and physical comorbidity will be reviewed. The third portion of the workshop will focus on the use of evidence-based psychotherapeutic modalities for the treatment of military-related PTSD, including Prolonged Exposure Therapy (Foa, Hembree, & Rothbaum, 2007), and Cognitive Processing Therapy (Monson et al., 2006). Manualized treatment using these interventions will be outlined and the importance of flexible application when applicable will be introduced. The last portion of the workshop will cover psychotherapy adjuvants, including Imagery Rehearsal Therapy for the treatment of trauma-related and idiopathic nightmares, Virtual Reality augmentation of Prolonged Exposure Therapy, and Adaptive Disclosure treatment targeting moral



injury. It is our hope that workshop participants will leave this workshop with an enhanced understanding of the unique facets of working with Canadian Forces members and veterans, and an interest in attaining further training in the outlined treatments if they are interested in working with this population.

A Lawyer and Psychologists Discuss Evaluating Long-term Damages of Childhood Sexualized Assault

Friday *2:30pm -4:30pm*

Dr. Rosemary Barnes, Dr. Nina Josefowitz, Susan Vella

Abstract

Expert assessment of adults suing in relation to childhood sexualized assault (CSA) poses many challenges. A lawyer outlines legal needs and the limitations and restrictions on expert opinion. Psychologists describe assessing CSA impacts using a life-span approach based on attachment, developmental psychopathology, trauma, and risk and resilience research. Aspects of CSA that heighten risk for later difficulties are described. Research is reviewed concerning CSA impacts related to mental disorders, behavioural/relationship problems, physical health, intellectual function, school achievement, and occupational function. The importance of describing CSA in behavioural language is explained.

The Road to Prescriptive Authority and Opportunities for Collaborative Primary Care Practice

Friday *2:30pm -4:30pm*

Dr. Jane Storrie, Dr. Diana Velikonja, Allan Malek, Ron Sapsford, Theresa Agnew

Abstract

OPA submitted a request to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to expand the scope of practice of psychologists to include prescriptive authority in November 2012. We will be bringing together a panel of representatives of healthcare associations who have sought and been granted prescriptive authority to tell us about their journey, and to provide advice about what OPA can expect moving forward. The panel will include the Executive Director of the Nurse Practitioners Association of Ontario and the Senior Vice President of the Ontario Pharmacists Association. While our submission is under consideration by the Ministry, an increasing number of psychologists are pursuing post-doctoral training in psychopharmacology. There is an opportunity for psychologists with this training to expand their role in primary care to include medication consultation. Our panel will be joined by the CEO of the Ontario Medical Association to discuss how psychologists can work collaboratively with other primary care providers in the pharmacological management of patients with mental health issues.



Dr. Jane Storrie cordially invites you to the

Presidential Reception

Friday, February 20, 2015

5-7pm in the Hotel Colonnade & Foyer

Join us for wine, cheese & hors d'oeuvres with colleagues and friends—as well as sharing in the recognition of fellow practitioners who have won OPA Awards this year.

Sessions: Saturday, February 21st

Tele-Link Mental Health Program - The Hospital for Sick Children

Saturday 11:15am -12:45pm

Dr. Jennifer Felsher, David Willis

Abstract

Canada's child and youth mental health system is described as fragmented and underfunded with a significant shortage of mental health professionals. The aim of this workshop is to present our distinct mental health service delivery model. We will review current tele-mental health literature as a framework. Specifically, the program that we would like to describe encompasses two distinct service delivery models within children's mental health: The Telepsychiatry and the Telepsychology program. Both programs are innovative new approaches to providing comprehensive clinical Psychiatric and Psychological assessments, education, consultation, capacity enhancement, and collaboration. We would like to present and describe this approach to providing comprehensive psychological assessments to northern and underserved areas of Ontario. This workshop will describe the process of referrals, the type of population served, the assessment process, and the manner in which assessments proceed via secure network. We will also address confidentiality issues, specific assessment issues, reporting and risk, and developing relationships over the Telepsychology network. Some preliminary demographic information regarding diagnoses will be presented.

Like all Tele-Mental Health, the goal of our program is to eliminate disparities in patient access to quality and evidence based treatments and assessments. Our mission is to enhance the knowledge, skill set, and confidence of children's mental health practitioners using videoconferencing and other technologies by providing timely and equitable access to specialist services.

Early Psychological Intervention in the Emergency Services

Saturday 11:15am -12:45pm

Dr. Lori Gray

Abstract

This presentation will focus on comprehensive psychological support programs in the emergency services with an emphasis on frontline emergency medical services and healthcare. Discussion will include highlights of the unique dynamics and challenges within the emergency services and healthcare emphasizing 1) improvement of staff and management engagement in psychological services, 2) improved usage of psychological services, and 3) development of support programs that best function in this dynamic environment. This presentation will also guide attendees in the empirical evidence behind such programs, how to demonstrate measureable performance outcomes, and how to increase utilization and effectiveness of psychological support programs.



Malingering, Feigning, and Negative Response Bias in Psychological Injury and Law

Saturday 11:15am -12:45pm

Dr. Gerald Young

Abstract

This Continuing Education Workshop presentation will address the basic areas in the study of psychological injury and law, which includes forensics, evidence and tort law, assessment, disability/ return to work (RTW), malingering and validity testing, the major psychological injuries, practice matters, rehabilitation, harassment and discrimination, and ethics. The presentation first discusses the major psychiatric/ psychological injuries and why are they controversial (PTSD, MTBI, chronic pain). In dealing with them, assessors need to gather a comprehensive data set, including from interviews, collateral information, prior documentation/ records, and where possible, from testing. Attendees will review the most scientifically supportable evaluation strategies of malingering and related negative response biases. The tests that meet acceptable psychometric standards for court in evaluating psychological injuries will be described. These include ones that cover personality and psychopathology (and their embedded respondent validity indicators), stand alone tests of validity, two alternative forced choice tests, dedicated tests with respect to psychological injury, and embedded neuropsychological tests. The presenter will describe his own definitions and models in relation to malingering and its detection. Attendees will also learn how to convey lack of examinee credibility when there is insufficient evidence to attribute malingering per se. The recommended approach for this type of practice is to be scientific, ethical, and impartial, whether plaintiff or defense, whether as a clinician or forensic evaluator. One's own biases should be checked. Ethics should be positive/ proactive. Causality in such cases is multifactorial or biopsychosocial, and determining whether event- and post-event factors constitute a sufficient material cause among the multiple factors involved, including pre-event ones, which might be serious and perhaps fully explanatory of current presentation/ performance. Preparation for court begins with being state-of-the-art in assessment and knowledge of the literature.

Auto Insurance Update

Saturday 11:15am -12:45pm

Drs. Faith & Ron Kaplan, Lisa Hamilton

Abstract

The workshop will review major developments over the past year. We will examine pressures for further cuts to the system to achieve the government's policy objective of a 15% premium reduction and the implications. We will discuss recent changes/developments including: anti-fraud initiatives; health facility licensing; Health Claims for Auto Insurance (HCAI) data reports; closed claim study; and arbitration/judicial decisions. If the FSCO recommendations as a result of the Three Year Review and the report of the Expert Panel on Minor Injury Treatment Protocol are available they will be included in the update. Comments on the Assessment and Treatment Guidelines and IE Guidelines will be included as well as other emergent issues.



Integration of Psychologists in Primary Care and Hospital-based Services

Saturday 2:30pm -4:00pm

Jan Kasperski, Dr. Jean Grenier, Dr. Sylvain Roy, Dr. Niki Fitzgerald

Abstract

A workshop facilitated by Jan Kasperski and Dr. Roy that presents the research, teaching and clinical roles that are evolving for psychologists in FHTS, hospitals and other community-based sites.

Griefwork Primer

Saturday 2:30pm -4:00pm

Dr. Lori Triano-Antidormi, Dr. Jane Storrie

Abstract

Grief is a universal experience, yet we all grieve differently. Grief is impacted by a number of factors which can complicate and prolong the grief reaction, and make each person's grief reaction unique. Despite the universality of the experience of grief, the fact that we all grieve differently, and our grief may potentially be impacted by many factors, leads to challenges in terms of diagnosis, as well as treatment. This workshop will address the characteristics of a grief reaction, factors that impact one's grief, and clinical best practices.

Strong As Me: Strength Based Resilience

Saturday 2:30pm -4:00pm

Dr. Afroze Anjum, Dr. Tayyab Rashid

Abstract

The presenters will talk about strength-based assessment approach in detail, arguing that such an approach yields useful information above and beyond the information produced by traditional measures of psychopathology. Previous findings have suggested that the frequent use of signature strengths is associated with greater well-being. This assertion has not been tested widely with children and adolescents within schools. Results of a few intervention studies which were conducted with students from the Toronto District School Board including one that has demonstrated that a multi-informant approach (i.e., strengths identified by teacher, parent, and a peer) of assessing signature strengths that boosts well-being and social skills will be presented.

In addition, practical strategies from the Strength Based Resilience Curriculum for professionals to develop strengths of children and adolescents will be discussed. Participants will learn ways to



explore, express and enhance their psychological assets – their character strengths. They learn ways to spot their strengths from their lived experiences and also learn how to notice strengths of others. Participants learn specific strategies and skills to develop mindfulness, cognitive flexibility to catch their thinking errors, cultivate gratitude, savouring, altruism, empathy to deal with their problems and challenges using their strengths. In doing so, the aim of the program is to nurture their growth and resilience at the same time. SBR is not about building a caricature of smiley face happiness, but it is about identifying and amplifying your strengths such as grit, self-regulation, zest, curiosity, optimism and hope, and love, as well as adaptive use of strengths to solve your problems.

The distinguishing feature of SBR program is that it integrates makes resources not risks – the benchmark of resilience. This benchmark, we hope will give you a holistic and balance understanding of yourself and of those around you. You will be able to repair the worst things in life but more importantly, you will be able to build the best within you and within others.

Custody & Access Issues: A Discussion with a Lawyer, Psychologist, and Family Physician

Saturday *2:30pm -4:00pm*

Steve Benmor, Dr. Dan Ashbourne & Dr. Gina Agarwal

Abstract

This workshop identifies the factors that transform a family into a high conflict couple. The purpose of the workshop is to provide collaborative strategies from the perspectives of a psychologist, a lawyer and family physician to prevent and/or manage conflict with a focus on the best interest of the children.



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Dr. Patch Adams

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Patch Adams, M.D., is an internationally known speaker on wellness, humor, and joy. He approaches the issues of personal, community, and global health with “zestful exuberance,” according to *Time Magazine*. Dr. Adams believes that “the most revolutionary act one can commit in our world is to be happy.”



“Extraordinary! A man I can look up to and respect,” “Incredibly mind blowing and memorable,” and “Inspiring, amazing human being- invaluable to hear firsthand,” are all testimonies of people who have had the chance to hear Dr. Patch Adams, the real man behind the hit Hollywood film *Patch Adams*.

Patch is a medical doctor, a clown, *and* a social activist who has devoted 30 years to changing America's healthcare system. He believes that laughter, joy and creativity are integral parts of the healing process. Doctors and patients in his model relate to each other on the basis of mutual trust, and patients receive plenty of time from their doctors. Allopathic doctors and practitioners of alternative medicine work side by side in Patch's model. If you think that all sounds like a utopian impossibility, it isn't! Patch and his colleagues have practiced medicine at the Gesundheit Institute together in West Virginia that way for 43 years in what Patch refers to as their “pilot project”.

Through the success of this program at the West Virginia location, a model health care facility is being planned on 310 acres purchased in Pocahontas County, WV. The Institute will include a 40-bed hospital, a theater, arts and crafts shops, horticulture and vocational therapy. Over five years ago, Dr. Adams temporarily stopped seeing patients so that he could coordinate plans for raising the \$5 million needed for the Institute's permanent and expanded home, a “model health care community.” When you bring Patch to speak, you're supporting this dream!

Dr. Afroze Anjum

Dr. Afroze Anjum is a licensed school psychologist at the Toronto District School Board. Dr. Anjum's expertise includes strength-based, school-based interventions that incorporate character strengths, resilience, mindfulness and adaptive problem solving to cope with challenges such as depression, anxiety, bullying and lack of motivation in children. Dr. Anjum obtained her Doctoral degree from the Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey and completed her post-doctoral training with Dr. Jane Gillham at University of Pennsylvania where she worked on the Swarthmore Positive Psychology Curriculum study with high school students. Trained as a Penn Resiliency Curriculum facilitator, Dr. Anjum has applied, taught and empirically tested positive psychology interventions for more than a decade in a variety of school settings including the Geelong Grammar School in Victoria, Australia and University of Toronto Schools. Her work has been published in peer-reviewed journals and in edited volumes.





Dr. Dan T. Ashbourne

Dr. Ashbourne is a Registered Clinical Psychologist in the province of Ontario, and currently Executive Director at **The London Family Court Clinic**, in London, Ontario, Canada [www.lfcc.on.ca]. This unique Clinic is specifically designed to work with children and their families involved with the legal/clinical systems. In addition to overseeing the leadership of the Clinic, Dr. Ashbourne provides assessments and consultations to the Courts for the Youth Justice Courts, Child Welfare and/or Custody and Access assessments. He also consults to the Alternative Dispute Resolution [ADR] Coordination Service called ADR-LINK at the Centre and the London Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Virtual Assessment Clinic. Dr. Ashbourne brings more than 25 years of clinical experience that enables him to speak on the impact of children's exposure to domestic violence and child abuse, best practices in parenting assessments, as well as children and their parents caught in the midst of high-conflict separation challenges.



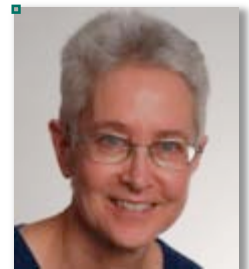
Regina Baezner

Regina Baezner, BSc., CPA, CA. Partner, Assurance and Business Advisory Services Grant Thornton LLP. For over 24 years Regina has served public and private entities in a wide range of industries, but mostly in the manufacturing and distribution, professional services, pension and not for profit sectors. She specializes in financial reporting and taxation advisory services to private enterprises and their owners. Regina is member of the leadership team for the Southern Ontario independent business group which focuses on owner-managed and not-for-profit clients, delivering assurance and business advisory services including small audits through to compilation engagements. Regina works with a number of association clients including the Society of Estate and Trust Practitioners (Canada), The Computing Technology Industry Association, The Royal Academy of Dance (Canada), the Canadian Bible Society and The Used Car Dealers Association of Ontario amongst others.



Dr. Rosemary Barnes

Dr. Rosemary Barnes is a psychologist in private practice. She has worked as Staff Psychologist at Toronto General Hospital and Chief Psychologist at Women's College Hospital, and has held academic affiliations with the University of Toronto, York University and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at University of Toronto (OISE/UT). She is a Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association. She has published on suicide, psychological aspects of HIV conditions, psychological impact of Indian residential schools and forensic assessment of adults reporting childhood sexualized assaults. She has extensive experience in providing expert opinion in legal cases relating to sexual harassment, sexualized assault, childhood sexualized and physical assault, domestic violence and professional sexual misconduct.





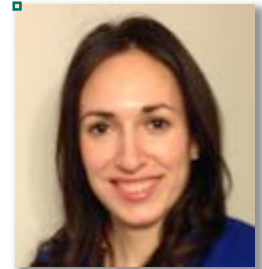
Dr. Stephanie Bot

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Dr. Kim Edwards

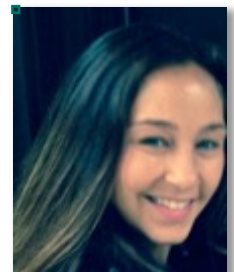
Dr. Kim Edwards received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Western Ontario. Currently, she is completing a clinical-research fellowship at the Hospital for Sick Children where she is helping to develop and facilitate the hospital's first Comprehensive Behavioural Intervention for Tics (CBIT) group. She is also completing her postdoctoral registration year with the College of Psychologists of Ontario. Dr. Kim received her graduate clinical training from a number of diverse settings in London, Ontario including the Brake Shop (a specialized clinic for youth with Tourette Syndrome and associated neurodevelopmental disorders) at the Child Parent Resource Institute, Children's Hospital of Western Ontario, and Thames Valley District School Board. Over the past eight years, Dr. Kim has delivered over 50 conference presentations and invited lectures. She has also helped develop a number of evidence-based workshops, videos, games and resources for teachers, parents, and siblings working or living with youth with Tourette Syndrome. In her spare time, Dr. Kim is developing an app called *Bye Bye Meltdown* (www.byebyemeltdown.com) designed to help youth learn skills to reduce behavioural outbursts.



Dr. Jennifer Felsher

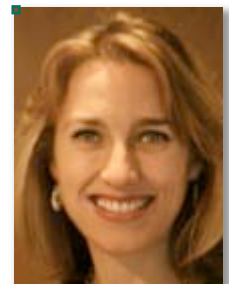
Dr. Jennifer Felsher is the Coordinator of the Telepsychology Program in the Ontario Tele-Link Mental Health Program at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids). She conducts comprehensive assessments, consults, provides clinical supervision, and education to a large children's mental health agency in Northern Ontario. Dr. Felsher obtained her master of arts and doctorate degree in the School/Applied Child Psychology program at McGill University in 2006.

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Dr. Niki Fitzgerald

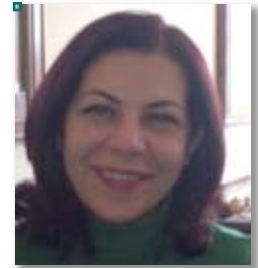
Dr. Niki Fitzgerald is a clinical psychologist at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in the Work, Stress, and Health program where she assesses and treats workers injured at the workplace. She is currently the Education Lead on the Psychology Leadership Team (interim) and Director of Clinical Training coordinating the internship and practicum training programs at CAMH. Dr. Fitzgerald serves on the Board of the OPA as the Director of Audit and Finance





Dr. Marie-Josée Gendron

For the last three years, Dr. Gendron has been the Mental Health Leader for the French Catholic School Board in Toronto. In this role, she works with various ministries to develop and implement an overall mental health strategy for the entire school board, focusing on positive mental health for all students. Prior to this role, Dr. Gendron worked for three years as a school and clinical psychologist at the Toronto Catholic District School Board. She has also worked extensively with other school boards, including the Toronto District School Board as well as the Conseil Scolaire Viamonde and in private practice. Prior to this clinical experience, Dr. Gendron worked as the Research Director of Pearson Canada for 7 years, developing various psychometric tools such as the WPPSI-III, the WISC-IV, the WIAT-II, the WIAT-III and the WAIS-IV in English and French for psychologists and other professionals all over Canada. Previously, she worked as an Assessment Consultant with the Ministry of Education in Manitoba, developing their yearly standards tests in both English and French.



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Jamie Golombek is *Managing Director, Tax & Estate Planning* with CIBC Wealth Advisory Services in Toronto. Jamie works closely with advisors from CIBC Private Wealth Management, Wood Gundy, Imperial Service and other partners to support their high net worth clients and deliver integrated financial planning and strong advisory solutions. Jamie is quoted frequently in the national media as an expert on taxation, writes a weekly column called "Tax Expert" in the National Post, has appeared as a guest on *BNN*, *CTV News*, and *The National* and is a regular personal finance guest on *The Marilyn Denis Show*.



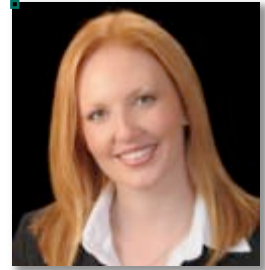
Jamie has also worked for Deloitte & Touche as a tax specialist in the Toronto office, where he specialized in both personal and corporate tax planning. He received his B.Comm. from McGill University, earned his CA designation in Ontario and qualified as a U.S. CPA in Illinois. He has also obtained his Certified Financial Planning (CFP) and Chartered Life Underwriting (CLU) designations.

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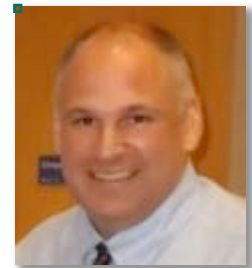
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Dr. Lori Gray is a clinical, forensic, and rehabilitation psychologist who focuses on the issue of trauma through her work with first responders (e.g., paramedics, firefighters, police officers, dispatchers), victims, and criminal offenders. She is the staff psychologist for one of the largest emergency medical services (EMS) in Canada and provides consultation, crisis support, and education to other emergency services, first responders, and victim services agencies. Her background also includes experiences such as the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (Psychological Trauma Program and the Law and Mental Health Program), Detroit Receiving Hospital (level one trauma centre in inner city Detroit), Ministry of the Attorney General, Correctional Service of Canada, and postsecondary teaching. She has received the Future Pioneers of Psychology Award from the American Psychological Association, Odyssey Early Career Achievement Award and GLAD Award for Teaching and Mentorship from the University of Windsor, and awards from agencies such as the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Canadian Psychological Association, and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Dr. Gray has advised agencies such as the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada, Paramedic Association of Canada, Ministry of the Attorney General, Executive Committee of the Ontario Psychological Association Disaster Response Network, and the Board of Directors for the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation.



Dr. Jean Grenier

Dr. Grenier is a psychologist and clinician-researcher with the Montfort Hospital Research Institute. His research interests focus on psychology in primary care as well as the treatment of psychological problems that co-exist or are intertwined with chronic diseases. Dr. Grenier has been providing clinical supervision for doctoral candidates in psychology for the past 15 years. For the past 8 years, he has also been spending a portion of his time in primary care, in a family health team composed of 14 family physicians and a multidisciplinary team, where he provides psychological services and supervised clinical training in primary care psychology to students from the university of Ottawa.



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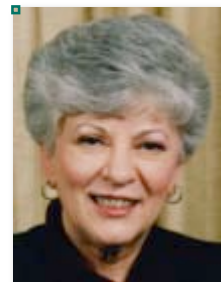
Dr. Nina Josefowitz

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M. Janet Kasperski

M. Janet Kasperski, RN, MHSc, CHE, is the CEO of the Ontario Psychological Association, and former CEO of the Ontario College of Family Physicians, a position she held for over 15 years, during which she transformed the OFCP into a powerful voice for family medicine in the province. She is a Certified Health Executive, holds a Master of Health Sciences (MBA and Design, Measurement and Evaluation Credits) from McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario and a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Psychology) and is a Registered Nurse.



Ms Kasperski holds a Principal position at PMH Consulting, is a Board Member with the Quality and Performance Measurement Committee at Toronto East General Hospital and Chair of the Board for the Warfarin Information Network. She played several key roles during the merger of the Toronto General and the Toronto Western Hospital including the management of the Neurosciences CPG, the Multiple Trauma Program and the establishment of the Neurosciences Research Institute.

She is the founder and Co-Chair of the Quality Hospice Palliative Care Coalition of Ontario – the Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Coalition and Co-Chair of the MOHLTC Leaders Table to Implementation of the Minister’s Palliative Care Strategy. She is also a founding member of The Ontario Primary Care Council; The Family Practice Alliance; The Health Care Innovation Network (MARs); The Canadian Partnership for Children’s Health and the Environment; The Better Care Faster Coalition and Ontario CPD. She is an executive member of the Canadian and American Colleges of Healthcare Leaders (Former President of the Hamilton/Toronto Divisions), and is a Canadian Institute of Health Research Peer Reviewer.



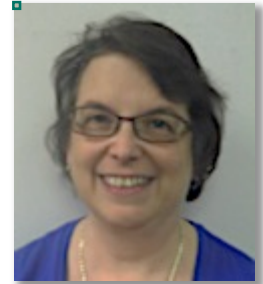
Dr. Maria Kokai

Dr. Maria Kokai has been Chief Psychologist at the Toronto Catholic District School Board for the past 10 years, after working as a school psychologist at TCDSB for close to 20 years. As a school psychologist, she has been involved in numerous board wide initiatives and intervention programs in the areas of LD, resilience and mental health. As a long-time member of the OPA, she has been involved in many OPA initiatives and activities (among others, served on the Board of Directors, chaired and a current member of the OPA-Ministry of Education Liaison Committee, member of SecPE Council, co-author of the OPA Professional Practice Guidelines for School Psychologists in Ontario, etc.)



Dr. Debra Lean

Dr. Debra Lean is the Chief Psychologist at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and has 30 years of experience in school and clinical psychology with children, adolescents and adults. She is the President of the Ontario Psychological Association's Section on Psychology in Education, a member of the Canadian Association of School Psychologists Executive Committee and on the Editorial Board of the Canadian Journal of School Psychology. Dr. Lean is the co-author of 2 books about school-based mental health integration. She is currently collaborating with universities and community agencies in several research projects, including play-based intervention for primary age children with school adjustment difficulties, and school level intervention for anxious students.



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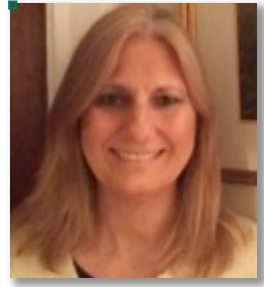
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Dr. Carolyn Lennox

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Donna Marshall

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Dr. Holly McGinn

Dr. Holly McGinn received her Ph.D. from the School and Clinical Child Psychology program at OISE/University of Toronto. She obtained most of her clinical training here in Toronto, Ontario in settings such as North York General Hospital, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), the Hospital for Sick Children, and the Toronto District School Board. Currently, she is completing a clinical-research fellowship at the Hospital for Sick Children while also completing her postdoctoral registration and supervised-practice year with the College of Psychologists of Ontario. Dr. McGinn's clinical work focuses on childhood anxiety disorders and obsessive-compulsive disorder. She is also involved in research focusing on pediatric neuropsychiatric disorders, particularly childhood obsessive-compulsive disorder.





Dr. Alexandra McIntyre-Smith

Dr. McIntyre-Smith is a psychologist at the Parkwood Institute Operational Stress Injury Clinic - GTA Services Satellite. She provides assessment and treatment to RCMP and Canadian Forces members and veterans as well as consultation and education to referral and community partners. She completed her undergraduate training at McGill University and her graduate training at the University of Western Ontario. She is an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Waterloo. Research interests include the health and wellbeing of veterans and still-serving members and impacts of the effects of service; recent research projects include the impact of operational stress injuries on sexual function and predictors of suicide in treatment-seeking veterans and still-serving members.



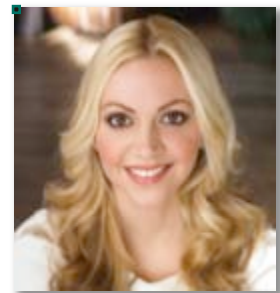
Dr. Sandra Mendlowitz

Dr. Sandra Mendlowitz is a full time licensed psychologist in the Ambulatory Care program in the Department of Psychiatry at SickKids Hospital and a founding partner of the Clinical Psychology Centre. She is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Child Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, at the University of Toronto. She has an extensive clinical and research background in the area of anxiety disorders and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD). Her clinical focus is in anxiety and mood disorders with a particular interest in OCD and Selective Mutism. Dr. Mendlowitz has authored several cognitive-behavioural therapy treatment manuals for both anxiety, anxiety and depression, OCD (translated into French), and selective mutism, as well as two book chapters. In addition, she continues to train and supervise other mental health professionals and to engage in disseminating knowledge at various international conferences.



Kimberly Moffit

Kimberly Moffit is one of Canada's most experienced TV relationship experts. She regularly appears on Canada's most watched programs including Canada AM, The National, and the Slice Network and has been quoted in the Wall Street Journal, Women's Health and ELLE Magazine. She has recently completed her doctoral dissertation in Psychology which studied the emotional psychology of entrepreneurs. Kimberly has delivered keynote speeches for Queen's MBA program and the University of Guelph President's Opening Ceremonies and loves lecturing regularly at the University of Waterloo. Kimberly is a social media influencer with over 35,000 followers on Twitter and over 10,000 Youtube subscribers. But most importantly, she is the proud founder of KMA Therapy in Toronto, home to 15 psychologists, psychotherapists, and mental health professionals. www.kmaththerapy.com



Dr. Paulo Pires

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Dr. Tayyab Rashid

Tayyab Rashid is a licensed clinical psychologist and researcher at the Health & Wellness Centre, University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC), Canada. Dr. Rashid completed his clinical training at the Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ and at the Positive Psychology Centre, University of Pennsylvania where he developed and empirically validated Positive Psychotherapy (PPT) under the supervision of Dr. Martin Seligman. Dr. Rashid's expertise includes positive interventions toward personal and professional growth and engagement, resilience, the search for meaning and how to succeed in doing the right thing both individually and collectively. Dr. Rashid has trained professionals and educators internationally. He has also worked with survivors of 9/11 and the Asian Tsunami as well as flood relief workers in Pakistan. Published in peer-reviewed journals and an invited keynote speaker, Dr. Rashid's work has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, Canadian Broadcasting Cooperation and at TEDx. <http://www.tayyabrashid.com>



Dr. Allison Reeves

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Dr. Maya Roth

Dr. Maya Roth is a psychologist at the St. Joseph's Parkwood Operational Stress Injury Clinic, where she provides assessment, treatment and consultation services to Canadian Forces members, veterans, and eligible members of the RCMP in the Greater Toronto Area. Dr. Roth is an adjunct member at the Yeates School of Graduate Studies at Ryerson University and an Allied Scientist of the Lawson Health Research Institute in London, Ontario. She completed her undergraduate training at York University, and her graduate training at Queen's University and York University. Dr. Roth is certified as a prolonged exposure therapist and supervisor through the Centre for the Treatment and Study of Anxiety at the University of Pennsylvania, and is CACBT-ACTCC certified in cognitive behaviour therapy. Her research interests include treatment outcome in PTSD and mood disorders, and treatment outcome in chronic pain.



Dr. Kathy Smolewska

Dr. Kathy Smolewska is a registered psychologist in the areas of clinical neuropsychology and clinical psychology. She currently holds a position as a Clinical Neuropsychologist in the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit and Integrated Stroke Program at Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) where she is involved in assessment, treatment, as well as research. She is involved in supervision as a member of the Clinical Neuropsychology Pre-doctoral Residency Program committee at HHS and holds an Assistant Professor (Adjunct) position in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster University. She also conducts neuropsychological assessments with children, adolescents, adults and seniors at a private practice.



Dr. Suzanne Stewart

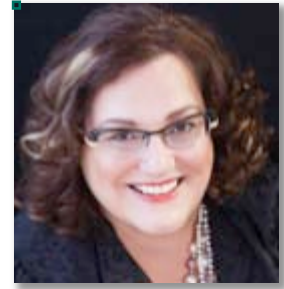
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Dr. H. Jane Storrie

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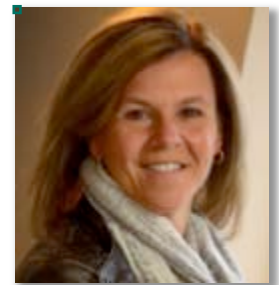


Dr. Storrie is President of the Ontario Psychological Association (OPA), and a former President of the Canadian Academy of Psychologists in Disability Assessment (CAPDA). She holds the appointment of Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences, at McMaster University, and was awarded Diplomate Emeritus status by the American Board of Disability Analysts (ABDA).

She is a member of the Hamilton Health Sciences/McMaster University Psychology Internship Committee, and is the facilitator of the internship program's Ethics and Professional Practice seminars. Dr. Storrie is Treasurer of the Hamilton Medical-Legal Society. She is a founding partner of Storrie, Velikonja & Associates (SVA), a full-service psychology clinic located in Burlington, Ontario, and Co-Director of the SVA Concussion Clinic and the SVA Healthy Aging Clinic.

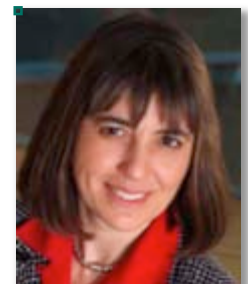
Dr. Lori Triano-Antidormi

Dr. Lori Triano-Antidormi is a Registered Psychologist in the province of Ontario. She obtained her Ph.D from York University in 1998. Dr. Triano-Antidormi currently works in private practice in Hamilton, Ontario, in the areas of Clinical and Rehabilitation Psychology. She has particular interest and expertise in the area of grief and trauma, providing treatment to individuals who have been impacted by a violent crime, a traumatic incident, and/or who have experienced a significant loss. She is a former Board Member of Niagara Victim Services. She is currently the Professional Consultant to Bereaved Families of Ontario, South Central Region. Dr. Triano-Antidormi has given many invited presentations on the issues of grief, trauma and victim's needs, and she has been called upon by the media to speak on these topics.



Susan Vella

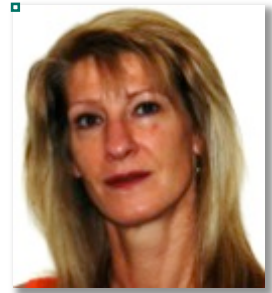
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Dr. Diana Velikonja

Diana Velikonja, Ph.D., C.Psych. is a licensed Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Neuropsychologist in Ontario. She completed her doctoral degree in Biological and Clinical Psychology at the University of Waterloo and completed a residency in neuropsychology at McMaster University Hospital. She is a practicing Psychologist and Neuropsychologist in the Acquired Brain Injury Program at Hamilton Health Sciences, where she was the Chief of Psychology Practice from 2004 to 2011.



Dr. Velikonja has worked in the Acquired Brain Injury Program since 1996 providing assessment as well as developing treatment for patients suffering from mild to severe injury and impairment. She has also provided psychological and neuropsychological consultative services for a variety of pediatric, adult and geriatric neurologically impaired populations in private practice. She is also the chair of research in the ABI Program having been awarded research grants and has published articles in the area of ABI.

Dr. Velikonja is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences in the faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University where she teaches and supervises students with their research and clinical activities. She is also a member of the Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation (ONF) Committee for Acquired Brain Injury providing consultation for funding ABI research and has been a member on a number of their expert panels regarding mild traumatic brain injury and concussion and an author on journal articles regarding guidelines. She also serves as a reviewer for a number of scientific journals. Dr. Velikonja is also on the Board of the Hamilton Brain Injury Association.

Dr. Velikonja is a founding partner of Storrie, Velikonja & Associates (SVA), a full-service psychology clinic located in Burlington, Ontario, and Co-Director of the SVA Concussion Clinic and Healthy Aging Clinic.

David Willis

David Willis is the Clinical Manager in Outpatient Psychiatry, Tele-Link Mental Health, Telemedicine and the Tele-Mental Health program. He brings to this role 20 years of front line and management experience within the children's mental health field.



Willis's role provides leadership to individual clinical teams within their respective programs in addition to the development and implementation of new programs, service agreements and external partnerships with the goal of connecting Sickkids expertise to those most in need of care. In particular, he provides operational management for the six distinct clinical programs under the Tele-Link Mental Health program that provide psychiatric assessments, education and capacity building within the children's mental health sector in Ontario, Canada and internationally. Willis has a post baccalaureate diploma in management and a master's degree in business administration/health care.

Aaron Wrixon

Aaron Wrixon is a writer and marketer who specializes in web and content strategy for business. He works with senior leaders and business owners looking to reach the right audience online, engage clients in a meaningful way, and drive sales with the power of valuable web content.



He handles content and internet initiatives for the Law Society of Upper Canada, Ontario's lawyer and paralegal regulator, and also runs a successful consulting business. Aaron has a long track record of launching websites and blogs, growing social media platforms from zero to critical mass, managing both large and small communications projects, and using innovative technology to achieve successful business outcomes. Visit his website at aaronwrixon.com

Dr. Gerald Young

Gerald Young, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor at Glendon College, York University. Dr. Young founded and is the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Psychological Injury and Law*. Dr. Young also founded and is President of the Association for Scientific Advancement in Psychological Injury and Law (ASAPIL; www.asapil.net). Dr. Young recently published a book that covers all areas of psychological injury and law, focusing on malingering, *Malingering, Feigning, and Response Bias in Psychiatric/ Psychological Injury - Implications for Practice and Court* (2014). Dr. Young has published other works in the area, *Causality of Psychological Injury: Presenting Evidence in Court*(2007). For Dr. Young's research in child development, see *Development and Causality: Neo-Piagetian Perspectives*(2011); see also Dr. Young's most recent trade book is *You Can Rejoin Joy: Blogging for Today's Psychology*(2012). Dr. Young has published multiple journal articles, specifically on psychological injury, law, causality, PTSD, and pain. Dr. Young may be reached at gyoung@glendon.yorku.ca.





Poster Presenters

For the 3rd year, the OPA Convention will host a peer-reviewed Poster Session. We are pleased to offer the opportunity for conference participants to discuss current research initiatives and innovative clinical practices with graduate students as well as practicing psychologists.

Hayley Bowers (*University of Guelph*)

“The Relative Contribution of Parental Factors in Students' Happiness”

Ashley Brunsek (*OISE/University of Toronto*)

Co-author: Michal Perlman

“Staff Personality in Early Childhood Education and Care Contexts”

Jessica Chan (*York University*)

“Cross-Cultural Differences in Maternal Sensitivity and Child Behavior among Chinese Canadian and European Canadian Families”

Kevin Corney (*OISE/University of Toronto*)

“Recovering from depression: How do therapists know they have recovered”

Katherine Dueck (*University of Ottawa*)

“Emotion Regulation, Student-Teacher Relationship, and ADHD”

Amanda Easson (*University of Toronto*)

Co-authors: Amanda Robertson, Simeon Wong, Daniel Cassel, Elizabeth Pang, Margot Taylor, Sam Doesburg, Evdokia Anagnostou

“Atypical neural connectivity during a socially relevant inhibition task in children with autism spectrum disorder”

Jennifer Hardy (*Canadian Mental Health Association*)

“Community-based Group Intervention for Older Adults Experiencing Low Mood and Stress: An Ontario Pilot Project”

Sharon Hou (*University of Guelph*)

“Supervision for Home Safety: The Evaluation and Delivery of a Parent’s Home-Safety Intervention Program”

Dr. Colin King (*TVDSB*)

“Using Cognitive Screening Data to Guide Individualized Programming for All Students”

Patricia Marra-Stapleton (*Toronto Catholic District School Board*)

“Building Mental Health Literacy in Schools: The Ministry Of Education’s Supporting Minds Resource Guide”

Sarah Mossad (*University of Toronto*)

Co-authors: Daniel Cassel, Michelle Aucoin Power, Margot Taylor

“Thinking about the thoughts of others: Elucidating the spatiotemporal trajectory of Theory of Mind processing”



Michele Palk (*Adler School of Professional Studies Inc.*)

“Things Left Unsaid: Children's Experiences Being Diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus (T1DM)”

Larissa Panetta (*York University*)

Co-author: Rebecca Phinnemore

“The Experience of Mental Effort During a sustained attention task in individuals with self-reported attention problems”

Erin Romanchych and Felicia Chang (*University of Windsor*)

“Clinical Applications of the Developmental Psychopathology Model”

Jessica Sciaraffa (*Western University*)

Co-author: Dr. Peter Jaffe

“Teenagers' use of Internet pornography and sexual cyber dating abuse: Is there a link?”

Arrani Senthinathan (*University of Toronto*)

“Post-Concussion Recovery Guidelines for Dancers”

Veronica Yuk (*University of Toronto*)

“Neural timing and activation of theory of mind in autism”





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OPA Exhibitors

The OPA Prescriptive Authority Committee

The OPA Prescriptive Authority Committee will have a display updating the membership with respect to the submission to the Minister of Health, including an overview of the submission, the HPRAC review process, and the current status. Members of the Committee will be on hand for discussion and to answer any questions. Dr. Jane Storrie, Co-Chair, Prescriptive Authority Committee: JStorrie@svapsych.ca



OPA Diversity Taskforce

The OPA Diversity Task Force strives to raise awareness and inform fellow members and the public in areas of diversity and psychological practice. Our mission statement is: "The focus of the OPA's Diversity Task Force is to raise awareness of the importance of diversity and to promote ongoing efforts to influence social change in the field of psychology practice in Ontario." We will have a display at the annual convention where participants will have the opportunity to meet members of



the Diversity Task Force and receive information about past and upcoming initiatives. Dr. Natasha Browne, Chair, Diversity Task Force: info@drnatashabrowne.com

OPA Section on Independent Practice

The purpose of this section is to foster the growth and professionalism of private practitioners of psychology, as well as to provide assistance to all private practitioners of psychology through workshops, general meetings, newsletters, and similar methods. Dr. Donna Reist, President, Section on Independent Practice; dr.reist@rogers.com

OPA Section on Psychology in Education

The Section on Psychology in Education advocates for and supports psychological practitioners in Ontario school boards as well as private practitioners and researchers working in the field of educational/school psychology. This is provided through regular SecPE Council meetings, the yearly Dorothy Hill Memorial Symposium and other activities that promote the practice of school and educational psychology. Dr. Debra Lean, Chair, Section on Psychology in Education: Debra.Lean@dpcdsb.org

OPA Awards

The following OPA Awards will be presented over the course of the 2-day convention, during the luncheons and at the Presidential Reception

Dr. Harvey Brooker Award for Excellence in Clinical Training

This award was established in 1997 by former students of Dr Harvey Brooker on the occasion of his retirement, and in recognition of his long-standing contribution to education in clinical psychology. This award is presented to a psychologist who exemplifies the highest standards of excellence in the clinical training of psychology students.

Media Award

The OPA Media Award was established in 2009 to recognize excellence in reporting by an individual or organization in the media in the promotion and enhancement of public awareness of psychological health.

Public Education Award

The Public Education Award recognizes individual psychologists, groups, departments, or committees who have undertaken projects or initiatives that reach out to the community, offering information about psychological services and the role psychology can play in everyday life. Consideration is given to initiatives geared to areas of personal interest, public interest, or current policy development by local or provincial governments.

Dr. Ruth Berman Award for Professional Advocacy by an Early Career Psychologist

This award is established on the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Ruth Berman, as Executive Director of the OPA from 1989 to 2010. It is in honour of Dr. Berman's longstanding contributions to advocacy on behalf of the profession, and in recognition of her support and commitment to members of the profession in the early phases of their careers. This award is to be granted on an annual basis to an Early Career Psychologist member of the Association who demonstrates exemplary efforts in the promotion and enhancement of the profession and/or the Association's activities.

OPA Section on Psychology in Education Award of Merit

This is the Section of Education award and honours an individual, group, or organization that has made a significant or sustaining contribution to the profession of educational psychology and the Association.

OPA Section on Psychology in Education Jobin- Schapira Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is given to an individual who has actively participated in SecPE Council, or in the larger educational/school psychology community; and who has set a very high standard of integrity of practice and person, inspired and connected early career practitioners, and who has reached out to the public and the psychology community.

Public Service Award

The Public Service Award is being awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the health and well-being of Ontarians through service to the public.



OPA and BMS Lectureship Awards

The OPA and BMS Lectureship Awards recognize outstanding lecturers whose contributions positively influence mental health. This is the first year these awards are being presented.

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