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MASOC/MATSA CONFERENCE AGENDA

April 3-4, 2024

Wednesday
April 3, 2024

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

**Opening Remarks/Welcome – Jean Lindquist-Grady, PsyD,
and Ryan Shields, PhD, MASOC Board Co-Chairs**

**A Survivor Perspective on Our Work
Heidi Sue LeBoeuf, MSW**

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

**MASOC Keynote Address – James C. Wadley, PhD
Deconstructing Black Male Sexual Stereotypes and the Necessity
for Clinicians to Promote Sex Positive Narratives**



Sexual stereotypes that emerged from a number of transhistorical and contemporary factors are sometimes internalized by Black males and impacts their relationship with themselves and their partner(s). Unfortunately, some clinicians are unaware of their own biases and understanding about sexuality and perpetuate these stereotypes by the inclusion of sex negative messaging during clinical sessions. Sometimes clinicians do more harm in that they seemingly foster unrealistic sexual expectations for this population which may lead to sexual dysfunctions and/or low sexual self-esteem. The unintentional harm can have a significant impact on youth and young adults who are in the process of establishing their own individual sexual identity. This keynote sheds light upon a number of sexual stereotypes and myths and invites clinicians to critically assess how they might empower Black males by creating sex positive personal narratives.

Dr. James Wadley is a tenured professor in the Counseling and Human Services department at Lincoln University. As a scholar-practitioner, he is a licensed professional counselor and maintains a private practice in the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He is Director of the Sex Therapy Program at Council for Relationships and serves as a mental health consultant to the Philadelphia 76ers. He is the founding editor of the scholarly, interdisciplinary journal, the Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships (University of Nebraska Press). Dr. Wadley's vision and efforts have created a scholarly medium that is now available at over 1300 institutions globally. He is also the founder and Principal of the Association of Black Sexologists and Clinicians and his professional background in human sexuality education, educational leadership, and program development has enabled him to galvanize scholars and practitioners in the field of sexology around the world. His research and publication interests include sexual decision making among young adults, masculinity development and conceptions of fatherhood by non-custodial fathers, and HIV/AIDS prevention.

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Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Workshops

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Lunch Break

**Optional Lunchtime Panel: MASOC's Initiatives to Address Race, Power and
Privilege in our Work**

Stephanie Tabashneck, PsyD, JD, and Erica Ogletree, MA

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

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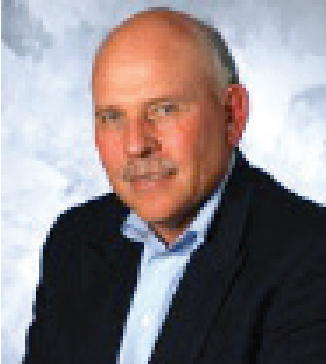
Thursday
April 4, 2024

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

**Opening Remarks/Welcome – Kerry, Nelligan, PsyD,
MATSA Board President**

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

**Keynote Address – John Bradford, MBChB DPM
Vicarious Trauma an Occupational Hazard for Forensic Mental Health
Professionals**



Vicarious trauma or vicarious traumatization is the effects on a mental health professional that results from the empathic engagement/therapeutic relationship with clients/patients and their reports of traumatic experiences. The term was coined related to the experience of psychotherapists working with trauma survivor clients and is widely attributed to McCann and Pearlman 1990. They described vicarious trauma as related to the graphic and painful material trauma clients present to the therapists as well as the therapist's unique cognitive schemas or beliefs and assumptions about self and others. This has been described as "compassion fatigue". It has also impacted forensic mental health professionals through their exposure to court testimony, transcripts, the victim impact statements, and audio and video material causing vicarious trauma or PTSD.

Dr. Bradford was the Professor and Head of the Division of Forensic Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, the University of Ottawa until 2010. He retired from the University in 2015. He had a cross-appointment as a Professor in the Department of Criminology, University of Ottawa. He was a founder of the Royal Ottawa Institute of Mental Health Research (affiliated with the University of Ottawa). He is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Ottawa. He is a Full Professor at McMaster University, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neuroscience. He is a Senior Scientist at the Institute of Mental Health Research.

Dr. Bradford's research interests have focused primarily on assessing and treating paraphilias and other aspects of forensic psychiatry. He has published over 160 peer-reviewed papers and 60 chapters in academic books, including textbooks; he has presented at over 350 peer-reviewed international and national conferences and co-authored five books. Dr. Bradford has received every forensic psychiatry award in the United States and Canada besides the Guttmacher Award [USA] and chaired and co-chaired many working groups and task forces in Canada and internationally.

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Closing Comments and Raffle

PROFESSIONAL TRACKS

MASOC Sponsored Track

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Workshops that focus on adolescents or children engaging in problematic sexual behavior.

MASOC's mission is to ensure that children and adolescents with problematic or abusive sexual behavior live healthy, safe, and productive lives. We strive to prevent sexually abusive behaviors in these youth by training professionals and educating the community about developmentally appropriate interventions, evidence-based treatment, and effective public policies. Since its founding in 1986, MASOC provides education and training services to professionals; education to legislators on emerging issues; and collaborates with key partners who also care deeply about these issues. To help with your work, we offer a monthly newsletter on a key research topic, a listserv to hear updates with access to nearly 300 other professionals, and free training and CEU opportunities. MASOC invites all professionals who work with these children and adolescents to join with us in our efforts. Contact MASOC via the website at www.masoc.net or by email at info@masoc.net.

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Workshops that focus on adults who perpetrate sexual violence.

The Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Inc. (MATSA) is a non-profit local chapter of the international parent organization, ATSA. ATSA and MATSA are dedicated to principles that foster research and information exchange, further professional education, and advance professional standards and practice in the field of evaluation and treatment of individuals who have sexually offended. Both MATSA and ATSA are deeply committed to the prevention of sexual violence through effective assessment, treatment, and management of individuals who engage in sexually abusive behavior. MATSA currently has over 90 members in Massachusetts and surrounding states. Contact MATSA via the website at www.matsa.info or by email at matsaboardpresident@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

10:30AM – 12:00AM

MASOC 1 — Pornography, Social Media, and Teens: What Could Go Wrong?:

Social media is the method of communication preferred by adolescents and young adults and has become a primary means for viewing sexually explicit media. Rather than searching for content that matches their developing sexual interests, many adolescents simply scroll through whatever is on their feed, often finding sexually explicit material. This workshop will address the impact pornography and social media are having on teens' mental health and concept of sexuality. The presenters will discuss how professionals can help teens and young adults navigate the complexities their clients are facing including the role of social media apps and websites (e.g., Snapchat, MeetMe, Yubo, Kik, and TikTok) in sexual understanding, tools for working with teens (e.g., (limiting screen time versus teaching its best use) and how to find the balance between encouraging healthy behaviors and discouraging unhealthy behaviors.

Presenters: David S. Prescott, LICSW
Seth Wescott, LMLP

MATSA 1 — Considering the Role of Paraphilic Interests in Sexual Violence Assessment and Treatment:

Contemporary literature suggests that sexual violence is driven by a mix of sexual deviance and general antisociality, with meta-analytic findings indicating a certain primacy for the former. However, conceptualizations of sexual deviance vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and, potentially, from practitioner to practitioner. Similarly, how do we parse the relative contributions of callousness, power, and control? This presentation explores the relative roles of these two overarching risk domains, in consideration of sexual psychodiagnostics and responsivity concerns and their possible influence on treatment success. Complementary and competing models will be considered, with the aim of informing how to appropriately ensure public safety while ensuring reintegration options for clients.

Presenter: Robin J. Wilson, ABPP

MASOC 2 — Neurodevelopment, Adversity, and Maltreatment: Processing and Learning Issues for the Youth We Treat:

Research and experience have consistently shown that most of the youth who present with problematic sexual behaviors have experienced a wide range of adversities or endured different types of child maltreatment. Research has also demonstrated that early experiences of maltreatment and trauma have a neurodevelopmental impact that affects processing and learning abilities that result in an array of emotional, behavioral, and cognitive difficulties. However, these neurodevelopmental impacts can vary significantly in the clients we see. This workshop outlines the connection between early adversity, child maltreatment, and neurodevelopmental consequences. We will also explore those factors that exacerbate problems or promote resilience and discuss ways that our treatment approaches should not only recognize the frequency of these difficulties in the youth we treat but how we might adapt our treatment programs and interventions to fit with the needs and learning styles of our clients.

Presenter: Kevin Creedon, MA, LMHC

MATSA 2 — Therapeutic Optimism & the 365 Degree Preventionist:

When many of us started in the field of sexual re-offense prevention, there was much debate about whether treatment for sexual offending persons could be effective. Now there is compelling research indicating the efficacy of interventions with such persons. When empirically derived principles are followed, interventions effectively assist these persons in desisting from further abusive behavior and creating socially acceptable and personally fulfilling lives. Most convicted of sexual offending will never again get in trouble for sexual offending. However, there is much more work that can be done to eliminate sexual abuse. A rebalancing of the prevention continuum is necessary. The purpose of this talk is to cultivate optimism with interventionists that work toward maximizing treatment outcomes with those that sexually abuse and to motivate a recasting of the prevention continuum. Acknowledging our successes and our expertise can motivate us to improve and move beyond tertiary prevention.

Presenter: Deidre M. D’Orazio, PhD

MASOC 3 — The Power of Shame:

Shame is a common sequela to trauma and often is an underlying cause of many behaviors that bring people to the attention of helping professionals. Shame can also be the “glue” that holds families together. This workshop will explore the role shame plays in criminal, abusive, addictive and self-destructive behaviors. Implications for interviewing and treatment approaches will be covered as well as the challenges to countertransference management represented by shame.

Presenter: Linda T. (Lynn) Sanford, LICSW

MATSA 3 — The Elephant in the Room: A Guide to Understanding Bestiality:

Although sex with animals is believed to be relatively uncommon, the study conducted on the sexual behaviors of 5,300 American men by Kinsey, Pomeroy, and Martin (1948) found that one in 13 men (8%) had engaged in bestiality. In response to increasing public awareness of bestiality, animal rights groups have lobbied to enact laws prohibiting sex with animals, citing it as cruel and inhumane. In forensic arenas, bestiality arises in risk assessments, legal cases involving sexually violent predator (SVP) civil commitments, and aid in sentencing evaluations. There are currently no validated risk assessment tools for bestiality. Furthermore, actuarial tools such as the Static-99R may yield different results depending on the state laws. This workshop will review clinical and forensic aspects of bestiality, including the overlap with child maltreatment, outline the ethical arguments related to human-animal sex, and conclude with legal approaches to such cases from a law enforcement expert. The panel is comprised of forensic psychiatrists, a child abuse specialist pediatrician, and a detective involved in the landmark case of Kenneth Pinyon.

**Presenters: Renee Sorrentino, MD, DFAPA
Susan Hatters Friedman, MD, DFAPA
Joshua Friedman, MD, PhD
John Allgire, Detective**

MASOC 4 — Interrupting Cycles of Harm: Using Abolitionism to Address Sexual Violence:

Deep-seated social and structural injustices increase risks for sexual exploitation and assault among Black and Indigenous children, adolescents, and adults – particularly those who identify as LGBTQ+ – within the United States and across the globe. Within the U.S., these risks also contribute to unjust and harmful responses to individuals who survive or engage in illegal sexual behavior. The prison system is often leaned upon heavily in such responses, paradoxically resulting in further sexual violence against children. Our series of paper presentations aims to highlight the factors contributing to these systemic injustices in response to sexual violence against children. We also discuss abolitionist and transformative justice strategies to stop child sexual abuse while decreasing our reliance on carceral systems.

Paper 1: Rape Narratives, Anti-Blackness, and Public Policy

Paper 2: Racism and Heterosexism in Responses to Address Sexual Violence

Paper 3: Transformative Justice Approaches to Stop Child Sexual Abuse

Presenters: **Vic Wiener, JD**
 Rebecca Fix, PhD
 Allyn Walker, PhD

MATSA 4 — Student Research Talks:

This session involves a series of four student research talks that include (a) a study exploring the effect of the victim's age, offender risk level, and offender race on the public's perceptions of adults who have sexually offended, (b) a bootstrapping investigation of the optimal diagnostic indicators for a pedophilia taxon, (c) an examination of how the facets of psychopathy affect therapy engagement, and (d) an exploration of the role of male-male friendships and masculinity in predicting Rape Myth Acceptance.

Presenters: **Raymond A. Knight, PhD**
 Emily Calobrisi, MA
 Mariah Masse, BA
 Anna Vasaturo, MA
 Katherine Seavey, BA

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THURSDAY WORKSHOPS

10:30AM – 12:00PM

MASOC 5 — Providing Culturally Informed and Gender Responsive Treatment to Adolescent Girls:

Our field has identified similarities and differences in working with adolescent girls versus their male counterparts. However, it is important that we identify the unique treatment needs of adolescent girls in order to provide needed services. In addition to providing an overview of gender-responsive treatment in working with girls, the session will also explore how additional intersectional identities that girls may inhabit can influence how they are viewed by our various systems, including issues of culpability, and accountability vs. compassion. As we engage with more racially, ethnically, and sexual orientation, and gender expression diverse girls, we must also begin to include a culturally informed framework. In this presentation, we will focus on primarily cisgender adolescent girls, their prevalence within our systems, societal biases that influence when and if we treat them, as well as how culture influences their system views of them, and how all of this should be woven into treatment.

Presenter: Tyffani Monford Dent, PsyD

MATSA 5 — Evidence Informed Approaches with Compulsive Sexual Behavior Disorder: A Strength Based Approach:

Compulsive Sexual Behavior Disorder (CSBD) has been incorporated into the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) as an impulse control disorder and is characterized by a persistent pattern of failure to control intense, repetitive sexual impulses or urges resulting from repetitive sexual behavior. CSBD has been incorporated in etiological models of sexual offending and is associated with sexual recidivism. The construct has also been riddled with problems ranging from global issues about its core theoretical conceptualization to specific issues about the content and structure of assessment scales. Moreover, there is a notable lack of evidence-based, manualized, interventions. In this workshop, new data relevant to the assessment and treatment of CSBD is presented along with a new, evidence-informed treatment manual. Workshop participants will be provided a rationale for this treatment approach as well as a detailed examination of the contents and interventions presented in the manual. Some preliminary outcome data will also be presented.

Presenter: Drew A. Kingston, PhD, ATSAF

THURSDAY WORKSHOPS

12:30PM – 2:00PM

MASOC 6 — Case Closed, then What? Recidivism, Desistance and Life Course Trajectories of Young People with Harmful Sexual Behaviors:

Simon will present findings from a study of long-term outcomes for young people with harmful sexual behaviors and their families. The study followed up a group of young people between 10 and 20 years after the initial identification of their sexual behavior problems. Using in-depth, narrative interviewing with these former service users, their carers, parents and the professionals involved, the researchers sought to understand how young people's lives were shaped by their harmful sexual behaviors through childhood and into adulthood and what factors contributed to both positive and negative outcomes. Illustrated by case examples, Simon will discuss some of the major themes arising from the research, including former service users' views on the degree to which professionals supported them and how the professional system and interventions can be improved. Implications for developmentally-sensitive practice with children and youth with sexual behavior problems will be outlined.

Presenter: Simon Hackett, PhD, AcSS

MATSA 6 — Can Sex Offense-Specific Treatment be Sex Positive?:

Sex positivity has been described as having open and nonjudgmental attitudes toward sex and sexual expression. As the field of sex offense-specific treatment has been, by necessity, focused on harmful sexual behavior, there is room for growth in the ways that we think and talk about non-offending sexual behavior and sexual expression. A sex positive approach can allow us to have conversations with treatment participants from a supportive and nonjudgmental perspective that can provide safety for clients to openly share. This workshop will provide history of the origins of a sex negative paradigm, an overview of sex positivity, ideas about exploring and challenging our own beliefs and biases about sex, and practical suggestions for helping treatment participants learn skills of ethical decision making about sex and sexual media consumption.

Presenter: Bud C. Ballinger, III, PhD

MASOC 7 — Evaluation and Ongoing Assessment of Adolescents who have Engaged in Abusive Sexual Behavior:

High quality evaluations for adolescents who have engaged in abusive sexual behavior identify risk-relevant factors and guide interventions that can reduce risks, promote protective factors, and facilitate healthy, prosocial youth development (Righthand, 2022). Ongoing assessment tracks progress toward addressing identified intervention needs. This workshop will emphasize the holistic and multidimensional nature of evaluation and ongoing assessment, placing risk relevant need factors in the context of social environment, as well as the context of adolescent development. Etiology and typology research will be reviewed with a focus on identifying need factors that should inform the evaluation and treatment planning process. An overview of the most empirically supported risk, need, and treatment progress tools will be provided with specific application to identifying goals and objectives for treatment and case plans. The limitations of the application of risk-need assessment measures to diverse subpopulations of adolescents will be discussed.

Presenter: Tom Lerversee, LCSW

MATSA 7 — Emotional and Physical Attraction to Children: Definitional Controversies Surrounding Pedophilia and Current Evidence to Guide Clinical Practice:

Discourse on pedophilia has been largely dominated by a focus on physical attraction. Men with this affliction however often report also feeling an increased emotional connection with children, identification with childhood or as a child themselves, and an aversion to emotional intimacy with adults. With a growing body of evidence indicating a convergence between physical and emotional attraction to children, Seto (2012) incorporated both by modeling pedophilia as a sexual orientation. This workshop will elaborate on the theoretical argument for including emotional attraction in a definition of pedophilia, as well as the subsequent studies supporting such a position. Assessment measures and case formulation will be discussed, as well as treatment suggestions.

Presenter: Andrew Brankley, PhD, C.Psych

MASOC 8 — Hot Topics: New Ideas Affecting Children and Youth Initiating PSBs:

This seminar is designed to provide an overview of the latest issues and research related to and impacting children, adolescents and young adults who initiate problematic sexual behaviors. Topics will include, but not limited to, what we currently understand about youth illicit online activity, including pornography as sex education; why actuarial assessments can work with adults but not kids, and the impact of trauma on brain development. Furthermore, in Massachusetts, the landscape is changing dramatically. Massachusetts is now one of only five states that has decriminalized sexual behavior under the age of 12. This has set off a cascade of changes that has public agencies, funders, organizations and clinicians looking at children engaging in problematic sexual behaviors through a different lens. This is a chance to learn about this dramatic change, and other important work.

Presenter: Laurie Guidry, PsyD

MATSA 8 — Therapeutic Approaches with High Psychopathy Sexual Offending Populations: Evidence, Issues, and Practice Implications:

Despite being a notoriously challenging population to treat, a growing body of research has provided increasing support that individuals with psychopathic traits can make risk-relevant changes from evidence informed programs. This workshop provides a review and discussion of treatment issues and approaches with psychopathic sexual offending clientele to promote client retention in treatment and minimize attrition. Substantive issues include, but are not limited to, impacts on the working alliance, countertransference reactions, boundary violations, and corrosive impacts on staff and therapeutic group dynamics. A model for the treatment of psychopathy is presented combining management of the treatment interfering behaviors of high psychopathy with effective treatment of sexual offense specific and general criminogenic need issues. Practical research findings to illustrate clinical applications will be presented and information and guidelines for working clinically with this challenging population will be provided.

Presenter: Mark E. Olver, PhD, RD, Psych

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Early Bird cost of the conference is \$99 for each day and \$180 for both days. This price includes the cost for Continuing Education Credits. Pre-registration is required for all sessions. During the registration process, please be sure you have indicated the workshops you wish to attend.

Online registration is strongly encouraged. When registering online you will automatically receive a confirmation from the online registration system. **If you need a purchase order or need to register offline for any reason, please contact Diane Langelier at dlangelier@neari.com or by calling 413.540.0712 x14.**

NOTE: After March 19, 2024, the registration fee will increase by \$25.00. The Early Bird rate will no longer be in effect.

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This program is co-sponsored by William James College (WJC) and online registration and CE Credits are managed by the College. Questions or concerns regarding online registration or CE Credits should be directed to Shannon Gay at WJC. She can be reached at **CE@williamjames.edu**.

William James College will award Psychologists 7 credits for Wednesday, April 3 and 7 credits for Thursday, April 4 for 14 CE credits for attending both days. For Licensed Mental Health Counselors, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT's in MA) 7 CE Credits will be awarded for attending the Wednesday April 3 workshops and 7 CE Credits for attending the April 4 workshops and 14 CE credits for both days. Application for social work continuing education credits has been submitted. Please contact us at **CE@williamjames.edu** for the status of social work CE accreditation. The number of CE hours to be awarded for NBCC/LPC is 7 credits for Wednesday, April 3 and 7 credits for Thursday, April 4 or 14 CE credits for attending both days. Please note that there may be a slight variance in the number of CE credits approved for each discipline by the relevant authorizing board.

Everyone will be issued a General Certificate of Attendance for each day of attendance at the end of the conference when you submit your evaluation form. Certificates indicating CE Credits earned for participation will be issued when evaluations of the workshops/presenters and post-tests are completed and submitted.

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Student rates are being offered at **\$45.00** for one day or **\$60.00** for both days. All students must register using their .edu email accounts. For questions about the student rates or help in registration, please contact Diane Langelier at **info@masoc.net** or by calling **413.540.0712x14**.

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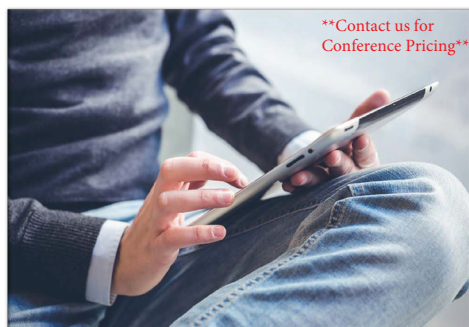
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