



UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO

Annual Forensic Research Day

Pre-Conference Workshop — April 28th, 2015

Conference — April 29th - 30th, 2015

Presented by

**Division of Forensic Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry,
at the University of Toronto**

Hosted by

**Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care
Atrium Building, 500 Church Street, Penetanguishene, ON**

Keynote Speakers:



Anne Crocker, PhD
McGill University,
Douglas Institute



Karl Hanson, PhD
Public Safety Canada

Pre-Conference Workshops

Dynamic Risk Assessment of Sexual Offenders: STABLE and ACUTE

Andrew J. Harris, PhD, CPsych
Forensic Assessment Group

Conference Workshops

A Strength-Based Treatment Program for Sexual Offenders

Liam E. Marshall, PhD
Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

The Violence Risk Appraisal Guide— Revised (VRAG-R)

Marnie E. Rice, PhD, CPsych, FRSC
Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

Registration: <https://uofforensicresearch2015.eventbrite.ca/>

Sponsored by

camh
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Centre de toxicomanie et de santé mentale


Ontario Shores
Centre for Mental Health Sciences

Waypoint 
CENTRE for MENTAL HEALTH CARE
CENTRE de SOINS de SANTÉ MENTALE

University of Toronto Annual Forensic Research Day

About

The conference will feature diverse topics, both academic and applied, relating to forensic mental health care research and service delivery. Primarily, the topics will reflect two themes: 1) issues in forensic assessment; and 2) issues in forensic treatment.

This conference will be of interest to anyone interested in forensic mental health and addictions, whether they are an academic, researcher, clinician, policy-maker, educator, or student. In particular, the conference aims to attract those who are associated with the University of Toronto Forensic Psychiatry Division, and the three affiliated teaching hospitals: Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences (Ontario Shores), and Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care (Waypoint).

Registration

Registration is free for all presenters and attendees for the conference. To register, please go to: <https://uoffforensicresearch2015.eventbrite.ca/>

If you wish to attend one of the three workshops, a small registration fee will be applied. The registration costs for each of the conferences are as follows:

- *The Basics of Dynamic Assessment for Sexual Offenders: STABLE-2007 and ACUTE-2007 Training*
 - \$50 per participant
- *A Strength-Based Treatment Program for Sexual Offenders*
 - \$25 per participant
- *The Violence Risk Appraisal Guide—Revised (VRAG-R): An Actuarial Tool for the Prediction of Violent Recidivism*
 - \$25 per participant

To register for one or more of the workshops, please contact [Sonja Dey](#) directly. Please note, you will need to do this in addition to registering online.

In order to reduce paper printing, the full conference program will be available through [Guidebook](#). You can download the Guidebook app in the Android, Apple, and BlackBerry app stores. Once you have the app on your mobile device, you can download the full program using the following information:

Title: University of Toronto Forensic Research Conference

Code: uoffforensicresearch2015

For driving directions, and parking information, please refer to the [Maps and Directions](#) page on the Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care website.

For more information, please visit the [Research and Academics Current Events](#) page at Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care. If you have any questions, please contact [Laura Ball](#).

Tuesday April 28, 2015

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Registration

Auditorium

9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Workshop - *Separate Registration Required*

Auditorium

The Basics of Dynamic Assessment for Sexual Offenders: STABLE-2007 and ACUTE-2007 Training

Andrew J. R. Harris, PhD, CPsych, Forensic Assessment Group

Recent validation studies show that dynamic prediction tools (STABLE-2007) are capable of extending the predictive validity of risk assessments beyond static, actuarial assessments alone. Participants will be introduced to and provided with the basic materials used to administer, score, and interpret the STABLE-2007 and the ACUTE-2007. Detailed knowledge of static risk assessment (STATIC-99/R, STATIC-2002/R, MATRIX-2000 etc.) is assumed and will not be addressed. This workshop is appropriate for all who would like to begin the process of learning to assess and manage risk, plan treatment and supervision for community-based and incarcerated sexual offenders using dynamic assessment methodologies.

Goals:

1. Participants will leave with the tools and knowledge to score the STABLE-2007 and the ACUTE-2007 dynamic assessment tools (subject to limitations of clinical experience, supervision, and ethical concerns).
2. Participants will have an improved knowledge of the experimental and clinical literature surrounding the use of dynamic risk assessment and be able to interpret dynamic risk scores and use them appropriately in reports.
3. Participants will leave with an increased understanding of how indicators of dynamic risk can be integrated into the case conceptualization, management, and the intervention plan for male sexual offenders.

Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will be able to define whether dynamic assessment tools (STABLE-2007 & ACUTE-2007) are appropriate for a given male sex offender presenting for assessment.
2. Participants will complete two full STABLE-2007 scorings and four ACUTE-2007 scorings by the end of the day.
3. Participants will achieve facility in using the provided reference materials to answer most scoring questions that might occur.

Andrew J. R. Harris, Ph.D., C. Psych. did his doctoral research on the intersection of Hare's (1991) conception of criminal psychopathy and levels of sexual deviance as assessed in a probation and parole sample. Dr. Harris is Director of the Forensic Assessment Group (www.offenderrisk.com) based in Ottawa, Canada. He has been previously employed in both research and clinical capacities by the Solicitor General Canada, the Correctional Service of Canada, the Province of Ontario at the Oak Ridge (Maximum Security) division of the Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre, and at a general medical hospital, York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill, Ontario. Dr. Harris has a private forensic clinical practice in Ottawa Canada and speaks extensively on the history of prison architecture, risk assessment for violent, sexual, and pornography offenders, psychopathy, high-risk offenders, and sexual offenders with prominent cognitive delays.

Wednesday April 29, 2015

CONFERENCE PROGRAMING, DAY 1

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.	Registration and Poster Set-up	Auditorium
8:45 - 9:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks	Auditorium
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Oral Paper Session	Auditorium

The Forensic Supplement to the RAI-MH: A Preliminary Analysis

Howard E. Barbaree, PhD, CPsych; Elke Ham, P.G.Dip; Krista Mathias, PhD; John P. Hirdes, PhD, FCAHS

9:45 - 10:00 a.m. Break and Poster Viewing

10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. **Opening Keynote Speaker: Anne G. Crocker, PhD** Auditorium
NCR: A Cross-Provincial Checkup

Internationally, there has been a significant increase in the number of individuals directed to forensic mental health services following the commission of a crime. In Canada, the number of individuals found Not Criminally Responsible on Account of Mental Disorder (NCRMD) has grown, with marked increase in some regions. High profile cases have elicited considerable debate about the best management of these individuals and recent trends towards a “tough on crime” approach to legislative reforms in Canada in the absence of an evidence-base have been observed. This talk will highlight some of the main results from The National Trajectory Project (NTP), a multi-province cohort of individuals found NCRMD. The NTP has been one of the largest efforts to systematically examine the operation of current criminal justice provisions for individuals declared NCRMD, and made subject to the jurisdiction of a provincial or territorial review board. Implications for future the research, policy and practice will be discussed as an addition to the public and policy debate about how to best treat and manage individuals with mental illness who come in contact with the law in the context of increasing demand for forensic mental health services and reduced psychiatric mental health service accessibility.



Anne Crocker is a William Dawson Scholar and Associate professor at the department of psychiatry of McGill University. She holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from *Université de Montréal* and a post-doctorate in mental health services from Dartmouth Medical School, New Hampshire. She has received uninterrupted salary awards from CIHR and FRQ-S (Quebec) since joining McGill in 2002. She is Associate Director, Policy and Knowledge Exchange at the Douglas Hospital Research Center and past Director of the Services, Policy and Population Health Axis of the research Center. Her research focuses: 1) aggressive behaviour and criminality among individuals with severe mental illness or intellectual disability; 2) criminal process issues (fitness to stand trial, criminal responsibility, review board decision making); 3) forensic mental health services. She sits on many forensic mental health policy advisory committees, recently finished a five-year mandate on the Mental Health and the Law Advisory Committee of the Mental Health Commission of Canada. She was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services. Dr Crocker is Lead on the National Trajectory Project of individuals found not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch and Poster Viewing

Lunch has been generously donated by Limestone Technologies, Inc.

Wednesday April 29, 2015

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS: WORKSHOPS OR PAPER PRESENTATIONS

1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Workshop - Separate Registration Required

Classroom 0602

A Strength-Based Treatment Program for Sexual Offenders

Liam E. Marshall, PhD; Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care & Rockwood Psychological Services

This workshop describes the general clinical foundations of strength-based approaches and translates this into a sex offender-specific treatment program. The elements of effective sex offender treatment, such as therapist characteristics, group climate, and client's perspectives, will be outlined. This will include brief comments on the RNR and GLM models, which will be presented as helpful guides rather than as the foundations of our treatment approach. Consistent with our engagement strategies, the importance of the therapist's qualities (warmth, empathy, and a rewarding style to name a few) and the therapist's ability to form effective groups (cohesive and expressive) will be presented. Evidence for the importance of these therapist characteristics with sex offenders will be provided. Next, as the major focus of our workshop, we will outline the content of treatment including the targets (criminogenic factors) and the procedures aimed at providing the skills (cognitive, behavioral, emotional) necessary to develop a fulfilling and prosocial lifestyle. We will end by briefly summarizing our view of the currently available treatment outcome data and by providing outcome of our own treatment programs.

Goals and Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will learn the skills and knowledge necessary to be able to implement this style of treatment;
2. Participants will learn appropriate treatment targets and learn when clients have reached the goals of treatment; and,
3. Participants will develop a better understanding of the empirical research underlying the model.

Liam Marshall has been providing treatment and conducting research on sexual offenders for two decades. He has many publications, including four books. Liam has made numerous international conference presentations on sexual offenders, violence, aging, problem gambling, and mental health issues. He has delivered trainings for therapists who work with sexual and violent offenders in 17 countries worldwide. Liam is a board member and reviewer for a number of international journals. He is currently a Researcher at Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care and Director of Training and Research for Rockwood Psychological Services.

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Oral Paper Session

Auditorium

Changing Characteristics of the Review Board Population in Ontario: A Population-Based Study from 1987-2012

Alexander I. F. Simpson, BMedSci, MBChB, FRANZCP; Stephanie R. Penney, PhD, CPsych; Michael C. Seto, PhD, CPsych; Anne G. Crocker, PhD; Tonia L. Nichols, PhD; Padraig L. Darby, MB, FRCPC; & Teresa Grimpos, PhD

A Review of the Literature Pertaining To In-Hospital Violence Among Untreated Forensic Psychiatry Patients

James Karagianis, MD, FRCPC; Benoit H. Mulsant, MD, MS, FRCPC; Ian Dawe, MHSc, MD, FRCPC; Rajiv Bhatla, MD, FRCPC, DABPN; Brant Bergstrom, BA, BScH, PhD, MD, FRCPC; & Richard O'Reilly, MB, FRCPC

Wednesday April 29, 2015

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS: WORKSHOPS OR PAPER PRESENTATIONS

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Break and Poster Viewing

2:45 - 4:15 p.m. Oral Paper Session Auditorium

Relationship between LOCUS scores and Team Decision-Making: A Review of Utilization, Risk Assessment and Risk Management Data

Phil Klassen, MD, FRCPC; & Elizabeth Coleman, BSc, MSc, MD, FRCPC

Risk Factors of Acute Severe or Fatal Violence among Forensic Patients Found Not Criminally Responsible for an Offence Involving Violence Against Person(s) and Receiving Care Under the Jurisdiction of the Ontario Review Board at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Billy Chan, PhD, RSW

4:15 - 4:30 p.m. Closing Remarks Auditorium

Thursday April 30, 2015

CONFERENCE PROGRAMING, DAY 2

8:45 - 9:00 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Auditorium

9:00 - 9:45 p.m.

Oral Paper Session

Auditorium

More than Window Dressings: The Impact of a New Building on Therapeutic Climate

Laura C. Ball, MA; Elke Ham, P.G.Dip; Jennifer Roters, MA; Nicholas West, BFA, HBS Sc Psych; & Howard E. Barbaree, PhD, CPsych

9:45 - 10:00 a.m.

Break and Poster Viewing

10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Closing Keynote Speaker: R. Karl Hanson, PhD
Can Numbers Tell us who is Safe? Reflections on the Development of Forensic Risk Assessment

Auditorium

Risk assessments are the formal method by which we address our fears of others. When someone has hurt another, we naturally wonder what could and should be done to prevent future harm. Because of the serious consequences of such decisions, we typically transferred the risk of risk assessment to designated professionals. Until recent decades, the methods and conclusions of the designated professionals were no different than those of otherwise intelligent lay-people. Much has changed. Forensic evaluators now routinely use empirically-derived structured risk tools, and we have evidence to support conclusions that could be surprising (e.g., victim injury is unrelated to the likelihood of recidivism). Although the widespread use of structured risk tools is a clear advance in practice, much remains unknown. Further work is needed to identify and refine the social and psychological constructs responsible for recidivism risk. As well, we need a common language for risk communication, one that is not bound to the largely arbitrary labels currently used in many risk tools (including the ones I have created).



Dr. Hanson is a research manager with Public Safety Canada and Adjunct Research Professor in the Psychology Department of Carleton University. He has published more than 150 articles, and is author of the risk scales most commonly used with sexual offenders in Canada, the US, and abroad (Static-99R, Static-2002R, STABLE-2007, ACUTE-2007). He is a Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association and the 2002 winner of the Significant Contribution award from the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. His current research focusses on risk communication and the assessment of change among high risk offenders.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch and Poster Viewing

Lunch has been generously donated by Limestone Technologies, Inc.

Thursday April 30, 2015

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS: WORKSHOPS OR PAPER PRESENTATIONS

1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Workshop - *Separate Registration Required*

Classroom 0602

The Violence Risk Appraisal Guide—Revised (VRAG-R): An Actuarial Tool for the Prediction of Violent Recidivism

Marnie E. Rice, PhD, CPsych, FRSC; Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

The training will review VRAG-R development, scoring, and interpretation. VRAG/SORAG replications and how those findings impact the likely replicability of the VRAG-R will be discussed. Also discussed will be whether VRAG-R scores should be reduced as an offender ages or after years offense-free in the community, and accuracy of the VRAG-R for the prediction of violent recidivism among various subgroups such as sex offenders, young offenders, and offenders with psychoses. Participants will have an opportunity to score test cases.

Goals and Learning Objectives:

By the end of the training participants will:

1. Be able to apply the VRAG-R, in assessing late adolescent and adult male offenders;
2. Understand how the VRAG-R was developed and how to report offenders' scores; and,
3. Understand the strengths and limitations of current actuarial instruments in assessing the risk of violence.

Dr. Marnie Rice is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Canada's senior national body of distinguished Canadian scientists and scholars. She has worked at Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care (formerly called the Mental Health Centre Penetanguishene) for 40 years, as a clinical psychologist, researcher, and, for 14 years, Director of Research. She is also Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences (part-time) at McMaster University, Professor of Psychiatry (adjunct) at the University of Toronto, and Associate Professor of Psychology (adjunct) at Queen's University. She has over 150 scientific publications, including seven books, the most recent of which is the 3rd edition of "Violent Offenders: Appraising and Managing Risk (2015)". Her research has focused on interpersonal violence, especially on violence risk assessment. She has been the recipient of many awards, including the American Psychological Association's Award for Distinguished Contribution to Research in Public Policy and the Career Contribution Award from the Criminal Justice Section of the Canadian Psychological Association, and she is a Fellow of both the American and the Canadian Psychological Associations.

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Oral Paper Session

Auditorium

A Call For Help: Reflections on Trauma Care for Women Facing Imprisonment

Flora I. Matheson, PhD; Pamela Forrester, MSW, RSW; Amanda Brazil, MAEd; & Sherri Doherty, MA

Adverse Childhood Experiences Affecting Clinical Practice At A Maximum Secure Forensic Mental Health Facility

Jennifer Roters, MA; Liam E. Marshall, PhD; Matthew Keating, MA; Laura C. Ball, MA; & Jenna Rutherford, MSW

Thursday April 30, 2015

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS: WORKSHOPS OR PAPER PRESENTATIONS

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Break and Poster Viewing

2:45 - 4:15 p.m. Oral Paper Session Auditorium

Developmental Typologies of Serious Mental Illness and Violence: Evidence From a Forensic Psychiatric Setting

Alexander I. F. Simpson, BMedSci, MBChB, FRANZCP; Teresa Grimbos, PhD; Christine Chan, MA; & Stephanie R. Penney, PhD, CPsych

Developmental Pathways among Forensic Inpatients

Zoe Hilton, PhD; Michelle Green, PhD, CPsych; Elke Ham, P.G.Dip; & Marnie E. Rice, PhD, CPsych, FRSC

4:15 - 4:30 p.m. Closing Remarks Auditorium

Wednesday, April 29, and Thursday April 30, 2015

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Poster Session

Hallway Outside Auditorium

Using Case Formulations to Treat Clients with Rare Paraphilic Disorders: A Focus on Necrophilia

Andrew E. Brankley, MA; Alasdair M. Goodwill, PhD; & Jeffrey Abracen, PhD

The Utility of Latent Variable Models in Refining Crime Scene Variable Analysis of Serial Stranger Sexual Offences

Andrew E. Brankley, MA; Alasdair M. Goodwill, PhD; & Eric Beauregard, PhD

Reducing Risk, Improving Health: The Effects Of Enhanced Recreational Therapeutic Programming in a Secure Forensic Setting

Elizabeth Coleman, BSc, MSc, MD, FRCPC; Melinda Wall, MN, RN, CPMHN(C); & Danielle Loney

Screening for Confinement Risk among Patients with Psychosis: Initial Results

Zoe Hilton, PhD; Elke Ham, P.G.Dip; & Michelle Green, PhD CPsych

Treating Concurrent Mental Illness & Addiction in Forensic Settings

Shari McKee, PhD, CPsych; & Lauren M. Wright, MSc

The Forensic Early Intervention Service: A New Pathway to Mental Health Care

Kiran Patel, MD, FRCPC; & Tanya Connors, MSW, RSW

Implementation of a DBT-CBT-Informed Skills Group in Three Forensic Programs

Sharlene Wong, OT Reg (Ont.); Abhilash Jayachandran, MA Psy, PG Dip in Clin. Psy.; Karen Traicus, OT Reg (Ont.); & Liam E. Marshall, PhD