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Pre-Conference Newsletter

Thursday Keynote: David S. Prescott, LICSW



David S. Prescott, LICSW, is a past president of ATSA and 2014 recipient of *ATSA's Distinguished Contribution* award. In 2018, he also received the *C. Henry Kempe Lifetime Achievement Award* from the National Adolescent Perpetration Network.

He has served on the Editorial Board of *Sexual Abuse* and has also produced 20 book projects. His work has been translated into five foreign languages. In 2020, he was appointed as editor of [Safer Society Press](#). Mr. Prescott lectures around the world.

Improving Responsivity: *Trauma, Risk, Motivation and the Working Alliance*

This three-hour plenary address focuses on key skills and concepts in therapeutic engagement with adolescents. It explores recent developments in the field of understanding and treating adolescents and young adults who sexually abuse, including the principles of *risk, need, and responsivity*. The address then examines how adverse childhood experiences impact dynamic risk as well as overall functioning. These, in turn, present barriers to developing a lifestyle in which causing harm is unnecessary and undesirable.

This address also highlights strategies for engaging adolescents and young adults in treatment. While the field has improved in understanding the ever-changing nature of risk and treatment need, much work remains in our abilities to provide treatment in a way that clients can be responsive.

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Friday Keynote: Paul A. Carrola, Ph.D



Dr. Paul Carrola is an Associate Professor in the Mental Health Counseling program at the *University of Texas at El Paso*. He received his Ph.D. in Counselor Education and

Supervision from the University of Texas at San Antonio 2012 and is a Licensed Professional Counselor through the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and is also a board approved LPC supervisor. Dr. Carrola received his Masters degree in Community Counseling in 2004 and his Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision in 2012. He has over eight years of clinical experience in the mental health field and

has worked with disadvantaged populations including prison inmates and individuals of low economic means in institutional, school and in private practice settings. Dr. Carrola has worked with both adults and adolescents on issues ranging from anger management, crisis management, behavioral problems, family counseling and substance abuse.

Dr. Carrola's research interests are trauma,

counselor burnout, secondary trauma, correctional counseling, and domestic violence. He has published articles on these topics in Journals such as the *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*, the *Clinical Supervisor* and the *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*. Dr. Carrola is also a board member of the Texas Association of Counselor Education and Supervision and a Senator for the Texas Counseling Association.

Secondary Trauma and Burnout of Mental Health Professionals Who Work With Court Mandated Clients

Mental health professionals face high risk for burnout due to the emotional nature of their work and the degree to which they are committed to their work. Secondary Trauma is also a risk factor for those who work with clients who have a history of traumatic experiences. This keynote will focus on the research into burnout and secondary trauma and also on practical interventions therapists can use to prevent and cope with symptoms they experience as they work with challenging clients.

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The Role of Family in Treating and Preventing Inappropriate Sexual Behaviors by Youth

Melissa Box, LCSW, LSOE, LSOTP; Katherine Van Horn, LCSW

Participants will gain an understanding of how family attachment and relationship dynamics impact youth sexual behavior problems and learn how to work with families in the healing and recovery process.

Creating Communities of Peer Connection with High Psychopathy Sex Offenders by Using Group-Centered Group Therapy

Jerry Jennings, Ph.D.; Erica Reische, MA, LSOTP; Eleanor Schupick, MA, LASOTP

Contrary to their reputation for manipulation, deceit, and antagonistic anti-social behavior, this pilot study of relationship-focused group therapy found that high psychopathy subjects (PCL-R scores >30) showed (1) *significant improvements in secure attachment* and (2) *consistently rated their group experience as more positive than their low and medium psychopathy peers*. Item analysis showed a unique pattern of elevated concern with social acceptance and connection for high psychopathy subjects, who also perceived a more positive experience of group therapeutic climate in every month of the study compared to their non-psychopathic peers. Based on the results, and augmented by the first-hand observations from the group therapists, *the presenters hypothesize that psychopathy may be an interpersonal disorder, rooted in ostracism, and that group therapy which emphasizes interpersonal relating (rather than a focus on criminogenic issues & offense behavior) can be effective in promoting prosocial values and attitudes for sex offenders with high psychopathy.*

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The Scientific Advancements and Reliability of Polygraph

Thomas Trice, D.Mgt

Attendees will gain better knowledge related to the scientific advancements and reliability of polygraphs. They will also learn the limitations associated

with the polygraph and sex offender testing. Additionally, this presentation will cover the scientific scoring methods utilized in determining polygraph results and the differences between

exploratory polygraph examinations and specific polygraph examination reliabilities. Finally, this presentation will cover the importance of coordination between the treatment team

and the polygraph examiner, question formulation, and conducting thorough pre-test interviews with clients in the treatment programs to maximize the overall treatment team's goals.

Moving Towards Mastery: Creating a New Lens for Identifying and Working with Sexually Problematic Behaviors in Adolescents

Jessica Renner, LCPC, LSOTP

This workshop helps participants tell the difference between developmentally normal and problematic sexual behaviors in youth. *What's appropriate and inappropriate touch? When does a behavior*

cross the line from natural exploration to exploitation? When do we intervene and how? Participants will be taught how to identify between healthy, unhealthy, and problematic sexual

behaviors for youth 12 and older. Participants will also learn methods to organize effective interventions early on when unhealthy or problematic behaviors arise. A key part of this workshop is to get

participants to understand what working with these behaviors brings up for them and how to manage, rather than going into the poles of avoidance or control within themselves.