

# 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Virtual Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference



## Homeward Bound

Exploring Issues Faced by  
Justice-Involved Persons

*November 30 and December 1, 2022*



DREXEL UNIVERSITY  
Division of Behavioral  
Healthcare Education  
*College of Medicine*

# WELCOME

Greetings to our esteemed colleagues:

Welcome to the 30th annual Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference, entitled ***Homeward Bound: Exploring Issues Faced by Justice-Involved Persons***. Once again, we have developed a spectacular online educational program addressing clinical, policy and environmental issues that impact persons involved with the criminal justice system.

Our plenary sessions will address implicit bias, false confessions, Megan's Law and an overview of the pardons process. The workshops will offer skill-building sessions to use in your own settings.

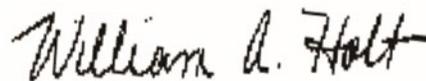
Our awards ceremony will be just before lunch on Wednesday, highlighting colleagues who have achieved excellence working in challenging situations and difficult circumstances.

Using the model from last year, all sessions will be recorded, which will allow you to earn additional continuing education credits by viewing sessions at your convenience. The conference will be available to registrants until December 31, 2022, and you will be able to see all of the workshop offerings. Once you complete the evaluation tool and a validation tool, you will receive your CE credit within two weeks.

Conference co-chairs,



*Drexel University/BHE Conference Co-chair*



*Conference Co-chair*

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Clinical and support staff, program managers, advocates and administrators
- Corrections, probation/parole, prisons/jails
- Specialized mental health facilities, specialized drug and alcohol facilities
- Psychologists, counselors, social workers, nurses and educators working in all systems
- Other constituents interested in this area of behavioral healthcare

## EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- Describe the complexities surrounding false confessions
- Identify treatment approaches for persons involved with forensic settings
- Cite aspects and application of Megan's law throughout the Commonwealth
- Recognize how implicit bias is evidenced in many arenas

## CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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# PLENARY BIOS

## **Plenary I: Steven S. Seitchik, MA**

began his clinical career in 1992 at the Stevens Center, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He provided drug and alcohol treatment and recovery services within the partial hospital program. He became certified as an employee assistance professional (CEAP) while working at Family and Children's Services of the Capitol Region. Additionally, Mr. Seitchik has expertise in critical incident stress debriefing and conducted CISM debriefing in Manhattan, New York. He currently is the MAT statewide coordinator for the Department of Corrections, Bureau of Reentry Coordination.

## **Plenary II: Corporal Ismail El-Guemra**

After 8 years in the private sector, Corporal El-Guemra joined the ranks of Pennsylvania State Police, Liquor Enforcement working mostly undercover in the streets of Philadelphia. He then began working with the Pennsylvania State Police Troopers in 2015. As a trooper, Corporal El-Guemra responded to a wide range of incidents, from harassments to homicides, earning the respect of his colleagues for his ability to connect with the various people he encountered on the job.

In 2019 he had the opportunity to be appointed as a heritage affairs liaison officer in a part-time capacity, which became full time in 2020. While in this position, and under the command and direction of Lieutenant William Slaton, Corporal El-Guemra has had numerous opportunities to mitigate and resolve issues and misunderstandings that impact communities and police forces. Subsequently, he is constantly helping to create a lasting and positive impression of police within the communities they serve while also educating his fellow police officers on different communities and cultures.

## **Plenary III: Stacey Ginesin, PhD**

is a clinical psychologist practicing in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, who has been a member of the Pennsylvania Sexual Offenders Assessment Board

since 2008 and a member of the Archdiocese Review Board since March 2012. Dr. Ginesin was instrumental in the development of the TAP program, an outpatient sex offender treatment program in Philadelphia, serving as the program director until 2010. Dr. Ginesin began working with sexual offenders during graduate school and has conducted research and clinical work related to psychopathy and antisocial personality disorder. In addition to working with the courts and individual clients, Dr. Ginesin has completed hundreds of evaluations related to treatment needs, treatment amenability, parenting capacity and risk assessment. Dr. Ginesin received a PhD from Emory University in 2003 and completed a pre-doctoral internship at Brown University Medical School.

**Megan Dade** has served as the executive director of the Pennsylvania Sexual Offenders Assessment Board (SOAB) since late 2009. The SOAB is responsible for conducting psychological assessments of convicted sex offenders for the Pennsylvania courts and the Pennsylvania Parole Board. As executive director of the SOAB, Ms. Dade is responsible for the administrative oversight of the agency and for directing the work of the SOAB's 40 employees and 70 board members. Prior to serving as executive director of the SOAB, Ms. Dade served as a senior policy manager in the Governor's Office of Policy and Planning, where she focused on mental health, substance abuse and offender reentry issues. Before joining the Governor's Office, Ms. Dade practiced commercial litigation at the law firm of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ms. Dade received a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1997, and a bachelor's degree (in child psychology) from Tufts University in 1992.

**John C. Manning, JD** was appointed deputy chief counsel to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections in December of 2021. Prior to that, he served as deputy chief counsel to the Pennsylvania

Parole Board since 2017, and as an assistant counsel to the board since 2004. In his present position, Mr. Manning advises the department of parole supervision issues. He also represents the department in litigation arising from parole supervision. Additionally, Mr. Manning serves as counsel to the Sexual Offenders Assessment Board.

Mr. Manning previously advised the Pennsylvania Parole Board on issues relating to sex offenders and SORNA. Mr. Manning received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and his juris doctorate from Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg Campus, where he was internal managing editor of the *Law Review*.

#### **Plenary IV: Clarence Watson, JD, MD**

is director of the Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program and vice chair of diversity, equity and inclusion for the Department of Psychiatry at the Perelman School of Medicine – University of Pennsylvania, where he serves as clinical associate professor of psychiatry. Dr. Watson also serves as the statewide forensic director for Pennsylvania's Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and he maintains a private forensic psychiatry consultation practice. He previously served as the medical director of Delaware's Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and was the clinical director of Forensic Services at the Delaware Psychiatric Center in New Castle, Delaware, where he oversaw Delaware's maximum-security forensic psychiatric hospital program.

Prior to his medical career, Dr. Watson graduated from Villanova University School of Law and practiced law as an attorney in Pennsylvania. He received his medical degree from Sidney Kimmel Medical College – Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia and completed internship training in internal medicine and residency training in psychiatry at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. He also completed fellowship training in forensic

psychiatry at St. Vincent's Hospital – New York Medical College in Manhattan.

#### **Plenary V: Secretary Celeste Trusty**

is honored to serve as secretary of the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons. As secretary, Ms. Trusty is responsible for coordinating the daily operations of the Board of Pardons office and its dedicated team, as well as providing support, information and advice to the chair of the board and board members. Ms. Trusty also serves as a liaison between the Board of Pardons and other stakeholders and partners in Pennsylvania's clemency process. The secretary is also responsible for facilitating and moderating meetings, hearings and sessions of the Board of Pardons. Ms. Trusty is a passionate advocate for transforming Pennsylvania's legal system. She formerly served as both Pennsylvania state policy director and Pennsylvania regional organizer for FAMM. During that time, Ms. Trusty worked in coalition with allies, lawmakers and incarcerated community members to advocate robust, compassionate and common-sense reforms to our legal system, and to raise awareness about the widespread impact of mass incarceration on individuals, families, communities and taxpayers. Prior to joining FAMM, Ms. Trusty worked to organize support networks for incarcerated Pennsylvanians and their loved ones, and helped amplify important stories of hope, transformation and redemption of people stuck serving excessive and unjust sentences.

Ms. Trusty is also a former volunteer for the Pennsylvania Innocence Project and can be seen in episode 7 of *The Innocence Files* on Netflix, *The Prosecution: Wrong Place, Wrong Time*, which shares the story of Chester Hollman III and his heroic 28-year fight for exoneration. Dedicated to expanding access to second chances for over-sentenced, aging and wrongfully convicted Pennsylvanians, Ms. Trusty is proud to help build upon the incredible work being done around clemency expansion in the Commonwealth.

# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## Wednesday November 30, 2022

8:45 – 9:00	<b>WELCOME AND OVERVIEW</b> – Donna N. McNelis, PhD (Conference Co-Chair)
9:00 – 9:30	<b>WELCOME FROM DOC</b> – George Little, Acting Secretary DOC
9:30 – 10:30	<b>Plenary Session I: Steven Seitchik, MA – Implementing MAT Within Correctional Settings</b>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 – 11:45	<b>PLENARY SESSION II: Corp. Ismail El-Guemra – Implicit Bias Awareness</b>
<b>11:45 – 1:00</b>	<b>AWARDS CEREMONY AND LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 2:30	<b>CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS I: W01 – W03</b>
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45 – 4:15	<b>CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS II: W11 – W13</b>

## Thursday December 1, 2022

8:45 – 9:00	<b>WELCOME AND OVERVIEW</b> – Bill Holt, MSS, CCCJS (Conference Co-Chair)
9:00 – 9:30	<b>WELCOME FROM OMHSAS</b> – Dale Adair, MD, Acting Deputy Secretary, OMHSAS
9:30 – 10:30	<b>PLENARY SESSION III: Stacy Ginesin, PhD, Megan Dade, JD, John C. Manning, JD Megan’s Law: Fact or Fiction</b>
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 – 11:45	<b>PLENARY SESSION IV: Clarence Watson, JD, MD – "But, I Really Didn't Do It!": False Confessions in an Age of Exonerations</b>
<b>11:45 – 12:45</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:45 – 2:15	<b>CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS III: T21 – T23</b>
<b>2:15 – 2:30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
2:30 – 3:30	<b>PLENARY SESSION V: Secretary Celeste Trusty – Clemency in PA: The Past, Present and Future of Expanding Access to Second Chances in the Commonwealth</b>
3:30	<b>EVALUATIONS AND CLOSING</b>

# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2022

## 1:00 – 2:30 CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS I

### **W01 – Restraint Reduction in an Inpatient Setting**

**Deborah Luckey, PsyD**  
Waymart, PA

**Bobbie Jean Bassett, MS, CRC**  
Waymart, PA

Violence in an inpatient psychiatric setting is often commonplace, resulting in the use of therapeutic restraints. The use of restraints to de-escalate a violent situation breaks down patient/staff rapport, leaving the patient in a very control-oriented dynamic with staff, which may hinder treatment. In this presentation we will explain the different levels of restraints and how they are utilized in the correctional inpatient setting. Next, we will explore alternative interventions that emphasize the humanity of patients and foster cooperative partnerships with staff. Lastly, statistics will be presented to provide data on how these interventions have reduced the overall hours of therapeutic restraint use.

### **W02 – The Intersection of Disability and the Justice System**

**Lindy Mishler**  
Johnstown, PA

**Kate Hooven, MS**  
Harrisburg, PA

This session will review the various characteristics of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and intellectual disability (ID), and demonstrate how these disabilities impact individuals when they are involved in the justice system. Attendees will gain information about where the intersection of ASD/ID connects and various points in the process for intervention and resources. Session attendees will gain an understanding of ways to engage individuals with autism as well as learn how to access resources for inmates while incarcerated and upon release to the community. The importance of training and collaboration between justice system staff, mental health/ASD/ID providers and the individual, as well as information on the new ASD/ID Unit at Albion Correctional Facility, will be shared with attendees.

### **W03 – Building Inclusive Crisis Services as a Diversion Strategy**

**Jenna Mehnert Baker, DPA, MSW**

To divert individuals with behavioral health needs from justice system contact and reduce ED boarding, federal entities are supporting states in building inclusive behavioral health crisis systems. This system begins with the #988 phone number and includes mobile crisis teams responding in community and 24/7 walk-in centers providing urgent behavioral health care. To divert individuals, it is critical to equip justice system partners with the ability to de-escalate individuals in crisis through the advancement of CIT and corresponded models. This session will discuss the Commonwealth's work in building PA's crisis system.

## **2:30 – 2:45: BREAK**

# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

## 2:45 – 4:15: CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS II

### **W11 – Correctional Management of Elderly Incarcerated Individuals**

**Elicia Stein, Psy.D.**

**Camp Hill, PA**

The increasing elderly population in the community presents ongoing systemic demands, but in the prison setting, these needs become even more complex. Meeting the care needs of elderly individuals can be particularly challenging in the correctional setting. This presentation provides education on neurocognitive and behavioral issues that present in the elderly. Additionally, it will discuss current care models and practices, systemic challenges, and needs and goals for the correctional management of elderly incarcerated individuals.

### **W12 – Using Holistic Legal Representation to Address the Needs of At-Risk Youth**

**Mary Comis, MEd**

**Camp Hill, PA**

Successfully returning to school and the community after exiting the justice system can increase the opportunity for long-term education and decrease the risk of re-offense. Holistic legal representation is a type of integrated care team that includes a psychologist, lawyer and social worker who work together to ensure the needs of youth are being met when reintegrating back into the community and school setting after exiting from a correctional placement.

### **W13 – Criminogenic Needs Assessment: Exploring Risk Factors and Planning Intervention Strategies**

**Karin C. Gladney, PhD, CAADC**

**Philadelphia, PA**

Over the past 20 years, the criminal justice literature has well researched criminogenic factors. Individuals involved in the criminal justice system face barriers to successful reentry, often leading to recidivism. Some studies show that addressing criminogenic needs can reduce recidivism rates. Identification of criminogenic needs and use of appropriate clinical interventions are essential to reducing recidivism risk and enhancing reentry success.

# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

THURSDAY DECEMBER 1, 2022

## 12:45 – 2:15 – CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS III

### **T21 - Strategies for Connecting People with Mental Illnesses in County Jails to Care and Improving Their Outcomes as They Return to the Community**

Gretchen Frank, JD  
New York, NY

Mark Stovell, MPA  
New York, NY

Kimberly Eaton, PhD, LCSW, LCSW-C  
Philadelphia, PA

Christy Giallella, PhD  
Chambersburg, PA

The Council of State Governments Justice Center staff will discuss how counties can utilize the Stepping Up framework to improve connections to care and reentry outcomes for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring disorders in their jails, including through practices such as collaborative comprehensive case planning. Representatives from Philadelphia and Franklin counties will then speak about the strategies they have employed to better coordinate care for people with mental illness and set them up for success as they re-enter the community.

### **T22 - Positive Impression Management Configural Analysis of the Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI): An Exploration in a Male Correctional Sample**

Matthew Mauriello, MA  
Collegeville, PA

A clinician can use the PAI Structural Summary-Revised Form as a method for advanced interpretation of profiles. This method can uncover conscious versus unconscious reasons for profile distortion. This method is not well-studied and may hold a potential to aid in complex interpretation of profiles. This presentation highlights results from an archival review of more than 1,000 PAI profiles from male state inmates.

### **T23 - Hope, Purpose and Empowerment During Community Reentry**

Shelby Arnold, PhD  
Bala Cynwyd, PA

Lindsey Pinto, MSW, LSW  
Bala Cynwyd, PA

Paul Grant, PhD  
Bala Cynwyd, PA

Recovery-oriented cognitive therapy (CT-R) is a whole-person, evidence-based, flexibly implementable approach that can enhance forensic and community reentry programs. This session will provide a strategic framework to develop concrete, actionable interventions to engage and empower individuals with justice involvement. Internal and external challenges to community reintegration such as disconnection, stigma, and access to motivation, adhering to court requirements will be discussed. A springboard for hope and successful positive action will be developed by using an individualized context, i.e., each person's self-defined purpose and desired life.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is now open. Please visit the BHE website at [www.drexel.edu/medicine/bhe](http://www.drexel.edu/medicine/bhe) and click on the Conference tab for complete Forensic Conference program information.

There are two ways to register:

1. Credit Card Payments: [Visit our secure registration portal](#) for the 30th Annual [Virtual] Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference

**Or**

2. If unable to register online with a payment, contact us at [bheweb@drexel.edu](mailto:bheweb@drexel.edu)

All communication from BHE will be electronic and your continuing education certificate will be emailed to you within 3 weeks following the conference. This will give you an opportunity to accumulate more credits by viewing additional concurrent sessions after the conference. The sessions will be available for your viewing until December 31, 2022.

## CONFERENCE FEES

**Full Two-Day Conference** – November 30 and December 1, 2022 - **\$100**

**One-Day Conference** - **\$50**

You will have the opportunity on the registration screen to choose whether you wish to attend the full conference or choose one of the individual conference days.

Refunds will be made up until five (5) days prior to the conference minus a \$25 administrative fee. All refund requests must be emailed to us at [bheweb@drexel.edu](mailto:bheweb@drexel.edu). Substitute attendees are permitted with approval from the Registrar prior to the conference.

**NOTE:** If you do not cancel and do not attend, you are still responsible for payment.

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