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in responding to and preventing
sexual abuse

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Auckland
New Zealand



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KEY DATES

Registrations opening soon: visit www.anzatsa.org for updates

Abstract submissions close: Tuesday 1 August 2017

Early bird registration closes: Monday 2 October 2017

More speakers to be announced soon!

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Dr Elizabeth Letourneau

Elizabeth J. Letourneau, PhD, is Professor and Director at the Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse, Department of Mental Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. For more than 25 years she has conducted research involving the evaluation of clinical practice and legal policy related to adult and adolescent sexual offending.



Dr Carlene Firmin

Dr Carlene Firmin MBE is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Bedfordshire, where she leads their work on peer-on-peer abuse and contextual approaches to safeguarding adolescents and has spent ten years researching violence and abuse between young people. Carlene has a particular interest in the relationship between group dynamics, social and public contexts and young people who display harmful sexual behaviours – and has developed knowledge in this area to challenge individualised models of child protection policy and practice.



Dr Alissa R. Ackerman

Alissa R. Ackerman, PhD, is a criminologist and sex crimes policy researcher at California State University, Fullerton. She has written over 30 publications on sexual violence and sex crimes policy and practice. As a survivor advocate, Dr Ackerman uses her expertise and personal experience to help survivors speak out, while also advocating for evidence-based and harm reduction strategies to combat victimisation.



Maia Christopher

Maia Christopher is the Executive Director of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA). Ms Christopher has spent 19 years providing treatment services to incarcerated individuals who have committed violent offences in Correctional Services of Canada and Washington State Department of Corrections. She has presented extensively in the areas of practice guidelines for sexual offending treatment, collaborating with community stakeholders invested in successful reintegration and policy pertaining to sexual offending.



Dr Jill Levenson

Jill Levenson, PhD, LCSW, is a Professor of Social Work at Barry University in Miami, Florida, USA. She has published over 100 articles about policies and clinical interventions designed to prevent repeat sexual offending. Her groundbreaking research on the link between childhood adversity and adult criminality has paved the way for innovations in sexual offending rehabilitation programs that now utilise a trauma-informed care framework. She has also been a treatment provider for over 25 years, using a scientist-practitioner model to inform both her research and her work with clients.



Dr Michiel de Vries Robbé

Michiel de Vries Robbé, PhD, is a Senior Researcher at Van der Hoeven Kliniek, the Netherlands. He is co-author of the Structured Assessment of PROtective Factors for violence risk (SAPROF), a tool for the dynamic assessment of protective factors. The SAPROF is used in combination with risk assessment tools, to counterbalance the predominantly risk and deficit-based approach to risk assessment in forensic settings.



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