

Trauma and Disaster : Complexity, Diversity, & Recovery

ACOTS

Sept 6-8 2012

Perth - W.A.

The 2012 ACOTS Conference is a collaboration between the Australasian Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ASTSS) and the Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health (ACPMH). The conference will be held on September 6th – 8th in Perth, Australia at the Parmelia Hilton. The 2012 conference will be of interest to a broad range of people interested in trauma, including practitioners, researchers, consumers, service developers and policy makers.

The conference theme is deliberately broad and the Committee is interested in bringing together a range of perspectives on trauma to provide a stimulating exchange of ideas for all. Sessions will represent a breadth of interests and current issues in trauma research and practice.

Confirmed Speakers include:

Professor Doug Zatzick -

Public health approaches to the development and implementation of trauma focused interventions in post-disaster contexts.

Douglas Zatzick, MD is currently Professor and Associate Vice Chair for Health Services in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Over the past two decades his research has focused on clinical epidemiologic, functional outcome, and early intervention studies of post- traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and related co-morbid conditions in adults and youth, across civilian and veteran trauma exposed patient populations. He has participated in disaster relief efforts and early intervention efforts in the Western Hemisphere after the January 2010 Haiti earthquake, post Hurricane Katrina, and in the wake of multiple United States earthquakes over the past two decades. He is Medical Director of the University of Washington's Harborview Level I Trauma Center Psychiatric Consultation Liaison Service, and in this capacity provides front-line clinical services to diverse acutely injured trauma survivors.

Professor Michael Scheeringa -

Post-traumatic stress in very young children: Recognition, treatment and post-disaster challenges.

Michael S. Scheeringa, M.D., M.P.H. is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, Section of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA, USA. He has authored numerous scientific papers and book chapters on posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in young children based on his work on scientific studies over the last 15 years. He has participated in research around attachment, parenting, parent-child relationship difficulties, diagnostic assessment of children, neurobiological correlates of psychiatric disorders, outcome prediction, and development of protocol-driven therapies. His research on PTSD in young children after Hurricane Katerina has been widely cited.

Professor Pat Dudgeon -

Indigenous people and trauma.

Pat Dudgeon is acknowledged as the first identified indigenous psychologist in Australia, and has over 20 years of experience in the area of indigenous people and psychology. Pat was instrumental in developing the Guidelines for the Provision of Psychological Services for and the conduct of Psychological Research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People of Australia, which were adopted by the APS in 1996. Pat was appointed as Head of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University in 1990 and for the next 17 years led the organization through significant growth and change to become a national leader and important provider of Indigenous higher education. Pat is actively involved with the Aboriginal community and has a commitment to social justice. She has participated in numerous community service activities of significance. Pat was a member of the Parole Board of Western Australia for several years, and was a psychologist in the defence forces. She has undertaken many projects and has publications in the areas of psychology, education and women's issues. Currently, she is a private consultant and an adjunct associate professor at the University of Western Australia.

Thursday, September 6th Workshops

A range of pre-conference workshops will be offered including:

Professor Pat Dudgeon

"Working with indigenous people."

Professor Michael Scheeringa

"Cognitive-behavioral therapy for posttraumatic stress disorder in very young children."

Professor Doug Zatzick

"Public Health Approaches to the Development & Implementation of Trauma Focused Interventions in Post-disaster Contexts"

The conference will feature several plenary sessions, including panel discussions and a debate, providing an opportunity to explore controversies and critical issues.

In each parallel paper session, a "clinical tutorial" will be offered; these sessions will be conducted by expert clinicians and will focus on a particular clinical theme or intervention.

Open Call for Papers

The Scientific Committee invites you to submit an abstract for one of the following types of presentation at ACOTS 2012. Submissions will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and those chosen will be notified by the end of April. Submissions may cover any topic relevant to the field of traumatic stress, but preference will be given to those consistent with the conference theme.

These presentations will be scheduled for September 7th and 8th 2012.

Symposium: This should include 3 to 4 papers plus questions and/or discussion on a particular theme and should last 90 minutes in total

Paper: This should be of 15 - 20 minutes duration which will include time for questions; the Scientific Committee will group accepted papers into appropriate symposia.

Poster: These will be displayed throughout the conference, with presenters expected to stand next to their poster to answer questions during the specific poster session.

Submissions: will be accepted [online only at www.acots.org](http://www.acots.org) (CLICK)

Closing date for submissions: 31st March 2012.

Please forward this [Call For Presentations](#) to others who might be interested in presenting or attending the conference.