



Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MnATSA)

23rd Annual MnATSA Conference

April 10-12, 2019



Minneapolis Marriott Northwest
7025 Northland Drive
Brooklyn Park, Minnesota 55428

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Late fee begins March 16, 2019

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Conference at a Glance

Wednesday – April 10, 2019

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Check-in and Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
9:00 a.m. – Noon	Pre-conference Workshops #1-3 or #4A-9A
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Networking/Break
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Buffet provided by MnATSA
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Pre-conference Workshops #1-3 or #10P-15P
2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Networking/Break
4:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Optional Workshops

Thursday – April 11, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Check-in and Continental Breakfast
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Optional Workshop
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Opening, Welcome, and Announcements
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Keynote Address – Dr. Jan Looman
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Networking/Break
10:45 a.m. – Noon	Keynote Address – Al Vernacchio
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Buffet provided by MnATSA
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Workshops #16 through #23
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Networking/Break
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Workshops #24 through #31
4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Reception – Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar

Friday – April 12, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Check-in and Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Exhibits Open
8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Presidential Address
8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Keynote Address – Marian Hatcher
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Networking/Break
10:30 a.m. – Noon	Workshops #32 through #38
Noon – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch Buffet provided by MnATSA (all) and Annual MnATSA Member Meeting and Luncheon (members only)
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Workshops #39 through #45
2:45 p.m.	Conference Adjourns

◆ **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

MnATSA is dedicated to the promotion of education, research, and professional intervention on sexual abuse issues. The Minnesota chapter is organized to acknowledge and promote the national and international programs of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. The 23rd Annual MnATSA conference will address treatment, assessment, and supervision issues that arise in working with adolescents and adults who have sexually abused. This conference is for psychologists, social workers, corrections agents, mental health providers, judges, attorneys, sex crimes investigators, polygraph examiners, dispositional advisors, victim advocates, correctional staff, and others who work in these or related fields.

◆ **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

Presentations by these nationally and internationally recognized experts:

Jan Looman, PhD, is in private practice providing assessments for sexual offenders in Kingston, Ontario. Previously he worked for Correctional Services of Canada where he supervised the delivery of the High Intensity Sexual Offender Treatment Program at the Regional Treatment Centre (Ontario) and at Providence Care Hospital on the Forensic Psychiatric Unit. Dr. Looman's research interests include risk assessment, treatment outcome and psychopathy in sexual offender populations. He has published over 60 articles in peer-reviewed journals on these topics.

Al Vernacchio, MEd, is the N-12 Sexuality Education Coordinator at Friends' Central School in Wynnewood, PA. A Human Sexuality educator and consultant for over 25 years, Al has published articles, given four TED Talks, and has appeared on national programs such as NPR's "Morning Edition." He is the author of *For Goodness Sex: Changing the Way We Talk to Teens About Sexuality, Values, and Health*.

Marian Hatcher, BS, is the Policy Analyst & Victim Advocate for the Sheriff's Human Trafficking & Initiatives, in the Office of Public Policy, Cook County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), Illinois. She coordinates several of CCSO's anti-trafficking efforts and also coordinates and provides direct service for victims of human trafficking 24/7. She widely speaks on the prevalent issue of trafficking and tells her own story as a survivor of sex trafficking and domestic violence.

Stacey Benson, PsyD, has worked with sex offender risk assessment for 25 years and is a certified trainer on the Static 99-R, Stable-2007 and Acute-2007. Dr. Benson regularly performs risk assessments on sexual offenders, including Sexually Dangerous Individual evaluations for Civil Commitment and has testified as an expert witness on sex offender recidivism in state, federal, and military courts.

Ann Snyder, MMS, is the Public Affairs Coordinator for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA). Her role at ATSA includes monitoring and responding to media coverage, training ATSA members on media relations, promoting association initiatives and events, and tracking and assisting with legislative issues throughout the 50 U.S. states and in Congress. She has more than 25 years of experience serving as a communications director for several public agencies in Oregon.

David Karan, MA, has provided over 5,000 hours of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) in several settings and varying intensities while using DBT skills to address diverse symptoms and diagnoses. David utilizes a humanistic and person-centered approach while assisting clients to learn, apply and generalize DBT skills to decrease distress and realize their vision of recovery.

Patty Hlava, PhD, is co-owner of AwakenPeace Healing and has over 15 years of clinical experience as a licensed psychotherapist in a variety of settings including community mental health, corrections, and private practice. Additionally, she has over 7 years of experience teaching in university settings and providing clinical supervision. She is a Certified Meditation Instructor, Registered Yoga Teacher, Certified Intrinsic Coach, and Ayurveda wellness coach.

Samuel Simmons, AA, LADC, has over 28 years experience as an alcohol and drug counselor and behavioral consultant specializing in practicing culturally sensitive trauma informed work with African American males and their families. Samuel is an Adverse Childhood Experience Interface Trainer in the state of Minnesota. He received the 2016 Healing the Hidden Wounds of Racial Trauma award and the Black Tear Drop Award for his vision and leadership in culturally sensitive trauma informed work in the community and around the country. In 2017 he received the Champions for Children Award for his trauma work with parents.

Workshops

Three 6-hour pre-conference workshops and twelve 3-hour pre-conference workshops are available to choose from on Wednesday.

Thirty workshops are available to choose from on Thursday and Friday.

Two optional, free workshops are available to choose from on Wednesday from 4:15-5:45 p.m. and one on Thursday from 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Keynote Addresses

Sexual Deviance: What Is It and How Do We Assess It? by Jan Looman, PhD

Helping Young People Develop Healthy Sexuality: A Toolkit for Professionals by Al Vernacchio, MEd

A Survivor's Perspective: The Demand for Buying Sex by Marian Hatcher, BS

Workshop Intended Audience

Which workshops should you attend? To help make that decision easier, the presenter(s) selected from the following options and they are listed at the end of each workshop description.

Level of Workshop: Basic Advanced

Topic Population: Child Adolescent Adult All Ages

Workshop Designed to: Teach Practice skills Present original research

Type of Workshop: Clinical Research Supervision Re-entry

If someone other than you is paying your registration fee, please enter the payer's correct e-mail address where indicated on the registration form so that the payer can also receive a copy of the invoice.

No cancellations after March 15, 2019; however, registration is transferable through March 29, 2019. See Cancellation Policy near the end of this brochure.

**Register now before workshops fill!
Late fee begins March 16, 2019**

**If you have questions, please contact:
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Wednesday, April 10, 2019

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Check-in and continental breakfast – provided by MnATSA
9:00 a.m. - Noon Pre-conference workshops (10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Networking/Break)
Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch buffet - included with your registration
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pre-conference workshops (2:15 – 2:45 p.m. Networking/Break)

**Choose: one 6-hour pre-conference workshop (#1 through #3)
OR two 3-hour pre-conference workshops (#4A through #15P).**
3-hour morning workshops (“A”) are from 9:00 a.m. - Noon and
3-hour afternoon workshops (“P”) are from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

6-hour Pre-conference Workshops 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

1. Psychopathy and Sexual Deviance: How Do They Fit in a Comprehensive Risk Assessment?

Jan Looman, PhD, Forensic Behaviour Services, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

This workshop will discuss the intersection between psychopathy, sexual deviance, and the implications of this combination for risk assessment and treatment. Research indicates that those who present with both high psychopathy and sexual deviance tend to be at higher risk for sexual reoffence. However, beyond these general conclusions, there are a number of issues which must be addressed. First: how does one define sexual deviance? What are the key characteristics of deviant sexual interests? Is the DSM a valid tool of assessment or are other methods more appropriate? Second: the relationship between psychopathy and sexual recidivism will be explored, elaborating on the differences in the relationship based on offence type, as well as the specific facet of the psychopathy. Third: the specific relationship between the combination of psychopathy and sexual deviance will be discussed, including the extent to which this combination adds to the prediction of recidivism when a comprehensive risk measure, such as the Static-99R, is used.

Intended audience: Advanced; Adult; Teach; Clinical

2. Stable-2007 Certification Training (additional fee of \$60 and limited to 50 attendees)

Stacey Benson, PsyD, Sex Offender Treatment and Assessment of North Dakota, Fargo, ND

This is a certification workshop on the Stable-2007. Attendees will learn the research behind the instrument, how to complete the Stable-2007 and the Acute-2007, and how to integrate the results into a comprehensive risk assessment. While not required, prior knowledge of the Static 99-R will be helpful for attendees.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach & Practice skills; Clinical, Research, Supervision & Re-entry

3. Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT): Theory and Application in the Clinical Setting

David Karan, MA, Oak Ridge Center, LLC, Apple Valley, MN

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) has progressed into the ‘gold standard’ therapeutic approach for working with difficult client populations. This workshop will help clinicians gain a greater understanding of DBT, the client population that is best served by its teachings, and learn how to implement these concepts in practice. This training is intended for those who are new to DBT or those with limited experience implementing the modules of DBT within their practice.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach; Clinical

If you are not attending one of the full day workshops above, then choose one morning (A) and one afternoon (P) workshop.

Pre-conference workshops #5A through #15P are on the next three pages.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 continued

Morning Pre-conference Workshops

9:00 a.m. – Noon

4A. Understanding Minnesota's Anti-Sex Trafficking Response: The Past, the Present, and the Future

John Choi, JD, Ramsey County Attorney's Office, St. Paul, MN

Beth Holger, MA, The Link, Minneapolis, MN

In this session, a broad overview of sex trafficking. Attendees will learn about Minnesota's response to the issue and hear about recent efforts around Super Bowl LII. They will also learn more about current and future anti-sex trafficking initiatives.

Intended audience: Moderate; Adult; Teach

5A. Maximizing the Use of Polygraph for Sex Offender Treatment and Probation

Mike Sommer, MA, Forensic Polygraph, Inc., St. Paul, MN

Learn how to best use polygraph in your treatment or probation program. This presentation will cover client preparation for a polygraph and the types of polygraph testing available for clients in treatment and/or on probation. Additionally this presentation will cover how polygraph testing is conducted, and how to use polygraph results.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach; Clinical & Supervision

6A. Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex Offender Treatment but Were Afraid to Ask

Marie Grace, MA, Skipped Parts, LLC, Rochester, MN

Katherine Farrington, MA, Skipped Parts, LLC, St. Paul, MN

This workshop will provide insight into the treatment process and explain what the RNR model looks like in action. Some of the topics we will discuss include: denial in treatment, treatment planning and delivery, working relationships with other entities, stages of change, protective factors, responsibility interference in the treatment process, the use of psychosexual evaluations to guide treatment goals, and polygraph pros and cons.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach; Supervision & Re-entry

7A. Coitus Interruptus: How Your Job Affects Your Sex Life (for women only and limited to 50 attendees)

Tara Osborne Leivian, MA, Minnesota Sex Offender Program, Moose Lake, MN

Nancy Stacken, MA, Minnesota Sex Offender Program, Moose Lake, MN

Friday night boom-chick-a-boom, dim the lights, let the romance begin. Ahh, a thought of a client just popped in your head and ruined the moment. Have you had this experience? If so, you are normal. We will spend time talking about experiences we have had since working in the field and will end the session with techniques to keep our clients in the office.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Present original research; Clinical & Research

8A. Navigating the Web of Adolescent Treatment

Brenda Frye, PhD, Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School of Addiction Studies, Center City, MN

Janae Sullivan, MA, Steps for Change, Edina, MN

Troy Meyers, BS, Hennepin County Juvenile Probation, Minneapolis, MN

Coach Nakumbe, MS, Steps for Change, Edina, MN

Sebastian Rilen, PsyD, 4th Judicial District Psychological Services, Minneapolis, MN

Working with juveniles who have problematic and/or harmful sexual behaviors often present many challenges and it sometimes feels like the strategies we implement are not working. We also may wonder if these strategies are evidence-supported or what others are doing to facilitate change with this population. This work is isolating at times and questions about whether we are providing the most effective treatments often loom. In this workshop, the web of working with adolescents will be untangled, and presenters from a variety of backgrounds will illustrate their approaches, given their role and framework. A case conceptualization formula will be used to guide the process, and a multidisciplinary method with attention to the different needs of the juvenile will be addressed. Practical approaches to individual and group treatment, assessment, family work, and supervision will be provided during this training.

Intended audience: Advanced; Adolescent; Teach & Practice skills; Clinical

9A. Working with the Media to Maximize the Impact of Your Message (limited to 30 attendees)

Ann Snyder, MMS, Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Beaverton, OR

This workshop will teach the basics of media relations including how to understand your target audiences, develop and frame messages, use key messaging techniques, effectively handle interviews with different types of traditional and social media, and appropriately handle crisis communications. This workshop is for anyone who is interested in improving their media relations skills, is required to publicly represent a program or organization, and/or is interested in serving as a subject matter expert when issues and events call for a professional interpretation.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach & Practice skills; Clinical, Research, Supervision, & Re-entry

Pre-conference workshops # 10P through #15P are on the following pages.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 continued

Afternoon Pre-conference Workshops

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

10P. Trauma Across Generations; The Impact of Historical Trauma

Samuel Simmons, AA, LADC, Samuel Simmons Consulting, Minneapolis, MN

This training provides foundational information about the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) study, the impact of historical and/or intergenerational trauma, and the challenges to effectively engage Native American, African American, and other communities of color. The impact of toxic stress on the brain and practical culturally sensitive trauma informed initiatives leading to improved health and outcomes will also be addressed.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach; Clinical

11P. No More “Band-aid” Approaches: Self-care That Works for SOTP Providers

Patty Hlava, PhD, AwakenPeace Healing, Maple Grove, MN

Uncover a new paradigm of self-care and strengthen your ability to cultivate resilience in yourself and others. Through didactic elements to satisfy your intellect and guided practices to offer a fully embodied experience, you will learn how to shift from “band-aid” approaches to self-care and burn-out prevention toward targeting your specific body/mind needs. Be prepared to listen, to move, to experience the power of stillness, and to reflect. Feel free to bring a yoga mat. While this is not required, you may prefer to have this beneath your feet during parts of the session. *NO prior yoga experience required.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach & Practice skills; Clinical

12P. Not Convicted: Sexual Offenses from the Perspectives of Those on the Front Lines of Sexual Violence Intervention

Katie Holmgren, MA, Project Pathfinder, Inc., St. Paul, MN

Jude Foster, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Abuse (MNCASA), St. Paul, MN

Liz De La Torre, BS, Ramsey County SOS Sexual Violence Services, St. Paul, MN

Linda Walther, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Abuse, St. Paul, MN

Tara Ferguson Lopez, JD, Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Minneapolis, MN

Keegan Quinn, Red Wing Police Department, Red Wing, MN

Research has given supervision and treatment professionals much information about those convicted of sexual offenses. This panel is designed to provide information about those who offend and may not see the inside of a court room. The discussion brings together a variety of professionals who work in the field of sexual violence intervention, working with survivors and those convicted of sexual offenses in the disclosure or reporting stage. Panel members include a police investigator, forensic nurse examiner, prosecuting attorney, and victim services advocate. Using what we know, that those who offend, who experience consequences, and who engage successfully in treatment reoffend less than perpetrators of any other crime. The panel will explore ways to increase accountability among those who offend as a means of sexual violence prevention. There will be time for the audience to engage with panel members during a moderated Q&A time.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach; Clinical & Supervision

13P. Assessing Unhealthy Sexuality with Plethysmographic (PPG) and Viewing Time (VT) Technologies

Alan Listiak, PhD, Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN

Mervyn Davies, MA, LOOK Assessment, LLC, Greely, CO

Unhealthy sexuality is a significant risk factor for sexual recidivism. How to assess unhealthy sexuality, interpret, and then apply the results to treatment planning and supervision will be the focus of this conference workshop. The presenters will provide an overview of the two main technologies – the PPG (MONARCH 21 and Limestone PrefTest) and VT (Abel Assessments, Affinity, Limestone, and the LOOK). They will also discuss the pros and cons of each technology, providing criteria to select which clients should be assessed and the most appropriate technology to use for them. Finally, through case studies, the presenters will illustrate how to use and interpret the results for both treatment planning and supervision.

Intended audience: Basic; Teach; Clinical & Supervision

14P. Coming Home: A Documentary About Circles of Support & Accountability

Kevin Nelson, MA, Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN (moderator)

Sarah King, MA, Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN

Michael Schommer, MS, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Moorhead, MN

Andi Morris, BA, Department of Public Safety, St. Paul, MN

Richard, Former Minnesota Circles of Support & Accountability Participant, St. Paul, MN

Coming Home is a documentary film focused on five people returning to their Vermont communities from prison. The film focuses on the innovative COSA program (Circles of Support and Accountability) that helps reintegrate individuals back into their daily lives. Following the film showing, there will be a panel presentation by four people (a program coordinator, supervising agent, community volunteer, and program participant) who have been involved with the Minnesota Circles of Support & Accountability (MnCoSA). They will discuss how their experience with COSA has been similar to and different from the experience in Vermont portrayed in the film.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach; Supervision & Re-entry

Pre-conference workshop #15P is on the next page.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 continued

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

15P. Risk Assessment for the Non-assessor

Terrel Backes, PsyD, Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN and Alpha Human Services, Minneapolis, MN

This workshop will focus on reviewing the most current, evidence-based trends in violence/sexual violence risk assessment. Relevant assessment tools will be discussed, as well as related risk and protective factors. Moreover, a particular emphasis will be placed on how agents and treatment providers may apply principles of risk assessment in their day-to-day duties.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach; Clinical & Re-entry

Optional After-hours Workshops - 4:15-5:45 p.m.

If you plan to attend, choose one – no fee and no CEUs

A. A Practice for De-stressing

Stacy Sandler, The Yoga Branch, North Branch, MN and Isanti County Attorney's Office, Cambridge, MN

How are you? No, really, truly, how ARE you??? Are you taking the time to take care of YOU? Please take these 90 minutes for yourself, and no one else, that's your first step...This workshop will offer participants the opportunity to learn and practice de-stressing strategies, with yoga movement, meditation, and breathwork. These tools can be used to help keep you balanced as you help others within your work, as well as outside of your work. The yoga practice will be kept light, and no previous experience with any of the practices is required. Providers take care of EVERYONE else; this is a workshop focused on taking care of YOU, and how to maintain that balance in your daily life on a regular basis.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach & Practice skills

B. Back by Popular Demand! Self-care for Drummies!

Zachary Campbell, MA, Minnesota Sex Offender Program, Moose Lake, MN

Kelli Bodie-Miner, MSW, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Duluth, MN

Experience mindfulness in a drum circle with the goal of enhancing your self-care for your professional practice. Our innovative curriculum integrates personal growth, consciousness, and holistic professional training in an intimate experiential group. Be prepared, attendees will be asked to be participants.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach; Clinical

Thursday, April 11, 2019

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Check-in and continental breakfast – provided by MnATSA

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Optional workshop: no fee and no CEUs

C. Mindfulness Matters! (limited to 25 attendees)

Kelli Bodie-Miner, MSW, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Duluth, MN

Zachary Campbell, MA, Minnesota Sex Offender Program, Moose Lake, MN

Start your day with an open heart and a wise mind! Clear your mind to allow wholehearted, undivided, focused learning by beginning the day with a mindfulness group. Participants will experience mindfulness with the goal of enhancing consciousness in an experiential group.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Practice skills; Clinical

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Opening, Welcome and Announcements

Kevin Nelson, MA, and Paul Rodriguez, MA, Conference Co-chairs

Elizabeth Griffin, MA, President of MnATSA

Announcement of the 2019 MnATSA Grant Recipients

Announcement of the Jacob Wetterling Scholarship Recipients

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Keynote Address

Sexual Deviance: What Is It and How Do We Assess It?

Jan Looman, PhD, Forensic Behaviour Services, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

This keynote presentation will provide discussion on the concept of sexual deviance. How do we define "sexual deviance"? What do the DSM 5 criteria have to say and how meaningful is that for risk assessment, management, and treatment? It will be proposed that the most meaningful measurement of sexual deviance is thoughts and fantasies and that actual behaviors, while meaningful, are of less importance.

10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Networking/Break

Second keynote and workshops are on the following pages.

Thursday, April 11, 2019 continued

10:45 – Noon

Keynote Address

Helping Young People Develop Healthy Sexuality: A Toolkit for Professionals

Al Vernacchio, MSEd, Friends' Central School, Wynnewood, PA

Young people receive unhealthy messages about sexuality every day. How can professionals who work with youth interrupt this stream of misinformation and help them engage with sexuality in a responsible, value-informed, and deliberate manner? This keynote will offer practical strategies for helping youth define healthy sexuality and practice the skills needed to achieve it.

Noon – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch buffet – provided by MnATSA**

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Workshops –** Select one workshop to attend from #16 through #23.

16. Creating a Community of Consent

Al Vernacchio, MSEd, Friends' Central School, Wynnewood, PA

Every day, young people have the opportunity to negotiate consent as they go through their normal routine. Putting an arm around a friend, looking through another person's cell phone, or grabbing a fry off someone's plate at lunch are all situations where consent should apply yet often does not. This session will begin by focusing on these daily moments of consent and how they influence more significant situations where consent is absolutely essential, like romantic/sexual encounters. Strategies will be offered to create a "culture of consent" that makes it easier and more likely to engage in consent in both ordinary and extraordinary situations.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach; Clinical

17. Failing at Cultural Competence: Overcoming Shame

Contessa Johnson, MA, Steps for Change, Edina, MN

Acacia Gammage, MA, Guadalupe Alternative Programs, St. Paul, MN

Have you ever attended a cultural competency training and left feeling ashamed? We have! In our work with diverse populations, we have learned that shame is the most damaging thing to a therapeutic alliance and has no place in sessions. Instead of another cultural competency training chocked-full of common-sense solutions or the day ending with you crying in your car, we have found a way of bridging that gap through a combination of real-life experiences and research.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach & Practice skills; Clinical

18. Professional Boundaries – What Games Do Clients Play

Jessica Berghorst-Dansky, BA, Washington County Community Corrections, Stillwater, MN

Jeff Dansky, BA, Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN

Learn how to go about ensuring firm boundaries in your role, and how to avoid being set-up by the clients with whom you work. Because you may work in communities where you and your clients may run into each other outside of the office, or where you know the same people, maintaining professional boundaries can be a challenge. What's more, the community people with whom you work may not understand the boundaries that need to be maintained with clients. Therefore, you may find yourself intervening in some tricky situations involving others in the community.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach; Supervision

19. Missing Parent, Misguided Policy: Minnesota's 260C.503 Statute and the Loss of Parental Rights

Tracy Reid, JD, 4th Judicial District, Minneapolis, MN

Elizabeth Griffin, MA, Griffin Counseling and Consulting, St. Louis Park, MN

Jon Brandt, MSW, Mapletree, Maplewood, MN

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In 2012, Minnesota became one of a few states in the country that requires counties to file petitions to terminate the parental rights of individuals convicted, or under certain circumstances, accused of certain predatory offenses. The law, Minnesota Statute 260C.503, Subd. 2(6), is applied to both adults and juveniles, and there is no limit under the law regarding the temporal proximity of the offense. This panel will discuss the impact of Minnesota's maltreatment findings in labeling persons as sex offenders, the requirement of petitions to terminate rights of persons convicted of offenses unrelated to parenting and the application of the law to juveniles.

Intended audience: Advanced; All ages; Teach; Other

20. Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) Therapy Within Sex Offender Treatment

Shelley Rorvick, MA, Duluth Institute, Duluth, MN

Participants will learn about EMDR and its uses within treatment for those convicted of sexual offenses. This includes identifying when a client benefits from EMDR therapy and how to prepare a client prior to transitioning into EMDR. This workshop will provide specific examples of how EMDR can be used to address dynamic risk factors as well as barriers within treatment. In addition, participants will be informed about overlapping research within these two fields.

Intended Audience: Basic; Adult; Teach; Clinical

Workshops #21 through #23 are on the next page.

Thursday, April 11, 2019 continued

21. Self-awareness in Sexual Offender Treatment

Ernest Marshall, MSW, Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, Mauston, WI

Leslie Barfknecht, MSW, Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, Mauston, WI

This workshop will explore the concept of self-awareness within the context of treatment for those convicted of sexual offenses. Therapist self-awareness while providing therapy for those convicted of sexual offenses is a key component in helping facilitate change in others and operationalizes the common factors of effective psychotherapy. Increasing self-awareness in the other is the primary goal of any type of therapy, specifically for those convicted of sexual offenses. Both of these concepts will be explored through didactic discussion and experimental learning.

Intended audience: Advanced; All ages; Teach & Practice skills; Clinical

22. Understanding the Sexual Psychology of Convicted Sexual Offenders, the Crisis of Masculinity, Leading to the Identification of Reasonable Treatment Targets

Greg Giles, MA, Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, Mauston, WI

This workshop will examine the psychological constructs of offense supportive attitudes and sexual interest profiles that contribute to sexual offending and consider the current backlash against toxic masculinity, while identifying treatment targets to foster success for those convicted of sexual offenses. A variety of societal and technological changes that pose life interfering factors for this population will be introduced, with a focus on how to help individuals build healthy lives, despite an unwelcoming community environment.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach; Clinical & Re-entry

23. Treating Gender Dysphoria

Rosemary Munns, PsyD, University of Minnesota Center for Sexual Health, Minneapolis, MN

The World Professional Association for Transgender Health has outlined clinical standards of care for the treatment of Transsexual, Transgender and Gender Non-conforming people. These standards are used as a guideline for providing medical and mental health care to these populations. This presentation will briefly outline how these standards are applied in community settings. This will include information on the informed consent model. The barriers to applying these guidelines in correctional or other secure settings will be discussed.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach; Clinical

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Networking/Break**

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Workshops** – Select one workshop to attend from #24 through #31.

24. The Wisdom of Psychopathy – How Psychopathy Traits Can Become Strengths, Not Weaknesses

Rebekah Jaspersen, MSW, Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, Mauston, WI

Historically, psychopathy traits have been seen as barriers or deficits. In this workshop, we will discuss how they can be turned into strengths and how our clients can use them "for good." The session will be based off of a group curriculum that is currently being utilized at Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center with patients. Part of the curriculum is based off of the book, *The Wisdom of Psychopaths: What Saints, Spies and Serial Killers Can Teach Us About Success*. Individuals will learn the overall structure of the group, how to incorporate it into treatment, as well as ways to look at the traits of psychopathy in a different way.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach & Practice skills; Clinical

25. Treatment Needs and Responsivity Factors when Working with Severely Mentally Ill Sexual Offenders

Amy Gentling, PsyD, Minnesota Sex Offender Program, Moose Lake, MN

Individuals with severe, persistent mental illness who have also engaged in illegal sexually abusive behaviors are a complex and diverse group. Although research suggests that there is a higher prevalence of severe mental illness within those who sexual abuse than the general offender population, they are still often underrepresented within the literature. Given the compound nature of unique needs and challenges which this subpopulation presents, it is important to examine various ways to accommodate their individual treatment needs. Therefore, this presentation reviews the current research surrounding severely mentally ill individuals who sexually offend while examining their unique needs, challenges, and responsivity factors.

Intended audience: Advanced; Adult; Teach; Clinical

26. Technology, Supervision, and Digital Investigations

Ryan Ruzich, BA, Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN

Kelsey Palm, BA, Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN

Technology has now become just as much of a part of probation and parole supervision as other standard conditions. This presentation will discuss some best practices in approaching monitoring of client's internet access as well as tools and techniques that can help investigate violations and promote client's safe use and access of the internet.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach; Supervision

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27. Advanced Risk Assessment for the Non-assessor

Terrel Backes, PsyD, Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN and Alpha Human Services, Minneapolis, MN

This presentation serves as a continuation to the Risk Assessment for the Non-assessor Pre-conference Workshop. It primarily will focus on the application of results derived from actuarial (e.g., the Static-99R, the MnSOST-3.1.2), dynamic (e.g., Stable 2007, Acute 2007), and structured professional judgment (e.g., HCR-20, V3; SVR-20, V2) tools to treatment and supervision, particularly within a Risk-Needs-Responsivity framework. The presentation will include discussion of case studies, with particular attention geared toward how assessment results can be used to inform treatment and supervision.

Intended audience: Advanced; Adult; Teach & Practice skills; Clinical & Re-entry

28. Ethics

Steve McManus, McManus Counseling Services, Golden Valley, MN

This presentation is intended for new therapists to the field and will cover three ethical decision-making models relevant to our field. Two case examples will be given to show how the models are applied in daily practice. Relevant Mental Health Licensing Rules and applicable State Statutes will be integrated.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach; Clinical

29. Every Time an Old Person Dies, It's as if a Library Burns Down (Senegal Proverb)

Katy LeBarron, MA, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Shakopee, MN (moderator)

Gerald Kaplan, MA, Alpha Human Services, Minneapolis, MN

Robin Goldman, MA, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Lino Lakes, MN

Stephen Huot, MEd, Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN

Michael Miner, PhD, University of Minnesota Program in Human Sexuality, Minneapolis, MN

No insinuation that the presenters are 'old.' Come hear the perspectives of those who have been in the treatment field for many years addressing the needs of those who have sexually offended and where the presenters think the field is headed in the future.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach & Practice skills; Clinical, Research, Supervision & Re-entry

30. Speaking Their Language, Meeting Them Where They Are

Jane Ward, PhD, Oregon Center for Change, Beaverton, OR

Diana Groener, MA, Oregon Center for Change, Beaverton, OR

Are you feeling unsure about your treatment approach with high-risk clients? Effective treatment of high-risk clients requires a specialized approach. This workshop summarizes the relevant research regarding RNR principles specific to a high-risk population. It also provides approaches for facilitating a high-risk group, as well as a description of valuable facilitator characteristics that will prove useful with this challenging population.

Intended audience: Advanced; Adult; Teach & Practice skills; Clinical

31. Why Does It Matter?

Traci Thomas-Card, MA, Standpoint, Minneapolis, MN

Kathryn Lockie, MA, Minnesota Sex Offender Program, St. Paul, MN

We all know that there are non-profit community-based victim advocates and sex-offense specific treatment providers, but why is it so important that we understand each other and work together? This workshop will begin by identifying the common goals of non-profit community-based victim advocates and sex-offense specific treatment providers. Non-profit community-based victim advocates and sex-offense specific treatment providers will develop a greater understanding of the work and role of their counterparts. Emphasis will be placed on how this understanding helps increase the victim-centered principle within services provided.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach; Clinical

4:45 – 6:15 p.m. Reception: Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar

This social hour is hosted by MnATSA and our generous sponsors. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar while networking with friends and colleagues.

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(Note: Early start time)

7:00 – 8:15 a.m. Check-in and continental breakfast – provided by MnATSA

8:15 – 8:45 a.m. Presidential Address

Elizabeth Griffin, MA, President of MnATSA

Presentation of the MnATSA Distinguished Service Award

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8:45 – 10:00 a.m. Keynote Address

A Survivor's Perspective: The Demand for Buying Sex

Marian Hatcher, BS, Cook County Sheriff's Office of Public Policy, Chicago, IL

Seen through the eyes of a survivor, this keynote will provide discourse on the driving force behind the business of commercial sexual exploitation "demand." The commercial sex industry is based on a business model: buyer, seller, and manager. The industry thrives because there is a demand for sex and men who are willing to pay for it. The women and girls involved in prostitution, who are trafficked more than 80% of the time, are there mainly because of lack and loss. While this vulnerability is exploited by the buyer and the manager or pimp/trafficker, this is a demand driven business model. "NO Buyers, NO Business."

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Networking/Break

10:30 a.m. – Noon Workshops – Select one workshop to attend from #32 through #38.

32. Addressing the Unacceptable Criminalization of Adult Exploitation

Marian Hatcher, BS, Cook County Sheriff's Office of Public Policy, Chicago, IL

The United States has made strides in addressing the exploitation and sale of our children. While not perfect, it is children who have the attention of the Federal Government. This is gaining ground amongst the states. There remains, however, a dangerous and unfair lag in connecting the dots for those who either reach their 18th birthday while exploited, or those who entered the sex trade as an adult. This session will address the "Structural Violence" that allows this disparity and revisit the basic tenants of the "United Nations Declaration of Human Rights" and the "Palermo Protocols" which clearly and vehemently mute this violation of adult human rights.

Intended audience: Advanced; All ages; Teach; Research & Re-entry

33. Monitoring of Offender Technology by Mental Health, Housing, and Supervision Professionals: Methods and Techniques for 2019

Dan Bick, BA, Cyber and Physical Security Consulting and Training, Plymouth, MN

This presentation will present the fundamentals of the capabilities of cell phone and storage devices used by those who have sexually offended and are now under supervision, their capabilities, and how they are used for non-compliance, violations, or criminal activities by some of these individuals. Proven methods for monitoring and controlling these devices will then be presented. These methods can be used by mental health, transitional housing, or supervision professionals and can provide a level of control but do not require forensic equipment knowledge or cost. Elements for the development of a program will be shown which can meet specific use cases of monitoring in larger organizations. You will gain the practical, next day applicable knowledge which you can use without non-relevant technical information or case descriptions.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach; Clinical & Supervision

34. Scientific Support for Treatment

Gene Abel, MD, Abel Screening, Inc., Atlanta, GA

Converging scientific studies indicate that inappropriate sexual interest is the best predictor of recidivism, and that other anticipated factors were not predictive of recidivism. Results of treatment that mainly focused to reduce deviant interest showed three groups of clients; the first group responded exceedingly well, a second group responded fairly well and the third group responded poorly to cognitive behavioral treatment and needed further intervention.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach, Practice skills & Present original research; Clinical, Research & Supervision

35. A Rough Journey Worth Risking: Counter-transference in Clinical Supervision: Best Paths to Clarify Your Client's Treatment Needs

Nicole Vaineo, MSW, Minnesota Sex Offender Program, Moose Lake, MN

Kathryn Schesso, MA, Minnesota Sex Offender Program, Moose Lake, MN

This presentation looks at transference and counter-transference as a parallel process between client and clinician and clinician and supervisor. Using various theoretical lenses from which to understand this process, suggestions and discussions are shared and encouraged in using the phenomenon of counter-transference in clinical supervision.

Intended audience: Advanced; Adult; Teach & Practice skills; Clinical & Supervision

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36. Exploring Why Men View Internet Child Pornography: Implications for Treatment, Research and Prevention

Thomas Brewer, PsyD, Pacific Northwest Recovery Institute, LLC, Portland, OR
Kevin McGovern, PhD, McGovern & Associates, Portland, OR

The presenters will outline the results of their research, surveying men who have committed child pornography offenses. They will present the findings which include reasons given by those who have committed child pornography offenses for accessing Child Pornography (CP), sexual and emotional explanations for continuing CP use, and other relevant information such as admission of contact offenses, time viewing pornography before accessing CP, age of first sexual experience and more. The presenters will offer thoughts about how these results can guide treatment, research, and ultimately prevention efforts with this population.

Intended audience: Advanced; Adult; Teach & Present original research; Clinical & Research

37. Making a Difference: Informing and Influencing the Legislative Process

Elizabeth Griffin, MA, Griffin Counseling and Consulting, St. Louis Park, MN
Jannine Hebert, MA, Minnesota Sex Offender Program, St. Paul, MN

Policy and laws regarding individuals who have committed sexual offenses are often reactive and driven by emotion rather than research and evidence-based practices. This workshop will assist participants in understanding the structure and process of the legislature and discuss how MnATSA and our members can influence legislators and the legislative process by creating relationships with and providing evidence-based research and information regarding sexual offense behaviors to our Representatives and Senators.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach; Other

38. The Impact and Use of ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences Study) with Adolescents who have Sexually Harmed Others

Michelle Schmid-Egleston, MA, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Red Wing, MN
Angela Schaefer, MA, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Red Wing, MN

This training will focus on how childhood experiences, both positive and negative, have a tremendous impact on future violence victimization and perpetration, and lifelong health and opportunity. The training will specifically explore how ACEs impact adolescents (males) who sexually and physically harm others. ACEs have been linked to risky health behaviors, chronic health conditions, low life potential, and early death. Research indicates that as the number of ACEs increase, so does the risk for these outcomes.

Intended audience: Basic; Adolescent; Teach; Clinical & Research

Noon – 1:15 p.m. Lunch buffet – included with your registration

Note: During this time, the Annual MnATSA Chapter Luncheon meeting will be held in a private dining room for MnATSA members. This meal is provided by MnATSA.

1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Workshops – Select one workshop to attend from #39 through #45.

39. Think Like a Psychopath, Act Like a Saint: Understanding and Responding to Psychopaths

David Swenson, PhD, College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN
Gerald Henkel-Johnson, PsyD, College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN

Psychopathic individuals who have offended offer a real challenge to therapists and correctional officers. Their glib, arrogant, and manipulative styles along with lack of empathy and remorse make them difficult to manage and contribute to practitioner burnout. This program will describe psychopathic behaviors, how they can be managed more effectively, the impact on therapists and treatment culture, and recommendations for resiliency.

Intended audience: Advanced; Adult; Teach; Supervision

40. Maintaining the Racial Order

Kymberleigh Wilhelmy, MA, Alpha Human Services, Minneapolis, MN

Minnesota is one of the most liberal states in the union and ranks second place for the worst racial disparities in the United States. This suggests Minnesotans want equality for some but continue to fall short in the areas of education, housing, employment, health care, mental health care, and the criminal justice system for others. This workshop will attempt to address the curious enigma of racial disparities in a world where racism is said to be a thing of the past. How racism takes place and why it takes place will be the central focus.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach; Clinical

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41. When NASA Computers Stopped My Thoughts: Treating Sex Offenders with a Major Mental Illness (SOMMI)

Lindsay Wert, MSW, Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, Mauston, WI

Jake Schuldies, MSW, Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, Mauston, WI

This workshop will focus on how to work with Sex Offenders with a Major Mental Illness (SOMMI). Research will be reviewed regarding major mental illness as a possible risk factor and/or a protective factor while examining two case studies. The presenters will offer different approaches that are being utilized with SOMMI in a secure treatment center. The goal of this workshop is for participants to gain new interventions to better work with individuals with SOMMI and discuss future research and/or treatment interventions that could be utilized.

Intended audience: Advanced; Adult; Teach & Practice skills; Clinical

42. Residency Restrictions: An Update on the Solution in Search of a Problem

Brian Collins, MS, Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Cloud, MN

Residency restrictions continue to be a hot-button issue in Minnesota. Proponents believe these laws are important because they keep children safe and apart from offenders. However, a mountain of empirical evidence strongly suggests that residency restrictions have no effect on preventing sexual offending or mitigating sexual recidivism. This presentation provides an update on the ever-popular debate by examining the state of residency restrictions in Minnesota.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach; Supervision & Re-entry

43. Basics of Dissociation

Janet Schlegel, MA, Soul Work Counseling, Champlin, MN

Participants will learn the basics of the DSM 5 Dissociative Disorders, differential diagnosis and how to question clients to discern dissociation using the Dissociative Experiences Scale (DES). Dissociation is very common and often goes undetected in the therapeutic setting. This workshop will cover the basics of what dissociation is, what creates it, and how a client with dissociation presents in their daily life. We will discuss symptoms along the spectrum and how to diagnose the Dissociative Disorders of the DSM 5. Training will also be provided on the DES – an instrument used to screen for dissociation.

Intended audience: Basic; Adult; Teach & Practice skills; Clinical

44. Before the Burnout

Cassandra Lind, PsyD, Minnesota Department of Human Services, St. Paul, MN

Lauren Herbert, PsyD, Minnesota Department of Human Services, St. Paul, MN

Thomas Edwards, PsyD, Minnesota Department of Human Services, St. Paul, MN

Have you wondered how you can better support your peers, supervisees, and self to ward off burnout? This interactive session will explore the impact of compassion fatigue, system fatigue, and vicarious traumatization on job satisfaction and personal well-being. By exploring real life examples and other interactive exercises, you will learn how to recognize the symptoms of burnout, generate means to build resilience and healthy coping skills, and acquire new practices to minimize the risk of compassion fatigue in your work and build team morale and cohesiveness.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach; Clinical & Supervision

45. Adding Horsepower to Your Treatment Toolbox *(Note: there will be a miniature horse in this workshop)*

Lynn Moore, MA, Acres for Life Therapy & Wellness Center, Forest Lake, MN

Heather Jeffrey, MA, Acres for Life Therapy & Wellness Center, Forest Lake, MN

Sally Mixon, Acres for Life Therapy & Wellness Center, Forest Lake, MN

Join us as we discuss the power of experiential therapy in addictions recovery! Specifically, we will be looking at how the EAGALA Model of Equine Assisted Psychotherapy is particularly suited to address the inherent issues that present themselves with serving those struggling with mental health and addictions. Through discussion of the modality with horses, the process, and the particular benefits of this type of therapy, attendees will be able to see through assessment graphs, testimonials and case studies the effectiveness of equine assisted psychotherapy in addictions recovery.

Intended audience: Basic; All ages; Teach; Clinical & Re-entry

Registration

Attendance at workshops will be limited to those who have registered for each specific workshop. Your name tag will have your workshop numbers listed on it.

Register for the conference online at www.mnatsa.org. Instructions on how to register are on the website. Select the days you will attend, then one workshop for each of the times listed:

- **Wednesday attendees** select one 6-hour workshop (from #1 through #3) **OR** two, 3-hour workshops – one from group A and one from group P (from #4A through #15P).
- **Thursday attendees** attend both morning keynotes and then select one workshop to attend from selections #16 through #23 and one from selections #24 through #31.

- **Friday attendees** attend the morning keynote and then select one morning workshop from selections #32 through #38 and one afternoon workshop from selections #39 through #45.

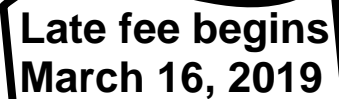
Once registered, you will receive an invoice via your e-mail within a few minutes IF you entered your e-mail address correctly. If you do not receive an invoice, please check your junk mail. If it is not there, then e-mail 4mnatsa@gmail.com to verify that your registration was completed.

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If you are using a purchase order, directions are given during registration. If you do not pay at the time of registration, send a check with your invoice number to: MnATSA, P.O. Box 221, Lake Elmo, MN, 55042-0221. The check must be received by Monday, April 8, 2019. If you register after April 4th, you may present your check at the registration desk upon your arrival at the conference.

Registration Fees

\$155	Pre-conference workshop, Wednesday, April 10, 2019 only
\$155	Thursday, April 11, 2019 only
\$155	Friday, April 12, 2019 only
\$300	Both Wednesday and Thursday, April 10 & 11, 2019
\$300	Both Wednesday and Friday, April 11 & 12, 2019
\$230	Both Thursday and Friday, April 11 & 12, 2019 (MnATSA member**)
\$265	Both Thursday and Friday, April 11 & 12, 2019 (Non-MnATSA member)
\$330	Total conference (combined pre-conference and conference (MnATSA member**))
\$380	Total conference (combined pre-conference and conference (Non-MnATSA member))



**Late fee begins
March 16, 2019**

Registration fee includes that day's conference, continental breakfast, lunch buffet, and coffee breaks.

** You must be a current member of ATSA to join MnATSA. Organizations and agencies are not and cannot be members. Only individuals can be members. See member information below.

MnATSA Membership and Conference Discount

We encourage all eligible individuals to join our state chapter for only \$15 per year. If you work outside of Minnesota and are a member of ATSA, you may join MnATSA as an affiliate member, which entitles you to membership but without voting rights or eligibility for a Board position.

Note: For member discount, you must first mail in your membership application (available at www.mnatsa.org) and check to MnATSA, P.O. Box 221, Lake Elmo, MN 55042-0221. You must be a current member of ATSA to join MnATSA. Organizations and agencies are not and cannot be members. Only individuals can be members.

Student Registration Fee – ends March 15, 2019

Full-time students with a verification letter from their university registrar confirming current full-time enrollment may register through March 15, 2019, for the following amounts: Full Conference – \$285; individual days – \$135; Wednesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday – \$230; Thursday and Friday – \$210. **You must send the verification letter to 4mnatsa@gmail.com within seven days of registering to receive this discount.**

Late Fee

Beginning March 16, 2019, a \$25.00 late fee will automatically be added to each registration. This late fee will also be added when registering at the conference.

Cancellation or Changes to Your Registration

Notice of cancellation or changes to your registration must be provided by 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2019, to receive a refund. No refunds or cancellations are offered after March 15, 2019; however, registration is transferable through March 29, 2019. For a cancellation or transfer, send an e-mail to 4mnatsa@gmail.com. If you have not cancelled by March 15, 2019, and you do not attend the conference, you will still be billed and will owe the full amount.

Conference Food

Daily continental breakfast, lunch buffet, and coffee breaks are included in your conference registration. We have worked with the chef so that the majority of special dietary needs, such as diabetic, vegetarian, gluten/dairy/nut free, coronary, etc., have been addressed in the food provided. Contact us at 4mnatsa@gmail.com if you have questions.

For Your Comfort

We attempt to control room temperature to everyone's satisfaction. However, in a large conference center, room temperatures do vary. Please be responsible for your own comfort and consider wearing layered clothing.

Conference Reception

A reception will be held on Thursday, April 11, from 4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar while networking with friends and colleagues. This social hour is hosted by MnATSA and our generous sponsors.

Continuing Education

Continuing Education Units have been applied for the: Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, Minnesota Board of Social Work, Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy, and Minnesota Board of Psychology. CLE credits have also been requested from the Minnesota Board of Continuing Legal Education.

Exhibitors

Exhibit space will be available throughout the conference. Download the information at www.mnatsa.org or contact 4mnatsa@gmail.com. Exhibits are located in the break area where breakfast and snacks are provided. This offers excellent potential for interaction with the attendees. Exhibit space includes food for one person but does not include attending conference presentations or workshops. Application deadline is March 29, 2019.

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Hotel Internet Service

MnATSA has contracted with the Marriott, so internet access will be available in the entire building, including your hotel guest room as well as in the conference center.

Hotel and Transportation

The Minneapolis Marriott Northwest is located at the intersection of I-94 and Boone Avenue North in Brooklyn Park, MN. It is approximately 12 miles from downtown Minneapolis and 25 miles from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport. Uber, Lyft, and various taxi services are available from the airport. Public transit options are also available at: www.metrotransit.org

All rooms are suites with a separate living room. The rate for guest suites is \$140 per night (plus 10.275% tax) for single or double occupancy for conference participants who register by Tuesday, March 19, 2019. This rate applies only for April 7-14, 2019. There are a limited number of rooms available at this conference rate, and it is strongly recommended that you make your reservation early. Once that number of rooms is booked, the rate increases substantially.

Hotel Reservations

To book your hotel room, call toll-free 1-877-303-1681 or 763-536-8300 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Central Standard Time, and ask for “the room block under MnATSA” or online at

<https://tinyurl.com/Marriott-Hotel-MnATSA-2019>

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1. Check-in will be available after 4:00 p.m. each day.
2. Check-out on your date of departure will be at or before 12:00 noon.
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