THREAT ASSESSMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

OCAD University is pleased to present this 1-Day Conference in partnership with Protect International Risk and Safety Services Inc. and Paragon Security. The conference is taking place on 20 June 2018 in Toronto, Ontario.

The Conference will focus on cutting edge topics related to Threat Assessment in Higher Education including sexual violence and parallel investigations, marijuana use and violence risk, fear management, and safety planning. These are advanced topics in the field of threat assessment that pose challenges issues to consider for both higher education and community stakeholders with whom they collaborate.

The Conference will include presentations from internationally recognized experts in the field including Drs. Stephen Hart and Kelly Watt from Protect International. Panel discussions with diverse community stakeholders will be facilitated by Louis Toromoreno from OCAD University, the co-chair for the Special Interest Group for Higher Education under the Canadian Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (CATAP). This will be an excellent opportunity for networking and collaborating related to threat assessment in higher education.

Special thanks to OCAD University, Protect International Risk and Safety Services Inc. and Paragon Security for sponsoring this non-profit event.

WHY ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

LEARN ABOUT ADVANCED TOPICS

Build your expertise when making decisions about cases that involve violence risk and develop your skills when communicating about these cases.

DISCUSS CHALLENGING ISSUES

Discuss challenging issues related to intersection of sexual violence and parallel investigations, the implications of marijuana use for violence risk assessment, and the need for fear management and safety planning.

NETWORK WITH OTHERS

Strengthen your relationships with professionals with a shared interest in and responsibility for this issue.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This Conference is designed for professionals working in higher education, criminal justice, health care, government, human resources, and social services.
Conference Overview

Sexual Violence and Parallel Investigations

Changes to legislation have highlighted higher education responsibility for preventing and responding to incidents of sexual violence. But confusion remains about how to put these responsibilities into practice. This confusion is largely due to the complexity of sexual violence in higher education and the fact that parallel investigations are often triggered when an incident occurs. For instance, higher education has a responsibility to investigate complaints of past sexual violence to determine if it is criminal in nature (and may need to be reported to the police) or if it is civil in nature (and will need to be handled under sexual assault policies). Second, higher education has a responsibility to investigate risk for future sexual violence to determine how to prevent it. These are distinct responsibilities that often overlap and therefore are commonly confused, but which require different actions. This presentation will help to clarify the diverse responsibilities higher education has related to investigating complaints about past sexual violence and investigating risk of future sexual violence.

Marijuana Use and Violence Risk

The proposed Cannabis Act would legalize the production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis across Canada within a strict legal framework. The Act seeks to restrict youth access to cannabis, deter criminal activities related to cannabis, and protect public health through product safety, quality requirements, and public awareness. However, many concerns and questions have been raised about the implications of the Act for health and safety of students, staff, and faculty in higher education settings. This presentation will review the rapidly-growing body of research revealing an association between marijuana use and violence risk, and then discuss the implications of this association for risk assessment and management. Key practice issues will be illustrated with case studies.

Fear Management

Managing the fear experienced by potential victims and targets of violence is an important and often overlooked task when conducting violence risk assessment and management. Fear experience by potential victims or targets may be problematic in two ways - it may viewed as “too low” or “too high” by the professional or team conducting the violence risk assessment in higher education. The hope is that the level of fear will be “just right” and consistent with the scenarios of future violence that a professional or team thinks are plausible, useful, and consensual. This presentation will discuss possible implications of victim fear that is viewed as “too low” or “too high,” both of which could lead to increased risk and decreased safety. In addition, this presentation will review possible strategies that can be used to manage fear at both an individual and institutional level.

Safety Planning

This presentation will discuss higher education’s responsibilities related to victim safety planning. Victim safety planning is one of the major management strategies for all violence risk assessments and is a responsibility under both professional obligations and occupational health and safety regulations. However, it is often not given the attention it deserves or requires. The vast majority of violence occurs in the context of a relationship with others, including current or former intimate partners, family and friends, coworkers and supervisors, and clients or patients. Sometimes there is very little that can be done to intervene with a perpetrator of violence. But a great deal that can be done to support a victim of violence. This presentation will provide an overview of best practices and challenging issues related to safety planning and will discuss how to build internal competencies in this area and when to rely on external resources.
CONFIRMED PRESENTERS

Dr. Stephen Hart is a Professor in the Department of Psychology with Simon Fraser University, a Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Psychology at the University of Bergen in Norway and works as a Threat Assessment Specialist at Protect International Risk and Safety Services Inc. His expertise is in the field of clinical-forensic psychology, with a special focus on the assessment and management of violence risk and psychopathic personality disorder.

Dr. Kelly Watt works as Threat Assessment Specialist at Protect International Risk and Safety Services Inc. and a Workplace Consultant at Competence Center Bergen. She is a member of the Mental Health, Law, and Policy Institute at Simon Fraser University. Her expertise is in the field of clinical-community-forensic psychology, with a special focus on violence risk assessment and management, victim safety planning, coordinated community responses, and threat assessment teams.

DAILY SCHEDULE

The Conference runs from 0900 to 1600, with morning and afternoon tea and a lunch break from 1200 to 1300. Registration is from 0830 to 0900.

LOCATION

OCAD University
100 McCaul Street
M5T1W1
Room 190 - Auditorium

HOTEL

Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodations as necessary.

COST

Early Bird Rate
Up to 30 May 2018 $125 + HST

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Groups of 5 or more: free registration for every fifth person from the same institution

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Cancellation or changes to registrations must be received in writing. Full registration fees will be refunded up to and including 30 May 2018. After 30 May 2018, 80% of the registration fees received will be refunded. We reserve the right to cancel the workshop by 30 May 2018 if we fail to reach the minimum paid enrollment number. Participants will receive a full refund in the event of a workshop cancellation.

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