Correctional and Criminal Justice is a specialty area in psychology. It is not simply about taking what works for the general population and putting it to work within a correctional setting. It is about adapting psychology to the client, adapting to the organizations that correctional and criminal justice psychologists work for, and adapting to the systems that this field serves with the goal to protect society and to improve the quality of life of individuals who are far too often marginalized. As a specialty area in Psychology, we need ongoing training and education that meet our specific needs. Cooperative efforts between the Canadian Psychological Association, the American Psychological Association, and their respective Criminal Justice Sections put together the first and second North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conferences in 2007 and 2011 to meet the needs of researchers in the field and the practitioners who daily face the challenge of a practice within the criminal justice system. Both conferences were a tremendous success and featured well over 200 presentations. I trust you will share our enthusiasm and join us for this conference in 2015.

“The NACCJPC is the most important and interesting conference in the world on criminological and correctional psychology. The standard of sessions is extremely high and everyone will learn a great deal from attending this conference. I learned a lot from the conference that was held in the beautiful city of Ottawa and I urge all interested researchers to attend this conference.”

David P. Farrington
Emeritus Professor of Psychological Criminology, Cambridge University
Distinguished Keynote Speakers

Our invited speakers will make this truly an international event:

Dr. Kirk Heilbrun
Professor
Drexel University
United States of America

Dr. Devon Polaschek
Professor, School of Psychology
Victoria University of Wellington
New Zealand

Dr. Ruth Mann
Head of Evidence and Offence Specialism
National Offender Management Service
United Kingdom

Dr. Kevin Douglas
Associate Professor
Simon Fraser University
Canada

Plan now to submit your original work

We anticipate the submissions portal to open on October 1st 2014 with a December 1st deadline. In October simply follow the links on our website or Facebook page to submit your concurrent workshop, symposia, or posters presentations.

All submissions will be subject to a peer review process. Where the quantity of submissions exceeds time allocations priority will be given based upon quality of the presentation and balance of program topics. Whenever possible symposia submissions not accepted due to scheduling limitations will be allowed to submit as a poster presentation.

Presentations will be scheduled at the discretion of the organizers. Every attempt will be made to provide ample time for presentations. Presenters should be aware that symposia time slots are not expected to exceed 1.5 hours and may be 1 hour in length depending on the quantity of submissions. Presenters will be provided with the length of time upon notification of acceptance.

Unless invited, presentations previously published or presented at a CPA or APA or other national professional/research organization event may not be presented unless they include substantial elaboration or new information.

Additional Activities

NACCJPC registrants are also able to attend all activities of CPA's annual convention expanding your educational opportunities. The many activities will include invited speakers, pre-conference workshops, concurrent workshops, symposia, posters, student awards for poster presentations, a "Celebration of Excellence" awards reception, and many opportunities to network with leading researchers and practitioners.

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