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This FREE skills building webinar series is being hosted by Division 56 Trauma Psychology of the American Psychological Association in collaboration with the co-sponsoring Divisions. The webinar will be followed by an opportunity to ask the presenters questions.

Join us for our March webinar: “Conducting Asylum Evaluations”

Elizabeth Carll, PhD, William Salton, PhD, and Jennifer McQuaid, PhD

This webinar is the second of a series of free skills building webinars focused on providing trauma informed mental health services to address the needs of the growing number of refugees, immigrants, and internally displaced people worldwide. Additional information in follow up to the first webinar about participating and being listed in the the Refugee Mental Health Resource Network will be discussed. This will be followed by two presentations on asylum evaluations. A clinically sensitive, well-documented psychological evaluation can play a pivotal role in an individual’s path to being granted asylum. There is no standard protocol for asylum evaluations, as these vary with the organizations utilizing them. The first presentation

will examine an in depth interview to prepare a psychological affidavit that humanizes the applicants, establishes their credibility, and supports their legal claim with clinical and diagnostic evidence and will discuss adapting existing clinical skills to achieve these goals. The second process for evaluating asylum seekers will utilize standardized assessment tools, within a framework that recognizes the specific mental health needs of this vulnerable population. Strategies for overcoming challenges specific to this task, techniques for building rapport and facilitating the clinical interview will be discussed. Providing diagnostic feedback, psycho-education and treatment recommendations will also be described.



Elizabeth Carll, PhD is president of the APA Trauma Psychology Division and chairs the APA Refugee Mental Health Resource Network. Dr. Carll serves on the executive committee and is a former chair of the United Nations NGO Committee on Mental Health and has developed various disaster/crisis management programs and is in private practice.



William Salton, PhD is Director of the Max and Celia Parnes Family Psychological and Psychoeducational Services Clinic at the Ferkauf Graduate School of Yeshiva University. He co-directs, with Dr. Carl Auerbach, the Yeshiva Asylum Project, that trains graduate students to work with asylum seekers. He has a private practice of psychotherapy.



Jennifer McQuaid, PhD is a clinical psychologist in private practice. For the past decade, she has served as the Consulting Clinical Psychologist to Sanctuary for Families, which provides services for survivors of domestic violence, sex trafficking and related forms of gender violence. She frequently evaluates and provides expert witness testimony for asylum applicants.

Friday, March 17, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Eastern

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