



THE 2022

CONTINUUM CONFERENCE

**UNMASKING THE
FUTURE: REVIEW,
RE-EVALUATE, RENEW**



**2 & 3
MAY
2022**
An Online Event!

FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Dr. Michael Seto
Bente Skau & Anthony Odoardi
Dr. Apryl Alexander
Maree Crabbe
Dr. Alex Rodrigues**

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ABOUT THE CONTINUUM



Founded in 1995, the Continuum of Services for Adolescents Who Have Engaged in Sexually Abusive Behaviour (The Continuum) grew out of a small group of clinicians in Toronto who met to discuss and coordinate their work with youth who have engaged in sexually abusive behaviour. This group shared a commitment to providing effective treatment to these youth in order to reduce sexual offence recidivism, and thereby reduce further victimization. With the move to a more formal network came the inclusion of a much wider range of professional groups and service providers, including probation, residential and day treatment programs, children's mental health centres, child welfare agencies, the police, the judiciary, lawyers and Crown Attorneys. As the name suggests, the intention was to support and coordinate the work of this "continuum" of services and people who become involved with these youth, from the first point of contact to their transitioning from treatment.

Since 1995, The Continuum has endeavoured to provide leadership in their field. Our annual conference has provided up-to-date training on a variety of topics related to the assessment and treatment of youth who have engaged in sexually abusive behaviour, and other clinically relevant topics. Through a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation in the late 1990s, The Continuum initiated a research project designed to measure the efficacy of comprehensive treatment and to inform the development of best practice standards. This project later became the foundation for a long-term national research project.

For several years, beginning in the late 1990s, The Continuum's Steering Committee created a Legal Issues Sub-Committee to identify legislative and procedural barriers in the youth justice, child welfare and treatment systems. Finally, The Continuum has, throughout its existence, been a persistent conduit for advocacy for the treatment needs of this population and the resource needs of those who share our commitment to reducing sexual violence.

Still true to its origins, The Continuum continues to be a coalition of agencies and individuals committed to reducing sexual violence and protecting the community. We still receive no outside funding, so we depend on our participants to carry out and support the work of The Continuum. Our strength and dynamism comes from the individuals and organizations that make up The Continuum. We invite you to get involved and to stay in touch.

In recognition of the 25th Anniversary in 2020, there was a recognition that words matter. The words we use can influence people's perceptions, attitudes, and actions. As professionals working to address misperceptions about sexual abuse, we recognize the importance of accurately communicating about individuals who have abused, in the hope that they will have opportunities to live safe, fulfilling and offence-free lives. As such, The Continuum will undergo another name change to: "The Continuum Of Services For Adolescents Who Have Engaged In Sexually Abusive Behaviour".



Dr. Michael
Seto,
Ph.D., C.Psych

FEATURED SPEAKER



Abstract:

This presentation will review different ways that young people can engage in sexually harmful behavior, with an emphasis on online behavior such as accessing illegal pornography, nonconsensual sharing of sexually explicit images, and grooming of younger children. The presentation will summarize research on risk and protective factors for perpetration, and ways that perpetration can be prevented.

Bio:

Dr. Michael Seto is a registered clinical and forensic psychologist and currently a research director with the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group, as well as Professor in Psychiatry at the University of Ottawa. He also serves as the Editor-in-Chief of Sexual Abuse, the ATSA journal. Dr. Seto has published extensively on pedophilia, sexual offending against children and online offending. He regularly presents at scientific meetings and professional workshops on these topics. He has written well-reviewed books on pedophilia and sexual offending against children (2008, second edition in 2018) and on internet sexual offending (2013), all published by the American Psychological Association.

SPEAKERS



Bente Skau, Ph.D & Anthony Odoardi, Peel Regional Police

Following Unfounded



Bente Skau

Anthony Odoardi



FEATURED SPEAKERS



Abstract:

What happens when you mix rape crisis workers, trauma therapists and domestic violence experts with a few good cops and cap this off with an open invitation from Halton Regional Police Services? Well, some good things actually. In this session we will highlight the Halton Region Community response to the sexual assault “unfounded” issues that were documented by Robyn Doolittle in the Globe and Mail in 2017.

Objectives:

1. *Delineating what was/is the “unfounded issue” as it relates to sexual assault in Canada.*
2. *Outlining the community/police response including the case review process.*
3. *Examining both the findings of this process and the subsequent recommendations.*
4. *Looking at the current state of “unfounded” and some thoughts about where to go next.*

Bios:

Bente Skau, Ph.D, MSW, RSW ~ After completing her MSW at the University of Toronto in 1994, Bente worked with children, youth and families in a children’s mental health context. Bente has extensive training in family therapy and was committed to integrating a social justice focus into her practice work. In 2016, Bente took on the role of Director of Clinical Services for Radius. In addition, she teaches in the School of Social Work at York University in Toronto. Bente’s chief academic interests are in the areas of social work theory construction, epistemology, Queer Theory and Masculinity Studies.

Anthony Odoardi, Deputy Chief, Peel Regional Police (PRP), began his career in 1995 with the Halton Regional Police where he worked in all aspects of Operations and Administration, having spent much of his career in various investigative capacities. At the rank of Superintendent, Anthony led a number of strategic and innovative police initiatives, including oversight for special projects. One of these projects included enhancing competent and respectful police services for survivors of sexual assault. In June 2020, Anthony was hired as Deputy Chief with Peel Regional Police, and is responsible for Innovation and Technology Command.



Dr. Apryl Alexander, Psy.D.

Blending Voices, Strengthening Lives

FEATURED SPEAKER



Abstract:

Sociocultural factors in the assessment and treatment of individuals who sexually offend are important to examine. Awareness of implicit biases and the cultural competence of the therapist are essential to ethical treatment. Cultural humility is the ability to maintain an interpersonal stance that is other-oriented in relation to aspects of cultural identity that are more important to the client. Participants will become informed of cultural considerations in the assessment and treatment of individuals who sexually offend. This workshop will assist participants in identifying cultural factors (i.e., racial/ethnicity, language, religion, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation, and disability) during assessment to better inform treatment and risk management recommendations. This seminar is rated: Adult & Youth | Preliminary Learning Goals: • Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to explore therapist implicit biases and gain knowledge on how to become a culturally-humble clinician. • Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to identify broad sociocultural (i.e., racial/ethnic, language, religion, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation, education, and disability) factors that influence individuals who have committed sexual offenses.

Bio:

Apryl Alexander received a B.S. in Psychology from Virginia Tech and M.S. from Radford University. She also received her M.S. and Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Florida Institute of Technology with concentrations in forensic psychology and child and family therapy. Dr. Alexander completed her pre-doctoral internship at Patton State Hospital, the largest forensic psychiatric hospital in the country. She also completed her post-doctoral fellowship in forensic psychology at Minnesota State Operated Forensic Services (MSOFS) conducting competency to stand trial, competency to proceed, and criminal responsibility evaluations, as well as violence and sexual violence risk assessments. Currently, Dr. Alexander is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Denver's Graduate School of Professional Psychology and the Denver Forensic Institute for Research, Service, and Training (Denver FIRST). Her research interests are focused in the areas of violence, victimization, and forensic assessment.

SPEAKERS



Maree Crabbe,

Pornography and sexual abuse prevention: Why is porn an issue and how can we address it?



FEATURED SPEAKER



Abstract:

Pornography has become a violence prevention issue we can't afford to ignore. Arguably the most prominent form of sexuality education, pornography is shaping young people's sexual understandings and experiences, with serious implications for their capacity to navigate relationships and sexuality that are safe, respectful and consenting. There is growing concern internationally that pornography's influence is contributing to cultural conditions that cultivate sexual assault.

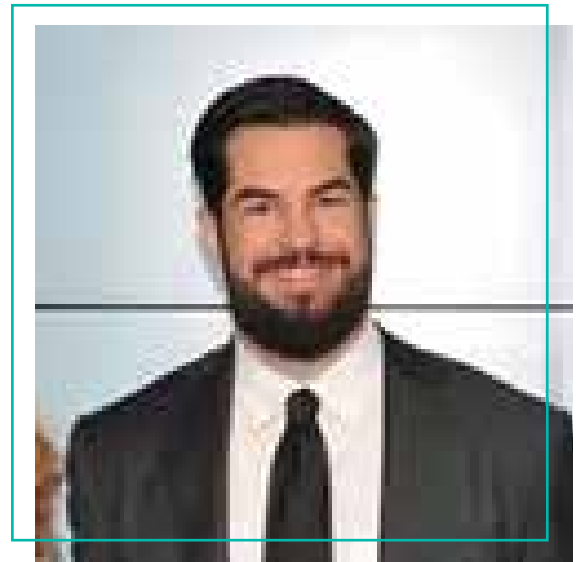
This workshop will support participants to analyse pornography's prevalence, nature and influence, and explore practical examples of how its influence may be addressed.

Bio:

Maree Crabbe is Director of the Australian violence prevention project, It's time we talked. She is co-producer of the broadcast documentary films Love and Sex in an Age of Pornography and The Porn Factor, and author of In The Picture, a secondary school resource addressing the influence of explicit sexual imagery. Maree has worked with young people – and on issues affecting young people – for 25 years. She has developed and delivered programs focusing on sexual violence prevention, pornography, sexual diversity and prevention of STIs. Maree's contributions to public conversations about young people, sexuality and pornography include interviews on television and radio, and articles in online, print and academic media.

Dr. Alex Rodrigues Psy.D.

*Rebooting Our Approach: Talking Tech,
Teens, & Sex*



FEATURED SPEAKER

Abstract:

As a result of greater access to the Internet and its ever-expanding resources, individuals, especially adolescents, are at risk of being exposed to inaccurate, and in some cases, dangerous sexual content. The proposed presentation will provide those interacting with adolescents with a helpful framework for addressing the intersection of technology and sexuality with youth. For instance, attendees will learn about the potential risk and benefits that the Internet offers regarding sexual education, why adolescents' development and neurobiology places them at greater risk of unsafe online behavior, key resources that can help frame the issue for adults, and emerging interventions designed to address such issues with teenagers and help facilitate their growth as responsible digital citizens.

Learning Goals:

1. Learn about some of the risky sexual digital content that adolescents are routinely confronted with.
2. How such content can affect adolescents' sexual understanding.
3. How to engage adolescents in a collaborative approach when discussing technology, teenagers, and sex.

Bio:

Dr. Rodrigues is a forensic psychologist and operates a private consultation practice where he completes a variety of forensic evaluations, including sex offense-related evaluations, competency to stand trial, insanity, and juvenile transfer assessments. Dr. Rodrigues has been qualified as an expert and testified in various jurisdictions. The Colorado Sex Offender Management Board (CSOMB) has recognized Dr. Rodrigues as an approved provider/evaluator for both juvenile and adult populations. Additionally, he is a volunteer participant for CSOMB's best practice committee, reviewing emerging practices for adoption and implementation. He previously served as a psychologist on a pre-trial unit at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D.C. as well as a member of the hospital's forensic consultation service, completing both competency to stand trial and risk assessments. Recently, Dr. Rodrigues opened a satellite office in Colorado to complement his practice in the D.C. metropolitan area. Aside from court-related evaluations, Dr. Rodrigues provides consultation to law enforcement, government agencies, and corporations on mental health/violence related issues in the workspace.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



May 2022

2 Monday

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	—————	<i>ZOOM Registration Opens</i>
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	—————	<i>Opening Remarks</i>
9:15 AM - 10:45 AM	—————	<i>Dr. Michael Seto, Ph.D., C.Psych</i>
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	—————	<i>Refreshment Break</i>
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	—————	Following Unfounded <i>Bente Skau and Anthony Odoardi</i>
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	—————	<i>Lunch Break on your own</i>
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	—————	Blending Voices. Strengthening Lives. <i>Dr. Apryl Alexander, Psy.D.</i>
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	—————	<i>Refreshment Break</i>
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM	—————	Blending Voices. Strengthening Lives. <i>Dr. Apryl Alexander, Psy.D.</i>

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



May 2022

Tuesday **3**

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	—————	<i>Opening Remarks</i>
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM	—————	Pornography and Sexual Abuse Prevention: Why is Porn an Issue and How Can We Address It? <i>Maree Crabbe</i>
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	—————	<i>Refreshment Break</i>
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	—————	Presentation Continues <i>Maree Crabbe</i>
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	—————	Today's Research, Tomorrow's Future
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	—————	The Jim Shea Award Presentation
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	—————	<i>Lunch Break</i>
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	—————	Rebooting Our Approach: Talking Tech, Teens, & Sex <i>Dr. Alex Rodrigues, Psy.D.</i>
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	—————	<i>Refreshment Break</i>
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM	—————	Rebooting Our Approach: Talking Tech, Teens, & Sex <i>Dr. Alex Rodrigues, Psy.D.</i>



THE JIM SHEA MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE Call for Nominations

Submission Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2022 before 5:00 p.m.

Jim Shea spent much of his social work career developing and delivering services for youth who have engaged in sexually abusive behaviour and for those affected by them. He was the founding Director of the Peel Collaborative Child and Adolescent Sexual Abuse Treatment Program, where he worked until his death in the summer of 2005.

This award is made once a year to someone from the Continuum's membership who has made a significant contribution to the development and provision of services to youth who have sexually offended. Recipients are those who, like Jim, have contributed to our development and collaboration as a service community, have encouraged and supported workers, especially those just entering in this field of practice, and who have engaged in practice that is respectful, collaborative and effective.

Each year the Continuum Committee invites members of the Continuum to nominate someone who meets

the following criteria:

- Nominees should have been involved in working for a significant period of time with youth who have engaged in sexually abusive behaviour, their families and those affected by their offending behaviour.
- Their practice should have had an impact on the youth and/or service providers in Ontario.
- Their contribution to this field of practice, in whichever role they occupy, should be remarkable for its longevity, impact, novelty or scope.
- They have practiced in a way that has fostered appropriate attention to the issues and an appropriate regard for the youth we collectively serve.
- They have yet to receive recognition for their efforts that is clearly deserved.

Please forward your nominations with a brief summary outlining how your nominee meets the above criteria.

Nominations should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2022.

NOMINATION FORM



Nominee Information

Name of Nominee: _____

Affiliated Organization(s): _____

Credentials: _____

Years of Service: _____

How has the Nominee made a significant contribution to the development and provision of services to youth who have sexually offended.

Thank you for your nomination!

Submissions Instructions:

1. Click the "SUBMIT" button below to email OR
2. Fill in and email this page to: Allison Swanson at aswanson@radiuscys.ca

REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Registration Fees:

Earlybird (before April 1, 2022):	\$125	Group:	\$125
General:	\$150	Student:	\$100

Please Note the Following:

- Registered Social Workers of OASW may qualify for reimbursement of conference fees. Applications can be found [here](#).
- Student Fee - a photocopy of current Student I.D. must accompany registration. Email to: aswanson@radiuschild-youthservices.ca.
- Group Fees - Applicable to three (3) or more from the same Agency/Organization. All individuals must register at the same time to receive the group discount.
- The Contact Person (CP) for the group should be listed below if different than the Primary Attendee.
- Participants who register online will receive an automatic registration confirmation by email from CanadaHelps following their payment submission. For those who submit their registration by fax or mail, confirmations will be generated and emailed from Radius Child and Youth Services prior to the conference. Please bring this email confirmation with you to the conference.
- **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS - If you are paying via credit card, choose one of the following:**
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****NOTE:** We welcome an open and free exchange of ideas and perspectives at this year's Continuum Conference. Please note that we do not endorse nor repudiate the views and opinions of any of the guest speakers/presenters. Further, the target audience of the Continuum Conference is: mental health professionals, social workers, probation officers, residential staff, child welfare staff, judiciary, therapists and child and youth workers.