

2010 ACEA Conference Schedule 'Marginalized Populations'

Wed March 3	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Registration
	6:00 – 6:30 pm	Cocktails
	6:45 – 8:00 pm	Banquet – Summit Room
	8:30 - Midnight	<i>Walter MacDonald White Bear – Glacier Room</i> Short presentation with Networking to follow Toonie Bar

Thurs March 4	7:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast – Glacier Room		
	8:45 – 10:15 am	<i>Michael Chettleburgh</i> <i>Working with Street Gang Affiliated Youth</i>		
	10:15 – 10:30 am	Break		
	10:30 – Noon	<i>Bonnie Blankert & Mary Cole</i> <i>How Do I Teach Strategies To Someone Who Has</i> <i>Trouble With Attention?</i>		
	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch – Glacier Room		
	1:00 – 2:30 pm	<i>Jonathan McGregor</i> <i>When Victims Offend: The Domestic Violence Flip</i>		
	2:30 – 2:45 pm	Break		
	2:45 – 3:45 pm	<i>Jan Fox</i> <i>Education - the key to</i> <i>successful reintegration</i> Summit Room	<i>Walter MacDonald</i> <i>White Bear</i> <i>“The Spirit Within”</i> Lynx Room	
	Free Evening Hospitality Room – Pine Room (9:00 pm – 11:00 pm) Toonie Bar			

Fri March 5	7:00 – 8:15 am	Breakfast	
	8:30 – 9:45 am	<i>Stephen Johnston / Kimberley Petelski</i> <i>Breaking Barriers: Managing Marginalized</i> <i>Offenders In The Community</i>	
	9:45 – 10:00 am	Coffee and Time for Hotel Check Out	
	10:00 – 11:15 am	<i>Hieu Van Ngo & Mahdi Qasqas</i> <i>From Planes to Pens: Educating Offenders</i> <i>Across Cultures</i>	
	11:30 – 12:00 pm	AGM & Elections	
	12:15 pm	Lunch	

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CONFERENCE SESSION INFORMATION

Thursday March 4

8:45 am – 10:15 am

WORKING WITH STREET GANG AFFILIATED YOUTH

Michael C. Chettleburgh

Michael C. Chettleburgh is a recognized Canadian street gang expert. Since 1991, he has run his own consultancy, Astwood Strategy Corporation, specializing in criminal justice issues including prevention program design, evaluation, social marketing and training, serving organizations such as the RCMP, Ottawa Police, the Cree Regional Authority, the National Crime Prevention Centre and the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Service. He is author of the best-selling non-fiction book and Donner Book Prize runner-up, *Young Thugs: Inside the Dangerous World of Canadian Street Gangs* (HarperCollins Canada, 2007), author of the 2002 *Canadian Police Survey on Youth Gangs* and the 2008 *Canadian Street Gang Survey*, and author of the upcoming book, *Gladiator School: Life Inside Canadian Prisons* (HarperCollins Canada, 2011). Michael has been a featured presenter at many conferences and is the country's foremost media commentator on street gangs and related criminal justice matters, with credits including the CTV National News, CBC's The National, Global Television, CBC Radio One, National Post, Toronto Star, the Times of London, the Wall Street Journal and hundreds of others.

Session Overview:

In this dynamic presentation, Michael Chettleburgh will provide an overview of both the national and regional street gang picture, including scope, trends and developments and principal drivers. He will also discuss issues related to incarcerated gang members, including risk and threat assessment, offender management, case planning and front line staff safety, as well as will present emerging best and model practices in respect to street gang prevention, intervention and re-integration.

Thursday March 4

10:30 am – Noon

HOW DO I TEACH STRATEGIES TO SOMEONE WHO HAS TROUBLE WITH ATTENTION?

Bonnie Blankert & Mary Cole

Bonnie Blankert is the President of the Canadian Association of Disability Service Providers in Post-Secondary Education, and a Disabilities Consultant at Mount Royal University. Bonnie specializes in working with students with learning disabilities and Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. She previously worked at the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Centre in Calgary as the Psychosocial Coordinator, Educational Specialist and counsellor. Bonnie has also worked at the Calgary Learning Centre assisting students in applying learning strategies.

Mary Cole has been in the business of Education since 1984. She was employed by the Calgary Board of Education as a regular classroom teacher, a special education teacher, a learning strategist and a consultant. Mary has taught all grades except grade 12 in a variety of settings including regular, segregated (Alberta Children's Hospital – Outpatient Mental Health program), and congregated (Gifted and Talent Junior and Senior High program: GATE) programs. For approximately 11 years Mary worked at the Calgary Learning Centre on a clinical diagnostic

team for individuals with complex learning and attention issues; provided extensive professional development to teachers, psychologists and other service providers; published manuals and research specific to the needs of learning disabled persons; presented at conferences both in Canada and the United States; and co-developed and coordinated POWER (Providing Opportunities Within Everyone's Reach) for youth-at-risk involved with the law who experience complex literacy challenges. Mary currently works at Mount Royal University as an Access Advisor for students with self-identified disabilities. Her specialization is within the complex needs of individuals experiencing learning, attention and related/co-existing disorders.

Session Overview:

The session will give participants an overview of AD/HD across the lifespan, co-existing challenges, and mimickers, all of which that can affect the delivery and effectiveness of strategy instruction. With this in mind, strategies and resources for educators will be offered, and methods to support the student's transition into the community, workplace or post-secondary institutions will be highlighted. Time will be made available for discussion and questions.

Thursday March 4

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

WHEN VICTIMS OFFEND: THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FLIP

Jonathan McGregor

Jonathan McGregor: I am a Marriage and Family Therapist (with the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy - AAMFT), and I have been working at the Calgary Counseling Centre for 3 years. I completed my Master of Science degree at the University of Guelph, and I have worked in the area of family violence prevention since 2007, both at the Calgary Counseling Centre and at women's shelters (Calgary Emergency Women's Shelter, YWCA Sheriff King Home). I have been working for the last 2yrs with men who have experienced domestic abuse, and I coordinate the Male Victims of Domestic Abuse Program, based out of the Calgary Counseling Centre and collaborating with the Wheatland Crisis Shelter. The population of male victims goes widely unnoticed, and is marginalized by the dominant story about family violence as male perpetrated. The Male Victims Program has worked with men both within and outside the justice system, and operates to increase both accessibility to services for men experiencing abuse, and awareness in the community of the need for services.

Session Overview:

Whereas services for women experiencing domestic abuse have burgeoned in recent decades, the dearth of services for men experiencing domestic abuse perpetuates men's silence. The growing area of recognizing men who have experienced domestic abuse indicates that a population of men suffers domestic abuse at the hands of their families and/or intimate partners, primarily through emotional, verbal, and psychological means. Furthermore, women who use violence and abuse against their male partners have often experienced abuse in their current or previous intimate relationships. This suggests that for some men, their risk of experiencing abuse may stem from their use of abuse. This has implications for assessment, safety planning, and working with men who have experienced domestic abuse. The proposed presentation will give case examples of these issues, based on participants of the Male Victims of Domestic Abuse Program, with the aim of stimulating conversation about approaching the issue of male victims. Case examples will discuss information on men's experiences of abuse, assessment of perpetration vs experience of abuse, and safety planning.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Thursday March 4 **2:45 – 3:45 pm** **Summit Room**

EDUCATION - THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL REINTEGRATION

Jan Fox

Jan Fox has more than 28 years experience in the Corrections Service of Canada. She has Institutional, Community, Regional and National Headquarters experience. She is currently the District Director of Alberta/NWT District Parole.

Prior to her appointment as District Director in November of 1999, she was the Warden at Edmonton Institution for Women. She has also held the position of Assistant Warden Correctional Programs at Saskatchewan Penitentiary. Other positions included Minimum Security and at the high Security Unit in Prince Albert.

Jan has a BA (Advanced) in Psychology from the University of Saskatchewan. She is active in a number of community groups including Rotary International, Women in Police and Corrections and Connecting Women. She is a member of the Mayor's Safer Cities Advisory Committee and was an active member of the 1996 and 1997 United Way Cabinet Committee.

Jan was recently honored by Connecting Women and ITV News when she was presented with a "Women of Vision" award.

In 2003 she was presented with the APEX Partnership Award by the Association of Professional Executives of the Public Service of Canada. She was recognized for her visionary work in creating and maintaining partnerships which both create safer Canadian communities and support the goals of Canada's correctional system.

Jan is married to John Junker. They have two children, Michael and Sarah.

Session Overview:

Jan is passionate about the role education plays in the safe and successful reintegration of offender back to their communities. This is perhaps even more important for marginalized groups of offenders. Join Jan for this interactive session about motivating and influencing offenders to fully engage in their own educational plans. As the former warden of a Women's Prison Jan has some unique perspectives on what works for women and what motivates them. The principles of creating choices will be revisited in this presentation and Jan will share some very successful stories of women who succeeded because of their educational endeavors.

Thursday March 4 **2:45 – 3:45 pm** **Lynx Room**

THE SPIRIT WITHIN WORKSHOP

Walter MacDonald-White Bear

Walter MacDonald-White Bear will present his "The Spirit Within Workshop".

Walter MacDonald White Bear is a Cree singer-songwriter originally from the James Bay area. Having performed acoustic and flute music for several years, Walter's music reflects his personal journey as a First Nations person in Canada. His presentation comes from a place of spirit channeled through heart-felt music, personal stories and traditional teachings that has been passed on by sweat lodge holders and pipe carriers. Walter speaks honestly about his own childhood struggles and also shares the magic that has come from such obstacles.

Friday March 5 8:30 am – 9:45 am

**BREAKING BARRIERS: MANAGING MARGINALIZED OFFENDERS
IN THE COMMUNITY**

Stephen Johnson & Kimberley Petelski

Stephen Johnston has been a member of the Calgary Police Service since 1999. He has worked uniformed patrol duties, as an investigator in a Break and Enter Detail, and as a Detective in a General Investigations Unit. In 2007, he entered the world of Offender Management, working with prolific and habitually offending youths and young adults in the Serious Habitual Offender Program, and since 2008 in the High Risk Offender Program, monitoring primarily sexual offenders at high risk to re-offend in the community.

Session Overview

Most criminal offenders find themselves either acutely or chronically marginalized from the bulk of society at some point; the fact of this separation doesn't begin to tell the story though. Sexual Offenders tend to be ostracized – even amongst other offenders – which bring challenges to those tasked with their monitoring and reintegration. The Calgary Police Service's High Risk Offender Program (commonly known as HROP) brings a multifaceted approach to the management of high risk sexual and/or violent offenders in the community. In this presentation, two case studies will be presented which demonstrate how the assessment and acknowledgement of the sort of marginalization experienced by an offender can assist in their short and long term management.

Kimberley Petelski is a graduate of the University of Calgary and a Registered Social Worker in the Province of Alberta. She began her career as a Caseworker for Children's Services and, in time, transitioned to working exclusively with adolescents in conflict with the law as a Youth Probation Officer. Kimberley is currently employed by the Calgary Police Service, in the Serious Habitual Offender Program, where she works directly with marginalized offenders

Session Overview

Much like sex offenders, adolescent offenders are marginalized by society and their non-offending peers. This marginalization often results in exclusion and can have serious implications for the offenders and those tasked with assisting and/or managing their cases. Like HROP, the Calgary Police Service's Serious Habitual Offender Program (commonly known as SHOP), uses a multifaceted approach to managing serious habitual young offenders in the community. To illustrate SHOP's approach, a case study will be presented. It will show how issues associated to marginalization are considered from assessment to intervention with these offenders.

Friday March 5 10:00 am – 11:15 am
FROM PLANES TO PENS: EDUCATING OFFENDERS
ACROSS CULTURES

Hieu Van Ngo & Mahdi Qasqas

Hieu Van Ngo is teaching and pursuing doctoral studies in the Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary. His dissertation focuses on criminal gang involvement of immigrant youth. He spent three years in a refugee camp in Thailand and has experienced life as a first generation immigrant in Canada. He currently serves as a board member for the Ethno cultural Council of Calgary and the Centre for Newcomers, and a member of the Arts and Culture grant committee of the Calgary Foundation.

Mahdi Qasqas is currently a psychologist- in-training at the Calgary Young Offender Centre and has recently been awarded the Graduate Citizenship Award for Student Leadership. Mahdi also works as an immigrant settlement worker with the Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth and is stationed out of James Fowler High School. He is a casual research assistant with Mr. Hieu Van Ngo and although he was born in Calgary he immigrated to the West Bank, Palestine and lived there for four of his teenage years.

Session Overview

This workshop will examine issues facing children of immigrants. It will further invite participants to engage in critical dialogues on personal and professional challenges in working with children of immigrants in the corrections setting, as well as to explore effective strategies to support children of immigrants in the community.