



The Global Collaboration On
TRAUMATIC STRESS
CONFERENCE 2023

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PROGRAMME

WELCOME

It is truly exciting to be hosting the 1st Global Collaboration on Traumatic Stress (GC-TS) Conference at the Vineyard Hotel and Conference Centre in the vibrant, cosmopolitan, and beautiful African city of Cape Town.

On behalf of the organising committee, I warmly welcome you at a landmark meeting where science will be coupled with very enjoyable social activity.

This conference will bring together leading researchers and clinicians from around the world to strengthen existing collaborations and forge new ones on topics of global importance related to traumatic stress. In addition to providing state-of-the-art presentations on traumatic stress across the life course, the hybrid format conference provides an excellent opportunity for South African and other African researchers and clinicians working in traumatic stress or related fields to establish long-term partnerships with experts and institutions across the globe. From a capacity-building standpoint, the conference is supporting young researchers, including master's and doctoral students, to learn from and network with international experts, share their own expertise, and identify opportunities for professional development with collaborating groups. In addition, the GC-TS Steering Committee and the wider community of conference attendees have the opportunity to develop and shape the strategic plan to guide the next 5 years of activity in this Global Collaboration.

I look forward to hosting you at a historic venue that was, in the year 1800, originally home to the diarist and artist Lady Anne Barnard and her husband Andrew, colonial secretary to the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope, Earl Macartney, and is in very close proximity to famous sites such as Table Mountain and Kirstenbosch Gardens.

Thank you for joining us!

Soraya Seedat

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Soraya Seedat, Miranda Olf, Ueli Schnyder, Stefanie Freil, Georgina Spies, and Jacqueline Womersley

GENERAL INFORMATION

SPEAKERS

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POSTER PRESENTERS

Please ensure that your poster is displayed in the allocated room (Terrace Room 1) by 10:45 on Tuesday 12 December. A dedicated poster session will be held from 16:30 to 18:30 in the venue. Please remember to be present at your poster during this time. Poster Awards will be announced on Wednesday 13 December (at the end of Plenary Session 6).

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Please remember to scan your name badge once per day for maximum points at the registration desk.

CONGRESS SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

Tuesday 12 December 2024:

16:30 – 19:30 Welcome cocktail function (open to all Registered Delegates) Venue: Terrace Room 2.

Wednesday 13 December 2024:

19:00 Congress Dinner (Pre-booked Delegates Only) Venue: Moyo, Kirstenbosch.

Please collect your congress dinner ticket from the Congress Organisers at the Londocor desk.

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PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023

08:30 - 09:00	Registration, Tea/Coffee	Foyer Camphor
09:00 - 10:15	PLENARY SESSION 1 Introduction Welcome by Chair of the GCTS <i>Chair: Soraya Seedat</i>	Camphor (1,2,3) - 1st Floor Soraya Seedat (SA) Miranda Oloff (The Netherlands)
09:15 - 09:45	Gender and PTSD: From Trauma to Treatment	Miranda Oloff (The Netherlands)
09:45 - 10:15	Evidence-Based Psychotherapies for PTSD: Differences, Commonalities, and Future Directions	Ulrich Schnyder (Switzerland)
10:15 - 10:45	Tea/Coffee	Foyer Camphor
PARALLEL SESSIONS 1 & 2		
10:45 - 12:00	SESSION 1: Assessing Trauma and its Consequences <i>Chair: Miranda Oloff</i>	Camphor (1,2) - 1st Floor
10:45 - 11:10	Transdiagnostic Screening After Trauma Around the World	Miranda Oloff (The Netherlands)
11:10 - 11:35	Trauma, Old Age and Dementia	Sjacko Sobczak (The Netherlands)
11:35 - 12:00	Validation of Measures for Stress-Related Disorders According to ICD-11 Among Clinical Adult Populations in Chile: Preliminary Findings	Carolina Salgado (Chile)
10:45 - 12:00	SESSION 2: Young Researchers' Forum <i>Chairs: Monique Pfaltz, Jacqueline Womersley, Sarah Valentine</i>	Camphor (3) - 1st Floor
10:45 - 12:00	Discussion on opportunities to get involved in GCTS projects	Monique Pfaltz (Sweden), Jacqueline Womersley (SA), Sarah Valentine (USA)
12:00 - 12:15	Stretch Break	
12:15 - 13:15	PLENARY SESSION 2 <u>Gender and Context</u> <i>Chair: Ulrich Schnyder</i>	Camphor (1,2,3) - 1st Floor
12:15 - 12:35	Addressing the Impact of Domestic Homicide	Eva Alisic (Australia)
12:35 - 12:55	Mothers with a Child Born of Sexual Violence, Navigating Between Complexity and Everyday Life	Elisa van Ee (The Netherlands)
12:55 - 13:15	Implementing a Trauma-Focused Outpatient Group Program for Adult Survivors of Childhood Maltreatment and Violence Against Women in a Psychiatric Hospital from Lima, Peru: A Report	Adrian Arévalo (Peru)
13:15 - 14:15	Lunch & Networking	Terrace Room 2
14:15 - 16:15	PLENARY SESSION 3 <u>Report back from Parallel Themed Sessions 1 & 2</u> <i>Chair: Soraya Seedat</i> Each rapporteur will provide a summary followed by Q&A <i>Chair: Monique Pfaltz</i>	Camphor (1,2,3) - 1st Floor
14:45 - 15:15	What Prolonged Peritraumatic Distress Teaches Us about PTSD and its Boundaries	Arieh Shalev (Israel)
15:15 - 15:45	Intergenerational Continuity of Child Maltreatment	Rachel Langevin (Canada)
15:45 - 16:15	Using AI to Quickly Get a Systematic Overview of the Literature	Rens van de Schoot (The Netherlands)
16:30 - 18:30	POSTER SESSION & WELCOME COCKTAIL FUNCTION (OPEN TO ALL REGISTERED DELEGATES) <i>Adjudicators: Georgina Spies, Monique Pfaltz, Eva Alisic</i>	
16:30 - 18:30	Poster Session	Terrace Room 1
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19:00	Dinner (Invited Speakers and GCTS Steering Committee) - By Invitation Only	De Grendel Restaurant

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2023

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	<i>Chair: Debra Kaysen</i>	
09:00 - 09:30	Climate-Informed Practice: A Clinical Imperative and Interdisciplinary Opportunity	Rachel Williamson (USA)
09:30 - 10:00	Assessing Socio-Emotional Consequences of Childhood Maltreatment Across Cultures	Monique Pfaltz (Sweden)
10:00 - 10:15	Tea/Coffee	Foyer Camphor
PARALLEL SESSIONS 3 & 4		
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	<i>Chair: Rachel Williamson</i>	
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	<i>Chair: Ulrich Schnyder</i>	
	Each rapporteur will provide a 5 min summary followed by 5 min for Q&A (15 Mins)	
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THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2023

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INVITED SPEAKERS

Prof Eva Alisic



Addressing the Impact of Domestic Homicide.

Eva is a professor at the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, Australia. She studies how young people and families deal with traumatic experiences and disadvantage, with the aim of improving support and services. She collaborates extensively with people with lived experience, policy-makers, artists and a wide range of health, education and justice practitioners. Her projects involve children and families affected by war, disaster, domestic violence and medical trauma. Eva has a keen interest in supporting early- and mid-career scholars; she developed the Paper-in-a-Day collaborative writing workshops, and co-established the Africa and ASEAN Science Leadership Programs for early- and mid-career researchers.

Dr Adrian Arévalo

Implementing a trauma-focused outpatient group program for adult survivors of childhood maltreatment and violence against women in a psychiatric hospital from Lima, Peru: A Report.

Prof Cherie Armour



Identifying Biological, Psychological, and Social Predictors of PTSD in Victims of the Colombian Armed Conflict.

Professor Cherie Armour is the Director of the Stress Trauma and Related Conditions (STARC) research center at Queens University Belfast. In addition, she is the Director of Research for the School of Psychology. Professor Armour is a Chair of Psychological Trauma and Mental Health. Cherie's research focuses on identifying and understanding risk factors for post adversity outcomes, both regarding adverse mental ill health outcomes and those of resilience and growth. Cherie works across a range of trauma populations including maltreated children, victims of violence, military and emergency services and their families, and general population. Cherie is the Past President of the UK Psychological Trauma Society (UKPTS). Additionally, Cherie has served as a board member of the European Society of Traumatic Stress Studies and the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies. Cherie is also an associate editor of the European Journal of Psychotraumatology and has just Chaired the ESTSS Biannual conference in Belfast. Professor Armour is a past award recipient of the Young Minds in Psychotraumatology Award (ESTSS) and the Chaim and Bela Danieli Young Professional Award (ISTSS). Her research has been funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), in addition to the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Medical Research Council (MRC) allowing her to appoint and mentor many junior researchers into successful academic careers in the field of Psychotraumatology.

Dr Anna Bjärtå



Posttraumatic Stress among Refugees residing in Sweden – Prevalence, Assessment, and Intervention.

Anna is a senior lecturer and researcher at Mid Sweden University and serves as the research leader of the AMIR-group (Assessment of Mental health and Intervention for Refugees). Anna has extensive experience in research on mental health among refugee populations residing in Sweden. The research of the AMIR-group revolves around mapping mental health issues, adapting, developing and evaluating assessment and intervention materials, developing online assessment, and enhancing digital usability and accessibility. Beyond her work in refugee mental health, Anna's research interests extend to posttraumatic mental health problems and the development of effective intervention strategies. She is currently involved in development and evaluation of a brief online intervention.

Dr Denise Hien



Leveraging Data Science and FAIR Principles to Address Global Trauma and Health Inequities.

Denise Hien, PhD, ABPP, is Vice Provost of Research in the Chancellor-Provost's Office, Director and Helen E. Chaney Endowed Chair in Alcohol Studies of the Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies at the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology, Rutgers University-New Brunswick. Considered a leader in the field, with continuous funding from the National Institute on Drug Abuse and National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse for over 30 years, her body of work has contributed to the evidence base on the treatment of individuals with trauma-related psychiatric disorders and their comorbidity with addictions, through conducting single- and multi-site clinical trials across the United States in community-based substance abuse treatment settings. Her most recent work is international, using data science innovations to advance the field of trauma and addiction treatment and address health inequities. She is board-certified in clinical psychology and has served as a standing member on the National Institute of Drug Abuse, NIH Institutional Review Groups and a health disparities advisory group to the NIDA Director on Asian American/Pacific Islander issues.

Prof Naved Iqbal



Child Maltreatment in India.

Naved Iqbal is a professor of Psychology at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. He was the former head of the Department of Psychology and former Hon. Director of the University Counseling and Guidance Center, Jamia Millia Islamia. He was awarded the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) visiting fellowship-2019 of the University of Leicester (UK). Naved Iqbal is a member of a professional group that created a chair in UNESCO on 'Child Maltreatment' in 2022. He is also an active member of the Global Collaboration on Traumatic Stress. His research primarily focuses on child maltreatment (protective factors and consequences) and well-being.

Prof Jana D. Javakhishvili



Supporting First Responders Caught Up in Armed Conflict .

Jana (Darejan) Javakhishvili, PhD, is a professor of psychology at Ilia State University, Tbilisi. She is heavily engaged in the projects of the federation Global Initiative on Psychiatry focused at human rights and mental health. She is specialized in working with individuals, families, groups, and communities, who are traumatized because of military conflicts and displacement, natural disasters, and terrorist attacks. Her research interests concern mental health of war- and political oppression-affected populations. She served as a president of the European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS) in 2019-2020. Since July 2021 she is a trustee of the Dart Centre for Journalism and Trauma – Europe (DCE), since November 2022 she is on the Board of Directors of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS). She is

in lead of the Global Collaboration on Traumatic Stress thematic group "Global Crisis – Armed Conflict". She is on the editorial board of the European Journal of Psychotraumatology (EJPT).

Dr Charlene Justice



MDMA-Assisted Therapy for PTSD.

Charleen serves as Executive Manager to MAPS Founder and President Rick Doblin, Ph.D. She works diligently to break intergenerational cycles of addiction, abuse, and incarceration, and transform her diagnosis of PTSD into post-traumatic growth. She is passionate about empowering people from all walks of life to gain the knowledge and skills to heal trauma and foster resilience. Charleen earned a M.S. in psychology with a focus on translational neuroscience and program development, and a B.S. in planning, public policy, and management, with a minor in leadership and administrative skills from the University of Oregon as a recipient of the Ford ReStart and Diversity Excellence Scholarships. Her personal and professional goals are in alignment with MAPS' first Principle, Healing for All.

Prof Debbie Kaminer



Debbie Kaminer is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Cape Town, convenor of the National Research Foundation's Specialist Committee for Psychology, and an Associate Editor for the European Journal of Psychotraumatology. For the past twenty-five years she has contributed to evidence-based trauma research from the Global South, documenting the prevalence and impact of multiple, chronic forms of trauma exposure amongst South African youth and adults, and evaluating adapted evidence-based trauma interventions for South Africans living in low-income communities. Her scholarship has also addressed the limitations of existing diagnostic frameworks for traumatic stress in contexts of continuous trauma exposure and ongoing adversity.

Dr Debra Kaysen



Cross-Cultural Treatment of Trauma-Related Disorders.

Debra Kaysen is the Chair of the Division of Public Mental Health and Population Sciences and is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. Dr. Kaysen is a past President of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. Dr. Kaysen's area of specialty both in research and clinical work is in treatment for those who have experienced traumatic events including treatment of PTSD and related disorders. She has conducted critical studies on treatment of PTSD among diverse populations (sexual minority women, Native Americans, Latinx) and trauma types (sexual assault, torture survivors, active duty military). Her research has encompassed a wide range of settings and modalities for treatment delivery (low and middle income countries, task sharing, primary care, rural settings

digital mental health), with an emphasis on increasing access to care. Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the United States Department of Defense, PCORI, and USAID.

Dr Rachel Langevin



Intergenerational Continuity of Child Maltreatment.

Dr. Langevin is an Assistant Professor and William Dawson Scholar in the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology, McGill University in Canada. She holds a Chercheur Boursier Junior 1 award from the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé. She is a regular researcher with the Centre de recherche sur les problèmes conjugaux et les agressions sexuelles, the Équipe Violence Sexuelle et Santé, the Centre for Research on Children and Families, and the Institut Universitaire Jeunes en Difficulté, as well as a co-investigator with the Canadian Consortium on Child and Youth Trauma. She is the Past Chair of the Canadian Psychological Association – Traumatic Stress Section, and an active member of the

Global Collaboration on Traumatic Stress since 2020. Dr. Langevin's research focuses on family dynamics and understanding mechanisms involved in the intergenerational continuity of child maltreatment. She is the director of the Resilience, Adversity, and Childhood Trauma Research Lab (www.react-lab.com). She is also a licensed psychologist working with trauma-impacted youth and adults.

Dr Antonia Lüönd



Regulation of Interpersonal Distance in the Context of Childhood Maltreatment Across Cultures.

Antonia Lüönd, MD, is a third-year resident physician at the Psychiatric University Hospital of Zurich, Switzerland. After obtaining her medical degree at the University of Basel, she conducted research on the socio-emotional consequences of childhood maltreatment, with a particular focus on the regulation of interpersonal distance. She is currently the co-coordinator of a GCTS project that assesses the impact of childhood maltreatment on the experience of somatic symptoms. In addition to her academic work, she is working in clinical practice and is receiving postgraduate training in CBT at the University of Zurich.

Dr Olivia Matshabane



Neurotechnologies and AI.

Dr Olivia Matshabane is a research psychologist and neuroethicist at Stellenbosch University. Upon earning her PhD in Medicine from the University of Cape Town, South Africa, she completed a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in the U.S. Her work focuses on the ethical, legal, social, and cultural implications of neuropsychiatric genomics and the neuroethical implications of new and emerging neurotechnologies. She is a member of the Psychiatric Genomics Consortium (PGC) Africa Ethics Working Group and the International Brain Initiative's (IBI) Cross-Cultural Neuroscience Working Group. She is the Chair of the International Neuroethics Society's (INS) emerging scholars' group and sits as a representative to the Board of Directors. In 2021 and 2022 she participated as one of 15 international experts to serve on roundtable discussions held by the United Nations (UN) which aim to share insights and expertise to inform priorities and preferred outcomes for the UN around neurotechnologies.

Prof Guy Midgley



Guy Midgley has worked in the fields of global change and biodiversity science since the 1980s, including a 32-year career at the South African National Biodiversity Institute. He took up a Professorship at Stellenbosch University (Botany and Zoology) in 2014. He has held lead roles in international scientific assessments (IPCC 4th, 5th and 6th Assessments, CBD ad hoc Technical Expert Group, and IPBES Global Assessments) and national level syntheses for climate change policy guidance. With over 170 publications, he holds an NRF A-rating, has been a Thomson Reuters highly cited researcher (2014), and is rated amongst the top 200 most influential climate change scientists globally (2021). He is a holder of the SA Royal Society Marloth Medal and Humboldt Foundation Research Award for lifetime science contributions.

Dr Misari Oe



How does the Experience and Acceptance of Child Maltreatment Affect Resilience? A Cross-Cultural Perspective.

Misari Oe, MD PhD, is an associate professor of Kurume University, Japan. She is a board member of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. She has a wide range of study fields, including psychotherapy, psychopharmacology, psychoendocrinology, psychophysiology, social psychiatry, epidemiology, and disaster psychiatry. She is also a board member of the Japanese Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (JSTSS).

Prof Miranda Olf



Gender and PTSD: From Trauma to Treatment | Transdiagnostic Screening After Trauma Around the World.

Prof. Dr. Miranda Olf is leading the Center for Psychological Trauma at the department of Psychiatry at the Amsterdam UMC of the University of Amsterdam. Chair: 'Neurobiological mechanisms of prevention and treatment in trauma and PTSD'. She is Director of Research & Strategy at the ARQ National Psychotrauma Centre. She is the past president of both the European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS) and the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS). She has recently been trained in Corporate Governance. Miranda Olf is Editor-in-Chief of ESTSS's Open Access journal: the European Journal of Psychotraumatology (EJPT). Her research focuses on the psychological and biological responses to traumatic stress and the effects of (early) interventions (e.g. oxytocin or e-Health) after mass trauma or individual events. In 2019 she received the "Wolter de Loos Award for Distinguished Contribution to Psychotraumatology in Europe."

Prof Monique Pfaltz



Assessing Socio-Emotional Consequences of Childhood Maltreatment Across Cultures.

Dr. Monique Pfaltz is a professor of clinical psychology at Mid Sweden University. She is a trained psychotherapist, supervisor and trainer in CBT as well as a Board Member of the ISTSS. Her research assesses socio-emotional processes (e.g., interpersonal boundary setting, regulation of closeness and distance, emotional reactivity, facial emotion recognition) in healthy individuals and patients affected by traumatic stress, with a special focus on the emotional, psychosocial and physical consequences of childhood maltreatment (abuse and neglect). She is a member of the editorial board of the European Journal of Psychotraumatology and the Journal of Traumatic Stress.

Dr Jaco Rossouw



Jaco is an extraordinary senior lecturer at the Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at Stellenbosch University. His research interest lies in the field of PTSD and cognitive-behavioural treatment of PTSD amongst youth and adults, in LIMIC settings utilising task-shifting. Jaco is now in his 29th year of private practice with a focus on the CBT treatment of emotional disorders as well as OCD and PTSD. He is an Associate Fellow of the Albert Ellis Institute and a registered Supervisor in Rational-Emotive & Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy (RECBT). Jaco is also a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Rational-Emotive & Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy.

Dr Carolina Salgado



Validation of measures for stress-related disorders according to ICD-11 among clinical adult populations in Chile: Preliminary findings

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Evidence-Based Psychotherapies for PTSD: Differences, Commonalities, and Future Directions.

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Ethical Challenges of Psychedelic Treatments.

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What Prolonged Peritraumatic Distress Teaches Us about PTSD and its Boundaries .

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Trauma, old age and dementia.

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Prof Leslie Swartz



Prolonging Trauma: Language and Mental Health Care Access for African Migrants to South Africa.

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Dr Sarah Valentine



Dr. Sarah Valentine is an Assistant Professor in Psychiatry at BUSM and Clinical Psychologist at BMC. She is the Director of the Program of Research in Implementation Science, Minority Stress, and Mental Health (PRISMM). The aim of PRISMM research is to improve quality of mental health treatments for diverse, minoritized, and underserved populations, including racial and ethnic minorities, immigrants and refugee populations, and sexual orientation and gender minority populations. The overarching goal is to reduce PTSD health disparities through the development, implementation, and dissemination of treatments that dually address minority stress factors (e.g., discrimination, stigma, and access barriers) and mental health symptoms. Dr. Valentine is also the Director BMC's Recovery from Stress and Trauma through Outpatient care, Research, and Education Center ("The RESTORE Center"), a hub for services, training, and health services research focused on expanding capacity for evidence-based treatments for PTSD across the safety net health system and she is the Associate Director of the NIMH T32 Global Psychiatry Clinical Research Training Program (T32MH116140). Dr. Valentine received an NIMH-funded K23 grant (2018-2023) that aims to optimize a brief cognitive behavioral therapy for PTSD for use in safety net primary care. Dr. Valentine received her PhD in Clinical Psychology from Suffolk University, and completed her predoctoral internship and postdoctoral research fellowship in the Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School.

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Using AI to Quickly Get a Systematic Overview of the Literature.

Prof. Dr. Rens van de Schoot works as full professor 'Statistics for Small Data Sets' at Utrecht University in the Netherlands and as extra-ordinary professor North-West University in South-Africa. He is also program director of the research master 'Methodology and Statistics for the Behavioural, Biomedical and Social Sciences' and coordinator of the post-graduate program at the department of Methods and Statistics. His main research projects are the open-source ASReview project (Active learning for systematic text reviewing) and solutions for small data sets (S4) in the field of structural equation modeling with solutions in the areas of expert elicitation, Bayesian statistics and constrained statistical inference. He was elected to become a member of the Young Academy of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) and of the Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology (SMEP). He obtained a VENI (on Integrating background knowledge about traumatic stress experienced after trauma into statistical models assessing individual change over time) and a VIDV (on Experts, their prior knowledge, and the issue of limited data). The ASReview project was awarded the KNVI- Victorine van Schaickfonds Initiative Award. Rens obtained his PhD cum laude on the topic of applying Bayesian statistics to real-life data at the Methodology and Statistics department at Utrecht University, The Netherlands. His dissertation was received the APA-award for best dissertation of the division of Quantitative and Qualitative Methods. During his PhD, he advocated the interests of PhD students within the university as chair of the PhD-council Prout. Rens is also past president of the Early Researchers Union of the European Association of Developmental Psychology. Before his PhD, Rens had completed a research master program in Development and Socialization of Children and Adolescents, also cum laude.

Prof Elisa van Ee



Mothers with a child born of sexual violence, navigating between complexity and everyday life.

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Dr Rachel Williamson



Climate-Informed Practice: A Clinical Imperative and Interdisciplinary Opportunity.

Dr. Rachel Williamson is an Assistant Professor in the Clinical Psychology program at the University of Montana. Her research emphasizes applied statistical modeling in the study of trauma and has focused primarily on the application of existential theory and social psychological theories of meaning-making to psychological trauma. Dr. Williamson's clinical work has been largely based in community mental health, including health clinics in remote Alaskan communities, experience that inspired the examination of the mental health impacts of climate change.

Prof Larysa Zasiékina



Civilians on fire: Moral injury and Associated Mental Health Symptoms in Ukrainians under the Russian Invasion.

Larysa Zasiékina is a Professor of Clinical Psychology at Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University and Director of the Ukrainian Psychotrauma Center, and currently holds a British Academy Researcher at Risk Fellowship, based at the Department of Psychology at the University of Cambridge. Professor Zasiékina is a leading expert in PTSD, moral injury, continuous traumatic stress, and cultural aspects of the memory of trauma. Her focus is on the psychological inter-generational impact of genocide in Ukraine and Eastern Europe, including studies of survivors of the Holocaust and Holodomor (man-made famine in the Soviet Union targeting ethnic Ukrainians) and their children. Professor Zasiékina has published extensively on the language of trauma in high-impact journals in her field and spearheads international partnerships with scholars of psychotrauma at universities in Canada, Israel, Switzerland, the USA, and the UK. As a Fulbright Scholar (2010-2011 and 2015-2016), she explored the collective traumas of Native Americans and African Americans in the USA. Professor Zasiékina's clinical perspective and experience in trauma-focused therapies are central to the current project at the University of Cambridge, "*Exposure to Continuous Traumatic Stress and Its Consequences among Young Adults in Ukraine.*"

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