

AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE ON TRAUMATIC STRESS | ACOTS 2016  
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER – PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS**

8.00 – 9.00 REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

ARRIVAL TEA AND COFFEE

**9.00am – 12.30**

Workshop 1:  
**Moral injury: Assessment, conceptualization and treatment strategies**

*Professor Brett Litz*

Workshop 2:  
**An enduring wound: Reconstituting wounded identity for survivors post-disclosure of sexual abuse**

*Professor S. Caroline Taylor, AM*

10.30 – 11.00 MORNING TEA

12.30 – 1.30 LUNCH

**1.30pm – 5.00**

Workshop 3:  
**Using biomarkers to inform of treatments in PTSD**

*Professor Rachel Yehuda*

Workshop 4:  
**How to identify and respond to intimate partner violence in mental health settings**

*Professor Kelsey Hegarty*

3.00 – 3.30 AFTERNOON TEA

4.00 – 6.00 REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

5.15 – 7.15 WELCOME DRINKS/RECEPTION

6.30 STUDENT DRINKS

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7.30 – 8.30 REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

8.30 – 8.45 **Welcome to country**

8.45 – 9.00 **Welcome to conference** – Dr Robyne Le Brocque

9.00 – 10.00 **Keynote address:** Intergenerational effects of trauma – *Professor Rachel Yehuda*

10.00 – 10.30 MORNING TEA

10.30 – 12.00 Concurrent session 1A

10.30 – 12.00 Concurrent session 1B

10.30 – 12.00 Concurrent session 1C

10.30 – 12.00 Concurrent session 1D

*Symposium 1*

*Symposium 2*

*Free papers 1*

*Clinical tutorial 1*

**Mechanisms underpinning trauma response**

*Professor Richard Bryant, University of New South Wales,  
Daniel Zuj,  
Lillian Le,  
Kim Felmingham,  
Belinda Liddell*

**Prevalence and predictors of mental health and disorder in the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service**

*Dr Miranda Van Hooff, Centre for Traumatic Stress Studies / University of Adelaide,  
Maria Abraham,  
Ellie Lawrence-Wood,  
Amelia Searle,  
Alexander McFarlane,  
Mick Smith,  
Michael Morgan,  
Greg Crossman,  
Denise Keegan*

**Social, economic and conflict-related indicators of the global prevalence of common mental disorder: A systematic review and ecological analysis**

*Professor Zachary Steel, St John of God, Richmond Hospital / School of Psychiatry UNSW,  
Derrick Silove,  
Vikram Patel*

**Therapist well-being: The impact of working with survivors of torture and trauma from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.**

*Ms Miriam Posselt, Victoria University,  
Carolyn Deans,  
Laurie Chapin*

**Vicarious trauma and vicarious post traumatic growth from a supervisor's perspective**

*Ms Stephanie Long, Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT),  
Karen Healy*

**Parenting after migration: Examining the efficacy of a parenting intervention aimed at improving family adjustment during resettlement in Australia**

**A trauma informed approach to helping generational trauma for Aboriginal Australians**

*Emeritus Professor Judy Atkinson,  
Chairperson of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation and the WeAli Trust*

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		<i>Ms Kathryn Monty, Parenting and Family Support Centre / University of Queensland, Divna Haslam, Alina Morawska, Ania Filus</i>	
12.00 – 1.00 LUNCH and POSTERS			
1.00 – 1.45 <b>Keynote address</b> Domestic violence: The hidden epidemic in mental health settings – <i>Professor Kelsey Hegarty</i>			
1.45 – 2.45 <b>Panel</b> Domestic violence: Prevention and support – <i>Professor Kelsey Hegarty, Ms Jess Hill, Ms Jonty Bush.</i> <i>Facilitator – Ms Anne-Laure Couineau</i>			
2.45 – 3.00 AFTERNOON TEA			
3.00 – 4.30 Concurrent session 2A	3.00 – 4.30 Concurrent session 2B	3.00 – 4.30 Concurrent session 2C	3.00 – 4.30 Concurrent session 2D
<i>Symposium 3</i>	<i>Free papers 2</i>	<i>Free papers 3</i>	<i>Clinical tutorial 2</i>
<p><b>Applying trauma-informed care (TIC) across service settings</b> <i>Dr Winnie Lau, Phoenix Australia, Dzenana Kartal, Andrea Phelps, Meaghan O'Donnell, Jane Nursey, Anne-Laure Couineau, Richard Cash, Alexandra Howard, Tracey Varker, Renee Armstrong, Darryl Wade, Lisa Dell</i></p>	<p><b>Core belief disruption, grief, traumatic stress and posttraumatic growth in women who have experienced pregnancy loss</b> <i>Associate Professor Jane Shakespeare-Finch, Queensland University of Technology, Daniel J. Krosch</i></p> <p><b>Fear of crime: Examining gender differences when assessing crime and threat.</b> <i>Ms Michelle Noon, Swinburne University of Technology, Ann Knowles, Jennifer L. Beaudry</i></p> <p><b>Prenatal maternal stress and child motor development at 30 months: The QF2011 Queensland Flood Study</b> <i>Ms Katrina Moss, University of Queensland</i></p> <p><b>GLOW Study: Longitudinal study to assess psychosocial contributors to mental health outcomes after burn injury</b> <i>Ms Sonia Terhaag, Phoenix Australia, Meaghan O'Donnell, Andrea Phelps, Heather Cleland,</i></p>	<p><b>Sleep disturbances, psychiatric disorders and suicidal ideation in a national representative sample of active Canadian forces members</b> <i>Dr Don Richardson, Parkwood Operational Stress Injury Clinic / Western University, A. Thompson, L. King, B.A. Corbett, P. Shnaider, K. St. Cyr, C. Nelson, J. Sareen, J.D. Elhai, M.A. Zamorski</i></p> <p><b>Evaluating the effectiveness of a specialty assistance dog program (Operation K9) as an adjunct treatment for veterans with PTSD</b> <i>Dr Miranda Van Hooff, Centre for Traumatic Stress Studies / University of Adelaide, Amelia Searle,</i></p>	<p><b>Exercise and PTSD</b> <i>Dr Simon Rosenbaum, St John of God Health Care, Richmond Hospital Mr Robert Mullins, Queensland University of Technology</i></p>

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*Birgit Pfitzer,  
Steven Ellen,  
Lynda Katona*

*Ellie Lawrence-Wood,  
Elizabeth Saccone,  
Blair Grace,  
Suzanne Hanna,  
Alexander McFarlane,  
Ann Spader,  
Sophie Slattery,  
Lindy Hennekam*

***Posttraumatic nightmares in a military sample: Gender differences and associations with psychopathology***

*Ms Therese de Dassel, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital,  
Lutz Wittmann,  
Helge HÅllmer,  
Robert J. Gorzka*

***An experience-based sampling investigation of helpful and unhelpful responses to intrusive memories in PTSD***

*Dr David Berle, University of New South Wales / St John of God Health Care,  
Richmond Hospital,  
Zachary Steel,  
Dominic Hilbrink*

5.00 Depart for CONFERENCE DINNER

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**SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

7.45 – 8.45 ASTSS AGM - Main Plenary room			
8.00 – 9.00 REGISTRATION DESK OPEN/ COFFEE			
9.00-9.05 <b>Welcome to Day 2</b> – Dr Andrea Phelps			
9.05 – 10.00 <b>Keynote address</b> New developments in conceptualizing and treating war-related PTSD: Recognising the moral dimensions of war – <i>Professor Brett Litz</i>			
10.00 – 10.30 MORNING TEA			
10.30 – 12.00 Concurrent session 3A	10.30 – 12.00 Concurrent session 3B	10.30 – 12.00 Concurrent session 3C	10.30 – 12.00 Concurrent session 3D
<i>Free paper 4</i>	<i>Symposium 4</i>	<i>Free papers 5</i>	<i>Clinical tutorial 3</i>
<p><b>NOS1AP is associated with PTSD severity, depression, anxiety and stress</b></p> <p><i>Mrs Dagmar Bruenig, Queensland University of Technology - Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, Ross McD Young, Bruce Lawford, Wendy Harvey, Charles P Morris, Joanne Voisey</i></p> <p><b>Could physical symptoms be an effective PTSD screening measure in the military?</b></p> <p><i>Ms Kristen Graham, Centre for Traumatic Stress Studies, Adelaide University, Alexander McFarlane, Miranda Van Hooff, Amelia Searle, Ellie Lawrence-Woods</i></p> <p><b>Workplace belongingness, distress and resilience in emergency service workers</b></p> <p><i>Associate Professor Jane Shakespeare-Finch, Queensland University of Technology, Emma Daley</i></p>	<p><b>Identifying and addressing traumatic experiences in paediatric health care</b></p> <p><i>Dr Alexandra De Young, University of Queensland, Erin Brown, Sonja March, Justin Kenardy</i></p>	<p><b>Treating the impacts of trauma exposure in high risk occupations: Applying research on trauma in military service to create treatment pathways and evidence based tools to support clinicians</b></p> <p><i>Dr Stephanie Hodson, Department of Veterans' Affairs</i></p> <p><b>What are the key patterns of recovery and their predictors for veterans participating in trauma recovery programs: A growth mixture modelling approach</b></p> <p><i>Dr Andrea Phelps, Phoenix Australia, Zachary Steel, Nathan Alkemade, Olivia Metcalf, Katelyn Kerr, David Forbes</i></p> <p><b>Sustainability of Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) treatment for PTSD in the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service</b></p> <p><i>Dr Loretta Poerio, Department of Veterans' Affairs / Veterans &amp; Veterans Families Counselling Service, Anne-Laure Couineau</i></p>	<p><b>TBC</b></p>

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<p><b>Psychological First Aid: RCT of adults affected by non-intentional trauma in emergency room</b> Dr Rodrigo Figueroa, National Research Center for Integrated Natural Disaster Management (CIGIDEN), Paula F. Cortés, Humberto Marín, Rodrigo Gillibrand, Lázaro Calderón, Carolina Miller, María J. Sullivan</p>		<p><b>Comparing microstructural connectivity of cortical white matter tracts in war veterans with and without PTSD using tractography</b> Dr Madeline Romaniuk, Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation</p>	
12.00 - 1.00 LUNCH and POSTERS			
12.00 - 1.00 STUDENT LUNCH			
1.00 – 1.45 <b>Keynote address</b> Reformation with only half the story: The challenges for understanding child sexual abuse holistically – Professor S. Caroline Taylor AM			
1.45 – 2.45 <b>Panel discussion</b> Institutional childhood sexual abuse – Professor S. Caroline Taylor, Ms Angela Sdrinis, Dr Cathy Kezelman AM Facilitator – Associate Professor Jane Shakespeare-Finch			
2.45 - 3.15 AFTERNOON TEA			
3.15 – 4.45 Concurrent session 4A	3.15 – 4.45 Concurrent session 4B	3.15 – 4.45 Concurrent session 4C	3.15 – 4.45 Concurrent session 4D
Symposium 5	Symposium 6	Free papers 6	Free papers 7
<p><b>The physiological and psychological burden of trauma across the lifespan in Australian Defence Force (ADF) members</b> Dr Ellie Lawrence-Wood, Centre for Traumatic Stress Studies, University of Adelaide, Miranda Van Hooff, Amelia Searle, Jenelle Baur, Blair Grace, Helen Benassi, Nicole Sadler, Stephanie Hodson, Alexander McFarlane</p>	<p><b>Post-traumatic psychopathology and intervention in survivors of torture, refugee trauma and gender-based violence</b> Dr Belinda Liddell, University of New South Wales, Angela Nickerson, Richard Bryant</p>	<p><b>Shame: A core concealed element in the post-trauma morbidity of discharged police and military personnel?</b> Ms Terry Taylor, University of South Australia   <b>From soldier to civilian: Fragmented culture and identity of Afghanistan and Iraq veterans: the Relationship with PTSD, anger and implications for treatment.</b>                   Dr Madeline Romaniuk, Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation   <b>Moral injury, trauma and the Australian military experience: A preliminary investigation</b>                  Ms Rhiannon Neilsen, Australian Centre</p>	<p><b>The Royal Commission Into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse: Investigations, implications and possible outcomes</b> Ms Gail Green, Anglicare WA   <b>On the road to where? A Discussion about the appropriateness of restorative justice for cases of sexual assault and family violence</b>                  Ms Carolyn Worth, South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault (SECASA)   <b>Trauma-informed organisations: Rhetoric and reality</b>                  Associate Professor Annette Jackson, Berry Street Childhood Institute   <b>The impact of civil litigation on</b></p>

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		<p><i>for the Study of Armed Conflict and Society at UNSW Canberra, Edward Scarr</i></p> <p><b>Adjustment and reintegration: Challenges following deployment to a war zone</b></p> <p><b>A study of combat veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan</b> Ms Robyn Purvis, Robin Purvis Consulting</p>	<p><b>individuals suffering traumatic stress: Case studies involving survivors of sexual abuse</b></p> <p>Mrs Lisa Flynn, Shine Lawyers</p>
4.45 - 5.00 <b>Closing remarks</b> – Professor David Forbes			