

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

Samuel Knapp, EdD, ABPP

Samuel Knapp received his doctorate in counseling from Lehigh University in 1982. He has been the Director of Professional Affairs for the Pennsylvania Psychological Association since 1987. A prolific presenter, author, and an all-around good guy, Sam's major focus is on positive ethics, or focusing on the ways that ethics can uplift the quality of services provided by health care professionals. He has written or edited 18 books, contributed 10 chapters to other books, published more than 100 peer reviewed journal articles, and edited countless chapters and papers, each addressing various aspects of ethics for psychologists. In addition to all of that, Dr. Knapp has presented nearly 500 presentations and workshops at state and national professional psychological association meetings. **Dr. Knapp will be presenting the following: Scientific Foundations of Morality in Day-to-Day Practice with Dr. Shmidheiser on Thursday, June 17 at 2:00 pm. The PPA2021 Keynote Address – How Can Psychology Flourish as a Profession? on Friday, June 18 at 9:00 am.**



David A. Jobes, PhD, ABPP

David A. Jobes, Ph.D., ABPP, is a Professor of Psychology, Director of the Suicide Prevention Laboratory, and Associate Director of Clinical Training at The Catholic University of America. Dr. Jobes is also an Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, at Uniformed Services University. Dr. Jobes is a past President of the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) and he is the recipient of various awards for his scientific work including the 1995 AAS Shneidman Award, the 2012 AAS Dublin Award, and the 2016 AAS Linehan Award. He has been a consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Institute of Mental Health, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and he now serves as a "Highly Qualified Expert" to the U.S. Army's Intelligence and Security Command. Dr. Jobes is a Board Member of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and serves on AFSP's Scientific Council and the Public Policy Council. **Dr. Jobes maintains a private clinical and consulting practice in Washington DC. Dr. Jobes will be presenting Contemporary Innovations in Clinical Suicidology on Thursday, June 17 at 9:00 AM.**



Krystal Lewis, PhD

Krystal M. Lewis, PhD is a clinical psychologist who works with children and adolescents at the National Institute of Mental Health. She provides Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to youth participating in a pediatric anxiety study. Dr. Lewis specializes in evidence-based treatments including cognitive behavior therapy and exposure therapy. She gives talks to local schools to disseminate best practices for child anxiety. In addition, she has



a small private practice in Maryland where she provides services to children and adults. Dr. Lewis is invested in helping parents, teachers, and those who work with youth to better identify signs and symptoms of anxiety and she works to ensure that effective practices are being used to prevent and treat anxiety. **Dr. Lewis will be presenting Managing Anxiety and Stress During Times of Uncertainty on Thursday, June 17 at 10:30 AM.**

Kent E. Vrana, PhD

Kent E. Vrana, PhD is the Elliot S. Vesell Professor and Chair of Pharmacology at the Penn State College of Medicine. He received his BS with honors in Biochemistry from the University of Iowa, and his PhD in Biochemistry (Pharmacology minor) from Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans. Dr. Vrana is a member of the editorial boards of several scientific journals and has served as chair and/or member of over 110 scientific review panel meetings for the federal government and non-profit organizations. He has co-authored over 180 scientific articles, book chapters, and monographs (including two textbooks). In 2009, he was named an honorary professor of the School of Medicine of the Peruvian University of Applied Science in Lima, Peru, and was inducted into the Society for Distinguished Educators at the Penn State College of Medicine. In 2015, he was elected a Fellow of the American Association for Advancement of Science (AAAS).



Max Shmidheiser, PsyD, ABPP, MBE

Dr. Shmidheiser is a board-certified clinical neuropsychologist at the Drucker Brain Injury Center at MossRehab Hospital, and he is clinical adviser for the MossRehab Concussion Center, which he co-founded over 10 years ago. After earning his PsyD from Widener University, he completed a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology through Harvard Medical School and Cambridge Health Alliance. He is chair of the ethics committee for PPA, a statewide co-chair of the Brain Safety Fair Committee for the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania, and an Associate Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Public Health Initiatives. He also serves on the Board of Directors for PPA's bipartisan Political Action Committee. He is a Lecturer and Seminar Leader at the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a Master's degree in Bioethics. **Dr. Shmidheiser will be presenting Scientific Foundations of Ethical Decision-Making: Translating the Science of Morality in Day-to-Day Practice with Dr. Sam Knapp on Thursday, June 17 at 2:00 PM.**



M. David Rudd, PhD, ABPP

M. David Rudd, Ph.D., is president of University of Memphis and Distinguished University Professor of Psychology. He has produced over 230 publications, had 14,000 citations of his clinical and scientific contributions, and garnered more than \$19M in funding, all



addressing issues of suicide risk assessment, clinical management and treatment. His clinical trial using brief CBT with suicide attempters resulted in the largest reduction of post-treatment suicide attempt rate (60%) to date. He's previously served as chair of the Texas Board of Psychologist Examiners, president of the Texas Psychological Association, on APA Council of Representatives, and as president of the American Association of Suicidology. **Dr. Rudd will be presenting Assessment and Clinical Response to Suicide Intent or Motivation to Die on Friday, June 18 at 11:30 AM.**

Jeanne Slattery, PhD

Jeanne M. Slattery, Ph.D., is Professor and Chair of Psychology at Clarion University and has authored or coauthored *Empathic counseling: Building skills to empower change* (2020); *Trauma, meaning, and spirituality: Translating research into clinical practice* (2017); and *Counseling diverse clients: Bringing context into therapy* (2004). She has been active in Pennsylvania Psychological Association, where she currently serves as president of the Pennsylvania Psychological Foundation and has led a series of conversations on ethical dilemmas that have become a regular column in *Pennsylvania Psychologist*. She has a small private practice working with adults and children with mood and anxiety disorders, especially subsequent to a history of trauma.



Brett Schur, PhD

Dr. Schur is a psychologist in private practice in Haverford, PA. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association Board of Directors, where he serves as the Professional Psychology Board Chair. He was previously the Chief Psychologist for the Silvan Tomkins Institute. Dr. Schur works with adults of all ages, including patients with chronic medical illness, serious and persistent mental illness, anxiety, depression, and trauma. He has recently lectured on suicide prevention, ethics, placebos, and anger management. He is also an Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Psychology at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he teaches Ethics in Psychology. **Dr. Slattery and Dr. Schur will be presenting A Principle-Based Approach to Ethics on Friday, June 18 at 1:30 PM.**



Jade Logan, PhD, ABPP

Dr. Jade Logan is the Training Director of the Chestnut Hill College Doctoral Internship Consortium and Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Professional Psychology. Dr. Logan has been a diversity trainer and educator for over ten years. During her graduate career, she developed, implemented, and evaluated a series of trainings focused on issues of diversity and inclusion for the clinical psychology department at her doctoral program. Dr. Logan currently serves clients at the



Ladipo Group, LLC. Her client base is primarily African American women and her areas of clinical expertise include PTSD related to sexual trauma and intimate partner violence, traumatic stress due to issues of racism and oppression, anxiety and mood disorders, relationship issues, substance abuse, gender identity, and women's issues. She currently serves as the chair of PPA's Publications committee and is the inaugural Officer of Diversity and Inclusion. **Dr. Logan will be presenting A Time for Transformation: Exploring Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives in PPA on Saturday, June 19 at 8:30 AM.**

Megan Rogers, PhD

Dr. Megan Rogers is a postdoctoral research fellow at Mount Sinai Beth Israel, working under the mentorship of Dr. Igor Galynker. She completed her PhD in Clinical Psychology at Florida State University, and her predoctoral clinical internship at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, in 2020. Dr. Rogers's research primarily focuses on short-term cognitive, physiological, affective, and behavioral risk factors for suicidal thoughts and behaviors, with an emphasis on the phenomenology, etiology, and assessment of acute suicidal crises. In addition to her position as a postdoctoral fellow, Dr. Rogers serves on the Board of Directors for the American Association of Suicidology. **Dr. Rogers will be presenting Suicide Risk Assessment: Short-Term and Indirect Indicators of Risk on Saturday, June 19 at 1:45 PM.**



Jeffrey E. Barnett, PsyD, ABPP

Jeffrey E. Barnett, Psy.D., ABPP is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at Loyola University Maryland and a licensed psychologist who is board certified in Clinical Psychology and Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology. Additionally, he is a Distinguished Practitioner in Psychology of the National Academies of Practice. Dr. Barnett is a past chair of the ethics committees of the American Psychological Association, the American Board of Professional Psychology, and the Maryland Psychological Association. He previously served on the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists and has been a consultant to licensing boards across a range of health professions. His numerous publications and presentations focus on ethics, legal, and professional practice issues in psychology to include integrating various technologies into mental health practice, telehealth, and the use of social media in clinical practice. Dr. Barnett is a recipient of the APA's outstanding ethics educator award. **Dr. Barnett will be presenting Ethical, Legal, and Practical Considerations in the Practice of Telepsychology on Saturday, June 19 at 3:00 PM.**

