



CASEY HOUSE

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Wednesday, March 28th, 2012

CASEY HOUSE: HIV/AIDS and Mental Health Symposium

Capacity building, knowledge exchange and education for health care professionals and AIDS service providers.

A Full Day Symposium at the Ramada Plaza Toronto from 8:45am – 3:45pm

Registration is required at registration@caseyhouse.on.ca

There is no fee for the day and space is limited ~ please register early.

The Social Ecology of Resilience

Plenary Speaker: Michael Ungar, Ph.D.

Dr. Michael Ungar is a Killam Professor of Social Work at Dalhousie University where he directs the Resilience Research Centre that coordinates more than five million dollars in funded research in a dozen countries. He has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters on this topic and is the author of 11 books including *The Social Worker*, his first novel. Among his books for professionals are *The Social Ecology of Resilience: A Handbook for Theory and Practice*; *Counseling in Challenging Contexts: Working with Individuals and Families Across Clinical and Community Settings*; and *Strengths-based Counseling with At-risk Youth*. He has practiced as a Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist in child welfare, mental health, educational and correctional settings for over 25 years. Michael has given keynote speeches and presented at conferences in many different countries (from Slovakia to South Africa), and recently participated in roundtable events at the European Parliament in Brussels.

Coping with Serious Illness: Understanding Adaptation and the role of Early Life Experience

Keynote Speaker: Jon Hunter, M.D., F.R.C.P.C.

Dr. Jon Hunter is an Associate Professor and Head of the University of Toronto Department of Psychiatry Division of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry. His clinical practice centers on the psychiatric care of patients with serious illness, including cancer. He has a longstanding interest in the way people's personalities interact with the world around them, such as when dealing with illness. His research interests include psychological management of chemotherapy side-effects, group psychotherapy, and the role of early life experience in adaptation to disease.

Culture and Psychological Trauma: Understanding Refugee Mental Health

Lisa Andermann, MPhil, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Dr. Lisa Andermann is a staff psychiatrist at Mount Sinai Hospital with the Mount Sinai Ethnocultural Assertive Community Treatment Team and the Psychological Trauma Clinic, and a consultant at the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture. She is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Culture, Community and Health Studies, Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto. Her interests are focused around the use of cultural formulation in psychiatric assessment and practice and cultural competence training for clinicians. She has been a visiting Professor at the University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, has co-edited (with Dr. Steven Schachter) a book of patient narratives with epilepsy from around the world *The Brainstorms Village: Epilepsy in our World*. She has written papers on cultural aspects of trauma, somatization among Ethiopian Jews in Israel, social aspects of epilepsy, and book chapters on women's mental health, mental health services for minorities, and cultural competence.

Other Speakers: To be announced

Program Director, Chairperson: Dr. Mark Halman, MD FRCP, Director, HIV Psychiatry Program, Adjunct Scientist, Centre for Research in Inner City Health (CRICH) St. Michael's, Associate Professor, University of Toronto

Program Lead: Maureen Mahan, RN, BA, MEd, Education Development, Casey House

Casey House, a world-renowned specialty hospital founded in 1988, provides a continuum of care for persons affected by HIV/AIDS through a comprehensive range of palliative and supportive care services.