



Darkstone Research Group,  
Multi-Health Systems, and  
Minnesota Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers

Present:

**Assessing Psychopathy: Clinical and Forensic Applications of the  
Hare Psychopathy Checklist-Revised**

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**Vadnais Heights Commons,  
655 East County Road F,  
Vadnais Heights, MN 55127  
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**8:30 a.m. check-in**

**Instruction: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day**

**Cost: \$500 includes instruction, breaks, and noon meal. It does not include materials – see below.**

Darkstone Research Group, Ltd., MnATSA, and Multi-Health Systems are conducting a Darkstone-accredited PCL-R Workshop as part of the Criminal Law & Forensic Psychiatry Conference. This 2-day workshop is intended primarily for psychologists, psychiatrists, and other mental health personnel who have the professional qualifications to conduct psychological assessments. It also is open to researchers and graduate students, administrators, and personnel in the mental health and criminal justice systems (e.g., social workers, counselors, lawyers, probation officers, and law enforcement investigators) whose work requires, or would benefit from, knowledge about psychopathy, its measurement, and implications.

Psychopathy, as measured by the *Hare Psychopathy Checklist-Revised* (PCL-R) has emerged as one of the most important, clinical constructs in the criminal justice system. Among other things, the PCL-R plays a central role in the assessment of treatment options and in evaluations of risk for recidivism and violence. The Workshop will provide an overview of current research with the PCL-R and its derivatives, the *Psychopathy Checklist: Screening Version* (PCL: SV) and the *Psychopathy Checklist: Youth Version* (PCL: YV), with particular emphasis on clinical and forensic implications and applications. The workshop will also provide participants with training on the use of these instruments.

You will be able to:

- comprehend conceptual and theoretical issues related to psychopathy;
- identify the differences between, and implications of, the PCL-R criteria for psychopathy and the DSM 5 criteria for ASPD;
- distinguish the strengths and weaknesses of using self-report and clinical rater methods for assessing psychopathy;
- gain empirical knowledge of psychopathy as a risk factor for recidivism and violence, including sexual violence, and for evaluating treatment response and outcome;
- acquire knowledge on the structural properties of the PCL-R, PCL: SV, and PCL: YV;
- examine the reliability and validity of the PCL-R with various offender and patient populations;
- compare reliability of the PCL scales in research and in the field;
- demonstrate their knowledge of administration and scoring of the PCL-R via practice scenarios;
- demonstrate their knowledge of the interpretation of the PCL-R total, factor, and facet scores via practice exercises with scoring of the PCL-R;
- identify the appropriate uses and misuses of the PCL-R;
- cite and evaluate the various applications of the PCL-R and its derivatives in the criminal justice system;
- learn about the effects on ratings of psychopathy in an adversarial/allegiance context
- describe the various applications of the PCL-R and its derivatives in mental health contexts;
- be conversant with the latest literature on neurobiology, cognition, and affect as it relates to psychopathy;
- understand the implications for the use of neuroscience in judicial contexts.

Although the PCL-R items and scoring criteria are unchanged in the 2nd edition of the PCL-R Manual, a great deal of new information on the use, generalizability, and applicability of the PCL-R has been added, based on the numerous articles, reports, presentations, and dissertations that have appeared since publication of the PCL-R in 1991.

Everyone attending this workshop will receive a Certificate of Completion from MHS, after completing an online survey (link to be provided after the workshop).

*Multi-Health Systems (MHS) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. MHS maintains responsibility for this program and its content. This two-day PCL-R workshop meets the criteria for 12 CE credits.*

### **Materials for PCL-R Workshop:**

Ideally, one should have a PCL-R manual, but it is not necessary. Participants of this workshop, who have the necessary qualifications, may purchase the Hare PCL-R Preview Set (includes PCL-R: 2nd Ed. Manual, Rating Booklet, 2 QuikScore Forms, and 2 Interview Guides), from MHS at a 15% discount. Interested participants must contact MHS Customer Service directly to order their Preview Set at 1-800-268-6011. When calling, participants will need to inform

Customer Service they are eligible for the discount ([www.mhs.com](http://www.mhs.com)). Preview Sets or Manuals will not be available on site. For those who will not have a copy of the manual, the scoring criteria will be made available at the workshop, but must be returned at the end of the final session. All other materials will be handed out to everyone at the start of the workshop.

## **Presenters:**

**Adelle Forth** is an Associate Professor at the Department of Psychology at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario. She worked with Dr. Robert Hare to develop the *Hare Psychopathy Checklist-Revised (PCL-R)* and is the senior author of the *Hare Psychopathy Checklist: Youth Version (PCL:YV; Forth, Kosson, & Hare, 2003)*. She is also a co-author of the *Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth*, a risk scale for adolescent violence, and two textbooks, *Psychology of Criminal Behaviour* (2nd edition, 2017) and *Forensic Psychology* (5th edition, 2018). She is the current President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Psychopathy. Dr. Forth devotes her time to teaching and research on the assessment of psychopathy, the relationship between emotional and cognitive processes and psychopathy, the experiences and impact of being involved with a psychopathic person, and violence risk assessment. She has extensive experience training a wide variety of professionals on the administration, scoring, and use of the PCL-R and PCL:YV throughout North America, Asia, and Europe and has testified in various court proceedings on the construct of psychopathy.

**Dave Kosson** is Professor of Psychology at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. His research focuses on the cognitive, emotional, interpersonal, and developmental mechanisms underlying psychopathy and other personality disorders. He has authored over 100 articles in peer-reviewed journals and co-authored the *Psychopathy Checklist: Youth Version*. He also developed the Interpersonal Measure of Psychopathy along with interpersonal measures of schizoidia, schizotypy, borderline personality disorder, and narcissism. His research on the mechanisms underlying psychopathy has been funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. He worked with Dr. Joseph Newman to conduct some of the early studies that established the value of the response modulation hypothesis. He also developed the left hemisphere activation hypothesis of psychopathy and, more recently, the affect regulation theory of psychopathy. He has trained researchers in several countries about how to assess psychopathy and has studied the validity of psychopathy in different cultures. He served as the President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Psychopathy from 2011 to 2013. He founded the Aftermath: Surviving Psychopathy Foundation in 2006 to increase awareness about the impact of people with psychopathic traits on family members, friends, colleagues, and romantic partners and to provide help to people who have suffered through traumatic relationships with psychopathic individuals. He has served as the President of the Aftermath Foundation since 2006 and has presented workshops to psychotherapists, family court judges, attorneys, and social workers, and to court appointed special advocates.