

# Presenters 2018

## **Angela Wyatt Ekes, Ph.D.**

Angela Wyatt Eke has worked with the Behavioral Sciences and Analysis Section of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) since 1997 and is the research coordinator for the Criminal Behavior Analysis Unit (CBAU). Dr. Eke's areas of research include intimate partner violence, sexual offending and child exploitation, with a focus on risk assessment. She is involved in a number of collaborative projects examining child pornography offending. Angela is a reviewer for various journals and is on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Family Violence and Sexual Abuse*. Angela was named OPP civilian of the year in 2005 and in 2010 she was recognized by the KINSA Foundation for her work in the area of child pornography. In 2014 she received the Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner's coin for leadership and in 2017 was appointed a Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces (Canada). Dr. Eke is an adjunct faculty member at Laurentian University where she teaches an undergraduate forensic psychology course. Angela received her B.Sc from the University of Toronto and completed her graduate studies in psychology at York University.

## **Franca Cortoni, Ph.D., C.Psych.**

Franca Cortoni received her doctorate in clinical and forensic psychology from Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario. Since 1989, she has worked with and conducted research on female and male sexual offenders. She worked for many years with the Correctional Service of Canada where she provided assessment and treatment services to incarcerated male and female offenders, was Director of an in-prison treatment program for high risk sexual offenders, and Director of correctional research. In 2007, she moved to a full time academic position in the School of Criminology at the Université de Montréal. In 2008, she also became a *Research Fellow* at the International Centre of Comparative Criminology (CICC). Her research interests include factors associated with the development of sexual offending behavior, risk assessment and treatment of both male and female sexual offenders. Dr. Cortoni has published extensively and made numerous presentations at national and international conferences on both male and female sexual offender issues. She has also been *Associate Editor* of the *Journal of Sexual Aggression*, the official journal of NOTA (ATSA's sister organization in the United Kingdom), and *Associate Editor* of the ATSA journal *Sexual Abuse*. As of January 2018, she will be President of the *Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers* (ATSA). Her latest book focuses on the assessment, treatment, and management of female sexual offenders.

## **Richard Packard, Ph.D.**

Dr. Packard is a licensed psychologist and certified sex offender treatment provider in private practice. He earned his B.S. degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, his M.S. from East Texas State University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Washington. Dr. Packard first became interested in the problem of sexual violence in 1979, when he supervised Child Protective and Child Welfare Services in Kitsap County. Since then, he has worked in a variety of related settings including psychiatric hospitals, prisons, developmental disabilities, and outpatient mental health where he has been a researcher, clinician and forensic expert. More recently, Dr. Packard has returned to an early interest in cognitive neuroscience and the integration of these developments in clinical practice. He can be reached via: <http://brainhealthnorthwest.com/>

## **Michael O'Connell, MSW, Ph.D.**

Michael O'Connell's introduction to social service work began in 1974, when he served as director of a Navy Correctional Center – i.e. the brig. He got his MSW from the University of Washington, intending to continue his career in correctional administration, but lost his way and ended up as a therapist doing inpatient substance abuse treatment. He began a private practice in 1980. In 1981, desperate for referrals, he began to work with sex offenders. He continues that work, today. Along the way, he earned a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at the University of Washington, including doing research on using polygraph testing with sex offenders. He co-authored a book, [Working With Sex Offenders](#) that outlines standards of practice for community-based treatment of sex offenders. He is a former president of the Washington Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (WATSA) and a current member of the WATSA Board. He is the WATSA representative to the Washington State Sex Offender Policy Board.