



16th Annual Midwest Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse: *"Reflections and Destinations"*

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Presenter Biographies

Mitch Avery is a Program Coordinator at the UNI-CSBR. He holds a MA in Political Science from College of Behavioral Sciences at the University of Northern Iowa. His current research is focus on Tobacco Cessation, Gaming and Gambling Disorder.

Juan Baez is a Problem Gambling Specialist for the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. He has been working in this position since December of 2011. Juan previously worked in the gaming industry as a Training Specialist and was responsible for training all casino employees in the responsible gaming program. He also worked briefly as a Table Games Dealer. Prior to that, Juan worked as the Targeted Case Manager for a behavioral health agency. Juan majors in Sociology and Addictions Counseling at Fort Hays State University. He is bilingual and has over seven years' experience working in the gambling field.

Mark Blakeslee, LCMFT, LCAC, KCGC II has worked in a number of settings in the areas of addictions, sexual abuse, grief, PTSD, depression, and children. The settings including inpatient substance/alcohol use, residential placement for children, and in-home family treatment.

Stacy R. Chamberlain, MA, LMAC is the Program Director for Behavioral Health Group/Overland Park Treatment Center which provides MAT services. Stacy has worked in the addiction field for more than 26 years and has worked with various populations including women and children, adolescents, and men in a correctional setting. Stacy also worked for the State of Kansas for 16 years as the Director of Addictions Services and was the State Methadone Authority for 14 years.

Lisa Chaney, M.S. Lisa Chaney serves as the Director of Research & Evaluation at Greenbush - The Southeast Kansas Education Service Center. She has worked in the field of prevention for fourteen years. Her key duties include oversight of the collection, analysis and reporting of three statewide surveys on behalf of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. She coordinates evaluation activities to support the collection and analysis of process and outcome data, specifically in the areas of youth substance use prevention, suicide prevention, and social-emotional learning. Lisa co-leads the Kansas Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) and has published research based on prevention work. Lisa has Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and Sociology and a Master of Science degree in Experimental Psychology. She is a member of the American Evaluation Association, Society for Prevention Research, and National Council on Problem Gambling.

Cindy Claxton, KS LSCSW, LCAC is a Team Leader with JCMHC. Her 20+ years of experience includes treating substance use and mental health disorders. Cynthia has been the team leader for the Medication Assisted Treatment grant project since 2016.

Keynote Presenter – Maureen Greeley Maureen Greeley has worked with and for the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling (ECPG) since 1998, becoming Executive Director in 2006. Maureen served on the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) Board from 2011-2017, including two terms as President. In 2018, she received NCPG's Lifetime Achievement Award for Advocacy – recognizing dedication to improving the lives of problem gamblers and their families through advocacy, training, and public awareness. Maureen holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications/Journalism from the University of Kansas (Go Jayhawks!), with minors in Psychology and Political Science, and has done graduate work in Communications at San Diego State University.

Keynote Presenter - Joseph Green is a motivational speaker, workshop facilitator, youth program designer, award-winning poet, and person in long-term recovery. For 15 years he has designed and facilitated thousands of workshops with youth, educators, health care professionals, nonprofit social justice organizations, and many others. His workshops range from implementing effective youth development strategies to Creative Mindfulness; the ability to use our creative power to sustain a practice of heightened or complete state awareness in both personal and professional spaces. In recent years, Joseph has focused on youth prevention and the eradication of stigma around the conversations of substance use disorder and recovery.

Jessica Hartz, ICGC-1 has worked as a problem gambling counselor in Southeast Iowa for over 2 years. She has a BA in psychology and is an International Certified Gambling Counselor (ICGC-1).

Wiley Harwell has a Doctor of Ministry degree from Southern Methodist University, a Master's of Divinity from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and a Bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist University. Wiley is a certified employee assistance professional and has an advanced certification in hypnotherapy. he currently leads trainings for tribal casinos, as well as continuing education for mental health professionals on problem gambling.

Keynote Presenter – Julie Hynes, Certified Prevention Specialist; MA, RD, CPS is Director of Responsible Gambling with Mass Council on Compulsive Gambling. She has specialized in problem gambling prevention for 17 years, starting in Oregon, and is on the board of directors of the National Council on Problem Gambling.

Jamie Katz, MPH currently serves as a prevention coordinator for Johnson County Mental Health Center. She has over 13 years of experience in working with communities on adaptive change to address substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion.

Ty Lostutter, Ph.D., License Clinical Psychologist is an Assistant Professor and serves as the Training Director of the Psychology Internship Program in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences in the School of Medicine at the University of Washington.

Keynote Speaker - Jeffrey Marotta, Ph.D., ICGC-II serves as President and Senior Consultant with Problem Gambling Solutions, Inc. and as a Board of Director for two non-profits. Jeff received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Nevada Reno and is certified an Internationally Certified Gambling Counselor - II.

Kenneth J. Martz, Psy.D. CAS. is a licensed psychologist and Director of Research and Evaluation of Gaudenzia Inc. He has worked in treatment and management of special populations including criminal justice clients in community corrections and in prison settings for the past 20 years. Dr. Martz has also worked in a variety of settings including outpatient, residential and therapeutic communities providing treatment of addictions including gambling. He was formerly the Special Assistant to the Secretary for the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Dr. Martz has a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Loyola College, a Master's of Business Administration from Argosy University, and a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the American School of Professional Psychology. He has a number of publications and international presentations in the addictions treatment field.

Keynote Speaker - Kimberly Nelson is the Regional Administrator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) serving Region 7: Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska. Ms. Nelson is a licensed addictions counselor with a master's degree in public administration and has worked in the behavioral health care field since 1992. Ms. Nelson has worked in health care for all of her professional career, primarily in the area of behavioral health as an addictions and managed care contract professional. Ms. Nelson's clinical work was early in her career and mainly focused on addiction services, initially in community-based settings in women's and children's residential programs in Kansas. She then moved into executive leadership roles primarily. Ms. Nelson provided leadership as program director in programs with criminal justice clients in community-based residential and outpatient settings, as well as with prison-based therapeutic communities.

Eric Preuss is the program manager for the Iowa Gambling Treatment Program (Iowa Department of Public Health) and oversees the publicly funded problem gambling treatment and prevention efforts in Iowa as well as the Your Life Iowa helpline and yourlifeiowa.org.

Keynote Speaker - Rory Reid Ph.D., LCSW, ICGC-II holds a master's degree in social work and a doctorate in clinical psychology with a dual emphasis in Neuropsychology and Marriage and Family Therapy. He completed his post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Psychiatry at UCLA and additional post-doctoral training in clinical research through Harvard Medical School. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Research Psychologist in the Department of Psychiatry at UCLA. Dr. Reid was the Principal Investigator for the DSM-5 Field Trial on the proposed criteria for Hypersexual Disorder and has published numerous research articles on problem gambling and hypersexual behavior in scientific journals. Dr. Reid has worked clinically with hundreds of individuals, couples, and families negatively impacted by hypersexual behavior and problem gambling. His work has been featured in press outlets such as the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, TIME magazine, as well as TV specials on ABC, CBS and Fox News. He serves on the editorial boards for several peer-reviewed journals and has trained and educated mental health professionals, industry specialists, government organizations, and lay audiences around the world.

Loreen Rugle, PhD, ICGC-II/BACC, brings 30 + years of experience in the field of problem and responsible gambling including treatment, prevention, research and responsible gambling to her current positions. She has managed problem gambling programs within the Veterans Administration, in the private sector and within state systems. She has provided consultation and training on gambling disorders throughout the United States, for the military and internationally. She is also president of the board of the Association of Problem Gambling Service Administrators and of the International Gambling Counselor Certification Board.

Keynote Speaker - Dan Trolaro, MS Psychology is the Assistant Executive Director for 800-GAMBLER in NJ. He graduated from The College of New Jersey with a BS in Finance and a concentration in Economics. He also holds his MS in Psychology from California Coast University. Dan has spoken at dozens of events around the state and country about the “Dis” Ease of Addiction, emerging trends in video gaming and the convergence and connection with disordered gambling. Whether speaking on prevention strategies, emerging trends, responsible gaming or recovery resources, Dan discusses the concept of gambling, addiction switching, co-occurrence, and behaviors associated with this devastating addiction.

Cecilia Velasquez, MHS is currently the Eastern Region Director for Gaudenzia Inc. With over 45 years’ experience in the provision of treatment and management of SUD services, she holds deep experience in the clinical and management applications of SUD services. She holds specialty training and experience in leadership development, cultural diversity issues, as well as criminal justice related services.