

Without Conscience: Understanding and Assessing Psychopaths

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Program Description

Psychopathy is a personality disorder defined by a cluster of interpersonal, affective, lifestyle, and antisocial characteristics, including egocentricity, grandiosity, deceptiveness, impulsivity, shallow emotions, lack of empathy and remorse, irresponsibility, and the ready violation of social and legal norms. Among the most extreme features of the disorder are a callous disregard for the rights of others and a propensity for predatory behavior and violence.

This two-day workshop provides an overview of current theory and research on psychopathy, its etiology and nature, its measurement with clinical, forensic, and non-forensic populations, and its implications for the mental health and criminal justice systems and for society in general.

Two Days - Totaling 12 hours of Presentation

Program Day 1

1) *Description of Psychopathy*

- Historical overview
- Clinical descriptions

2) *Etiology*

- Nature/nurture
- Behavioral genetics
- Clues from cognitive/affective neuroscience

3) *Assessment*

- The PCL-R, PCL-SV, and PCL-YV
- Nonclinical instruments
- The P-Scan & B-Scan 360
- Self-report inventories

4) *Psychopathy and Crime*

- Predatory behavior and violence
- Role in assessment of risk for crime and violence
- Creative uses of self-disclosure
- Ethical practices

Program Day 2

5) *Cognitive/Affective Models of Psychopathy*

- Attention, information processing, response modulation

6) *Brain imaging, psychophysiology*

7) *Guidelines for Psychopathy Treatment Programs*

8) *Psychopathy in Society*

- Prevalence and manifestations
- The corporate world

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Robert Hare is Emeritus Professor of Psychology at the University of British Columbia, where he has taught and conducted research since he earned his Ph.D. in 1963 at the University of Western Ontario. He is also President of Darkstone Research Group Ltd., a forensic research and consulting firm.

Dr. Hare is the author of several books, including *Without Conscience: The Disturbing World of the Psychopaths Among Us*, and more than one hundred scientific articles on psychopathy. He also developed the *Psychopathy Checklist-Revised* (PCL-R) and is a co-author of its derivatives: the *Screening Version*, *Youth Version*, the *Antisocial Process Screening Device*, and the *P-Scan* (for use in law enforcement).

He consults with law enforcement, including the FBI and the RCMP, sits on the Research Advisory Board of the new FBI Child Abduction and Serial Murder Investigative Resources Center, and is a member of the FBI Serial Murder Working Group. He also was a member of the Advisory Panel established by Her Majesty's Prison Service to

develop new programs for the treatment of psychopathic offenders.

His current research on psychopathy includes assessment issues, developmental factors, neurobiological correlates, risk for recidivism and violence, and the development (with S. Wong) of new treatment and management strategies for psychopathic offenders.

He and Paul Babiak have extended the theory and research on psychopathy to the business and corporate world, with the development of the B-Scan-360, an instrument used to screen for psychopathic traits and behaviors, and preparation of a book, *Snakes in Suits: When Psychopaths Go To Work*.

Dr. Hare lectures widely on psychopathy and has been the subject of, or participant in, many CNN, PBS, and BBC programs.

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