



An Interdisciplinary Symposium on Trauma

Co-Sponsored by THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES and
THE FOUNDATION FOR PSYCHO-CULTURAL RESEARCH

December 13-15, 2002

Biological, Clinical and Cultural Approaches to Trauma's Effects

Profound effects of traumatic experiences persist long after the horrifying events themselves. The tragedy of September 11, 2001 testifies to this and underscores the importance of understanding the ways in which trauma shapes and is shaped by our culture and biology. Integrating cultural, clinical, and biological perspectives, UCLA's Brain Research and Neuropsychiatric Institutes, the UCLA Anxiety Project and the Foundation for Psycho-cultural Research (FPR) are cosponsoring an interdisciplinary conference in December 2002 to examine posttraumatic stress disorder and other human responses to traumatic events.

The three-day symposium will thoroughly examine the human response to trauma in the cultural, clinical, and biological domains. On Day 1, we will examine knowledge about responses to trauma. On Day 2, we will focus on the effect that traumatic events have on development of and future vulnerability to psychopathology. Finally, on Day 3 we will explore therapeutic issues in the treatment of individuals suffering from the effects of trauma. Each day will include presentations from basic scientists, from clinicians and clinical researchers, and from social scientists. In addition, several New York City officials who dealt with the effects of 9/11 will discuss some of the formidable public policy and public health challenges of such disasters. Each day's speakers will also participate in an open round-table discussion at the end of the day, which will attempt to integrate the perspectives of the different levels of analysis in response to questions from the audience, and from each other. This conference is designed to break down the barriers that traditionally cordon off academic disciplines and to challenge the notion that a single approach can be sufficient to

understand the complex human effects of major traumatic experiences. To this end, the conference will include a poster session featuring recent research on trauma, and we encourage scholars at all levels and from all disciplines to submit abstracts.

Special Keynote Address

Former NYC Mayor Rudolph Giuliani will give a special keynote address on Thursday evening, Dec 12, 2002, at Royce Hall on the UCLA campus.

Conference Organizers

Robert Lemelson, Ph.D.

President, The Foundation for
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Lecturer, Department of Psychology, UCLA

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Conference Consultant

Call For Abstracts

The conference program will include poster sessions. We invite you to submit an abstract for presentation and inclusion in the abstracts booklet. The deadline for poster abstract submission is October 1, 2002. Credit available for MFT/LCSW; CAADC; Nursing; and has been submitted for MCEP credit.

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Trauma, Culture and the Brain

An interdisciplinary approach to understanding the complex
human experience of major traumatic events
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Basic Sciences

Neurobiological aspects of fear, anxiety, and trauma

Mark Barad, UCLA
Mark Bouton, University of Vermont
Michael Davis, Emory University
Michael Fanselow, UCLA
Emeran Mayer, UCLA
Michael Meaney, McGill University
Gregory Quirk, Ponce School of Medicine
Stephen Suomi, NICHD

Clinical

Human response to traumatic events and therapeutic issues of trauma-related disorders

J. Douglas Bremner, Emory University
Larry Cahill, University of California, Irvine
Dennis Charney, NIMH
Edna Foa, University of Pennsylvania
Mardi Horowitz, UC San Francisco
David Kinzie, Oregon HSU
Bessel van der Kolk, The Trauma Center and Boston University
Charles Marmar, UC San Francisco
Robert Pynoos, UCLA
Arieh Shalev, Hadassah University
Rachel Yehuda, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and Bronx Veteran Affairs

Cultural

Trauma's effects across cultures

James Boehnlein, Oregon HSU
Bryon Good, Harvard University
Gilbert Herdt, San Francisco State University
Alexander Hinton, Rutgers University
Laurence Kirmayer, McGill University
Mel Konner, Emory University
Mark Micale, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Claudia Mitchell-Kernan, University of California, Los Angeles
Nancy Scheper-Hughes, UC Berkeley
Allan Young, McGill University

NYC 9/11 Participants

Rosemarie O'Keefe (Former Commissioner, NYC Mayor's Community Assistance Unit)