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23 TRACKS TO CHOOSE FROM

1. Grief and Loss, Crisis Response, and Disaster Recovery
Track Leader: Jennifer Cisney Ellers, M.A.
Possible Topics: Styles of Grieving; Loss of a Child, Spouse or Parents; Sudden Death as Loss; Counseling with Cancer Victims/Terminally Ill; Pathological Grieving; Complicated Bereavement; Suicide; Survivor Guilt and Fostering Resiliency; Crisis and First Responder Training; Acute Stress; Natural Disasters; Domestic and Community Crisis Response

**UPDATED**

2. Abuse, Violence, Trauma, and Terrorism
Track Leader: Diane Langberg, Ph.D.
Track Coordinators: Heather Gingrich, Ph.D., June Hunt, M.A., Leslie Vernick, M.S.W.
Possible Topics: Physical, Sexual, Verbal, Spousal and Spiritual Abuse; Abuse by Counselors/Ministers; Hiding and Denying Abuse; Neglect; PTSD; Dissociation; Recovered Memories; Secondary/Vicarious Trauma; Disasters and Accidents; Compassion Fatigue; War/Refugee Trauma; Spiritual vs. Secular Trauma Treatment; Critical Incident De-briefing

**NEW**

3. Love, Sex, and Relationships
Track Leader: Doug Rosenau, Ed.D.
Track Coordinators: Sharon Hart May, Ph.D., Cliff Penner, Ph.D., Joyce Penner, M.N., R.N., William Struthers, Ph.D.
Possible Topics: Theology of Sex; Differing Sexual Expectations; Developing Sexual Communication Skills; Impact of Past Abuse and Sexual History; Gender and Sexual Responses; Sexual Dysfunction; Pornography and Sex Addiction; Same-sex Attraction; Pregnancy and Infertility; Teens/Single Sexuality; HIV/STIs

4. Biblical Counseling, Theological Foundations, and Pastoral Care
Track Leader: Ian Jones, Ph.D., Ph.D.
Track Coordinators: Mark McMinn, Ph.D., Phil Monroe, Psy.D., Ed Welch, M.Div., Ph.D.
Possible Topics: Transformational Psychology; Spiritual Disciplines; Experiencing God; Biblical Mediation; Forgiveness; Theology of Spiritual Transformation; Role of Scripture in Counseling; Confession and Repentance; Biblical Change Processes; Idols of the Heart; Suffering and Faith; Resisting Temptation; Grace and

13. Christian Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine
Track Leader: Michael Lyles, M.D., Paul Meier, M.D.
Track Coordinator: Tim Jennings, M.D.
Possible Topics: Managing Side Effects of Psychotropics; Psychopharmacology; Chronic Pain; Impact of Faith on Medical Healing; Psychosis; Split Treatment; Medical Psychotherapy; Mind/Body Issues; ADD/ADHD; Anxiety Disorders; Dementia; Sleep Disorders; Depression; Bipolar Disorder

14. Clinical Assessment, Research, and Evidence-based Practices
Track Leader: Ev Worthington, Jr., Ph.D.
Track Coordinators: Fred DiBlasio, Ph.D., Fernando Garzon, Psy.D.
Possible Topics: Empirically Supported Treatments for Anxiety, Stress, Depression, Personality Disorders and Psychotic Disorders; Bio/Psycho/Social/Spiritual Development; Dual and Differential Assessment; Research in Diagnostics and Treatment Planning; Eating Disorders; Addictions; EMDR; Biofeedback; Visualization; Outcomes-based Research; Models and Assessment of Christian Counseling; Brief vs. Longer-term Therapy

15. Couples in Crisis, Relationship Conflict, and Marital Recovery
Track Leader: David Carder, M.A.
Possible Topics: From Conflict to Collaboration; How to Build Honesty, Trust and Understanding; Personality Differences; Family of Origin Issues; Characteristics of Lasting Relationships; Dating/Pre-marital issues; Infatuation vs. Biblical Love; Gender Differences and Communication; Approval-seeking; Friendships; Importance of Christian Community

**NEW**

16. Legal and Ethical Issues in Mental Healthcare, Advocacy and Public Policy, and Counselor Education
Track Leader: John Sandy, J.D.
Track Coordinators: Miriam Parent, Ph.D., Jared Pingleton, Psy.D.
Possible Topics: Clients' Right to Self-determination; Dual Relationships; Confidentiality; Consent; Managed Care; Credentialing; Consultation-Referral-Termination; Harmful Counselors; Abortion; Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia; Sexual Misconduct; Alternative Therapies; Phone/Internet Counseling (NOTE: INCLUDE
Redemption; Healing Prayer

**UPDATED** 5. Spiritual Formation, Interventions, and Care
Track Leader: Siang-Yang Tan, Ph.D.
Track Coordinators: David Jenkins, Psy.D., Gary Moon, Ph.D., Margaret Nagib, Psy.D.
Possible Topics: Spiritual Doubt and Questioning; Hypocrisy and Legalism; Caring for Ministry Leaders; Preventing Burnout; Caring for Couples in Crisis; Building Strong Families; Church-based 12-step Study Groups; Discipleship Programs; Spiritual Gifts in Counseling; Bringing People into God’s Presence; Emotional Healing; Spiritual Interventions

6. Christian Psychology: Theory and Techniques
Track Leader: Shannon Wolf, Ph.D.
Track Coordinators: Robert Emmons, Ph.D., Eric Johnson, Ph.D., Richard Winter, M.D.
Possible Topics: Models and Theories of Christian Psychology; Christian Spiritual Practices; A Biblical Understanding of Emotions; Christian Meditation and Anxiety; Christian Atonement Models; Shame, Guilt and Redemption; The Christian Virtues; Self-revelation of God; Application of Theology in Clinical Practice; A Biblical Perspective on Mental Illness

7. Addictions, Relapse, and Recovery
Track Leaders: Mark Laaser, Ph.D., Debbie Laaser, M.MFT.
Track Coordinators: Steve Arterburn, M.Ed., Jim Cress, M.A., David Stoop, Ph.D.
Possible Topics: Styles of Addictive Disorders; Disease Model vs. Psychosocial Disorder vs. Moral Responsibility; Relapse Issues; Cutting-edge Detox Treatments; Polydrug Abusers; Ecstasy Abuse; OxyCont and New Drugs of Abuse; Sex Addiction; 12-step Programs and the Church; Role of the Holy Spirit and Accountability in Recovery; Harm-reduction Model

8. Professional Life Coaching, Mediation, and Consultation
Track Leader: Georgia Shaffer, M.A.
Track Coordinators: Katie Brazelton, Ph.D., Shannon Ethridge, M.A.
Possible Topics: Strategies to Reach Clients; Launching and Growing a Successful Coaching Practice; Coaching Assessments and Tools; Career Planning and Vocational Development; Marriage/Relationship Coaching; Leadership/Executive Coaching; Divorce Coaching; Health/Wellness Coaching; Spiritual Formation Coaching; Financial Coaching

9. Premarital Counseling and Marriage Enrichment
Track Coordinator: Ted Cunningham, MACE
Possible Topics: Strengthening Marriage; Cultivating Love and Intimacy; Spiritual Oneness; Pre-marital Counseling; Marriage Mentoring; Conflict and Money Issues; Infidelity and Recovery; Divorce and Remarriage; Disaffection; Rebuilding Trust; Rekindling Romance; Marriage as a Safe Haven; Anger and Intimacy; Reconciliation and Forgiveness; Selflessness

**UPDATED** 10. Family Health, Parenting, and Millennials
Track Leader: Joshua Straub, Ph.D.
Track Coordinators: Jim Burns, Ph.D., Ron Deal, M.MFT., Scott Hawkins, Ph.D.
Possible Topics: Parenting Styles; Communication and Conflict Resolution; Generation Gap; Gender Roles; Uniqueness of Each Child; Remarriage and Blended Families; Special Needs Children; Attachment-based Parenting; Biblical Discipline; Sexual Education;

17. Multicultural Counseling, Special Populations and Global Competency
Track Leader: Mark Crear, Ph.D.
Track Coordinators: Fred Gingrich, D.Min., Wei-Jen Huang, Ph.D., Elias Moitinho, Ph.D.
Possible Topics: Cultural Sensitivity and Competency; Ethnicity and Identity Development; Oppression/Discrimination and Racism; Working with Minorities; Counseling African-American, Asian, Latino/a, and Middle Eastern Clients; Counseling those with Disabilities; Counseling Immigrants/Refugees; Social Justice Issues; Post-trauma Care around the World

18. Mental Health and the Mission of the Church
Track Leader: Gary Oliver, Ph.D.
Track Coordinators: Kathie Erwin, Ed.D., Amy Simpson, M.B.A., Matthew Stanford, Ph.D.
Possible Topics: Foundations; Motivations; Core Skills; Treatment Planning; Pitfalls of Caregiving; Pastoral Burnout; Decreasing Stigma; Congregational Counseling; Ministering to Lay Leaders; Pastoral Counseling; Compassion Fatigue in Pastoral and Counseling Ministry

19. Personality Disorders, Complex Cases, and Suicide
Track Leader: Linda Mintle, Ph.D.
Track Coordinators: Marian Eberly, Ph.D., Amy Feigel, M.A., Beverly Rodgers, Ph.D., Tom Rodgers, Ph.D.
Possible Topics: Co-occurring Disorders; Suicide Warning Signs and Prevention; Treatment of Personality Disorders; Eating Disorders, Suicide and Homicide; Special Populations

20. Counseling Skills and Techniques
Track Leader: John Thomas, Ph.D.
Possible Topics: Rapport and Relationship Building; Empathy; Active Listening; Assessment and Goal-setting; Individual and Group Interventions; Emotion Focused Therapy; Cognitive Behavioral Therapy; Narrative Therapy; Existential Therapy; Solution-focused Therapy; Family Systems and Couple Counseling; Expressive/Art Therapies; Suicide Assessment

21. Executive and Leadership Coaching and Organizational Psychology
Track Leader: John Townsend, Ph.D.
Track Coordinators: Lea Carawan, M.A., Rolfe Carawan, M.Ed., Eric Scalise, Ph.D.
Possible Topics: Organizational Dynamics; Models of Leadership; Developing Leaders; Counterproductive Work Behavior; Training and Motivation; Performance Management and Job Satisfaction; Leadership in the 21st Century; Servant Leadership; Transformational and Authentic Leadership; Biblical Principles in Leadership; Healthy vs. Unhealthy Leadership

22. Men’s Issues, Women’s Issues, and Aging
Track Leader: John Trent, Ph.D.
Track Coordinator: Dina Jones, M.A., Marnie Ferree, M.A., Mark Yarhouse, Psy.D.
Possible Topics: Gender Differences and Culture; How Men and Women Think; Understanding and Celebrating Differences; Sex Addiction and Purity; Spiritual Formation; Men and Women in Leadership; Body Image and Eating Disorders; Anger Management; Worry and Loneliness; Importance of Same-sex Friendships and
Boundaries and Freedom; Parent and Adult Child Relationships; Balancing Marriage and Parenting; Counseling Millennials; Millennials as Parents

11. Child and Adolescent Development and Interventions
Track Leader: Chap Clark, Ph.D.
Track Coordinators: Shaw Wendi Fortuchang, M.D., Garry Landreth, Ed.D.
Possible Topics: Obesity; Media and Culture; Birth Order Influence; Peer Pressure; Conduct and Oppositional Disorders; Attachment Disorders; Teen Sexual Behavior (Pregnancy, STDs, Abstinence); Suicidal Ideations; Self-injury; Eating Disorders; Substance Abuse; Impact of Parental Divorce; ADD/ADHD; School Problems; Bullying; Dating; Finding God’s Will; Children and Technology

**NEW**
12. Mental Health, the Brain, and Neuroscience
Track Leader: Gary Sibcy, Ph.D.
Track Coordinator: Barry Lord, Psy.D., Curt Thompson, M.D.
Possible Topics: Applications of Neuroscience, Psychotherapy and Brain Plasticity; Cutting-edge Research; Interpersonal Neurobiology

23. Health, Wellness, and Positive Psychology
Track Leader: Catherine Hart Weber, Ph.D.
Track Coordinator: Gregory Jantz, Ph.D., Benjamin Mast, Ph.D.
Possible Topics: Christian Positive Psychology; Strengths-based Approaches; Emotional Intelligence; Resiliency; Life Satisfaction and Purpose; Holistic Approaches; Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyle; Meditation and Spiritual Formation; Christian Virtues; Emotional Healing; Abundant Life; Faith Integration in Counseling; Technology Management and Mental Health

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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Morning Workshops: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

001: Stabilizing Marriages after Emotional and Sexual Betrayal
David Carder, M.A.

002: The Perils and Promise of the 21st Century Family: A Theological and Psychological Discussion on Family Discipleship and Generational Blessing
Chap Clark, Ph.D. and Joshua Straub, Ph.D.

003: Coaching, Pastoring, and Mentoring those Caught in the Marital Drift: Exploring Seven Marriage and Family Trends Affecting the Church and Home
Ted Cunningham, MACE

004: Building Smart Stepfamilies: Preventing Re-divorce through Ministry and Counseling
Ron Deal, M.MFT.

005: Seeing Red: Best Practices for Anger Management and Resolution
Lynnette Hoy, M.A. and Seigel Bartley, Ph.D.

006: Second Act, Mental Health, and Splendor: Life, Loss, and Letting Go

012: Cognitive Behavioral Treatments and Best Practices for Stress and Anxiety Disorders
Linda Mintle, Ph.D.

013: Helping People Change: Emotional and Relational Intelligence (ERQ®) and Increased Effectiveness in Brief Therapy
Gary Oliver, Ph.D.

014: Play Therapy 2.0: Connecting, Community, and Caring for Today’s Kids
Garry L. Landreth, Ed.D.

015: Efficient and Effective Digital Research: Leveraging Digital Resources for Biblical Counseling
Scott Lindsey, M.B.A.

016: Turning Your Great Idea to Help Others into a Great Book or Workshop
John Trent, Ph.D.

017: What We Don’t Know About Trauma: Unique Causes and Solutions
H. Norman Wright, M.A.
Kathie Erwin, Ph.D.

007: Food, Mood, and Diets: Living Free from Addictive Eating
Rhona Epstein, Psy.D.

008: Childhood Rage: Diagnosis and Treatment Strategies for Severe Mood Dysregulation
John Kuhnley, M.D.

009: Taking it to the Pews: Neuroscience, Mental Illness, and the Church
Michael Lyles, M.D.

010: Emotionally Focused Therapy 2.0: New Horizons and Trends
Sharon May, Ph.D.

011: The Soul of Shame: Retelling the Stories We Believe about Ourselves
Curt Thompson, M.D.

018: Assessment and Intervention with Christians Navigating Gender Identity Concerns
Mark A. Yarhouse, Psy.D.

019: Creative Strategies for Exploding Your Coaching Practice
Georgia Shaffer, M.A. and Shannon Ethridge, M.A.

020: A Biblical and Transformational Approach to Helping Others
Ron Hawkins, Ed.D., D.Min. and Ian Jones, Ph.D., Ph.D.

021: New Horizons in Post-abortion Trauma: Getting Beyond the Silence, Shame, and Suffering
Laurel Shaler, Ph.D.

022: When War Comes Home: Reintegration, PTSD, Suicide, and Resilience
Robert Shaw, D.Min.

023: Cyber Addiction, Technology Management, and Mental Health
Gregory Jantz, Ph.D.

Afternoon Workshops: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

025: Transformed Living: Integrating God’s Design for Authentic Change and Growth
Rolfe Carawan, M.Ed. and Lea Carawan, M.A.

026: The Entitlement Cure
John Townsend, Ph.D.

027: Adolescent Mood and Anxiety Disorders: Emerging Trends in Neuroscience, Treatment, and Ethical Considerations
Marian Eberly, Ph.D. and Amy Feigel, M.A.

028: Best Practices to Help Women Flourish in Life and Relationships
Catherine Hart Weber, Ph.D. and Sylvia Hart Frejd, D.Min.

029: The Healing Cycle: A Process Approach for Leading Small Groups
Jan Paul Hook, Ed.D. and Joshua N. Hook, Ph.D.

030: Abuse and Trauma Recovery: How to Overcome the Victim Mentality and Experience New Life
June Hunt, M.A.

031: Neurobiology of Depression and Drug-free Treatments
Tim Jennings, M.D.

032: Spiritual Abuse and Toxic Faith
Diane Langberg, Ph.D. and Phil Monroe, Psy.D.

033: Hope Deferred and Healing Defined: The Science and Supernatural Power of Hope
Margaret Nagib, Psy.D.

034: Spiritual Direction and Soul Care: Embracing God’s Presence in Your Practice
John Thomas, Ph.D.

035: Evidence-based Practices in Sex Therapy

Richard D. Winter, M.D.
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

AACC members and others are encouraged to submit proposals for presentation at the 2017 World Conference by December 30, 2016.

A Presentation Proposal Application must be completed by every individual who would like to be considered to present a workshop. Applications must be completed and submitted online at speaker.accc.net. Simply click on the Presentation Proposal Application button.

After the December 30, 2016 submission deadline, proposals will be distributed to the appropriate Track Leaders/Coordinators for selection. Their judgments will be based on the following criteria:

1. Does the proposal follow wording guidelines for abstracts and learning objectives as outlined by the APA? (Refer to the detailed document included in the online Proposal Application.)

2. Does the submission include a high-resolution (300 dpi or higher .jpg or .tif file only), color headshot photo?

3. Is the proposal clear and psychologically sound?

4. What makes the proposal appropriate for a conference on Christian counseling?

5. Is the proposal of interest to a wide group of participants? (Proposals that are too narrow are less likely to be accepted.)

6. How does the proposal fit the Conference theme?

7. In view of other proposals, is the proposal of sufficient impact to be included in the track to which it has been submitted?

If selected, you will be required to:

1. Give your presentation at the time selected by the Program Director. Morning and afternoon track workshops will take place on Thursday, September 28th, Friday, September 29th, and Saturday, September 30th. A specific day/time request will be considered if necessary, but cannot be guaranteed. Once the track workshop schedule has been determined, no changes will be made.

2. Check in upon your arrival at the Conference and pick up your Badge, "Speaker" Ribbon and conference information packet at the Registration Booth in the Delta Lobby.

All selections will be made by March 1, 2017. Letters informing applicants of their acceptance status will be mailed by March 15, 2017.
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