



# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF FORENSIC STUDIES (AIAFS) *presents*

## ***Understanding the Role of Bias in Clinical, Forensic, and Legal Settings***

**Presenter(s): Scott Fischer, Ph.D., ABPP**

**Date: Friday, December 4, 2020    Time: 8:30am - 4:00pm CST    6.0 CEUs**

### **Training Description**

This presentation will help professionals to understand how biases can impact their judgement and how to employ strategies to minimize the impact of bias on their work. The presentation will include a group exercise to identify the nature and potency of initial biased impressions. Specific types of bias to be discussed will include primacy and recency bias "the flashbulb effect", ignoring base rates, confirmatory bias, and selection bias. We will explore how these biases operate in forensic and clinical settings. Strategies for minimizing bias will be identified, including the use of systems and routines, appropriate consultation, self-examination and use of alternative hypotheses. The presentation will include information on minimizing bias in communication, including speaking with clients, consultation, report writing, and expert testimony.

### **Training Objectives**

1. Participants will be able to identify at least 4-sources of bias and how these apply to their professional lives.
2. Participants will be able to identify at least 4-strategies for minimizing bias in their professional lives.
3. Participants will show an increased awareness of the power of biases and the extent to which these are universal in our judgements.
4. Participants will be able to identify 2-ways to reduce bias in communication with clients and other professionals.

### **Presenter Biography**

Scott Fischer, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist in St. Paul. The bulk of his practice is psychological assessment, primarily forensic evaluations. Specific areas of practice include criminal, family, and juvenile court. Dr. Fischer earned a Ph.D. from the University of Oregon and completed an internship at Yale University. In the past, he has worked in private practice and community mental health settings. Dr. Fischer is now the owner of Acumen Psychology. He is the former Chair of the Minnesota Psychological Association Ethics Committee and former Chair of the Minnesota Board of Psychology. He is a board-certified forensic psychologist.

<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>This event is a virtual, live stream training event with participants joining via Zoom.</b>
<b>COST:</b>	<b>\$99.00 (Individual Rate)</b>
<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	<b>Online at <a href="http://www.aiafs.com/trainingsls.asp">www.aiafs.com/trainingsls.asp</a> or use the attached registration form <i>For additional info, contact Darian @ 612-250-5432 - or - Email: <a href="mailto:aiafsassoc@gmail.com">aiafsassoc@gmail.com</a></i></b>

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## Course Registration

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### Training Schedule:

7:45am-8:30am – Sign in/Registration	1:00pm-2:15pm – Training
8:30am-10:00am – Training	2:15pm-2:30pm – Break
10:00am-10:15am – Break	2:30pm-3:45pm – Training
10:15am-12:00pm – Training	3:45pm-4:00pm – Questions/Post-Test
12:00pm-1:00pm – Lunch Break	4:00pm – Adjourn

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### Attendee Contact Information:

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