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A Neuro-Bio-Psycho-Social Case Analysis of the Infamous Serial Killer Albert Fish

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This is a 3.0-hour On-Demand training

Training Description

Albert Fish is one of the most infamous child serial killers in American history. Described as a mysopod, sadistic pedophile, rapist, and cannibal, Fish has been the focus of gossip and conjecture since the early 1900s when he began to be accused of a series of crimes and his actions have commonly been attributed to both genetic and environmental causes. Designed for professionals, this 3-hour training provides a neuro-bio-psycho-social case analysis of Albert Fish's infamous crimes and behaviors. This will include an in-depth analysis of Fish using empirical research from the fields of neuroscience, psychology, and criminology. An example of this analysis includes a consideration of how the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) framework can help identify possible criminogenic risk factors present in the Fish case. The purpose of this approach is not to suggest specific interventions that would have abated the extreme behaviors of Albert Fish, but instead simply to highlight factors that attendees may recognize (perhaps to a lesser degree) in some of their clients. This endeavor has the potential to increase awareness and understanding of possible neuro-bio-psycho-social risk factors that increase the risk of problematic and deviant behaviors. Other topics discussed in this training will include adverse childhood experiences (e.g., neglect, abuse, and other forms of trauma), attachment disruptions, peer victimization and humiliation, early institutionalization, empathy deficits, family disruption, fantasy development, lead exposure, severe mental illness, parental psychopathology, family rejection, self-conscious emotions (e.g., shame), self-control deficits, social incompetence, and head injuries. Relevant research findings will serve as the foundation when examining the diverse topics explored throughout this training.

Training Objectives

1. Provide an overview of Albert Fish's life and crimes through a neuro-bio-psycho-social lens
2. Define and distinguish key terms including mysopedia
3. Review established risk factors for sexual homicide and other violent crimes
4. Explore the role adverse childhood experiences, attachment disruptions, head trauma, abandonment, and rejection possibly played in Albert Fish's life
5. Provide an overview of the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) model
6. Explore potential interventions that can address different risk factors presented in the Albert Fish case study
7. Consider how current research can help to better understand the actions of Albert Fish and identify current gaps in knowledge and pathways for future research

Presenter Biographies

Jerrod Brown, Ph.D., M.A., M.S., M.S., M.S., is a professor, trainer, researcher, and consultant with multiple years of experience teaching collegiate courses. Jerrod has also been employed with Pathways Counseling Center, Inc. in St. Paul, Minnesota for the past eighteen years. Pathways provides programs and services benefitting individuals impacted by mental illness and addictions. Jerrod is also the founder and CEO of the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies (AIAFS). Jerrod has also provided consultation services to a number of caregivers, professionals, and organizations pertaining to topics related to autism spectrum disorder (ASD), fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD), confabulation, suggestibility, trauma and other life adversities, traumatic brain injury (TBI), and youth firesetting. In 2021, Jerrod completed a post-doctoral certificate in Leadership and Organizational Strategy and a professional certificate in Forensic Psychology. Currently, Jerrod is pursuing a graduate certificate in Neuropsychology from Ball State University, with an anticipated date of completion in the later part of 2022. Jerrod has completed four separate master's degree programs and holds graduate certificates in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Other Health Disabilities (OHD), and Traumatic-Brain Injuries (TBI). Jerrod has published multiple articles and book chapters, and is regularly featured on several national and international podcast programs.

Joseph Arvidson, MS, GCERT, is Executive Director of The Paragon Group, LLC. The Paragon Group strives to promote and advance evidence-based practices in the arena of criminal justice. Their scope of services include speaking engagements, training and consulting as to RNR and desistance-based models. Mr. Arvidson's training and consulting clientele have ranged from Federal Probation to local for profit and non-profit agencies. His career in Corrections spans over 30 years. He has extensive experience training and facilitating a variety of Evidence Based Practices ranging from Cognitive Skills programs, Motivational Interviewing, and Risk Assessment. He is a Master Trainer of the Level of Services/Case Management Inventory and trainer of the Dynamic Risk Assessment for Offender Reentry tool. Mr. Arvidson has been an adjunct faculty member at Concordia University and Metropolitan State University since 2000, where he teaches a number of graduate and undergraduate level Criminal Justice courses. Mr. Arvidson received both his B.A. and M.S. degrees from St. Cloud State University in the discipline of Criminal Justice Administration. He also attained a Graduate Certificate in Project Management from Metropolitan State University. He currently serves as member of Concordia University's Criminal Justice Executive Advisory Board. Mr. Arvidson is co-host of The Criminologists podcast.

COST: \$69.00 (Individual Rate)

REGISTRATION: Online at <https://www.aiafs.com/trainingsod.asp>. This event is a recorded, on-demand training event with participants able to watch at their convenience. Details on how to access each on-demand event will be sent after registration is complete. Note: Participants will not have the ability to do a Question and Answer session or interact with the presenter and this may affect CEU approvals.

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