



**THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
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***Understanding the Role of Bias in Clinical,
Forensic, and Legal Settings***

Presenter: Scott A. Fischer, Ph.D., ABPP

Date: Friday, December 4, 2020 Time: 8:30am - 4:00pm 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 member of the American Psychological Association Ethics Committee and a board-certified forensic psychologist.

LOCATION: Mall of America, Parkview Meeting and Event Center, 5204 Center Court Bloomington, MN 55425
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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 (On Your Own)	4:00pm – Adjourn

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