

Randall T. Salekin, PhD
President Elect



Randy Salekin, Ph.D. is a Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Psychology at the University of Alabama. Dr. Salekin earned his PhD at the University of North Texas and completed his pre-doctoral internship at Yale University. Dr. Salekin is frequently engaged in research on the assessment and treatment of youth with disruptive behavior disorders including Conduct Disorder (CD) and Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD). His research has led him into many cross-cutting psychology-law topics including research on the factors that are considered in juvenile transfer and reverse transfer cases. He has conducted scientific studies on the constructs of risk (assessment of Conduct Disorder), developmental maturity (adolescent cognition and emotion processing), and treatment amenability (motivation and openness to engage in treatment). Dr. Salekin also has led treatment teams in residential facilities for youth who have multi-mental health problems (depression, anxiety), substance use difficulties, and severe conduct problems. Most recently, Dr. Salekin's research focuses on understanding the descriptive features, causes, and correlates of disruptive behavior in children and youth, particularly those with Conduct Disorder and affiliated personality perturbations including grandiose-manipulative (GM), callous-unemotional (CU), and daring-impulsive (DI) characteristics. The key goal of his research program is to improve our understanding and treatment of Conduct Disorder by specifying GM and DI traits in addition to CU traits. His peer-reviewed articles have appeared in high-impact journals such as *Psychological Assessment*, *Assessment*, *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* (now *Psychopathology and Clinical Science*), *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, and Treatment*, *Law and Human Behavior*, and *Psychology Public Policy, and the Law*. Dr. Salekin has published over 190 peer-reviewed articles and chapters and several monographs on these and other topics. He is the author of *Forensic Evaluation and Treatment of Juveniles: Innovation and Best Practice*, a book released by APA, and co-edited the *Handbook of Child and Adolescent Psychopathy* with Guilford. His research has been funded by external agencies such as the Department of Youth Services. Dr. Salekin serves as an Editor-in-Chief for Springer and has previously served as a consulting editor for *Law and Human Behavior* and *Psychology Public Policy and Law* as well as other prestigious APA scientific journals. Dr. Salekin is looking forward to interacting with AP-LS members in the upcoming years and advancing the initiatives of Division 41.



Caitlin Cavanagh, PhD
Member at Large

Cait Cavanagh, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, where she is a Core Member of the MSU Youth Equity Project. Her doctoral training in Developmental Psychology was completed in 2016 at UC Irvine, with specializations in Psychology & Law and Quantitative Methods. Broadly, Dr. Cavanagh's promotes healthy development among justice system-involved youth and their families at the intersection of law and social policy. Her goal is to use developmental psychological research to inform legal decision-making toward a more equitable juvenile legal system. To learn more, see: www.TheADJustLab.com. Dr. Cavanagh first attended AP-LS as an undergraduate in 2010, and has been proud to spend over a decade in service to the organization, including on the AP-LS Student Committee and as 2024 Conference Co-Chair.



Ana Belmonte, PhD
Web Editor

Ana Belmonte, Psy.D. is the Division Chair of Forensic Psychology at The Chicago School. She earned a Psy.D. in Clinical Forensic Psychology from The Chicago School in 2017. She is a licensed clinical psychologist in Illinois and Wisconsin. Her clinical work is in the area of forensic assessments, particularly competence to stand trial assessments. She also has experience in conducting sex offender evaluations, pre-employment screenings for law enforcement officers, risk assessments, and not guilty by reason of insanity evaluations. Dr. Belmonte first joined AP-LS as a graduate student. She joined the Social Media Committee as a member in 2019 and became the chair in 2021.