

Join the AP-LS Corrections Committee and the Criminal Justice Section of Division 18 for a Special Virtual Event!

Advocacy in Correctional Mental Health Practice from the Student Perspective

Thursday, August 22nd from 6:00-7:00 PM EST
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Are you a trainee working in corrections and feeling stuck about how to advocate for your clients or yourself? Or are you interested in working in corrections and want to make sure you have the tools to engage effectively in advocacy? Then, don't miss this opportunity to hear from three expert panelists and have your own questions answered.

Meet Our Panelists:

Dr. Brandi Cook obtained a master's in counseling at Indiana State University before pursuing her doctorate degree from Adler University. Her master's program ignited her interest in cultural identity development and a passion for advocacy. She currently serves as the Internship Program Coordinator for the United States Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (USMCFP) in Springfield, Missouri. She initiated and co-facilitates a social justice media club for doctoral interns across the nation in BOP sites. Dr. Cook recently started a postdoctoral fellowship specializing in the treatment of serious mental illness. In addition, she provides inpatient mental health treatment services to those who are either serving a criminal sentence or civilly committed under federal statutes. She is licensed in Indiana and board certified in clinical psychology. She specializes in advocacy for serious mental illness, working extensively in both urban and rural settings, including with transgender and incarcerated populations. Her clinical pursuits focus on social justice, systemic barriers related to incarceration, clinical supervision, training, and evidence-based practices, particularly concerning serious mental illness.



Robert Kinscherff, PhD, JD earned his PhD in clinical psychology at City University of New York (1992), and JD at Harvard Law School (1992, Magna cum Laude). He currently serves as the Executive Director for the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School. He also co-instructs the Law and Neuroscience class at Harvard Law School, and is Professor in the Doctoral Clinical Psychology Program at William James College. Dr. Kinscherff's previous service includes: Director of Forensic Training; Director of Juvenile Court Clinic Services; Assistant Commissioner for Forensic Services; and, Forensic Examiner for the Massachusetts Parole Board. His core practice areas include: forensic evaluations; risk assessment/management; developmental impacts of adversity and resilience; and, use of science in law and public policy advocacy and practice. Notably, Dr. Kinscherff also contributed his expertise to an amicus brief submitted by APA to the US Supreme Court in the *Roper v. Simmons* (2005) case, and between 2008 and 2021 served as Senior Consultant for the National Center for Youth Opportunity and Justice where he worked on several MacArthur Foundation Models for Change projects.



Tamara S. Lyn, PhD, ABPP graduated with honors from Harvard College and holds master's and doctorate degrees in psychology from The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Dr. Lyn has unique experience acquired during decades of service in the Bureau of Prisons. She served in several clinical and executive leadership roles in the BOP, including oversight of all BOP psychology programs between 2015 and 2020 and as warden. Serving as Warden during the pandemic, Dr. Lyn excelled at crisis management, fostered psychological safety, and taught skills for resilience and learning agility. Upon retiring from the BOP, Dr. Lyn founded High Ready Coaching and Consulting, supporting leaders and teams as an executive coach and consulting psychologist. Among many recognitions and credentials, Dr. Lyn is a Certified Correctional Executive by the American Correctional Association. Her most recent article, "The Surprising Journey from Psychologist to Warden," was published in *Psychological Services*, in December 2022.



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