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Center for Survivors of Torture (CST)

CST provides clinical evaluation and/or treatment and social services to survivors of political torture from all countries.

Survivors of torture are severely traumatized and in exile as well, and suffer from a variety of psychological and physical symptoms and social service needs, sometimes well after they arrive in the U.S. CST provides the survivor the insight into these effects, and the consistent care to re-establish trust, bring damage under control, and help relieve exile by enabling some mastery of problems in a new country and culture.

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Asian Americans for Community Involvement

Focusing on the diverse Asian American community, AACI's mission is to improve the health, mental health, and well-being of individuals and their families by providing an array of human services. AACI empowers the Asian American community by working collaboratively for equality and social justice.



The Forensic Process for Working With Survivors of Torture



***Training Opportunity
for Legal and Clinical
Professionals***

August 15, 2006

9:00 am-5:00 pm

**Center for
Survivors of Torture
Asian Americans for
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The following subjects will be covered in the training

CLINICAL

- 1) Understand the Impact of Trauma:
 - a) Identify common diagnostic criteria of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
 - b) Related sequelae resulting from PTSD
 - c) Best utilization of common forensic terminology in discussing PTSD with individuals coming into contact with trauma survivors (e.g. immigration officials, lawyers, judges, and the family of trauma and torture survivors themselves).
 - d) Identify clients that can legally benefit from well constructed forensic testimonies
 - e) Identify key language and concepts to strengthened forensic testimonies.
 - f) Review trauma assessment protocols and instruments validated and commonly used by forensic settings, such as Center for the Survivors of Torture.
 - g) Strategies on the selection, administration of assessment tools and interpretation of results.
 - h) Review case examples and discuss forensic challenges.
- 2) Assessing Trauma and Trauma Responses to Torture and Genocide
 - a) "Never Again?" —disbelief, denial, revulsion, avoidance—by clients, practitioners, other mental health professionals, government officials and the world

- 3) How to testify confidently, ethically and professionally.
 - a) Will explore the often intimidating prospect of becoming an "expert" witness
 - b) Provide context and meaning for professionals interested in building their experience and obtaining further training and supervision on forensic evaluations.

Presenter: Dr. Amana Ayoub

Dr. Ayoub has been working with survivors of torture and genocide for over a decade, having been mentored at the Marjorie Kovler Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture in Chicago, Illinois. She received her Doctorate in Psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology and has interned with various professional organizations focusing on the mental health needs of refugees, as well as treating other survivors of severe trauma (i.e. domestic violence, sexual trafficking of women and children, and hate crimes against gays and lesbians).

Having maternal and paternal grandparents who were refugees and war survivors, she is passionate about human rights. Dr. Ayoub has worked with clients from almost every country in the world, with particular focus on Asian issues, survivors of the Bosnian genocide, and the elderly. She is also an expert in child survivors of violence. Dr. Ayoub has worked as a clinician at Center for Survivors of Torture for five years and regularly testifies as an expert witness on behalf of clients seeking asylum and hopes to be able to train more clinicians in this very specialized field.

LEGAL



- 1) Working with clinicians to prepare forensic reports (medical and psychological evaluations) for cases – learn how to make use of each party's expertise to produce the most effective and beneficial forensic reports while preserving each party's professional obligations and impartiality.
- 2) Use of forensic reports in cases – learn what fact-finders (asylum officers and judges) look for in forensic reports and in expert testimony, as well as importance of forensic reports to the case.
- 3) Clinical support for clients and legal advocates during the legal process – will discuss importance of working with clinical support to assist traumatized client (during preparation of declarations and testimony), and to avoid vicarious trauma to the legal representative and interpreters.

Presenter: Lynette Parker

Lynette Parker is the Clinical Supervising Attorney (Immigration Practice Area) and Clinical Faculty member of the Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center. The Law Center is a civil clinical program of Santa Clara University School of Law. She has been teaching and supervising law students handling immigration cases at the Law Center since March 2000. In addition to her work at the Law Center, Ms. Parker is a lecturer in law at Santa Clara University School of Law, teaching immigration law and refugee/asylum law. She provides technical support to attorneys on political asylum, VAWA, and U visa cases.

CST will supply limited consultation post-seminar for those interested in taking the next step