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Professional Training, a global leader in online professional training in forensic mental health, and Palo Alto University, Northern California's leading school of psychology and counseling, announced today that Drs. David Martindale and James Flens will present a 2-day workshop on advanced issues in child custody evaluation at this year's Summer Training Institute at Palo Alto University August 20th – 24th, 2018.

Summer Training Institute is 5 days of mix-and-match professional development workshops presented by internationally renowned experts in forensic psychology.

This year, internationally recognized experts in forensic psychological assessment in custody litigation, Drs. David Martindale and James Flens, will present a 2-day workshop on advanced



topics in custody evaluation, <u>Forensic Psychological Assessment in Custody Litigation: Conceptual Issues</u>, Data Integration, and Advanced Topics.

Instruction will be provided regarding interviewing methods designed to yield data most relevant to the issues before the court, and the processes to be employed in the integration of those data with data obtained through the administration of formal assessment instruments. Basic concepts of psychological assessment will be discussed, with emphasis on test selection criteria, reliability, validity (in its various forms), and the manner in which testing conditions effect the reliability and validity of test data. Suggestions will be offered regarding ways to effectively explain assessment findings in reports. Data integration discussions will include comparing and contrasting test data with

other data sources, the use of test data in the development of recommendations and how to discuss testing in written and verbal testimony. Additional topics will include a discussion of the inclusion of test data in evaluators' reports, disclosure of test data and disclosure of test materials.

Specific instruments used by child custody evaluators will be discussed in detail, including: those administered for personality variables [e.g., MMPI-2, PAI, MCMI], child behavior [e.g., CBCI, BASC-3, Connors], parent-child relationships [e.g., PSI-2, PCRI], a discussion of various specific focus tests [e.g., PPI-R, TSI-2, Rorschach], and tests of questionable utility [e.g., Bricklin Scales, Projective Drawings, TAT].

This workshop is eligible for continuing education credit. For a complete listing of approvals https://www.concept-ce.com/board-approvals/

For more information on the Summer Training Institute 2018, visit the information page.

About CONCEPT (http://www.concept-ce.com/)

Consolidated Continuing Education and Professional Training (CONCEPT) provides expert professional training in areas relevant to criminal and civil forensic mental health assessment, correctional, law enforcement, and forensic intervention. CONCEPT's professional training programs are presented by the field's top experts and are based on empirical research and best practices. CONCEPT is dedicated to providing premium professional training, enhanced by technology and elearning pedagogy, in an accessible online format.

About Palo Alto University (https://www.paloaltou.edu/about)

Palo Alto University (PAU) is a private, nonprofit educational institution, founded in 1975 as the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology (PGSP), an independent, professional school. PGSP was first accredited in 1986 by the regional accrediting body, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It has been continuously accredited since then. PGSP re-incorporated as Palo Alto University in August 2009. PAU is dedicated to education with an emphasis in the behavioral and social sciences; to promoting future innovators and leaders for the benefit of society; to generating knowledge through research and scholarship of the highest level; and to providing services to the community informed by science and scholarship.

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