

WWW Usage: Fundamental in Threat Assessment and Treatment Planning

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Level

Intermediate

Track

Clinical

CE

CPA/BBS/CJER

Bio

Glenn Lipson, PhD, ABPP is a recognized expert in Forensic Psychology. He has spent three decades tackling violence from all fronts in preventing, intervening and providing opinions in cases involving violent crimes. He was involved with the monitoring team of the Nevada Prison system following a Consent Decree and was a psychologist in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. As an expert witness, speaker and advisor, Glenn has testified in court-martials and regulatory hearings and submitted briefs through counsel to the United States Supreme Court. He has actively contributed to the San Diego District Attorney's School Threat Assessment Team (STAT) to prevent school violence. Glenn is professor continuing to chair dissertation, Fellow of the San Diego Psychological Association, Diplomate in Forensic Psychology and recipient of the Doug Bates award.

Brian Spitzberg, PhD is Senate Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the School of Communication at San Diego State University. He received his BA at University of Texas—Arlington, his MA and PhD at University of Southern California, and his Certified Threat Management (CTM TM) status from 2017-2022. He received the 2009 Western States Communication Association career Scholar Award, the 2011 National Communication Association Larry Kibler Memorial Award, the 2017 Mark Knapp NCA Award for career contribution to the study of Interpersonal Communication, and the 2020 National Communication Association career Distinguished Scholar Award. His coauthored book *The Dark Side of Relationship Pursuit* won both the biennial International Association for Relationship Research Book Award (1 st ed.: 2008) and the NCA Gerald Miller book award (2 nd ed., 2015). He is author or coauthor of over 175 scholarly articles and book chapters, cited over 16,000 times (h = 70, i10 = 141). He has co-authored and co-edited several scholarly books on communication competence and the dark side of communication, and his most recent book is: *Theorizing mediated information distortion: The COVID-19 infodemic and beyond*. Routledge, 2024. Brian's primary areas of research involve social media and meme and misinformation diffusion, assessment, interpersonal communication skills, jealousy, conflict, threats, coercion, violence and stalking.

Lauritz Austensen is a Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent and a Task Force Officer with the San Diego Joint Terrorism Task Force, where he manages the FBI Campus Security Program, focused on decreasing targeted violence and other safety issues within the education sector. Lauritz has conducted threat assessment and management cases over the majority of his 18-year law enforcement career with the U.S. Diplomatic Security Service, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the Department of Homeland Security. He has traveled to over 40 countries on behalf of the U.S. Government and has served in operational and intelligence-related assignments in the Middle East, South and Central Asia, as well as the Horn of Africa. He has received multiple awards for his work, to include multiple Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards, the U.S. Department of Justice Public Service Award and multiple FBI Investigative Achievement Awards. Lauritz is an Association of Threat Assessment Professionals chapter board member, currently serving as the Vice President of the Pacific Southwest chapter. He has numerous presentation credits, to include IVAT's 2023 Honolulu Summit. When not working or presenting on school violence prevention, Lauritz can be found surfing at one of North County's marginally-less-crowded breaks. He lives in Carlsbad with his wife, two children, and a Black Lab adopted from Pakistan.

Narrative

Loneliness and isolation have fueled an increase in suicide and mass shootings. This panel looks at the contributing elements to conflict. Focusing on the impact of communications conveyed through the web, our Law Enforcement panel member will discuss the types of activities that proceed mass shootings. The internet is contributing to dysregulation, depression and violence. We will examine some of the areas that maybe added to treatment, assessment to prevent violence. Among the constructs examined will be, polyvagal theory, positive childhood experiences, loneliness and the impact of social media considered. This presentation is trauma informed and operational in application and panel members have worked on multi-disciplinary teams to prevent interpersonal and targeted violence.

Learning Objectives

1. Describe three vulnerabilities arising from a clinical level of loneliness
2. Explain how social media is contributing to personal and interpersonal problems
3. Describe three actions seen before mass shootings in terms of internet searcher will provide