

**WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE
TREATMENT OF SEXUAL ABUSERS
MONTHLY MEETING: GOTO MEETING PLATFORM
05.19.2023
12:00 –2:00 P.M.**

Attendees

Siri Gillespie	Jeremy Phoenix	Schmeka Smith
Krishan Hansen	Renee Newton	Olivia Lovely
Richard Packard	Jon Petrowski	Dan Yanisch
Michael O’Connell	Dan Knoepfler	Alesya Radosteva
Megan Reese	Judith Eichenbaum	Priscilla Hannon
Pasha Grant	Caroline Cruse	MaryCatherine Kenny
Rick Ackerman	Bryan Stanfill	Linda Paxton
Clark Ashworth	April Lee	Shelly Minnick
Ashley Sonju	Lisa Trifiletti	Vince Gollogly

Presentation

Title: De-constructing Deviance: Sexual Fantasies, Behavior, and Self-Regulation

Discussion Leader: Siri Gillespie

Overview: Siri will be presenting on their dissertation research and its implications for therapeutic practice. The study explored the relationships between sexual fantasies involving minors and aspects of sexual self-regulation. Participants in the study were individuals who reported having sexual fantasies involving minors, and reported desire and intention to avoid future sexual contact with children. Specifically, the study explored how participants engage with their sexual fantasies involving minors and how that relates to overall wellbeing, self-efficacy, and struggle to avoid offending against children. Participants in the study included people with and without history of sexual offending against children. Siri will discuss the results of the study, the implications for research, practice, and education around sexual fantasies and abuse. Siri will invite the audience to engage in critical thought about how we, as practitioners in this field, can more holistically understand and approach sexual fantasies in clinical settings and beyond.

Bio of discussion leader: Siri (they/she) is a social worker, therapist, and Certified Sex Offense Treatment Provider. They live and work on Indigenous land of the Coast Salish peoples, who have reserved treaty rights to this land, specifically sduk^walbix^w (Snoqualmie Indian Tribe) and Seattle’s first people, the Duwamish. Siri is passionate about transforming cycles of violence, and strives to take a systemic, anti-oppression, survivor-centered lens and stance toward assessment and treatment for those who have done harm and been harmed. Her educational background is in social work and sex therapy and education, and she recently completed her PhD in Human Sexuality Studies focusing on the relationship between sexual fantasies and behavior. Siri’s work is informed by the identities and responsibilities they carry as a mixed Alaska Native Unangax and white, disabled, queer, and nonbinary person.

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