

WEBINAR: The Minds, Lives and Motivations of Mass Attackers

Webinar Overview:

This webinar will start with a review of the justifications cited by perpetrators of mass attacks, as well as a consideration of underlying psychological dynamics. Next, 3 psychological types of mass attackers will be presented to demonstrate the intersection of their internal dynamics and life experiences. Then, 4 additional cases will be reviewed to highlight the variability in functioning among perpetrators and the need to look behind superficial accomplishments to detect risk factors for violence.

1. Preliminary material

- “Who they are & what happens to them”
- Underestimating psychopathology in mass attackers
- Power dynamics and identity issues
- 3 categories of justifications used

- Challenge of identifying potential attackers: case example

2. Case examples to illustrate three psychological types of mass attackers

- Psychopathic attacker
- Psychotic attacker
- Traumatized attacker

3. Additional cases to illustrate diversity of functioning & presentation

- Case example: failing in personal and professional domains
- Failing in personal domain, apparently succeeding in professional domain
- Apparently succeeding in personal domain, failing in professional domain
- Apparently succeeding in personal and professional domains
- Summary/conclusions

Course Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Identify three psychological categories of mass attackers.
2. Explain the role of identity issues and aspirations in mass attackers.
3. Discuss the intersection of psychological dynamics and life experiences as risk factors for violence.

This workshop is presented by a coalition of over 30 State, Provincial, and Territorial Psychological Associations.

Audience:

This workshop is open to Psychologists and Psychology students and other health professionals with an interest in the topic. For more info please contact: apns@apns.ca

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Dr. Peter Langman

Friday, January 27, 2023 - 3 pm - 6 pm Atlantic time



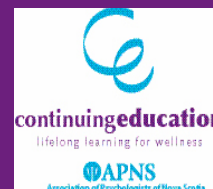
Dr. Peter Langman is a psychologist whose research on school shooters has received international recognition. His book, *Why Kids Kill: Inside the Minds of School Shooters*, was named an Outstanding Academic Title and was

translated into German, Dutch, Finnish, and Russian. His work has been cited in congressional testimony on Capitol Hill and he has been interviewed by the New York Times, The Today Show, 20/20, Nightline, Fox, CNN, the BBC, and nearly 500 other news outlets in the USA, Canada, South America, Europe, Asia, Australia, and the Middle East. After the Sandy Hook attack, the CEO of the American Psychological Association presented

Dr. Langman's recommendations on school safety to President Obama. He has presented at both the FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC, and the FBI National Academy in Quantico. He has been an invited speaker at the National Counterterrorism Center and was hired by Homeland Security to train professionals in school safety.

He maintains the largest online collection of materials relating to school shooters at www.schoolshooters.info, including over 500 documents totaling 65,000 pages. His book, *School Shooters: Understanding High School, College, and Adult Perpetrators* was published in 2015. In 2018, Dr. Langman became a researcher with the National Threat Assessment Center of the United States Secret Service.

In 2020, he became the Director of Research and School Safety Training with Drift Net Securities. His new book is *Warning Signs: Identifying School Shooters Before They Strike*.



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Deadline for registration - 12 noon, Friday January 20th. Please contact APNS to reserve space. A non-refundable admin fee of \$25. will be charged for all late cancellations. Notification must be received by APNS 3 days prior to the workshop to be eligible for a refund.

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