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About the Faculty

G. Alan Marlatt

G. Alan Marlatt is currently professor of Psychology and Director of the Addictive Behaviors Research Center at the University of Washington. He received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Indiana University in 1968 and served a clinical internship at Napa State Hospital in California (1967-1968). After serving on the faculties of the University of British Columbia (1968-1969) and the University of Wisconsin (1969-1972), he joined the University of Washington faculty in 1972.

His major focus in both research and clinical work is the field of addictive behaviors. Professor Marlatt has conducted basic research on cognitive-behavioral factors in addiction, including expectancies for alcohol and drug effects (research using the balanced-placebo design), social facilitation of alcohol use, and the role of stress and coping in substance use. His applied research has focused on relapse prevention in treatment of addictive behavior problems, including alcohol dependence, substance abuse, and sexual paraphilias (e.g., pedophilia). His most recent work has investigated the "harm reduction" approach to reducing alcohol problems in young adults (including high-risk college students).

In addition to over 200 published journal articles and book chapters, he has served as editor/author for several books in the addictions field, including Alcoholism: New Directions in Behavioral Research and Treatment (Plenum. 1978), Relapse Prevention (Guilford, 1985), Assessment of Addictive Behaviors (Guilford, 1988), Addictive Behaviors Across the Lifespan (Sage, 1993), Changing Addictive Behavior (Guilford, 1999), and Harm Reduction (Guilford, 1998). He has served on the editorial boards of 29 professional journals, including the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, the Journal of Abnormal Psychology, Addictive Behaviors, and the Journal of Studies on Alcohol. He is also a consultant with the Veterans Administration, the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the Institute of Medicine, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. In 1996, Dr. Marlatt was appointed as a member of the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse for the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIH). He served as the President of the Society of Psychologists in Addictive Behaviors (1983-1984), President of the Section for the Development of Clinical Psychology as an Experimental-Behavioral Science (Division 12, of the American Psychological Association, 1985-1986), and President of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy (1991-1992).

Cameron Wild

Cameron Wild received his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Alberta in 1993. He completed a post-doctoral fellowship in human motivation at the University of Rochester (1992-1994), where he was also a Visiting Assistant Professor. From 1994-1997, he was a Research Scientist at the Addiction Research Foundation in Ontario, and from 1995-1997 he was an Honourary Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Western Ontario. In late 1997, he returned to Edmonton to take a joint faculty position in the Centre for Health Promotion Studies and the Department of Public Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, where he is an Associate Professor.

Dr. Wild is a CIHR New Investigator and an AHFMR Population Health Investigator. He directs the Addiction and Mental Health Research Laboratory (AMHRL) at the University of Alberta. AMHRL investigates psychosocial aspects of addiction and mental health, including: studies of problem drinking, injection drug use, smoking, social policy related to addictions, continuity of care in mental health service delivery and the relationship between emotional expression and health. Of particular interest are relationships between social constraints and motivation for behaviour change. Dr. Wild is committed to using the best quantitative and qualitative tools to address these complex issues. His projects adopt an interdisciplinary population health approach and include prevalence studies, secondary interventions, phenomenological and ethnographic methods, psychometrics, and randomized controlled trials.

Wayne Skinner

Wayne Skinner is the Clinical Director of the Concurrent Disorders Program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto. He holds an academic appointment as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry in the University of Toronto. He is a part-time faculty member in the School of Social Work at the University of Toronto, where he received his M.S.W. in 1975, and at York University, where he has also studied at the doctoral level. He also directs and teaches in the Addiction Studies Certificate in Continuing Education at the U of T. He worked at the Addiction Research Foundation for over twenty years, as a therapist, supervisor, community developer, educator and researcher. Among his current interests are mutual aid pathways to recovery, harm reduction approaches for marginalized and disadvantaged people, and co-occurring mental health and addiction problems. He is editing a handbook on the treatment of concurrent disorders. Wayne has had a long-standing interest in and commitment to motivational approaches to counselling, particularly with hard-to-engage clients. He uses this approach in his own work, and in consultation with and supervision of health care and social service workers. As well, he regularly leads workshops on this and related topics. Originally from Newfoundland, Wayne recently has turned his interests towards the east again, spending his weekends and free time on a farm in Eastern Ontario. He is the author of a children's book, "Journey To Christmas".

John Gardin

Currently the Director of Behavioral Health Services for The Life Link, a Community Mental Health Center and participant in NIDA's Clinical Trials Network located in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Dr. Gardin has over 25 years of experience in behavioral health care. As a clinician he has been recognized as an expert in the treatment of addictive disorders and sexual abuse. He has also been the Medical Director and Executive Director of various addiction programs in Oregon and Southern California, and was Vice President of Operations for a Christian-based, residential addiction and co-occurring disorders treatment program serving the entire United States. His group, Dr. Gardin and Associates, provides consultation, information, referral and intervention services related to addiction and other mental health concerns throughout the United States.

Dr. Gardin is a Co-Founder and Director of Training at the Life Link Training Institute and is a licensed Clinical Psychologist in New Mexico (0779) and in California (PSY10093). He is personally trained and supervised by Dr. Robert Meyers, the founder and developer of the Community Reinforcement Approach (CRA) and Community Reinforcement and Family Therapy (CRAFT), and is a certified Master Trainer of Trainers in CRA. He is a Founding Fellow of the American College of Advanced Practice Psychologists and is the Past President of the Alcoholism and Drug Program Directors Association of Oregon. He has been listed in the National Register (35123), Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare, Who's Who in the West, and Outstanding Young Men of America.

Brian A. Grant

Brian Grant received his Ph.D. in Psychology from Queen's University and is the Director of the Addictions Research Centre located in Montague, P.E.I. The Centre is a division of the Research Branch of the Correctional Service Canada and is responsible for all addictions research and program development undertaken by the Service. In 1992, Dr. Grant joined the Research Branch as a Senior Research Officer, then became Director, Operational Research and in 1999 was appointed as the Interim Director of the Addictions Research Centre. He has conducted research on conditional release, temporary absence, preventative detention, older offenders and substance abuse. The Addictions Research Centre carries out research in areas such as methadone maintenance treatment, urinalysis, intensive support units, community programs, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, assessment and others. Program development work is focused on a women offenders substance abuse program and a substance abuse program for Aboriginal offenders.

Alan Ogborne

Alan has a Ph.D. in social psychology from the London School of Economics and was for many years a senior scientist with Ontario's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Since retiring from the Centre he formed his own consulting group (Alan Ogborne and Associates) and has been a consultant to a variety of large and small agencies including the World Health Organization, the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse and Health Canada. Alan has been a guest speaker at many international conferences including conferences held in Japan, Egypt and Australia. He has also consulted with government agencies in Bermuda and Saudi Arabia. Alan has undertaken a wide range of research and evaluation projects both at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and in private practice. He also taught courses in addiction and program evaluation at the University of Western Ontario and to various community groups in Canada and other countries.