# FIRST FRIDAY FORUM

Friday, September 2, 2016

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# FORMULATING DIAGNOSTIC IMPRESSIONS AND PITFALLS OF SELF-REPORT

**Registration:** 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Program:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Metropolitan State University, St. Paul Campus Auditorium 700 E. Seventh St., St. Paul, MN 55106

## **About the Program:**

This program qualifies for 3.0 continuing education credits.

The program addresses the process of formulating diagnostic impressions and critical analysis of data. The pivotal role of the clinician is delineated and emphasized. Psychological tests/instruments are identified as tools that must not supplant clinical judgment. Sources and types of data (objective versus subjective) are reviewed with a spotlight on the pitfalls of accepting self-report at face value. Diagnostic and clinical indicators are presented along with case studies to illustrate and apply salient points. This presentation is at the intermediate level and is designed for psychologists and other mental health professionals.

#### Participants will:

- 1. Explain how to determine the reliability of, and critically integrate data from various sources (e.g., testing, interview, behavioral observations, self-report).
- 2. Discuss the difference between objective and subjective data in an assessment setting.
- 3. Compare differential diagnoses in cases where indicators such as mood lability, guardedness, or discrepancies between functional status and self-report are present.

### **About the Presenter:**

**Dr. Catherine Carlson, Psy.D., L.P.,** earned a Psy.D. from Argosy University in 1994 and has been a forensic psychologist for over 20 years. She has provided forensic psychological services for adult, criminal, and family courts for the State of Minnesota since 1995. She has expertise in identification of mental illness, character pathology, substance use/disorders, organicity, intellectual disabilities, and malingering. She spent over 4 years at the Minnesota Security Hospital, where she also provided clinical services. She has evaluated over 5000 defendants/respondents and testified to her opinions on many occasions. As a court-appointed examiner, she has had access to records not readily available to other examiners.

Please note: You must attend the full 3-hour program to get continuing education credit for the event.

## About First Friday Forums:

## Friday Forums cosponsored with Metropolitan State University Psychology Department

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**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL FEES:** *Register up to two weeks before the event*, and receive a discount rate: Members = \$45, Non-members = \$65, Students = \$15. Registration fee includes refreshments, program materials, and CE certificate.

**REGULAR REGISTRATION:** Registrations received 2 weeks or less prior to the start of any Friday Forum will increase to: Members = \$55, Non-members = \$75, Students = \$25.

**CONFIRMATION/CANCELLATION:** Registrations are confirmed by receipt of forms on a first-come, first-served basis. You will not receive a written confirmation of your registration. You will be notified by mail, e-mail or telephone only if your selection is filled or cancelled.



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## LOCATION: Metropolitan State St. Paul Campus Auditorium

#### **Directions**

**From west:** I-94 to the Mounds Boulevard (left lane) exit, straight ahead on Sixth Street one block to Maria Avenue; turn left on Maria Avenue; parking lot is on the right.

**From east:** I-94 to the Mounds Boulevard exit; turn right at Sixth Street to Maria Avenue; turn left on Maria Avenue; parking lot is on the right.

#### Bus

**Bus Route:** 61, 69 (Minneapolis and St. Paul); 63 (St. Paul) These buses may have any terminal letter.

#### Parking

St. Paul Campus-Parking is available in a lot on Maria Avenue, directly across from the campus. The parking fee at the St. Paul Campus is \$5/day.

### Handicapped-accessible parking

Handicapped-accessible parking is readily available in the parking lots adjacent to the St. Paul Campus.

