

# The Minnesota Psychological Association cosponsors Friday Forums with Metropolitan State University Psychology Department

## FRIDAY FORUM ENCORE

### Friday, February 14, 2020

#### Introductory Topics in Forensic Psychology: Overview of the Field, Getting Started, and Tips for the Reluctant Forensic Psychologist

Scott Fischer, Ph.D., ABPP, LP

**Registration:**

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

**Program:**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*This session is at the introductory level  
and is designed for psychologists and other  
mental health professionals.*

**Location:**

Metropolitan State University – Midway Campus  
Lower Level, Room P, Energy Park Dr., St. Paul, MN 55108

### About the Program:

*This program qualifies for 3.0 continuing education credits.*

This is an introductory level program about forensic psychology. The presentation will be organized in three sections. The first is a general orientation to the area of forensic psychology, including the scope and methods of the subfield, and ways in which forensic psychology serves different aims than clinical psychology. This section is designed for psychologists in any area of practice who would benefit from broad exposure to forensic psychology. The second section is designed for psychologists who are interested in developing a specialization in forensic psychology. This section will include practical practice guidelines, describing a good fit for forensic psychology and a psychologist's skills and temperament, direction for developing competency and discussion of ethical issues specific to forensic work. The final section is designed to help psychologists who may find themselves, reluctantly or accidentally, working with clients involved in the legal system. Topics will include responding to subpoenas, communicating with judges and attorneys, and testimony. Several themes will be stressed across all three sections. These include understanding and bridging the different assumptions between the fields of psychology and law, and an appreciation of "thinking forensically" rather than clinically.

**Participants will be able to:**

1. Recognize how forensic practice differs in content, methods, and assumptions from clinical practice.
2. Apply principles of forensic work in their practice when confronted with court orders, subpoenas, and requests from attorneys.
3. Demonstrate an increased ability to communicate psychological information understandably to legal professionals.

### About the Presenter:

**Scott Fischer, Ph.D., ABPP, LP**, is a licensed psychologist in St. Paul. The bulk of his practice is psychological assessment, primarily forensic evaluations. Specific areas of practice include criminal, family, and juvenile court. Dr. Fischer earned a Ph.D. from the University of Oregon in Clinical Psychology and completed an internship at Yale University. In the past he has worked in private practice and in community mental health settings. Dr. Fischer is now the owner of Acumen psychology. He is the former chair of the Minnesota Psychological Association Ethics Committee and former Chair of the Minnesota Board of Psychology. He is a board-certified forensic psychologist.

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

### About Friday Forum Encores:

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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 receive an emailed confirmation of your registration. You will be notified by mail, e-mail or telephone if your selection is filled or cancelled.

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## LOCATION: Metro State Midway Campus, Room P

**Directions:** I-94 to Snelling Avenue exit, north on Snelling to Energy Park Drive exit; turn left at stop sign and follow road as it curves around to the Energy Technology Center parking lot. Enter building through east entrance.

**Bus Route:** 3B (Minneapolis, St. Paul)

