

**27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON COMPULSIVE GAMBLING**  
**DoubleTree Hotel in Princeton, New Jersey**

**“CHANGES AND CHALLENGES”**

**CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**Friday, September 25, 2009**

- 7:30-8:15 am      Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:15-8:30 am      Welcoming Remarks  
*Donald F. Weinbaum, MBA, LCADC, CCJP, Executive Director*
- 8:30-10:00 am    **Plenary Session I**  
1.50 hours        “The Affected Others: Growing Up in the Compulsive Gambling Family System”  
Core C  
*Linda Berman, LCSW*
- 10:00-10:15 am   **BREAK**
- 10:15-11:45 am   **Plenary Session II**  
1.50 hours        “Crossing the Line: When Gamblers Turn to Crime”  
Core D  
*S. Hale Humphrey-Jones, Ph.D., LPCMH, NCGC-II*  
*Melvin A. Slawik, MSW, ACSW, NCGC, MAC, LPC*
- 11:45-12:00 pm   **Book Sale and Signing**  
“Behind the 8-Ball II” and “Crossing the Line: When Gamblers Turn To Crime”
- 12:00-1:00 pm    **LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 1:15 pm    **Book Sale and Signing**  
“Behind the 8-Ball II” and “Crossing the Line: When Gamblers Turn to Crime”
- 1:15-2:45 pm     **Plenary Session III**  
1.50 hours        “Disorders That Co-Occur with Pathological and Problem Gamblers”  
Core J  
*StephenC. Garbarini, Psy.D., CAS*
- 2:45-3:00 pm     **BREAK**
- 3:00-4:30 pm     **Plenary Session IV**  
1.50 hours        “Evidence Based Practices Used in the Treatment of Pathological Gambling”  
Core F  
*Lori Rugle, Ph.D., NCGC-II*
- 4:30 p.m.         EVALUATIONS RECEIVED & CERTIFICATES DISTRIBUTED

## ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

**Linda Berman, LCSW** is nationally recognized as a clinician and trainer in the problem gambling field. She developed one of the first outpatient gambling programs in the country and co-authored a book with Mary Ellen Siegel titled “Behind the 8-Ball: A Recovery Guide for Families of Gamblers”. The book has been recently revised and translated into Korean. This book will be available for purchase.

Linda practices in New York City and Westchester County.

**S. Hale Humphrey-Jones, Ph.D., LPCMH, NCGC-II** has a full-time private practice, providing counseling for individuals and couples. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health in the State of Delaware. She also works with individuals and couples who are coping with gambling issues in the State of Delaware. Dr. Humphrey-Jones teaches psychology and communication at two community colleges in Delaware. She also provides training for the Delaware Council on Gambling Problems, and has presented to the National Conference on Problem Gambling and to the National Forensic Counselor’s Association. Dr. Humphrey-Jones is a nationally certified gambling counselor and a nationally certified clinical supervisor, and has written several books: *This Must Be Hell: a look at pathological gambling, 1998*; *The Bad Girls’ Club, 2001*; *Con Man, August 2004*; *One More Time: the gambler’s mantra, June 2005*; and their latest book: *Crossing the Line: when gamblers turn to crime*.

**Melvin A. Slawik, MSW, ACSW, NCGC, MAC** is currently the Chief of Support Services for the Office of the Public Defender in the State of Delaware. He was previously Chief of Intake Services and a psycho-forensic evaluator. Mr. Slawik is a nationally certified gambling counselor and a nationally certified clinical supervisor and provides training and case management services for the Delaware Council on Gambling Problems, Inc. He has presented papers to the National Gambling Council and to the National Forensic Counselor’s Association.

Mr. Slawik is President of the Addictions Coalition of Delaware, Inc. and on the Board of Governors of the National Association of Forensic Counselors. He received the Recognition award from the Delaware Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. in 2003, and The Distinguished Member and Societal Justice Award from the National Association of Forensic Counselors in 2004.

Mel published his first book entitled: *One More Time: The Gamblers Mantra*. Recently, he and Hale have published their new book: *Crossing the Line: when gamblers turn to crime*. These books will all be available for purchase.

**Stephen Garbarini, Psy.D., CAS** is a psychologist in private practice in Ridgewood, NJ. After receiving his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in 1984 from the Florida Institute of Technology, he was the Clinical Coordinator at Irvington Mental Health Center in Irvington, NJ. In 1986, Dr. Garbarini became the Senior Psychologist at the Mental Health Institute at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison, NJ. Under this title, Dr. Garbarini was a member of the New Jersey State Grant for the treatment of compulsive gamblers. He provided the clinical assessment and treatment of single and multiple addictions (alcohol, gambling and drugs) and psychotherapy with diverse outpatient clients in the individual, marital and group modalities. In his private practice, Dr. Garbarini provides individual psychotherapy, as well as marital/couples therapy, forensic evaluations and clinical supervision. Dr. Garbarini is a NJ State Licensed

Psychologist and a Certified Addiction Specialist. He holds Affiliate Staff Privileges at Chilton Memorial Hospital in Pompton Plains, NJ, and is a member of both the American Psychological Association and the New Jersey Psychological Association.

Dr. Garbarini has appeared in many media outreach initiatives on compulsive gambling awareness, including WFAN and News 12. He has been quoted in several newspapers on issues about compulsive gambling. Dr. Garbarini has been a speaker to the Gamblers Anonymous and GamAnon community at their open meetings.

**Lori Rugle, Ph.D.** has worked in the field of problem gambling treatment and research since 1984. Her career has included the treatment of problem gamblers and their families in a range of clinical settings including both public and private inpatient, residential and outpatient programs. Her work in the public sector included many years as Director of the Gambling Treatment Program at the Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Deputy Director of their Veterans Addiction Recovery Center. She has also worked in the private sector as clinical and research director for Trimeridian, Inc., a company dedicated to the treatment and research of problem gambling. She has provided consultation for state funded programs in Louisiana, Washington, Arizona, Illinois and Indiana and has provided consultation for the military in Germany and the Government of Singapore.

Dr. Rugle has been involved in a variety of research projects including studies of treatment outcome, attention deficits among pathological gamblers, neuroimaging and pharmacotherapy with problem gamblers, coping skills among homeless problem gamblers and PTSD among pathological gamblers.

Currently, Dr. Rugle is Director of Problem Gambling Services with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the State of Connecticut and looks forward to carrying on the tradition for innovation and excellence for which this program is recognized.