Personality assessment in the 21st century:
An introduction to the MMPI-2 Restructured Form

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Saturday 17th August 2019
8:30am – 4:30pm
University of Canterbury

Fran Vertue and Liz Waugh are delighted to host this workshop with Martin Sellbom. The workshop will discuss the importance and benefits of personality assessment in clinical psychology practice. Common available multi-scale inventories (e.g., PAI, MCMI-IV, NEO-PI 3) will be briefly described and discussed. The majority of the time will be spent on the 338-item version of the MMPI-2, the MMPI-2 Restructured Form (MMPI-2-RF), which has to date not been sufficiently taught or marketed in New Zealand. This workshop will cover the rationale for, and methods used to develop the instrument, the various materials available to score and interpret the test, psychometric functioning of the MMPI-2-RF scales, and interpretive recommendations. Attendees will have an opportunity to practice the recommended strategy for MMPI-2-RF interpretation with clinical case illustrations derived from a variety of settings (mental health, forensic, correctional, disability, etc.).

A key learning outcome will be the ability of attendees to understand and begin using the MMPI-2-RF at the conclusion of the workshop. This is made easier as it is now available using Pearson Psychcorp Q-Global on a pay per use basis with all manuals available online without having to purchase an expensive test kit. This instrument has significant utility in a range of settings enhancing our understanding and formulation of clients including mental health and private practice settings, forensic applications, and ACC clients (particularly personal injury and pain clients).

About the presenter

Dr Sellbom is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. He received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 2007 from Kent State University (Kent, Ohio, USA). Dr. Sellbom’s research focuses on psychopathy and other personality disorders, the broader integration of personality and psychopathology, and applied personality assessment with the MMPI-2-RF. His work has been featured in over 200 peer-reviewed publications and he has won several awards, including the American Psychological Foundation’s Theodore Millon mid-career award for advancing personality science, American Psychology-Law Society’s Saleem Shah Award and Society for Personality Assessment’s Samuel and Anne Beck Award – the latter two for early career achievement. Dr. Sellbom serves as the Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of Personality Assessment, and is a former Associate Editor for the journals Psychological Assessment, Journal of Personality Disorders, Journal of Personality Assessment, Assessment, and International Journal of Forensic Mental Health. For his clinical practice, he specializes in court-ordered forensic psychological evaluations and pre-employment evaluations for public safety positions.
Cost: $280
Includes morning and afternoon tea. Lunch can be purchased at cafés in the vicinity of the university and participants can bring their own food. Information about eating places will be announced closer to the time.

Fran and Liz are hosting this workshop and attempting to keep costs to a minimum, covering their time and expenses; while Martin has agreed to a sliding scale for his speaker fees depending on registrations.

Venue: Putangitangi, Level 3, Geography Building, Psychology and Communication Disorders Clinic, University of Canterbury. Detailed instructions as to the venue location and parking will be sent closer to the date.

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Thank you for your registration.