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President's Message



Angela Nickerson, PhD, ISTSS President

It has been a very busy and exciting year for ISTSS as an organization and I am delighted to share a number of updates regarding recent changes for our society, as well as recent events. I am pleased to announce that as of May 1, 2024, ISTSS has transitioned our association management services to Parthenon Management Group (PMG).

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ISTSS 40th Annual Meeting



Thank you for joining us – the meeting that made a lasting impact!

Thank you for attending the ISTSS 40th Annual Meeting held from September 25-28 in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. Your participation in this global forum for professionals and researchers dedicated to understanding and addressing the impact of trauma is invaluable. By bridging the gap between research and practice, we continue to work together to improve the lives of those affected by traumatic stress worldwide.

Claim Your CEs Now

2024-2025 Board of Directors Election Results

The 2024 ISTSS Nominations and Elections
Committee, chaired by Board Member and Immediate
Past President Marit Sijbrandij, PhD, is pleased to
announce the results of this year's ISTSS Board of
Directors election. Congratulations to all those
elected, and our heartfelt thanks to everyone who
agreed to be nominated.



President-Elect:

Andrea Phelps, M. Psych (Clinical), Ph

Board Members:

- Michele Bedard-Gilligan, PhD**
- Iris Engelhard, PhD
- Rachel Hiller, PhD**
- Masaya Ito, PhD
- · Evaldas Kazlauskas, PhD
- Sonya Norman, PhD**
- Briana Woods-Jaeger, PhD**

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ISTSS Visits Normandy

Angela Nickerson PhD, Eric Bui, MD, PhD, & Diane Elmore Borbon, PhD, MPH

In May 2024, the ISTSS Board of Directors traveled to Normandy in France for the 2024 Mid-Year Board Meeting. This visit was timely as 6th June 2024 represented the 80th Anniversary of the World War II D-Day landings in Normandy

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Message from the Editors

In May 2024, ISTSS commemorated the 80th Anniversary of the World War II D-Day landings in Normandy. We continue to hold hope for peace and safety for all, as wars raged on and natural disasters impacted numerous regions over the past few months.

^{**}Current Board Members re-elected to serve another term.



Clinician's Corner

The Need for Brief Interventions Targeting PTSD and Alcohol Misuse: Preliminary Support for BRITE (Brief **Restructuring Intervention following Trauma Exposure**)

Michele Bedard-Gilligan, PhD & Debra Kaysen, PhD

Despite public health efforts to improve awareness and understanding, sexual assault continues to be a common occurrence, particularly for young adult women. Although sexual assault results in distress for most survivors, many will return to adaptive functioning without any formal intervention.

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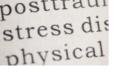


Neurofeedback for Trauma and Stressor-Related **Disorders**

Timothy Pong & Paul Frewen, PhD

Recent neuroscientific and technological developments have opened novel avenues for treating trauma and stressor-related disorders such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) with "neuroscientifically-informed interventions" (Lanius et al., 2015). One such intervention is neurofeedback (NFB), which involves training an individual to self-regulate some aspect of their brain function, such as the amplitude of certain neural oscillations or blood oxygenation within a particular brain region.

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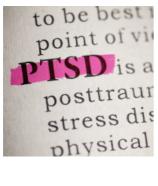


Media Matters

The Psychological Toll of Informing the Public: **Trauma Symptoms Amongst Journalists**

Josianne Lamothe, MSW, PhD & Anika Drouin, BSW Student

The recent critically acclaimed movie Civil War (Garland, 2024) highlights the dangers and complexities journalists face when documenting civil unrest. The movie depicts four journalists traveling to reach the White House, hoping to interview the third-term President before the fictional western forces of California and Texas overthrow his autocratic regime.







Military Matters

How Effective are Trauma-Focused Treatments for Treating Anger in PTSD?

Stephanie Y. Wells & Kirsten H. Dillon

Anger is a common concern among Veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD; Rosen et al., 2013; Sayer et al., 2010). Anger is associated with greater PTSD symptom severity (PTSD; Koenen et al., 2003; Novaco & Chemtob, 2002), suicidal thoughts and behaviors (Dillon et al., 2020), interpersonal aggression (Elbogen et al., 2010; Novaco & Chemtob, 2015), as well as poorer interpersonal (Taft et al., 2011) and occupational (Adler et al., 2022) functioning.

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Sonya Norman, PhD, Melissa Zielinski, PhD, Jennifer Wachen, PhD, & Tanya C. Saraiya, PhD

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- <u>Friday Fast Facts</u> are a deep dive into a topic with informational webpages, videos, and infographics.
- Webinars and podcasts have our expert members presenting on a timely topic.
- Conversation and Consultation is akin to a virtual coffee and chat where fieldwide experts informally answer questions about a professional development topic.
- Interviews with Innovators, a YouTube series featuring interviews with people who developed or disseminated treatment interventions recommended in the ISTSS Adult Prevention and Early Treatment Guidelines.



State of Science

Understanding Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) Therapy for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)



Ad de Jongh, PhD, Carlijn de Roos, PhD, & Sharif El-Leithy, PhD

Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy has emerged as a prominent treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), backed by substantial empirical evidence and widespread endorsement from international clinical guidelines. Initially developed by psychologist Francine Shapiro in 1989, EMDR has since evolved into a comprehensive treatment approach encompassing various trauma-related conditions and populations.

















40th Annual Meeting

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