



Presenter Biographies

Lori A.

Problem Gambling Center
Las Vegas, NV

Lori A. was born in Los Angeles, CA in 1970 and moved to Las Vegas in 1990. On July 27, 2007 Lori placed her last bet. Her addiction to gambling led her to places she could never have imagined in a million years. As a result, Lori is a convicted felon and is on probation for embezzling money from her past employer of 16 years. Today, Lori works for the Problem Gambling Center in Las Vegas and is married with two daughters and two stepsons. In recovery Lori has discovered a new life full of choices – living one day at a time.

Judge Harold G. Albright

Reno Justice Court (Dept. 4)
Reno, NV

Judge Harold G. Albright was born in Denver, Colorado on August 10, 1945, admitted to the bar in 1971, Nevada; 1973, U.S. District Court, District of Nevada; 1974, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit; 1979, U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Albright received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Nevada in 1968 and his Juris Doctor Degree from Willamette University in 1971. Judge Albright practiced law in Reno, Nevada for 27 years before being elected judge in 1999. Judge Albright was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha; Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Nevada Supreme Court 1989-1990; Supreme Court of Nevada Implementation Committee Regarding Mandatory Alternative Dispute Resolution, 1990 - 1999, and is currently serving as a member of the Washoe County and American Bar Associations and the State Bar of Nevada; Nevada Trial Lawyers Association 1981 - 1993

Larry Ashley Ed.S., LADC, CPGC

Dept. of Counselor Education
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Larry Ashley, Ed.S., LCADC, LMSW, LPC CPGC, has been involved in the substance abuse and trauma field for thirty five years as a college professor, researcher, and therapist. He is currently Addictions Specialist and Undergraduate Coordinator in the Department of Counselor Education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Director of the Problem Gambling Treatment Program, and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Internal Medicine, University of Nevada School of Medicine. Due to his extensive clinical experience coupled with opportunities for local, national, and international speaking engagements, Professor Ashley is considered to be a leading expert on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and issues related to addictions. He has a special interest on the impact of war on soldiers world wide.

Jerry Bauerkemper, CCGC

Nebraska Council on Problem Gambling
Bellevue, NE

Jerry Bauerkemper is the Executive Director of the Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling. Mr. Bauerkemper was the first director of problem gambling for the state of Nebraska. In addition he was appointed and served on the Nebraska's Commission on problem gambling. Mr. Bauerkemper has been providing counseling to gambling families since 1986. He has published research on the prevalence of problem gambling in the Nebraska Probation Department. He received the "First Step" award in 1999 for his work with problem gamblers. Mr. Bauerkemper is a nationally recognized expert on problem gambling and has provided training throughout the United States.

Rick Benson, CCGC

Algamus Recovery Communities
Anna Maria, FL

Rick Benson has had extensive experience with problem and compulsive gamblers, having worked with gamblers for the past 20 years as well as presenting educational seminars on gambling addiction and recovery. A 1972 Cornell University graduate, Rick is a Nationally Certified Gambling Counselor (NCGC), an American Certified Gambling Counselor (CCGC), a Canadian Problem Gambling Counselor (CPGC), and a clinical supervisor for the Canadian Gambling Certification Board. In addition to his clinical work, Rick serves as an executive board member of the North Carolina Council on Compulsive Gambling. Rick is also certified in the Practical Application of Intimate Relationship Skills (PAIRS) seminar and a regular co-facilitator of Emotional Healing Intensives. Rick is a New Jersey native with prior experience in Hospitality management, specifically in organizational development activities in the human resources field.

Bo J. Bernhard, Ph.D.

Dept. of Sociology
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Bo J. Bernhard is an honors graduate of Harvard University, where he double majored in sociology and psychology. His final undergraduate thesis (on the social impacts of gambling in Las Vegas) received *magna cum laude* honors from both departments. This thesis led him to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), where he received his Ph.D. in sociology in 2002. A frequent lecturer on the impacts of the gaming industry in communities around the world, he has delivered over four dozen keynote addresses on six continents. In addition, he has conducted gaming policy advisory work in Brazil, Singapore, South Korea, Russia, South Africa, Australia, Canada, and a number of U.S. jurisdictions. Dr. Bernhard currently holds professorships in UNLV's departments of sociology and hotel management, and serves as Director of Gambling Research at the university's International Gaming Institute.

Anthony N. Cabot, J.D.

Lewis and Roca
Las Vegas, NV

Mr. Cabot is a partner and Chair of the Gaming Law practice group at the firm of Lewis and Roca. His practice emphasis is on gaming law and Internet gaming, sweepstakes and contests. He has authored eight books on gaming law including Casino Credit and Collection Law. He is an adjunct professor at the Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Mr. Cabot has an "AV/Preeminent Attorney" rating with Martindale-Hubbell. Mr. Cabot is listed in multiple editions of The Best Lawyers in America. He is a past president of the International Masters of Gaming Law Association.

Tim Christensen

AZ Office of Problem Gambling
Phoenix, AZ

Tim Christensen is currently the Treatment Administrator for the Arizona Office of Problem Gambling. He is the current President of the Association of Problem Gambling Service Administrators and is Chair of the Federal Affairs Committee of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Previously he served on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for the National Council on Problem Gambling. Tim has provided consultation to numerous state governments on the development and implementation of publicly funded problem gambling programs. Tim earned his Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Nebraska – Omaha in which his primary focus of research dealt with problem gambling programs and public policy.

Kristen Dahlke

Graduate Assistant
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Kristen Dahlke is a second year Master's student studying Clinical Mental Health Counseling at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She is currently a Graduate Assistant as Harrah's Problem Gambling Intern at UNLV and she is President of Student Organization of Addiction Professionals (SOAP). Kristen obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, majoring in Human Development and Family Studies. She is advised at UNLV by Professor Larry Ashley.

Colin Hodgen, MA, CPGC-S

Addiction Counselor
Reno, NV

Colin Hodgen has a Master's degree in Counseling and Educational Psychology (UNR, 2005) with an emphasis in Addictions, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Counselor Education and Supervision at the University of Nevada, Reno. He is a Nevada Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) and a certified Supervisor of Alcohol and Drug Counselor Interns. Colin is a Nevada Certified Problem Gambling Counselor (CPGC) and CPGC Intern Supervisor. His experience includes residential, intensive outpatient, outpatient, aftercare, individual and group counseling, as well as psychoeducation and the screening, assessment, and appropriate patient placement of individuals with addictive disorders. Colin wrote and teaches the course "Aging and Addictions" for the University of Nevada, Reno. He is a member of the GPPC Initiative which wrote and promulgated the GPPC Manual. He provides addictions counseling and consultation in Reno, NV.

George E. Howell, MA, CPGC

Reno Problem Gambling Center
Reno, NV

George E. Howell has been the Senior Problem Gambling Counselor and Outpatient and Senior Outreach Coordinator at the Reno Problem Gambling Center since 2006. He has also worked with Bristlecone Family Resources since 2000 as a Residential Senior Counselor, DUI Counselor, Problem Gambling Counselor and as the Director of Residential Services and DUI Treatment Services. George received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Psychology in 1969 and a Master of Arts in Social Psychology in 1971 from Pepperdine University. George is a licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC), a Supervisor of Alcohol and Drug Counselor Interns (LADC-S), and a Certified Problem Gambling Counselor (CPGC).

Carl Hylin

Washoe County Public Defender
Reno, NV

Carl Hylin began his legal career in 1986 as a judicial clerk for the Nevada Supreme Court. From there he moved to the Reno City Attorney's office where he represented several city agencies, defended civil actions against the City of Reno and also prosecuted city misdemeanors. After several years at the City, he joined the Washoe County Public Defender's office gaining litigation experience doing criminal trials of various sorts including category A felonies, including murder. Carl then moved to private practice opening his own office in Reno in 1994. This practice included criminal defense, various civil cases including personal injury along with a variety of employment discrimination cases in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Nevada and the Ninth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. In 2004, Carl returned to the Washoe County Public Defender as a Chief Deputy trial attorney, where he is currently employed.

Ashlee Kalina, BA

International Gaming Institute
University of Nevada Las Vegas

Ashlee Kalina is a research assistant under Dr. Bo Bernhard at the International Gaming Institute at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She currently works as an Intake Coordinator at the only Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in Southern Nevada. Her ambition is to pursue graduate level education while expanding the field of research on the sociology of disability.

Jeff Marotta, Ph.D.

Problem Gambling Solutions
Portland, OR

Dr. Jeffrey Marotta provides training and consultation services through his company Problem Gambling Solutions while concurrently serving as Clinical Associate Professor at Oregon Health & Science University. Dr. Marotta has a doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno and is a Nationally Certified Gambling Counselor. From 2000 to 2007, he administered and developed the State of Oregon's problem gambling treatment and prevention system. Since beginning his consulting business, he has assisted with the development of programs and policies to address problem gambling in multiple jurisdictions. He has produced over 100 professional presentations and publications including statewide strategic plans and responsible gambling materials for lotteries and casinos. When not working, Dr. Marotta enjoys his volunteer work on community councils and spending time with his wife, 6-year old son, and 3-year old daughter.

Carol O'Hare

Nevada Council on Problem Gambling
Las Vegas, NV

Carol O'Hare has served as the Executive Director of the Nevada Council on Problem Gambling since 1996. Previously, Ms. O'Hare worked as a problem gambling consultant assisting in the development of programs to address problem gambling, both within the gaming industry and the community. As a recovering compulsive gambler, Carol brings a unique insight to her work and is a frequent speaker at industry conferences, training seminars and public forums at both the state and national level. Ms. O'Hare is Secretary of the Board of Directors of the National Council on Problem Gambling, and Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling for the State of Nevada.

Denise F. Quirk, MA, CPGC-S, NCGC-II

Reno Problem Gambling Center
Reno, NV

Denise F. Quirk has been an addictions counselor and marriage and family therapist in Reno, Nevada since 1992. She is presently the CEO and Clinical Director of the Reno Problem Gambling Center, a non-profit outpatient treatment center for problem gamblers and their families. Denise also serves on the Governor's Advisory Committee for Problem Gambling. She wrote and teaches two online courses on Problem Gambling for the University of Nevada, Reno. Denise has a private practice, Red Hawk Counseling, in which she does Marriage and Family Therapy, Substance Abuse, Anger Management, and Parenting Groups, and does consultation for all problem gambling awareness interests.

Renee Siegel, MA, LISAC, NCGC-II

ABC Wellness Centre
Scottsdale, AZ

Renee Siegel is the Executive Director of ABC Wellness Centre. She is an Arizona licensed mental health provider and a nationally certified gambling counselor and clinical supervisor for those in the field of addictions and compulsive gambling treatment. ABC specializes in the treatment of addictions and trauma, with a further specialty in treating compulsive gamblers and their family members. Renee has taught and trained locally, nationally, and internationally working with counselors and those interested in compulsive gambling. She is the co-founder of ABC-Algamus along with Rick Benson – the first gambling specific residential treatment center in the State of Arizona.

Dianne Springborn, MA, CPGC-S, NCGC-II

Bristlecone Family Resources
Reno, NV

Dianne Springborn is currently the Administrator of the Gambling Addiction Treatment and Education Program (GATE) Program at Bristlecone Family Resources in Reno, Nevada. Bristlecone dedicates four residential beds for problem and pathological gamblers. They also provide Transitional Living services to problem and pathological gamblers. Dianne received a Bachelor's Degree (double major) in Sociology and Psychology from California State University, Sonoma, and a Master's Degree in Counseling, emphasis in Marriage, Family and Child Counseling from the University of San Francisco. She has been a Licensed Marriage, Family and Child Counselor in California since 1982. She is currently a Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor/Supervisor and a Certified Problem Gambling Counselor/Supervisor in Nevada. She is also a National Certified Gambling Counselor II.

Keith Whyte

National Council on Problem Gambling
Washington, DC

Keith Whyte is the Executive Director of the National Council on Problem Gambling, the national advocate for programs and services to assist problem gamblers and their families. Keith has been involved in gaming and problem gambling issues for more than fourteen years, and has over nineteen years of public policy experience at the national level. He has written extensively and frequently comments on gaming-related issues in media worldwide. Keith serves on numerous editorial and advisory boards.