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8:35-9:30 Dr. Melissa Polusny, Minneapolis VA: “Mental Health Risk and Resilience in Military Personnel Deployed to Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan”
9:45-10:45 Dr. Keith Allen, Monroe Meyer Institute: “Behavioral Parent Training: What to do and How to do it”
11:00-12:00 Dr. Nona Wilson, St. Cloud State University: “An Inside View: What Reality TV Tells Us About Ourselves”
12-1:15 Lunch
1:30-2:30 Dr. Therese Mathews, Monroe Meyer Institute: “Social Skills Training in Children and Adolescents with High Functioning Autism”
2:45-3:45 Dr. Steven Norton, Norton Psychological Services: “Forensic Psychology: Fiction and Facts”
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Dr. Steven C. Norton, Ph.D., L.P., is currently in solo private practice in Rochester, MN and is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at St. Mary’s University. He currently specializes in Law Enforcement, Correctional, and Forensic psychology. He has conducted nearly 250 criminal and civil forensic evaluations for various county and federal courts. Dr. Norton provides psychological services for several local law enforcement agencies, conducting over 150 pre-employment psychological evaluations, plus Fitness for Duty assessments. Dr. Norton also has conducted pre-employment evaluations, participates in ongoing telephone consultation for returning officers, completed a two-week tour of duty in Baghdad Iraq and a one week tour in Amman Jordan, all with an international police agency which deploys law enforcement officers to Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflict areas.

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