

Russell T. Jones

Dr. Jones is Professor of Psychology, Virginia Tech University, and a clinical psychologist who specializes in clinical child psychology, community psychology and issues related to disaster and terrorism. He is an expert in the behavioral sciences. His research concerns the topic of childhood stress and coping, coping with common stressful life events as well as major traumas (i.e., disasters, terrorism, emergencies and community violence). Post traumatic stress disorder is a major area of study. Assessment, conceptualization, and treatment of consequent psychiatric and psychosocial disorders also serve as a major topic of interest. Co-editor of *Behavior Therapy and Black Populations: Psychosocial Issues and Empirical Findings*, Dr. Jones has also served as a member of editorial boards of several journals including *Behavior Modification*, *Journal of Behavioral Assessment*, *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, *Topics in Early Childhood Special Education Applied Research in Mental Retardation*, *Journal of Clinical Child Psychology*, *Journal of Cultural Diversity and Mental Health* and the *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*. He has also served as a guest reviewer on seven medical journals. A Fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA) (Divisions 12 and 45), he has served as a member of the Board of Directors for Division 12 for several years. He served as a member of the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest and as a liaison to the Child, Youth and Family Committee, both within APA. He is currently a PI of a major National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) grant designed to assess the impact of residential fire on children, adolescents, and their parents. Dr. Jones is past member of the Board of Director of the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies, CDC's Advisory Committee for Injury Prevention and Control (ACIPC), and ACIPC's Scientific and Program Review Subcommittee. He is also the former Chair of the Scientific Program Review Subcommittee at the Injury Center at the CDC. He frequently serves as a reviewer for NIMH and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and recently became a consultant to Disaster Technical Assistance Center at SAMHSA. Recent trauma-related efforts include: presenting at the Consensus Conference, Psychological Risk Factors for Children and Adolescents Following Natural and Technological Disasters, Early Trauma Responses and Psychopathology: Theoretical and Empirical Directions, sponsored by NIMH and serving as moderator at the Anxiety Disorders Association of America Consensus Conference on Acute Posttraumatic Reactions. He is a member of the Terrorism and Disaster Center of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network. He was deployed as a member of a SAMHSA sponsored mental health disaster team to Baton Rouge LA. and as a team leader for a second group of mental health consultants to Gulf Port Mississippi. He has recently become a member of the Scientific Board of the Hurricane Katrina Community Advisory Group sponsored by the Harvard Medical School. Dr. Jones received his PhD from Penn State University and completed his clinical internship at Brown University. He also holds a secondary appointment at Yale University at the Child Study Center.