

## Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> Panelist Bios

### **Angela K. Lawson, PhD**

Licensed Psychologist • [Dr. Lawson Consulting, PLLC](#)

Dr. Lawson is a former Full Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Psychiatry at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. She is a clinical and forensic psychologist specializing in reproductive mental health as well as sexual and other traumas. She recently started a private practice where in addition to forensic psychology evaluations, she provides consultation and psychotherapy related to reproductive and other diverse mental health concerns. She also conducts research on the psychological aspects of infertility and trauma and lectures nationally and internationally on these topics. Dr. Lawson serves as a past Chair of the Executive Committee for the Mental Health Professional Group of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) and a Past Chair of the LGBTQ Special Interest Group at ASRM. She serves as a Co-Chair for the Mental Health education track at the annual MRSi conference, is Chair of ASRM's Global Health Committee, and is an Adjunct Lecturer at Northwestern University in the Department of Psychiatry.

### **Melissa London, PhD**

Licensed Psychologist • [Dr. Melissa London](#)

Melissa London is a licensed clinical psychologist who provides individual and group psychotherapy, supervision, and consultation in private practice and through her affiliation as an Assistant Professor with the University of California-San Francisco. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco. She has over a decade of experience working in specialty clinics for trauma and addiction at various Veterans Affairs hospitals, most recently as clinic coordinator of the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Clinic at the San Francisco VA. She left the VA to pursue private practice in January 2025 and her expertise is working with individuals with a history of trauma, addiction, anxiety, depression, and identity-based stress. As a clinician-educator, she prefers evidence-based practice and empirically supported treatments. Her clinical work primarily draws on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, values-based, and mindfulness-based approaches. She strives to incorporate values of advocacy, authenticity, balance, empowerment, inclusion, liberation, practicality, resilience, and uniqueness in all her services.

### **Steven C. Norton, PhD**

Licensed Psychologist • [Norton Psychological Services](#)

Dr. Steven Norton was employed for 12+ years on a full-time basis in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. In 2001, taking those 12 years of training and experience, he began a solo private practice, initially working for a few years continuing corrections work on a contracting basis for county and state correctional facilities. Over the last 20+ years, in full-time private practice, conducting forensic evaluations for State

and Federal Courts and pre-employment evaluations for law enforcement, correctional, and Federal security agencies. He was Adjunct Professor for nearly 25 years, teaching graduate level courses in assessment, forensic, and correctional psychology, all directly related to knowledge gained from the BOP. Dr. Norton was further able to expand back to a 1 year full time employment with the Department of State, where he served as the first civilian Psychologist assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Kabul Afghanistan. While in private practice Dr. Norton has been fortunate to have multiple rewarding opportunities with APA Division 18, Psychologists in Public Service, serving as President and several committee functions; all which increases private practice rewards and help define personal/professional future directions. Each and every, private practice endeavor, building on the training, experience, and connections developed during the Federal prison years. The interplay between public and private employment for Psychologists can be complex but rewarding and integral to the profession of Psychology.

### **Chuck Ruby, PhD**

Licensed Psychologist • [Dr. Chuck Ruby](#)

Dr. Chuck Ruby is a licensed psychologist in private practice with over 30 years of experience. He is the Executive Director of the International Society for Ethical Psychology and Psychiatry and the author of *Smoke and Mirrors: How You Are Being Fooled About Mental Illness – An Insider's Warning to Consumers*. Dr. Ruby earned his doctoral degree in 1995 from the Florida State University clinical psychology program. He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel who served 20 years in the United States Air Force and specializing in criminal, counterintelligence, and counterespionage investigations, and investigative psychology.