



# 2024 CONFERENCE BIOGRAPHIES



**Casey O'Brien**, a native of St Paul, Minnesota, is a six time cancer survivor and widely recognized motivational speaker. After being diagnosed with Osteosarcoma, an extremely rare form of bone cancer, at the age of 13, his main goal in life has become inspiring others. After having the cancer relapse in both of his lungs in high school, he made varsity football debut as a Placeholder. He checked into the hospital for chemotherapy the following morning. He later walked on to play football as a Placeholder for Coach PJ Fleck and the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers. Casey played in his first career Big 10 football game at Rutgers on October 19th, 2019. His first play and moment shared with Coach Fleck were covered by ESPN, ABC World News, The Today Show, and more. He spoke in front of a national audience at the 2019 ESPN College Football Awards Show after

receiving the Disney Spirit Award for the most inspiring story in all of college football. He was the keynote speaker in front of 2,000 people at the 2019 Big 10 Media Days in Chicago, and his speech has now been viewed over 100,000 times. He looks to spread his positivity, unbelievable resiliency, and motivation to succeed to every group he speaks to.



**Jack Stahlmann** informative and educational presentations are built around his experiences in Los Angeles as an actor, producer, director — and of course, a waiter. In Hollywood, he launched his own production company which created several films that enjoyed international success and was an Assistant Director for the Margaret Cho stand-up show, Cho Revolution. As an actor, his shining moment came in a co-star role on the CBS drama Cold Case, where he played a wimpy park ranger. He also appeared on Days of Our Lives and several commercials. Jack graduated with honors at DePauw University and has been a regular contributor to The Huffington Post. He currently resides in St. Paul, Minnesota.



**Thad Shunkwiler** is a licensed mental health professional and works as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Science at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He has spent over 10 years treating mental health in both community and correctional settings. Professor Shunkwiler was appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to the Task Force on Medical Cannabis Research in 2016. His research interest include how chemical use impacts mental health symptomology and substance use prevention. Professor Shunkwiler has spoken at numerous national conferences and is well known for his engaging and dynamic presentation style.



**Lori Quist** is a Doctoral Candidate studying Social and Criminal Justice. Lori has completed her Master of Arts degree from Hazelden Graduate School in Addiction Studies and her Undergraduate degree from St. Mary's University in Police Science. Lori has a diverse background in positions that have supported clients of addiction, incarcerated men and women, victims/survivors of Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Assault and Sex Trafficking. Lori is the Executive Director at Breaking Free, St. Paul which works to end sexual exploitation in the Twin Cities of Minnesota. Lori spends her free time with her family in Northeast Minnesota, she enjoys traveling, her dogs, and Minnesota sports.



**Dr. Sherrise Truesdale Moore** is Associate Professor of Sociology and Corrections at Minnesota State University, Mankato. She has over 27 years of combined experience in the criminal justice profession, including supervision over federally funded Maryland correctional program; program development; criminological, legal, and legislative research; and higher education. She is a member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the American Society of Criminology, the Minnesota Correctional Association, the Midwest Sociological Society, and Board Member of Blue Earth County Community Corrections. Dr. Truesdale-Moore's personal charge is to research and promote effective approaches in working with at-risk communities to assist with producing positive outcomes for youth, adults, and families. Her research interests include re-entry issues surrounding formerly incarcerated individuals involved in higher education, cultural specific programming, mental health, and family, and criminal justice majors in higher education programs.



**Frank F. Weber** is a forensic psychologist specializing in homicide, sexual and physical assault cases. At age 25 he began teaching college Social Problems classes, and eventually started his own company, CORE Professional Services, PA, which specializes in forensic work. He has assessed adolescents and adults who have committed murder. He has worked with grieving families. He feels like he has seen the worst and best in people, from assessing individuals in seclusion, chained to the floor in prison, to helping gracious people who expect nothing in return from the people they care for, He uses his unique understanding of how predator's think, knowledge of victim trauma, actual court cases, and passion for writing true crime thrillers. Frank has been interviewed on cases on investigative shows. His award Winning books include "Murder Book" (2017) "The I-94 Murders" (2018) "Last Call"(2019), "Lying Close" (2020), Burning Bridges (2021), Black and Blue (2022), The Haunted House of Hillman (2023) and Scandal of Vandals (2024).



**Sergeant Tyler Milless** graduated in 2015 from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and an associate's degree in psychology. In 2022, he went back to school where he obtained a Master's Degree in Business Management and Leadership from Western Governor's University. He attended the Minnesota State Patrol academy in 2016. After graduating from the academy, he was stationed in Fairmont, Minnesota, for just over a year. He then transferred to West Metro dogwatch, where he spent a year before transferring to the Elk River station. In 2020, he took a promotion to become a sergeant and is now the coordinator for the DRE Program.



**Commander Tim Harris** has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Winona State University in Criminal Justice and completed his MN P.O.S.T. Skills training through Hibbing Community College. He started his career at the MN Washington County Sheriff's Office in 2000. While at Washington County he has worked as a Correctional Officer, Patrol Deputy, Field Training Officer, D.A.R.E. Officer, Detective, Court Security Unit Sergeant, Water Parks & Trails Sergeant, Washington County Security Operations Sergeant, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Division Commander, and now works as the Commander of the Special Projects Division. He has taught multiple law enforcement courses throughout the state with the MN Sheriff's Association. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, running, and spending time with his family and friends.

### **Molly Bruner, Scott County Community Corrections Director**

Molly Bruner has over two decades of expertise in the field of community corrections. Currently serving as the Scott County Community Corrections Director since April 2019. Starting her career in Ramsey County Community Corrections in 2000, Molly has explored various facets of the field over the years. She gained valuable experience in working with juvenile facilities, adult probation, staff development, and administration, thereby developing a well-rounded perspective on community corrections. Molly holds a Master of Science degree in Counseling and Student Personnel from MSU - Mankato, emphasizing their commitment to continuous learning and professional development. As a testament to her passion for teaching and mentoring, she has been a faculty member at Metropolitan State University in the Human Services department for 11 years. Beyond her professional commitments, Molly cherishes her equally important role as a wife and mother to three boys. Molly possesses a genuine love for humanity, valuing interpersonal connections and the diverse experiences shared with others. Passionate about her interests, Molly finds solace in the simple joys of life, such as indulging in a good cup of coffee, diving into captivating books, enjoying fishing and traveling excursions, and showcasing her amateur culinary skills.

### **Nicole Juba, Scott County Community Corrections Supervisor**

Nicole Juba has been with Scott County Community Corrections for 24 years. Beginning her career as a Juvenile Field Probation Officer then supervisor of the Intake/Pretrial Unit in 2006. Currently is the supervisor for the Intake/Pretrial Unit and Transfer Unit.

### **Heidi Rademacher, Scott County Community Corrections Business Information Systems Specialist**

Heidi Rademacher has been working with Community Corrections in Scott or Dakota County since 2006. She is currently the Standards Chair for the CSTS users groups Standards committee, as well as a member of the Enhancement and Facility Admissions committees. She sits on the Statewide Data Committee as the Standards representative as well as the Statewide Outcomes Data Committee. Her current role in Scott County is Business Information Systems Specialist and brings her knowledge of CSTS and data reporting to the county.

### **Jennifer Olson, Scott County Community Corrections Probation Officer**

Jennifer has been a PO for 19 years. She began her career with the MN DOC and joined Scott County when they made the transition to Community Corrections. She has a variety of experiencing, having supervised juveniles, adults, and specialized caseloads. Jennifer currently supervises an adult traditional caseload.

### **Robin Schultz, Scott County Community Corrections Probation Officer**

Robin started out in the Criminal Justice Field in 2016. Robin has held various positions in the field from: Victim Advocate (Turning Point), Corrections Officer (MCF-Oak Park Heights), Corrections Teaching Assistant (MCF-Red Wing), Sentencing to Service Crew Leader (MCF-Lino Lakes), Assistant Probation Officer (Dakota County), Facility Probation Officer (Scott County), Probation and Parole Officer (State of Wisconsin) and the current position since July of 2022 is a Field Probation Officer at Scott County with an Adult- Traditional caseload.

### **Cassie Tupy, Scott County Community Corrections Probation Officer**

Cassie Tupy has been a Probation Officer for 19 years. She began her career in Hennepin County Community Corrections where she was employed for one year. Cassie then came to Scott County Community Corrections and has been here for the last 18 years supervising the sex offender caseload.