

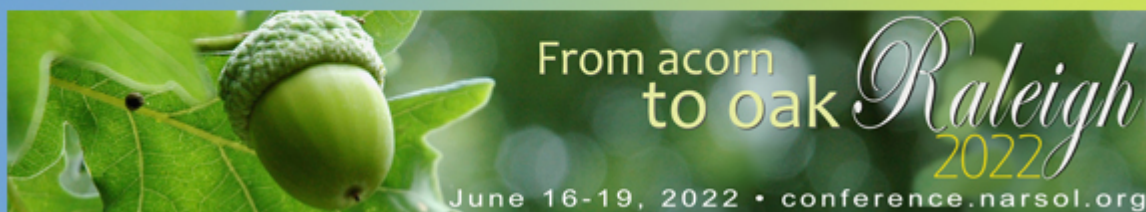
Dr. Kristan Russell, Ph.D to Speak on Unintended Consequences

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Dr. Kristan N. Russell

Friday: Unintended Collateral Consequences of the Registry

Saturday: What's Age Got to Do With It? Adolescent Development and Sex Offending



Critics of our country's sexual offense policies often cite a multitude of negative effects experienced by people who are on the registry ranging from stigma and isolation to discrimination in securing employment and housing. But what about their families?

At NARSOL's 2022 Annual Conference, which will be held June 16-19, 2022, in Raleigh, NC, researcher Kristan N. Russell will share her recent research findings about the impact of registration on the spouses, partners, and children of people on the registry. Her presentation will address survey respondents' perceptions of how they are indirectly and directly impacted by sex offense policies, describe respondents' beliefs regarding how policymakers should move forward, and



will highlight the importance of amplifying their voices so they can be heard in future research and policy efforts.

Dr. Russell is an Assistant Professor of Justice Studies in the College of Juvenile Justice and a Research Scientist in the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center at Prairie View A&M University. She first became interested in researching sexual offending and related policy while working on her master's degree in Forensic Psychology from Roger Williams University where she collaborated with faculty members who specialized in sex offense treatment, assessment, and research. She was also conducting research within the juvenile detention system at that time. These experiences encouraged her to shift her focus from mental health counseling to wanting to conduct research to help inform and improve sex offense policies.

In 2020, she earned her PhD in Interdisciplinary Social Psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno. She has published 12 articles on topics such as parent-child communication about sex and consent, teacher sexual misconduct, juvenile sexual offending, and the impact of sexual offense policies on partners of those who are registered. Her research has been published in journals such as the Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Feminist Criminology, and Qualitative Criminology. She has presented her work at many regional, national, and international professional conferences and has written several Op-eds featured in publications such as the New York Law Journal.

Dr. Russell's plenary presentation is scheduled for Friday, June 17th. She will also be presenting a workshop on Saturday entitled, "What's Age Got to Do with It? Adolescent Development and Sex Offending."

It's not too late to [sign up for the conference](#)! Be sure to [book your hotel room](#) while they are still available using the link above or the link at <http://conference.narsol.org>.

