

**Sherri Carter**  
**Candidate Statement**

Sherri Carter is a psychologist with a practice in clinical neuropsychology and expertise in the area of acquired brain injury and stroke rehabilitation. She divides her time between the Nova Scotia Health Authority, Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre and private practice. Sherri received her Ph.D. in Clinical Neuropsychology from the University of Windsor (Windsor, ON) in 2001. She completed a predoctoral internship at London Health Sciences Centre (London, ON) in the adult clinical neuropsychology training track and a postdoctoral research fellowship in neuropsychological rehabilitation in HIV/AIDS at St. Michael's Hospital (Toronto, ON).

Sherri has been an active member of both CPA and APA since graduate school. She is a member of APA Divisions 40 (Neuropsychology) and 22 (Rehabilitation). She currently serves on the Continuing Education committee and the education and training task force for APA Division 22. She has also served on a range of committees within the QEII Health Sciences Centre Psychology Department, including the Clinical Training Committee, Professional & Ethical Standards Committee, and Advocacy Committee. Sherri has been actively involved in supervising students and NSBEP candidates throughout her career. She has participated in oral examinations and she was a member of the pilot NSBEP CE audit committee. She holds an Adjunct (Clinical Associate) appointment with the Dalhousie University Department of Psychology and Neuroscience.

**Daniel Chorney**  
**Candidate Statement**

**NSBEP Nomination / Candidate Statement**  
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If elected to the Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology (NSBEP) my primary focus would be to ensure evidence-based practices and standards are upheld within our profession in a fair and consistent manner. Throughout my professional career I have demonstrated integrity and honesty in my professional relationships and I believe these are key traits to hold when serving on the Board.

With regard to previous experience I have served on a number of NSBEP Oral Examinations and Transfer Interviews for potential candidates since becoming a Registered Psychologist. I have been a NSBEP supervisor continuously since 2014, providing supervision for two Masters-level psychologists. My three years as Secretary on the Association of Psychologists of Nova Scotia (APNS) helped me develop a stronger appreciation of the issues and concerns of psychologists across this province and to some extent across the Maritimes and this country. My passion for service was also evident during my three years at the IWK, where I volunteered for positions on five active committees and took over responsibilities as Team Leader of the Anxiety Program. I have always been strongly committed to providing training to future psychologists and to the continuing process of developing and maintaining competency within our own work and profession.

I hold a strong belief that the Board should be composed of psychologists who represent the various different positions we hold (e.g., academic/research, clinical/counselling, school psychologists, etc.) and the populations with which we work. Given my primary clinical and training focus as a child psychologist, I hope to bring an important developmental perspective to the Board and to matters pertaining to children and youth. Psychologists working with children and adolescents often face unique challenges, and my training and experience could further strengthen the Board's understanding, awareness, and collaboration around these issues.

Thank you for considering my nomination to the Board.

Daniel Chorney, Ph.D.  
(R#0672)

**Gerald Hann**  
**Candidate Statement**

Dear Colleague,

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about myself so that you might be better able to consider appointing me via NSBEP's first elections for Board members.

I was born in Halifax and continue to live in the city with my wife and son Noah, a grade 12 student at the Halifax Grammar School. We are avid skiers and winter is our favourite season! I love being active and started my career as a physical educator over 33 years ago. In 1987, I was teaching grade 5 on the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia. Integration was implemented after a legal challenge and students with disabilities were no longer placed in special classes. Instead these students were quickly integrated into regular classrooms. Of my 21 students, 16 had some type of learning, emotional, psychological, or developmental issue. I would have felt terribly overwhelmed, if not for the support of people like Dr. Nina Woulff, Kanuk Majumder, and Dr. John Swaine, who were a few of the psychologists I met and who made a tremendous impact on me and my students.

This experience led me to pursue a career in psychology. Over the next 11 years, I returned to school and completed a major in psychology, a Master of Arts in School Psychology, and a Doctorate in Education, specialising in family relations, with collaborative training in both EdD and PsyD programs. Subsequently, I gained skills in practicums and internships in school and clinical settings. Most recently, I completed 4 years of post-doctoral training in intensive short-term dynamic psychotherapy. I currently specialise in assessment and treatment of clients with complex somatic and often medically unexplained symptoms.

Over the past 25 years, I have worked in a multitude of clinical settings, including schools, alternate education programs, hospitals, youth treatment facilities, correctional facilities, and more recently in full time private practice since 2000. I have taught at the university level, including training masters and doctoral clinicians. I have never forgotten my roots in school psychology and the experiences forged in working in rural settings. I have learned to work with people of all walks of life and this has been invaluable.

I have significant regulatory experience. I served on the NSBEP board for 2 consecutive terms as Treasurer from 2003-07. I served as NSBEP Delegate to the Counsel of Provincial Association of Psychologists from 2005-07 and have been a Chair of NSBEP investigations and also a committee member for several complex investigations. I was a significant contributor to the development of the current NSBEP Investigation process. Lastly, I have supervised several candidates, and also supported psychologists needing remediation.

My diverse experiences make me uniquely qualified to serve on the NSBEP board. If elected, I intend to bring my diversity, including working in school, clinical, academic, and health settings, to my role as Board member. I will strive to bring a voice to the Board, for all psychologists working in all settings in our province.

S. Gerald Hann, DEd, R. Psych.

## **Brad Kelln**

### **Candidate Statement**

#### **NSBEP Board Candidate Statement: Dr. Brad Kelln**

**September 17, 2018**

Thank you for reading my candidate statement.

I received my doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the University of Calgary in 1998. Since then I have worked in the HRM as a Clinical & Forensic Psychologist including full-time employment with the East Coast Forensic Hospital and maintaining a small private practice. In addition to working with patients, I have appointments with the Psychology and Psychiatry Departments at Dalhousie and taught at the Graduate Level for a number of years. I also continue to be active in supervising practicum students, pre-doctoral interns, and individuals on the Candidate Register. *(Sometimes it feels like half the registered psychologists were, at some point, one of my students.)*

In addition, I continue to be involved with law enforcement. I'm the mental health consultant to the RCMP on crisis negotiation (e.g., hostage taking) and have worked with the Halifax Regional Police for years on officer education, crisis negotiation, and consultation on criminal investigations. Through my work with law enforcement, I authored the nationally available on-line training program teaching communication skills with Emotionally Disturbed Persons (available through the Canadian Police Knowledge Network). I have also been a special consultant to the Nova Scotia Mental Health Court since it opened its door in 2009.

Finally, I have been an active participant with NSBEP throughout my 20 year career. I regularly sit on oral examinations and had the opportunity to be a part of an investigative committee a number of years ago. I've always enjoyed my time at the NSBEP office and feel many important functions are served in monitoring entry and standards of psychology.

On a personal and community level, my wife and I have a son attending Acadia University and another in Grade 11. I have been active in amateur sports and coached minor baseball and basketball for close to ten years. Towards the end of my coaching career I was the president of my community Minor Basketball Association for two years so have experience sitting on committees and dealing with community concerns. I also had the pleasure of being the head coach of the Junior High School basketball team when they won the regional championship in 2015.

Lastly, I'm a published author of mystery novels. My most recent novel will be published in November 2018 (*Tell Me More*, Insomniac Press). I have been a lifelong reader and continue to love to read and write fiction. *(I'm currently outlining a book about a series of mysterious murders occurring among an oversight committee for a psychology discipline.)*

In terms of what I bring as a prospective board member – I'm exceptionally well organized (and have to be to handle so many projects), a critical thinker, and constantly driven to simplify processes, reduce waste and redundancy, and make life easier for everyone involved. I also value humour as an important tool of rapport building, barrier breaking, and general mental and physical well-being. A vote for me is a vote for a sarcastic, critical, but helpful voice in every NSBEP meeting.

**Sara King**  
**Candidate Statement**

Sara King, PhD - Biosketch

I obtained my PhD in Clinical Psychology at Dalhousie University in 2007 under the supervision of Dr. Daniel Waschbusch. My doctoral research focused on broadly on social cognition and aggressive behaviour in children with ADHD. After completing my pre-doctoral internship in rehabilitation and developmental psychology at Bloorview Kids Rehab in Toronto (now Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital), I completed a postdoctoral fellowship funded by the Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program at the IWK Health Centre before working as a full-time clinician in a secure care facility in Truro. I obtained a tenure-track position in the School Psychology program at Mount Saint Vincent University in 2011 and am now a tenured associate professor and co-coordinator of the School Psychology program. Along with my work at the Mount, I maintain an active clinical practice; since 2011, I have held part-time contracts at IWK Community Mental Health as well as at the ADHD Clinic in Truro. Currently, I work part-time at Erica Baker Psychological Services, where I provide assessment and diagnosis services for a wide range of learning, behaviour, and mental health disorders and difficulties in children and adolescents.

My interest in becoming a NSBEP Board member stems largely from my involvement in training school psychologists and my commitment to the profession of psychology. I have a wide range of experience in the public and private sectors that will allow me to provide perspective on a number of important issues currently affecting our profession, the most important being the transition to doctoral-level registration. Although I am trained and work as a clinical psychologist, my work in the School Psychology program over the past 7 years has provided me with the opportunity to learn about this speciality of psychology and the unique challenges currently facing many school psychologists in this province. Additionally, as we move forward with the move to doctoral registration, it will be especially important to consider the effect these changes could have on training programs; given my role at the Mount, I can provide perspective on the implications for training program of changes to registration requirements. Finally, I have extensive experience providing clinical, research, and NSBEP supervision to students and candidates and have participated in one NSBEP oral exam as an examiner; this experience means that I am aware of the supervision process at various levels and can provide useful insight in this area as a Board member.

In summary, I am invested in our profession and committed to ensuring that we promote and uphold rigorous standards for registration and practice in addition to promoting psychology positively to the public. My experience in multiple settings, commitment to training, and enthusiasm for our profession will ensure that I represent the wide range of psychologists in Nova Scotia.

**Mark Russell**  
**Candidate Statement**

I am very pleased to have been nominated for one of the Board's available positions. I have been serving on the Board for approximately three years since my initial appointment and now hope to be elected to an additional two-year term.

After completing my undergraduate degree in psychology at Dalhousie (1985) and obtaining my Masters in Applied Clinical Psychology from Memorial University of Newfoundland (1988), I worked at Dalhousie Counseling and Psychological Services for several years. I then opened a private practice in Bridgewater and have subsequently worked as an associate with a number of private practices in the HRM area. I have been a NSBEP supervisor and a Member-at Large on the APNS executive.

I have found serving on the Board to be an educational and gratifying experience. The role of the Board is to ensure that the public is appropriately served by the profession of psychology - for Board members this goal manifests itself in a wide array of activities and responsibilities. I have particularly enjoyed the opportunity to meet other members of the profession including other Board members, those participating in oral exams/transfer interviews, those serving on NSBEP committees, and many others having contact with the Board. This has allowed me to have contact with psychologists who work in a wide variety of settings (e.g., schools, public system, academic, rural/urban). As a result, I have learned much about the concerns and interests of those who work in these settings and gained a better understanding of the practice of psychology in our province.

Serving on the Board has also provided an opportunity to learn about and/or participate in a wide array of activities and responsibilities associated with governing the practice of psychology in Nova Scotia. It has been particularly gratifying to have been a part of the ongoing enhancement of the relationship between NSBEP and APNS, to have played a role in the recent changes to the Psychologists Act, and to have participated in improvements to the Continuing Competency program resulting from feedback from registrants.

I feel that my personal values and professional experience have brought a valuable perspective to my role as a Board member. Should I be elected to an additional two-year term, I believe that this perspective, combined with my three years Board experience, would allow me to serve in this role in effectively and enthusiastically.

**Sid Sodhi**  
**Candidate Statement**

From: Dr. Sid S. Sodhi, Ph.D. Psychologist  
Biographic Note/Candidate Statement

My name is Dr. S. S. Sodhi, I am a retired professor of Educational Psychology/Counseling from Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS (1970 – 1995). While at Dalhousie, I supervised many M.A. and Ph.D. students, especially in Special Education.

Since 1982, I am a registered Psychologist (N.S. 107) with Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology. Also, I have served on many APNS committees.

During these 36 years with the Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology and APNS, I have noticed a gradual distance between the Board and APNS that needs to be looked into and rectified.

I would also like to see the Board giving a more caring (not punitive) support to APNS members. There should be more transparency in our procedures and processes.

The course offerings of NS Universities that produce Psychology graduates (Acadia, MSVU and Dalhousie) should be evaluated by the Board so as to maintain the high quality of Psychological preparation for the new NSBEP members. They should especially be sensitized to the cultural diversity taking place in the Nova Scotia population.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Sid Sodhi  
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