

# 2018 NYCPG Annual Conference on Problem Gambling

## Keynote Speakers



**Chris Anderson** is the Director of the Gambling Recovery Center and maintains a clinical practice where he specializes in the treatment (as well as interventions and evaluations) of gamblers, sex addicts and their families. He is frequently consulted and utilized as a forensic expert on gambling and financial issues, having been retained and/or testified in over 50 State and Federal cases related to gambling. Mr. Anderson is a Clinical Fellow of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), and an International Certified Gambling Counselor and Board Approved Clinical Consultant and Supervisor (ICGC-II / BACC).



**Dr. Matt Bellace** has a Ph.D. in clinical neuropsychology. He worked at the National Institutes of Mental Health, and completed his internship at the traumatic brain and spinal cord units at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. He's the author of the book, *A Better High*, and for over two decades, Matt Bellace, Ph.D., has been a professional speaker and stand-up comedian. His programs encourage over a hundred thousand people each year to choose healthy natural highs (e.g. laughter, exercise and meditation), and to be resilient in the face of stress.



**Dr. Amanda McCormick** is the Director of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of the Fraser Valley, an Associate Professor, and a Research Associate with the Centre for Public Safety and Criminal Justice Research. She is the co-investigator on two longitudinal evaluations of the Voluntary Self-Exclusion program in British Columbia and has authored or co-authored numerous reports, publications, and presentations on problem gambling. Her research interests include problem gambling, program evaluation, policing and public safety, intimate partner violence, and serious and violent juveniles.



**Kent Rader** graduated from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, has authored the stress reduction book titled *Let It Go, Just Let It Go* and co-stars with Jan McInnis in the Baby Boomer Comedy Show, *Clean Comedy for People Born Before Seat Belts, Safety Helmets, and Facebook*. Known as the "World's Cleanest Comedian and Speaker," he has been heard on NPR's *Talk of the Nation*, Sirius Satellite radio. Kent is the winner of the Branson Comedy Festival and has been seen on Comcast's comedy show, *Who's Laughing Now*.

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