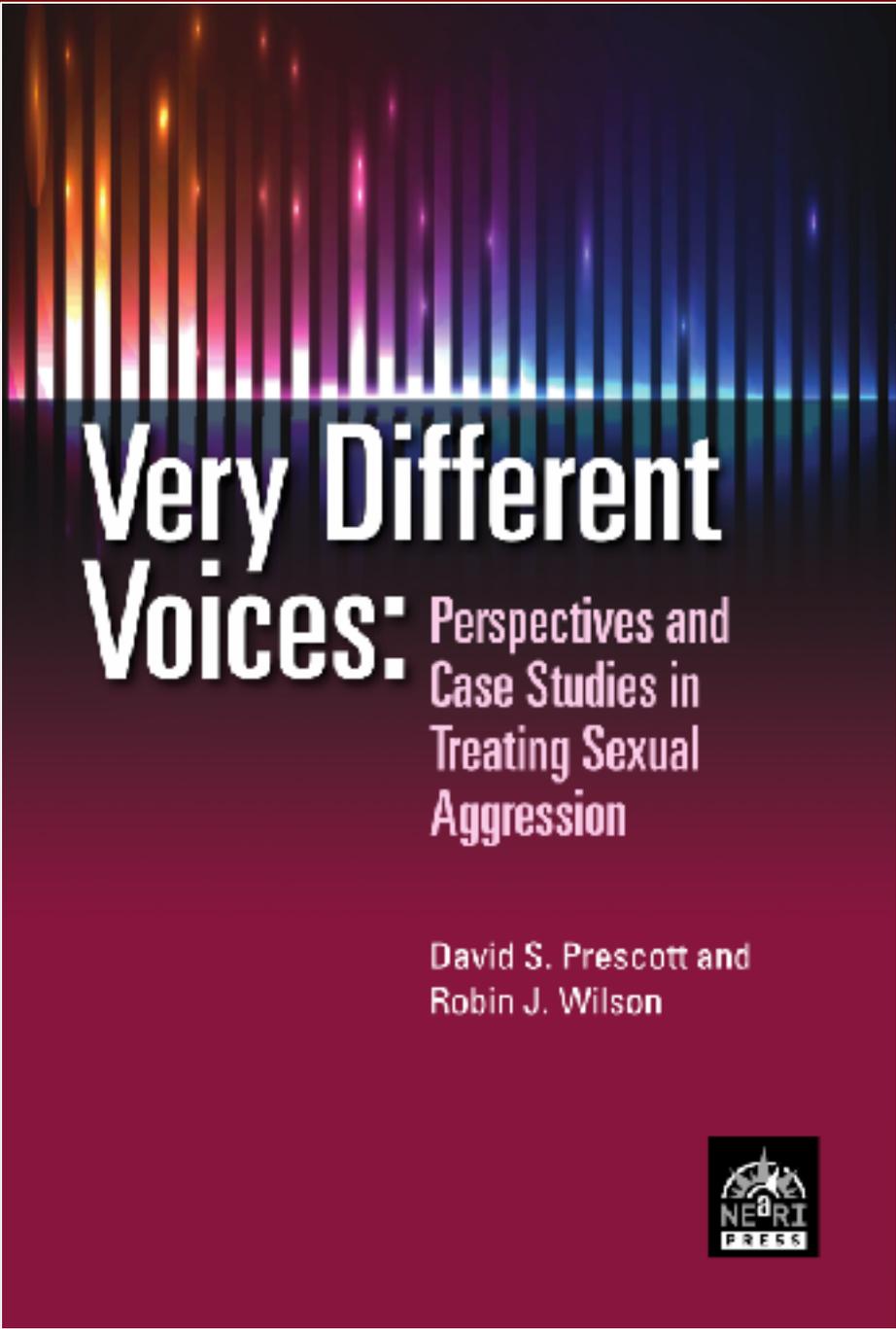


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Welcome!



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Who We Are



Focus

- Background Information
 - Perspectives on RNR
- Case Formulation
- Specific cases
 - Robin on

Take Home Messages

- What you do matters
- What you do works
- Follow the research
- Be data driven
- Beware of false advertising
- Always keep the big picture in mind





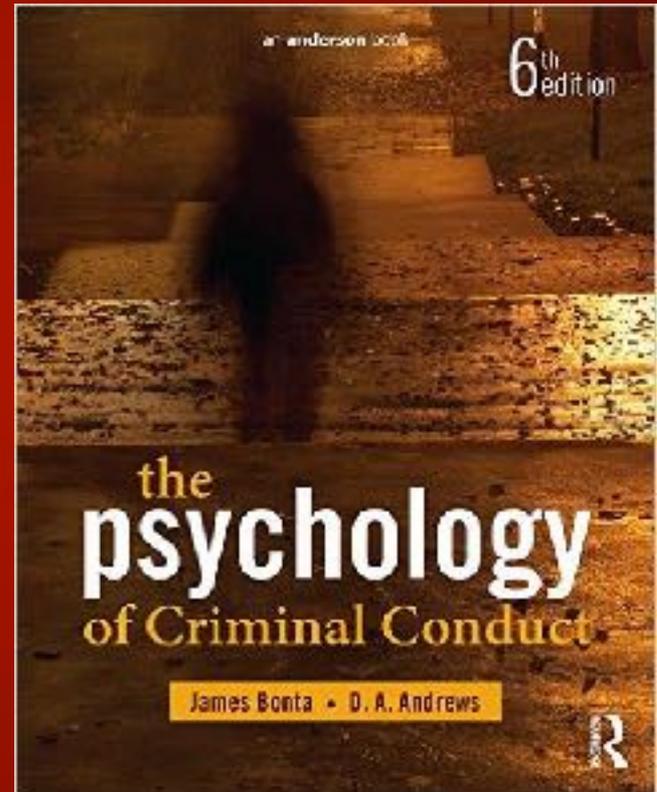
Background Information



Bonta & Andrews (2016)

Three Principles:

- Risk
- Need
- Responsivity



From *The Psychology of Criminal Conduct, 6th ed.*

Principles of RNR Model



(Bonta & Andrews, 2016)

Risk

Environmental/Situational Elements

+ Personal Elements

Risk

Dynamic Risk Factors aka Criminogenic Needs

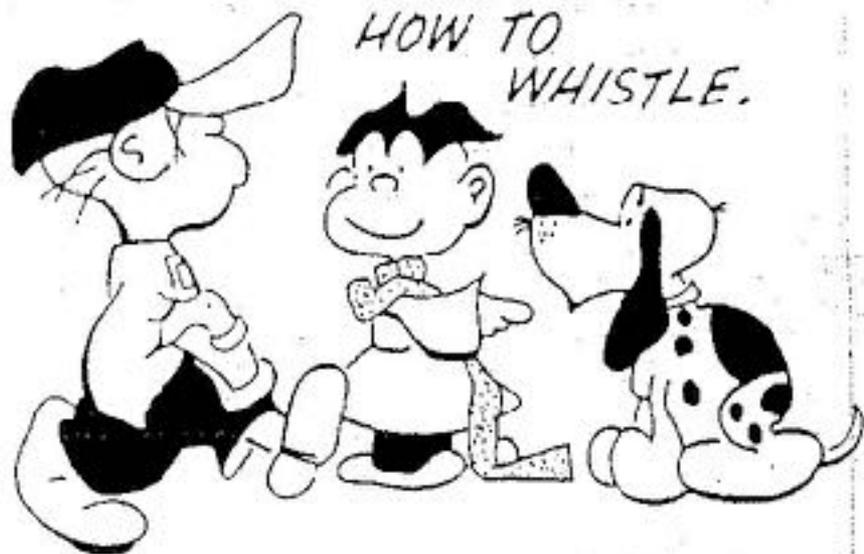
- Deviant sexual interest/preference
- Antisocial orientation
- Significant social influences
- Intimacy deficits
- Sexual self-regulation
- Offense-supportive attitudes
- Cooperation with supervision
- General self-regulation

Effective Programs

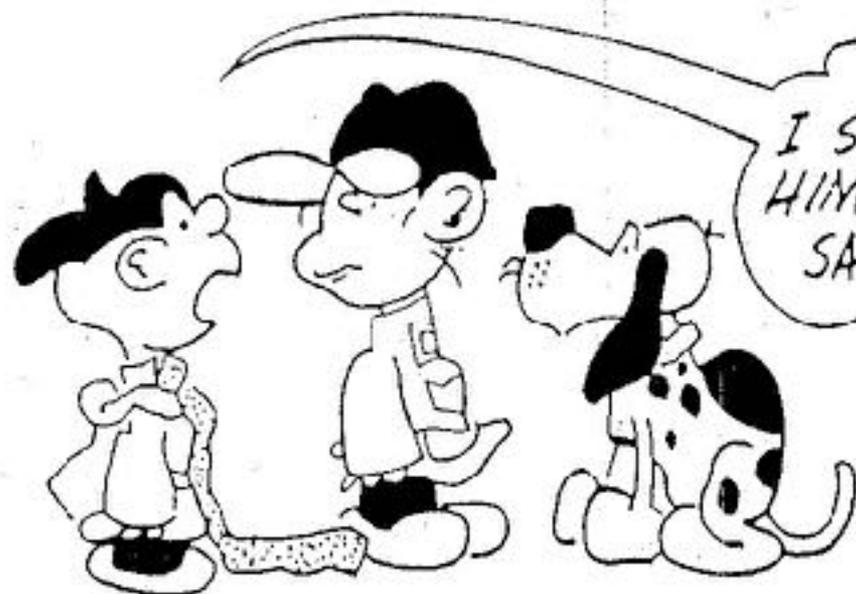
RESPONSIVITY principle

- effective programs are those which are responsive to offender characteristics
 - cognitive abilities
 - maturity
 - motivation
 - mode of intervention
 - scheduling concerns

I TAUGHT STRIPE
HOW TO
WHISTLE.



I DON'T HEAR
HIM WHISTLING!



I SAID I TAUGHT
HIM. I DIDN'T
SAY HE LEARNED IT.

The Rise of Strength-based Approaches

- Traditionally, our work with clients has focused on what's going **wrong** and how likely it is that bad behaviors will **persist**
- We're currently seeing a shift – influenced by positive psychology and strength-based approaches – that calls on us to identify what's going **right** and how likely it is that clients will **desist** if we provide them with support, resources, and meaningful accountability frameworks

Case Formulation/Conceptualization

- Starts with assessment and fact-gathering
- Aided by functional analysis of the behavior in question
 - What was the client trying to achieve?
 - Is the goal intact, with problematic means?
 - Are the means intact, but the goal is problematic?
- How can we assist the client in meeting his needs without causing problems?
- Individualized approaches are best



Very Different Voices



Authors





**Johnny: A case of
de Clérambault's Syndrome**



de Clérambault's Syndrome

- More commonly known as Erotomanic Fixation
- Case study:
 - Male offender in institutional setting
 - Fixated on female staff member (not his first time)
 - Approached in multidisciplinary fashion
 - Security for safety
 - Clinical for ongoing focus on sexually inappropriate conduct
 - Psychiatry for compulsiveness and libido control



Motivational Interviewing with a Diaper Fetish



The Core Difference

- Partnership
- Acceptance
- Compassion
- Evocation

Specific Skills

- Reserving judgment
- Compassion
 - Empathy + Intention
 - Generally sex-positive outlook
- Rejecting the “righting reflex”
- OARS micro-skills
- Elaborating “change talk” (“Tell me more!”)

The Power of Collaboration

- Assembling of different perspectives
- Working together brings out the best in each participant
- Sharing feels good



Implications for Professionals



Beware False Advertising

- The most effective part of a given model may not be “new”
- The most interesting part of a new model may not be what makes it effective
- There is more difference between the best and worst therapists *within* models/approaches than there is between them!
- The most impactful part of the equation is you



Implications for Research



What, Who, Why

- We know a lot about what works with whom
- We know less about ”who works” and “how it works”
- It’s important to remember that as much as we can help people get better, we can also make them worse



Implications for Society



The Safest Sex Offender

- Stable
- Occupied
- Accountable to others
- Plans for the future
- Everything to lose by repeating past behavior

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Thank You