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Publications

Seymour, F., Blackwell, S., & Henderson, E. (2019). Counterintuitive issues for child sexual abuse allegations. *The Family Advocate*, 20 (4), 22-24.

Blackwell, S., Seymour, F., & Jefferson, S. (2018). Expert evidence: The conduct of expert witnesses. In F. Seymour, S. Blackwell, & A. Tamatea. (Eds.), *Psychology and the Law in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Wellington: New Zealand Psychological Society. 55-73.

Blackwell, S., Nuth, J., & Seymour, F. (2018). Fundamental knowledge and methodology in assessments for legal proceedings. In F. Seymour, S. Blackwell, & A. Tamatea. (Eds.), *Psychology and the Law in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Wellington: New Zealand Psychological Society. 75-108.

Jefferson, S., & Blackwell, S. (2018). Privacy and privilege: Practice and implications for psychologists. In F. Seymour, S. Blackwell, & A. Tamatea. (Eds.), *Psychology and the Law in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Wellington: New Zealand Psychological Society. 43-54.

Wali, R., Seymour, F., & Blackwell, S. (2018). Psychologists working within the Family Court in relation to care of children and child protection matters. In F. Seymour, S. Blackwell, & A. Tamatea. (Eds.), *Psychology and the Law in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Wellington: New Zealand Psychological Society. 109-159.

Tamatea, A., Lascelles, N. & Blackwell, S. (2018). Psychological reports for the courts on persons convicted of criminal offending. In F. Seymour, S. Blackwell, & A. Tamatea. (Eds.), *Psychology and the Law in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Wellington: New Zealand Psychological Society. 193-220.

Seymour, F., Blackwell, S., & Tamatea, A. (Eds.) (2018). *Psychology and the Law in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Wellington: New Zealand Psychological Society.

Randell, I., Seymour, F., Henderson, E., & Blackwell, S. (2018). The Experiences of Young Complainant Witnesses in Criminal Court Trials for Sexual Offences, *Psychiatry, Psychology and Law*, 25, 357-373.

Randell, I., Seymour, F., Henderson, E., & Blackwell, S. (2016). *Evaluation of the Whangarei Young Witness Pilot Protocol*. A report prepared for the Ministry of Justice, University of Auckland.

Blackwell, S. & Seymour, F. (2015). Expert evidence and jurors' views on expert witnesses, *Psychiatry, Psychology and Law*. 22:5, 673-681.

Woodhead, Y., Cameron, D., Blackwell, S., & Seymour, F. (2015). Family Court Judges' Decisions Regarding Post Separation Care Arrangements for Young Children. *Psychiatry, Psychology and Law*. 22:4, 520-534.

Blackwell, S., & Seymour, F. (2014). Prediction of jury verdicts in child sexual assault trials. *Psychiatry, Psychology and Law*. 21:4, 567-576.

Seymour, F., Blackwell, S., Calvert, S., & McLean, B. (2013). Counterintuitive expert psychological evidence in child sexual abuse trials in New Zealand. *Psychiatry, Psychology and Law*. 21:4, 511-522.

Seymour, F., Blackwell, S., & Thorburn, J. (Eds.) (2011). *Psychology and the Law in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Wellington: New Zealand Psychological Society.

Blackwell, S. (2011). Expert evidence: The conduct of expert witnesses. In F. Seymour, S. Blackwell, & J. Thorburn (Eds.), *Psychology and the Law in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Wellington: New Zealand Psychological Society. 21-33.

Blackwell, S. (2011). Psychological reports for the courts on convicted offenders. In F. Seymour, S. Blackwell, & J. Thorburn (Eds.), *Psychology and the Law in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Wellington: New Zealand Psychological Society. 147-173.

Blackwell, S., & Seymour, F. (2011). The role of the psychologist in criminal proceedings. In F. Seymour, S. Blackwell, & J. Thorburn (Eds.), *Psychology and the Law in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Wellington: New Zealand Psychological Society. 110-145.

Seymour, F., & Blackwell, S. (2011). Psychologists working within the Family Court. In F. Seymour, S. Blackwell, & J. Thorburn (Eds.), *Psychology and the Law in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Wellington: New Zealand Psychological Society. 63-93.

Mowjood, A., Blackwell, S., & Seymour, F. (2010). Guidelines for Modes of Evidence applications. *Psychology Aotearoa*, 2, 102-103.

Blackwell, S.J.Y. (2007). *Child sexual abuse on trial*: Unpublished doctoral thesis. The University of Auckland.

Doogue, J.M., & Blackwell, S.J.Y. (2000). How do we best serve children in proceedings in the Family Court? *Family Law Journal*, 3, 183-204.

Blackwell, S. (1997). Self-care and evaluation. In H. Love & W Whittaker (Eds.), *Professional practice of psychology in Aotearoa New Zealand*. Wellington: New Zealand Psychological Society.

Conference papers and addresses

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2019). *The Expert Witness*. Presentation to Youth Forensics Course, The University of Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2019). *Child sexual behaviour and presentation of child sexual abuse*. Invited address to Paediatric Training Course in the medical assessment of sexually abused children & adolescents. Marion Davis Library, Auckland Hospital.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2018). *Psychology and the Law in Aotearoa New Zealand. Expert Psychological Evidence*. Address to Family Court Psychologists Specialist Report Writers Group, October 2018.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2018). *Psychology and the Law in Aotearoa New Zealand. Expert Psychological Evidence*. NZPSS 50th Jubilee Conference 5-8 September 2018.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2018). *The Expert Witness*. Presentation to Youth Forensics Course, The University of Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2018). *Child sexual behaviour and presentation of child sexual abuse*. Invited address to Paediatric Training Course in the medical assessment of sexually abused children & adolescents. Marion Davis Library, Auckland Hospital.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2018). *Counterintuitive expert evidence in child sexual assault trials*. Invited address to “Best Practice in Sexual Violence Courts; An education programme for Sexual Violence Court Pilot Judges” (January 2018). Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. ((2017). *Best practice for child interviewing: A review of recent research and some insights into counterintuitive evidence in child sexual abuse trials*. Invited seminar to specialist interviewers Tauranga and Hamilton (May 2017).

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2017). *The Expert Witness*. Presentation to Youth Forensics Course, The University of Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2017). *Counterintuitive evidence in child sexual assault trials*. Invited address to “Best Practice in Sexual Violence Courts; An education programme for Sexual Violence Court Pilot Judges” 11–13 January 2017. Rydges Hotel, Federal Street, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2016). *Child sexual behaviour and presentation of child sexual abuse*. Invited address to Paediatric Training Course in the medical assessment of sexually abused children & adolescents. Marion Davis Library, Auckland Hospital. March, 2016.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2016). *The Expert Witness*. Presentation to Youth Forensics Course, The University of Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2015). *Child sexual behaviour and presentation of child sexual abuse*. Invited address to Paediatric Training Course in the medical assessment of sexually abused children & adolescents. Clinical Education Centre, Auckland Hospital. March 2015.

Seymour, F.W., & Blackwell, S.J.Y. (2014). *Decision making in disputed care for infants*. Paper presented to AFCC 51st Annual Conference Navigating the Waters of Shared Parenting: Guidance from the Harbour May 28-31st 2014, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Blackwell, S. J. Y (2014). The assessment and prediction of risk. Address to the Family Court Psychologists Specialist report writers (Northern Region) April 2014.

Blackwell, S. J. Y (2014). *Child sexual behaviour and presentation of child sexual abuse*. Invited address to Paediatric Training Course in the medical assessment of sexually abused children & adolescents. Marion Davis Library, Auckland Hospital. March 2014.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2013). *Going to Court as an expert witness*. Invited workshop for staff at Puawaitahi Multi Agency Centre; September 2013.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2013). *The psychologist as an expert witness*. Paper presented at New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference; Auckland, New Zealand; September 2013.

Blackwell, S. J. Y., & Seymour, F.W. (2013). *Expert evidence and jurors' views about expert witnesses*. Paper presented at New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference; Auckland, New Zealand; September 2013.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2013). *The assessment, prediction and management of risk*. Invited presentations to the Institute of Judicial Studies Seminars on Bail; Auckland, Christchurch, Hamilton and Wellington August/September 2013.

Blackwell, S., Sandiford, A., & Sorrell, A. (2013). *Experts as Witnesses*. Invited Seminar for the New Zealand Bar Association. 20th June 2013; Stamford Plaza Hotel; Auckland, New Zealand.

Blackwell, S. J. Y (2013). *Child sexual behaviour and presentation of child sexual abuse*. Invited address to Paediatric Training Course in the medical assessment of sexually abused children & adolescents. Marion Davis Library, Auckland Hospital. March 2013.

Blackwell, S. J. Y (2012). *Juries, Justice and Therapeutic Jurisprudence (Or why we might well be concerned about wrongful acquittals in sexual offence trials)*. Invited address to the 13th International Criminal Law Congress, Queenstown New Zealand, September 2012.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2012) *Complainant and Offender Behaviour; The Question of Relevance*. Invited presentation, Current Issues in Sexual Offences; Judicial training. Judicial College of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia. May 25th 2012.

Blackwell, S. J. Y (2012). *Child sexual abuse trials in New Zealand; A potpourri of history, empirical research and recent case law* (on programme as Misperceptions and realities about complainant behaviour and convictions) Invited address, Conference; Truth, Testimony Relevance: Improving the quality of evidence in sexual offence cases. May 15th 2012.

Cameron, D. B. & Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2012). *Post separation shared care arrangements for babies and children aged younger than four years (Or how not to throw the baby out with the bath water)*. Address to New Zealand Psychological Society/College of Clinical Psychologists Joint Conference, April 27, 2012.

Seymour, F., & Blackwell, S. (2012). *Implications for psychologists from the Review of the Family Court*. Paper presented to New Zealand Psychological Society/College of Clinical Psychologists Joint Conference, April 27, 2012.

Cameron, D. B., & Blackwell, S. J. Y. (April, 2012). *Post separation shared care arrangements for babies and children aged younger than four years (Or how not to throw the baby out with the bath water)*. Invited address to Family Court Association, Auckland, April 3, 2012.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (March, 2012). *The Sexual Misconduct Team of the New Zealand Medical Council*. Invited presentation to the Health Practitioners' Disciplinary Tribunal Workshop. Wellington March 26, 2012.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2012). *Reports to the HPDT*. Invited presentation to the Health Practitioners' Disciplinary Tribunal Workshop. Wellington March 26, 2012.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. and Davenport, K. (2012). *Truth or dare? How Courts and Tribunals get to the truth; or Credibility, and other intangibles in HPDT proceedings*. Invited presentation to the Health Practitioners' Disciplinary Tribunal Workshop. Wellington March 26, 2012.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2011). *The investigation and prosecution of crimes against children: Some understandings about the behaviour of abused children*. Invited presentation to the Wellington District Child Protection team (D-CPT). October 2011.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (August, 2011). *Child sexual assault criminal trials in New Zealand: Some insights from the jury research projects and the musings of a forensic psychologist*. Invited presentation at the Dunedin High Court to defence counsel, prosecutors, police and forensic interviewers.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (July, 2011). *Modes of Evidence: Rationale, applications and reports*. Invited presentation to Waitematā Child Protection Investigators' Course, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (July, 2011). *Challenges facing investigators and prosecutors in relation to child sexual abuse criminal trials in New Zealand: Some insights from the jury research project*. Invited presentation to Waitematā Child Protection Investigators' Course, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (August, 2010). *Modes of Evidence: Rationale, applications and Reports*. Invited presentation to Child Protection Investigators' Course, Rotorua.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (August, 2010). *Challenges facing investigators and prosecutors in relation to child sexual abuse criminal trials in New Zealand: Some insights from the jury research project*. Invited presentation to Child Protection Investigators' Course, Rotorua.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (July, 2010). *The utilisation and impact of misconceptions about child sexual abuse in criminal trials in New Zealand*, Invited address to Child Abuse Investigators' Course, Police College, Wellington.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (July, 2010). *The CSI effect in child sexual assault (CSA) trials: How do we mitigate this phenomenon?* Invited address to Child Abuse Investigators' Course, Police College, Wellington.

Blackwell, S. J. Y., & Seymour, F.W. (July, 2010). *The new guidelines for Family Court reports.* Paper to Family Court Symposium, Annual Conference of the New Zealand Psychological Society, Rotorua.

Seymour, F.W., & Blackwell, S. J.Y. (July 2010). *Second opinion critiques in the Family Court.* Paper presented to Family Court Symposium, Annual Conference of the New Zealand Psychological Society, Rotorua.

McCormick, K., Seymour, F.W., & Blackwell, S. J.Y. (July, 2010). *Family Court Specialist Report Writers: Opinions and issues: Assessing the current practice of psychologists working in the Family Court.* Paper presented to Family Court Workshop, Annual Conference of the New Zealand Psychological Society, Rotorua.

Blackwell, S. J. Y., & Seymour, F.W. (June, 2010). *The CSI effect in child sexual assault (CSA) trials.* Paper presented to the 20th Conference of the European Association of Psychology and Law. Gothenburg, Sweden, 15-18 June 2010.

Blackwell, S. J. Y., & Seymour, F.W. (June, 2010). *Child sexual abuse on trial.* Paper presented to the 20th Conference of the European Association of Psychology and Law. Gothenburg, Sweden. 15-18 June 2010.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (March, 2010). *Child sexual abuse on trial in New Zealand.* Invited address to Child Abuse Investigators' Course, Police College, Wellington.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (March, 2010). *The CSI effect in child sexual assault (CSA) trials.* Invited address to Child Abuse Investigators' Course, Police College, Wellington.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (February, 2010). *Child sexual abuse on trial in New Zealand.* Invited address to Wellington District Child Protection Team Training Conference, College, Wellington.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (February, 2010). *The CSI effect in child sexual assault (CSA) trials,* Invited address to Wellington District Child Protection Team Training Conference, Police College, Wellington.

Blackwell, S. J. Y., & Seymour, F.W. (2009). *New guidelines for Family Court assessments: Consultation and discussion.* Paper presented to the New Zealand Psychological Society Conference, Palmerston North.

Blackwell, S. J. Y., & Seymour, F.W. (2009). *Child sexual assault trials in New Zealand,* Paper presented to New Zealand Psychological Society Conference, Palmerston North.

Seymour, F. W., & Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2009). *Children's participation in the courts,* Paper presented to New Zealand Psychological Society Conference, Palmerston North.

Seymour, F.W., & Blackwell, S. J.Y. (2009). *Child sexual assault on trial*. Paper presented at Children and the Law: International Approaches to Children and their Vulnerabilities Conference, Prato, Italy.

Seymour, F.W., & Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2009). *Is children's participation in the Courts accommodating of child needs and abilities?* Paper presented at Children and the Law: International Approaches to Children and their Vulnerabilities Conference, Prato, Italy.

Blackwell, S. J. Y., & Hamlin, P. (March, 2009). *The prosecution of child sexual abuse trials: Reflections from the Jury Research Project and the Sexual Offence Trial Survey*. Invited address to the National Crown Prosecutors' Conference, Rotorua.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (November, 2008). *Child sexual abuse on trial in New Zealand*. Invited address to the Criminal law Symposium, Wellington.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (September, 2008). *The prosecution of child sexual offence cases: How could we improve conviction rates and accurate jury determinations?* Address to Luke, Cunningham, Clere: The Office of the Crown Solicitor, Wellington.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (August, 2008). *The prosecution of child sexual offence Cases: Insights from the Jury Research project*. Presentation to DSAC Advanced Paediatric Training Course and 4th Combined Australia and New Zealand Meeting on the Medical Assessment of Sexually Abused Children and Adolescents. Christchurch.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (July, 2008). *Child sexual abuse on trial: The prosecution of child sexual offence cases*. Presentation to Paediatric Update, Starship Children's Hospital, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (July, 2008). *The prosecution of sexual offences against children; Critical factors in the improvement of accurate jury decisions*. Invited Presentation to Auckland City CIB Training Day, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (June, 2008). *Child sexual abuse on trial: The role of the appellate courts in justice for child complainants*. Invited address to Judges of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Wellington.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (May, 2008). *Child sexual abuse on trial: Judicial roles in justice for child complainants. Judicial Education*: Invited presentation to District Court Jury Trial Judges (Northern Region), Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (May, 2008). *Child sexual abuse on trial: The Jury Research Project*. Invited Keynote address to Symposium on "Working with child sexual abuse: Strengthening and informing practice", Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (March, 2008) *The Jury Research Project; New Zealand jurors' knowledge, beliefs and misconceptions about child sexual abuse; and a model for prediction of jury verdicts in child sexual assault trials*. Invited address to Auckland High Court and Court of Appeal Judges. Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (March, 2008) *The Jury Research Project: New Zealand jurors' knowledge, beliefs and misconceptions about child sexual abuse, and a model for prediction of jury verdicts in child sexual assault trials*. Invited Address to Forensic Interviewers' Conference, Tauranga.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (March, 2008). *The Prosecution of Child Sexual Offence Cases: How could we improve accurate jury determinations?* Invited address to Meredith Connell: The Office of the Crown Solicitor, Auckland, New Zealand.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (November 2007). *New Zealand jurors' knowledge, beliefs and misconceptions about child sexual abuse: How can expert evidence counter these during child sexual assault trials?* Invited address to Forensic Psychologists and Meredith Connell, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (November 2007). *New Zealand jurors' knowledge, beliefs and misconceptions about child sexual abuse and perceptions about child complainant credibility: What type of evidence determines verdicts?* Address to CAT/CYFS Joint Seminar, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (November, 2007). *New Zealand jurors' knowledge, beliefs and misconceptions about child sexual abuse: their views about specialist interviews and mode of evidence*. Invited address to Specialist Interviewers' Hui, Hamilton.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (October, 2007). *New Zealand jurors' knowledge, beliefs and misconceptions about child sexual abuse, and a model for prediction of jury verdicts in child sexual assault trials*. Invited address to Australia and New Zealand Forensic Science Society, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (October, 2007). *New Zealand jurors' knowledge, beliefs and misconceptions about child sexual abuse, and a model for prediction of jury verdicts in child sexual assault trials: What can police do to improve investigations?* Address to NZ Police College Wellington.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (July, 2007). *Prediction of trial outcome in sexual assault trials*. Invited presentation to Meredith Connell: The Office of the Crown Solicitor, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (September, 2007). *New Zealand jurors' knowledge, beliefs and misconceptions about child sexual abuse, and a model for prediction of jury verdicts in child sexual assault trials*. Invited address to South Auckland Child Abuse Teams, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (April, 2007). *The Jury Research project: Jurors' knowledge, beliefs and misconceptions about child sexual abuse, and a model for prediction of jury verdicts in child sexual assault trials*. Address to staff at Puawaitahi, Auckland.

Blackwell S. J. Y. & Seymour, F.W. (September 2006). *Jurors' knowledge and understanding of child sexual abuse issues*: Paper to the Joint Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Psychological Societies. Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (June 2006). *New Zealand Jurors' beliefs and knowledge about Child Sexual Abuse: Implications for Crown prosecutors*. Invited presentation to Crown Prosecutors, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (November 2005). *Expert psychological evidence in child sexual abuse trials in New Zealand*. Invited paper presented to the Children and Courts Conference, National Judicial College of Australia, Sydney, Australia.

Blackwell, S. J. Y., & Seymour, F.W. (March 2005). *Ascertaining children's views: A psychological perspective*. Paper presented to the Child Law Conference, Auckland.

Seymour, F.W. & Blackwell, S.J.Y. (August 2004). *Implications of a recent High Court appeal on the practice of psychologists in the Family Court*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the New Zealand Psychological Society, Wellington.

Blackwell, S. J. Y., & Gordon, C., (2003). *The psychologist as an expert witness*. Invited address to Specialist Services Psychologists, Child Youth and Family, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2003). *Dealing with complainants in relation to allegations of sexual misconduct by doctors*. Invited presentation to staff of the Medical Council of New Zealand: Wellington.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (2003). *The Sexual Misconduct Assessment Team*. Invited presentation to the Medical Council of New Zealand, Wellington.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (April 2002). *Hague Convention: Assessment of children: Determining the wishes and preferences of children*. Paper presented at the Child Law Conference: Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y., Doogue, J., & Skellern, A. (April 2002). *Assessing risk in cases where a child is to exercise access to a non-custodial parent at a supervised access centre*. Paper presented to the Child Law Conference, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (August 2001). *Parental alienation*. Invited Panel address to Family Court Association, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (August 2000). *Family Court assessments: Sound professional practice for Specialist Report Writers*. Invited address on behalf of the New Zealand Psychologists Board to New Zealand Psychological Society Conference, Hamilton.

Doogue, J. M., & Blackwell, S. J. Y. (October, 1999). *How do we best serve children in proceedings in the Family Court?* Invited paper presented to the Australasian Judges' Conference, Auckland.

Blackwell, S. J. Y. (1998). *Management of child sexual abuse cases in the Family Court*. Invited presentation to Family Court Judges' Retreat, Wellington.