If you are interested in preventing sexual abuse, ATSA is where you belong.

ATSA is the premier professional organization focused on perpetration prevention. It is home to research-informed practice guidelines, research, training, and policy. But perhaps the greatest reward of membership is your contribution to a trusted community that is making society safer.

Together we:

- Enhance community safety
- Reduce sexual recidivism
- Protect victims and vulnerable populations
- Illuminate paths to prevent sexual abuse
- Transform the lives of those caught in the web of sexual violence
A Word From Your Board

On behalf of the 2012-2013 ATSA Executive Board of Directors, we are pleased to present ATSA’s First Annual Report to the membership, our organizational partners, and external stakeholders.
We extend our appreciation to the ATSA staff, committees, and membership for their contributions to helping make 2012-2013 successful years and continuing to build upon the outstanding efforts and accomplishments of our predecessors, stemming from our organization’s modest beginnings in 1984. Perhaps most importantly, we thank all of you for your tireless efforts and in your roles – day after day, and year to year – to support the vision and mission of ATSA, reduce and prevent sexual victimization, and promote safe communities.

Maia Christopher,
Executive Director

Kurt Bumby, Ph.D.,
President (2011-2013)
Immediate Past President

“The highlight of 2013 was growing our staff so that we can better address policy needs and expand our media presence.”
— Maia Christopher

“The past two years have been an honor and a pleasure. I continue to marvel at the sense of community ATSA promotes. Together, we truly make a difference.”
— Kurt Bumby

Our Mission:
The Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers is an international, multidisciplinary organization dedicated to preventing sexual abuse. Through research, education, and shared learning ATSA promotes evidence based practice, public policy and community strategies that lead to the effective assessment, treatment and management of individuals who have sexually abused or are at risk to abuse.
The Year in Review

The organization enjoyed an exciting and productive year in 2012-2013, reaching a growing and diverse audience. ATSA renewed our focus on sound research, informed policy, and effective practice. Here are a few of the highlights of ATSA’s recent work:

• Provided over $25,000 in funding to support research through the Predoctoral Research Grant and the Graduate Student Awards.

• Facilitated data collection for students looking to access the list serve on over 15 occasions.

• Finalized and approved the Practice Guidelines for the Assessment, Treatment, and Management of Adult Male Sexual Abusers.

• Published 35 articles in ATSA’s quarterly newsletter, the Forum, and 24 blog posts on Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment blogsite. In 2013 the blog recorded 7,000 unique users which was an increase from 6,100 in 2012.

• Increased interest in ATSA’s website—61% of visitors were new to the ATSA website in 2013 compared to 55% in 2012.

• Provided over 3000 treatment referrals.

• Finalized and began transitioning into a new structure for the Executive Board of Directors.

• Engaged the membership specifically to explore ATSA’s direction in areas such as international issues and organizational branding.

•Partnered on a grant from the Office of Violence Against Women to increase collaboration between professionals working with survivors and those working with perpetrators of sexual abuse.

• Maintained the ATSA list serve with over 1500 members and more than 3600 postings per year.

The ATSA Board extends a special thanks to Board members completing their terms in office:

“Being on the Board opened my eyes up to just how diverse this organization is — full of kind and supportive people.”

Leslie Helmus

“The passion, intelligence and concern for a world safe for all persons is the motivation for providing the best evidence based interventions and treatment.”

Rebeca Palmer

“It meant a lot to work together to give a stronger voice in society for the importance of evidence-based research, practice, policy and prevention.”

Joan Tabachnick
Committee Works

Resources and initiatives developed by ATSA committees during 2012/2013 include:

- New award for the best poster session by a student at the ATSA conference.
- Student-oriented special interest sessions at the ATSA conference.
- Prevention-oriented special interest sessions at the ATSA conference.
- Documents:
  - *Adolescents Who have Engaged in Sexually Abusive Behavior: Effective Policies and Practices*
  - *Answers to Questions About Recent Child Abuse Cases Op Ed*
  - *Incentives for Inmate Research Participation in Research*
  - *Sex Offender Risk Assessment*
  - *Pharmacological Interventions with Adult Male Sexual Offenders*
  - *Sometimes it’s Not the Picture It’s the Frame: Framing Messages about Sexual Abuse Prevention*
  - *Reach Out to the Media - Sandusky Trial Demands We Do More*

Additional resources are currently in progress, including:

- Guidelines for the assessment and treatment of juveniles (anticipated publication date 2015).
Collaboration and Partnerships

Through participation on advisory boards, steering and other committees, federal grant projects, and other initiatives, ATSA’s Executive Director Maia Christopher supported the strategic goals of maintaining collaboration and partnerships. Key examples include the following:

• Served as a member of the Advisory Committee for:
  - ATSA Collaborative Project with Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
  - California Coalition Against Sexual Assault PreventConnect Project
  - Council of State Government (CSG) Offender Re-entry Program
  - National Sexual Assault Conference
  - National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)
  - Safer Society International Advisory Committee
  - Vision of Hope Grant: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: Creating Safer Organizational Settings

• Served as peer reviewer for the National Center on the Sexual Behavior of Youth website

• Provided training pertaining to individuals who sexually abuse, treatment and management for:
  - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Safe to Compete Summit
  - National Conference on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention
  - The National Sexual Assault Conference
  - The Northwest Substance Abuse Association
  - Sisters of Color Against Sexual Assault annual meeting

• Participated in the SMART Office’s Sex Offender Management and Planning Initiative
• Participated in the Ms. Foundation for Women Public Policy Roundtable
• Served as the President of the National Coalition to End Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

• Partnered with the Center for Sex Offender Management (CSOM), Resource Sharing Project (RSP), and the the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) on a federal grant awarded by the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW). The grant is titled *Building Capacity to Reduce Sexual Victimization by Promoting Collaboration Among Victim Advocates and Sex Offender Management Practitioners.*

• Participated in the World Health Organization’s Violence Prevention Alliance
  - International training committee
  - Violence prevention story project
ATSA’s 32nd Annual Conference

Dr. Michael Fogel
Ms. Robin McGinnis
Conference Chairs

ATSA’s annual conference presents one of the primary vehicles through which ATSA fulfills its mission and provides key membership benefits of:

• Professional development
• Dissemination of research
• Current clinical skills
• Student engagement
• Professional networking
• Camaraderie

Chicago, Illinois was host to the 2013 annual conference with:

• More than 200 speakers
• 1400 individuals in attendance
  - Approximately 50% of attendees were non-members
  - Approximately 34% were first time conference attendees
  - 7% of attendees were students
• 55 new members joined ATSA during the conference

Among the 1400 attendees were representatives from 13 countries including:

- Australia
- Canada
- Germany
- India
- Ireland
- Israel
- Japan
- Latvia
- The Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States

Save the date: The ATSA 33rd Annual Research and Treatment Conference: Transforming Research Into Practice will be October 29-November 1, 2014 in San Diego, California.
ATSA’s Journal—SAJRT

Dr. James Cantor, Editor in Chief
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Canada

Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment —
As part of Sage Publications criminal justice collection, our Journal remains a key membership benefit and a professional resource on contemporary research in the field.

Under the leadership of Dr. Cantor the journal has expanded to six volumes per year.

- Number of manuscript submissions
  - 93 (2012)
  - 122 (2013)

- Rate of acceptance
  - 34% (2012)
  - 36% (2013)

- Rankings
  - 3/52 of Criminology/Penology Journals
  - 27/114 in Psychology, Clinical Journals

- Impact factor of 2.42

Submissions were received from 25 countries including:

- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Egypt
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hong Kong
- India
- Iran
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- The Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Poland
- Singapore
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- UK
- USA
ATSA Professional Awards

Dr. Jill Levenson
2012-2013 Awards Chair

Gail Burns Smith Award

Sponsored by ATSA and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), this honor is awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions to preventing sexual violence through facilitating effective partnerships between victim advocates and those working in the area of treatment and management of individuals who offend.

**2012 Winner: Lindsay Palmer, B.A.**

Ms. Palmer worked as a the Director of Prevention at the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center and assisted in establishing comprehensive strategies to manage individuals who sexual abuse under community supervision.

**2013 Winner: Steve Bengis, Ph. D.**

With more than 30 years in this field, Dr. Bengis has helped bridge the divide between professionals working with victims and offenders both locally and internationally.

Distinguished Contribution Award

This Award honors individuals who have advanced the public understanding of relevant issues regarding sexual abuse and offending, as well as the role of effective treatment in risk management and community safety.

**2013 Winner: Nicole Pittman, JD**

Ms. Pittman authored *Raised on the Registry: The Irreparable Harm of Placing Children on Sex Offender Registries in the US*. Ms. Pittman conducted more than 500 interviews with people affected by juvenile sex offender registration and notification (SORN) laws.
ATSA Student Awards

Dr. Karl Hanson (2010-2012)
Dr. Anthony Beech (2013)
Research Chairs

Predoctoral Research Grants

2012 Winner: Skye Stephens, B.A.
Hebephilic Sexual Interests in Sexual Offenders

2013 Winner: Alexa Sardina, Ph.D. Candidate
A Proposed Qualitative Study of Female Child Molesters: Examining Motivation and Attribution of Meaning

2013 Winner: Charlotte Hassett, B.Sc. (Hons)
So What About the Stories? Usage of Sexually Explicit Narratives Involving Children by Individuals who have been Convicted or Arrested for the Possession, Distribution, and/or Production of Child Sexual Exploitation Material

Graduate Research Awards

2012 Winner: Ross Bartels, MSc.
The Indirect Assessment of Deviant Sexual Fantasy in Child Molesters

2013 Winner: Robert Lehmann, Ph.D. Candidate
Interpreting Multiple Risk Scales for Sex Offenders: Evidence for Averaging

Poster Awards

2013 Winner: Rachel Johnson M.A.
Construct and Predictive Validity of the Violence Risk Scale: Sex Offender Version

2013 Winner: Maya Lambert Vandalac B.Sc.
Deviant Sexual Interests and Criminal Careers of Sexual Offenders

2013 Winner: Amelie Cosette
What Exactly is Unusual in Unusual Sexual Fantasies?
The ATSA Membership

Mr. Tom Leversee
2012-2013 Membership Chair

Ms. Robin Goldman
2012-2013 Organization & Development Chair

As the leading organization for professionals working with individuals who sexually abuse, ATSA is home to a diverse community of experts who come together to make a difference by developing leadership and supporting members through education, research and collaboration.

At the close of 2013, ATSA was 2700 members strong.

- Approximately 2400 (89%) are Clinical, Clinical Associate, Research or Research Associates members
- There are approximately 90 student members involved in ATSA from a variety of programs (representing a 10% increase over 2012)
- ATSA has 25 State Chapters in the United States
- ATSA maintains affiliations with the National Organization for the Treatment of Abusers (NOTA) and the Australia and New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abuse (ANZATA)
- 14 of the chapters provided annual conference and trainings in the past year

In 2013 ATSA memberships included individuals from 18 countries:

- Australia
- Belgium
- Bermuda
- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Hong Kong
- Ireland
- Israel
- Japan
- The Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Philippines
- Singapore
- South Africa
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States
Budget & Finance Review

Mr. Steve Huot
Treasurer

Consistent with previous years, ATSA maintained a balanced budget during 2013. The annual conference and membership dues remain the primary sources of revenue that support ATSA’s ongoing operations.

Revenue Sources
2013

Expenses
2013
Executive Board of Directors Restructuring

2013 marked a time of change in terms of composition and structure of the Executive Board of Directors in order to take into account the evolving membership, organizational needs, and strategic plan. After years of planning, a proposed new structure was presented to the membership for comment, followed by revision and formal approval by the Board.

The new structure allows for ATSA members to have more opportunities to serve on the board and it offers greater visibly and tangibly reflects ATSA’s vision and mission. Transition to the new structure will commence in 2014 and is expected to be fully implemented by 2016.

New Executive Board of Directors Structure:

**Elected Positions**
- President
- Past President/President Elect
- Research
- Public Policy
- Clinical Practice: Juveniles
- Clinical Practice: Adults
- Prevention
- Student
- Representative At-Large

**Appointed Positions**
- Treasurer
- Membership Recruitment & Retention
- Organization & Development
- Education & Training
- International Issues
- Representative At-Large
2012-2013 ATSA Executive Board of Directors

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Columbia, Missouri

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Oak Park, Illinois

Joan Tabachnick, M.A.
At Large Representative
New England Adolescent Research Institute
Holyoke, Massachusetts
The ATSA Staff

In 2013 ATSA increased our full-time employees by establishing a Coordinator of Public Affairs position to help ATSA:

• Hone and expand our media presence
• Provide public policy assistance to members and nonmembers
• Provide training and educational materials and opportunities

We welcome Katie Gotch, ATSA’s new coordinator of Public Affairs to the team.

Katie Gotch (katie@atsa.com)
Coordinator of Public Affairs

Kelly McGrath (kelly@atsa.com)
Conference Administrator

Ms. McGrath is responsible for coordinating conference registration, marketing and speakers. In the ATSA office she is also responsible for addressing Member’s concerns.

Sarah Gorter (sarah@atsa.com)
Administrative Assistant

Ms. Gorter’s responsibilities include membership services, managing the ATSA website and she serves as the Production Editor of the Forum newsletter.

Aniss Benelmouffok (aniss@atsa.com)
Office Assistant

Mr. Benelmouffok is responsible for responding to all calls that come into the ATSA office, managing the referral systems and assisting in website management.