

Biographical Profile of  
KATHLEEN M. HEIDE, Ph.D.  
(Pronounced "HIGH'dee")

HIGHLIGHTS

- University of South Florida Distinguished University Professor Department of Criminology
- Elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
- Licensed Psychotherapist
- Author or coauthor of 20+ publications
- Author of two widely acclaimed books on juvenile homicide
- Co-Author of book on animal cruelty as pathway to human violence
- Author of



Dr. Heide's research has also been featured in Newsweek, Psychology Today, U.S. News and World Reports, Epoca (Brazil), Facts (Switzerland), and in dozens of newspapers worldwide including The New York Times, U.S.A. Today, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, and Chicago Tribune. She has appeared in several nationally televised talk and news shows, including Larry King Live, CNN, Good Morning America, Fox News Court TV/In Session, and 20/20. Professor Heide has served as a consultant to the National Institute of Justice, National Institute of Health, many state agencies, and several law firms.

Dr. Heide served for 19 months as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), University of South Florida, Tampa. Prior to being appointed as Interim Dean, Dr. Heide served for two years as Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Program Development, a position which is considered to be the Executive Associate Dean or the second-in-command in CAS. Her responsibilities included recruitment, faculty development, tenure and promotion, sabbaticals and faculty leaves, honors and awards, faculty governance, retirement, and disciplinary matters.

### CLINICAL PRACTICE

Dr. Heide is a licensed mental health counselor in the State of Florida and practices at the Center for Mental Health Education, Assessment and Therapy, Tampa. She specializes in treating survivors of trauma, including police officers, first responders, adolescents and young adults, adult children of alcoholics and other high stress families, survivors of childhood abuse, sexual abuse, and sexual assault. Her activities include the training of mental health and social services professionals in family violence, child abuse, and violent juveniles. In addition, Dr. Heide provides individual and group therapy, forensic evaluation, and consultation regarding trial preparation.

Dr. Heide is an internationally recognized consultant on adolescent homicide, parent and family violence. Professor Heide has evaluated and consulted with attorneys regarding homicide offenders, specifically those who killed parents, in 16 states and Canada. She has been appointed expert at the motion of defense counsel and prosecutors in matters relating to homicide, violence, and juveniles and families in Florida Circuit Courts and in various jurisdictions across the United States. Professor Heide has been qualified as an expert to testify in several areas, including psychology, adolescent

## PUBLIC SERVICE

Dr. Heide was appointed in 1994 and reappointed in 1996 by Governor Jeb Bush as a member of Florida's Sentencing Commission. Professor Heide has also served as a member of several Board of Directors of community agencies mandated to provide services to sexual abuse and assault victims, psychiatric patients, individuals in crisis, female delinquents and women offenders. Professor Heide is a past President of the Tampa Bay Association for Women Psychotherapists. She is currently serving as the Chair of the Youth and Gun Violence Committee and is a member of the Leadership, Safety & Sound Hillsborough. Professor Heide is also a member of the Board of Director of the Community and Law Enforcement Workshop and Services (CLEWS), Program Evaluation and Data Committee, Associated Marine Institute and the USF Harrell Center for the Study of Family Violence

Dr. Heide has been an active member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary since 1998. She is certified as an instructor, crewperson, coxswain, and aids to navigation verifier. Dr. Heide is actively involved in search and rescue operations, port security, and marine safety. Professor Heide has a federal government security clearance and is a licensed commercial captain.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Dr. Heide has been honored on many occasions for her research accomplishments, instructional activities,