



**Durham**  
University

International Centre  
for Moral Injury

## Draft programme



## Envisioning and exploring recovery from moral injury

An interdisciplinary conference organised by the  
International Centre for Moral Injury (ICMI)

7-9 April 2025 in Durham, UK  
[durham.ac.uk/icmi](http://durham.ac.uk/icmi)

## Venue

The conference venue is St Chad's College, 18 North Bailey, Durham DH1 3RH.

- All tea/coffee breaks and meals will be taken in Mouldsdale Hall.
- All plenary sessions will take place in the Cassidy Quad (“the quad”).
- Parallel sessions will take place in the Cassidy Quad and Williams Library.

## Special dietary requirements

The catering staff have a list of the requirements specified at registration. If you have a special dietary requirement, please declare it to a member of St Chad’s staff at the start of each meal so they can advise you on whether or not they have prepared you a separate meal and, if this wasn’t necessary, which of the standard dishes are suitable for you.

## Join the conversation

For those of you on social media, the conference hashtags are:

#icmiconf

#moralinjury

You can find us on X, formerly Twitter, @ic\_moralinjury and on LinkedIn as “International Centre for Moral Injury”.

## Wifi

If you’re visiting from an institution that’s part of *eduroam*, you can access Wifi through the *eduroam* network and mobile app. Simply login via the app using your home institution login details.

If you’re not familiar with *eduroam* or are visiting from elsewhere, you can access wireless for free using Durham University’s guest wireless partner, Sky Wifi, who provide this via TheCloud@Durham. To use this, you will first need to create a free TheCloud@Durham account. To do this, go to your device’s Wifi settings, select TheCloud@Durham and follow the steps to create an account which can then be used across all your devices.

## Someone to talk to

If you would benefit from talking to someone about any of the issues raised at the conference, please know that the following people are ready and qualified to provide support to people of all faiths and none.



### **Revd Dr Rhona Knight**

Rhona has a background in medicine and is a member of the College of Chaplains at Launde Abbey.



### **Revd Dr Timothy Mallard**

Timothy is a retired military chaplain, having served in the US Army for nearly 37 years.

## Notes for people staying at St Chad's

Please note that Reception at St Chad's is staffed 24 hours per day – if you need anything please ask there or call the porter on +44 (0) 7968 690830.

Please see the schedule for Days 1 and 3 for notes on checking in and out respectively.

# Schedule

## Day 1

### **11.30am Registration** in the foyer

The registration table will be attended from 11.30am. At the registration table you will be able to pick up your programme and name badge and you can store your luggage at St Chad's from then if you wish.

Please note that those of you staying at St Chad's won't have access to your room until 2pm. Time for checking in is provided in the programme later in the day.

St Chad's is in town and we suggest getting lunch there before returning for the 1.15pm opening session of the conference.

### **1.15pm Welcome** in the Cassidy Quad

1.15pm Brian Powers and Wendy Cooper (International Centre for Moral Injury)

### **1.40pm Session 1: Approaches to moral injury and healing**

Chair: Brian Powers (International Centre for Moral Injury)

1.40pm Amanda Bonson (Combat Stress and King's College London):  
Restore and Rebuild (R&R): Developing a treatment for symptoms associated with moral injury

2.15pm Kristine Chong (Shay Moral Injury Center):  
Recalibrating repair: Depathologising moral injury and orienting towards collective movements

**2.50pm** **Tea/coffee break** and time to check-in for people staying at St Chad's (please note more time is provided later for checking in so it's not essential to do it during this tea break by any means)

**3.30pm** **Session 2: Christian framings of moral injury**

Chair: TBC

3.30pm Nicole Le Jeune:  
Trauma and moral injury in the Didache

4.05pm David Smith (Birmingham City University):  
Natural justice, natural law, moral conscience and moral injury: Drawing a conceptual line

**4.40pm** **Tea/coffee break** and time to check-in for people staying at St Chad's (please note it's not essential to have check-in by the end of this break – you can also do so in the evening)

**5.20pm** **Session 3: Models of moral injury and recovery**

Chair: TBC

5.20pm Rosemary Kellison (Florida State University):  
How moral injury complicates moral repair

5.55pm Aaron Fuller (Shay Moral Injury Center, US Navy Reserve, and Bratislava International Church in Slovakia) and Christopher Bowen (Roanoke College in the US):  
More than “someone to talk to”: Possibilities for chaplaincy in leading collective moral repair and resiliency in institutions

**6.30pm** **Dinner**

**7.45pm** **Drinks reception in the Cassidy Quad**

## Day 2

**8am**      **Breakfast** for those staying at St Chad's

**9am**      **Session 4**

	<b>Session 4a: Systemic moral injury in healthcare</b> Cassidy Quad Chair: TBC	<b>Session 4b: Military moral injury, past, present and future</b> Williams Library Chair: TBC
9am	Tenley Force (UNC Medical Center and Duke University): Repairing the healers: Moral repair as the missing step between moral injury and moral resilience in registered nurses	Timothy Mallard (Durham University): Deeply held values, principles and beliefs: Moral injury and the ethics of regulating modern and future war
9.35am	Sue Spencer (freelance facilitator and independent scholar): Glimmers and sites of possibility: A poetic inquiry into recovery from career failure in healthcare	Michael Robinson (University of Birmingham): A home fit for heroes? Great War veterans in 1930s Britain
10.10am	Elizabeth Tillman (UConn School of Medicine and Hospital of Central Connecticut): The consequences of moral injury: A case scenario in capitalist medicine	Mark Santow (Providence Clemente Veterans' Initiative and University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth): Bruises on the soul: Moral injury, the humanities and the Providence Clemente Veterans Initiative

**10.45am**    **Tea/coffee break**

**11.30am Session 5**

	<p><b>Session 5a: Examining the particularities of moral injury in the military and in healthcare</b></p> <p>Cassidy Quad Chair: TBC</p>	<p><b>Session 5b: Moral injury and abuse in the Church</b></p> <p>Williams Library Chair: TBC</p>
11.30am	<p>Chrisie Pullin, Nikki Power and Laura Radcliffe (University of Liverpool):</p> <p>A systematic literature review of moral injury in pre-hospital emergency personnel: Causes, experiences and coping mechanisms</p>	<p>Ioannis Athanasiou (Church of England and Goldsmiths University of London):</p> <p>‘This is bigger than therapy’: Exploring the potential of coproduction to aid recovery for victims and survivors of abuse in the Christian faith communities</p>
12.05pm	<p>Fiona Sweeney (NHS and Nottingham Trent University), Rahmanara Chowdhury, Iram Shah and Belinda Winder (all at Nottingham Trent University):</p> <p>‘It’s not recovery, it’s discovery’: A phenomenological understanding of moral injury experienced by service users detained in forensic psychiatric settings</p>	<p>Brendan Geary (Marist Brothers, Durham University and the University of Glasgow):</p> <p>Clerical sex offenders and moral injury</p>
12.40pm	<p>Gill McGill (Northumbria University Newcastle), Shannon Allen (Northumbria University Newcastle) and Brian Powers (Durham University):</p> <p>LGBT+ veterans and moral injury: Addressing the legacy of the UK military gay ban policy</p>	<p>Rhona Knight (Durham University):</p> <p>Sacrifice by association: A moral injury too far?</p>

**1.15pm Lunch**

**2.20pm Conference photo in the quad (time TBC)**

**2.30pm Session 6 (exact time TBC)**

	<p><b>Session 6a: Two lenses on moral injury: Film, photography, moral wounding and healing</b></p> <p>Cassidy Quad Chair: TBC</p>	<p><b>Session 6b: Recovery, theology and poetry</b></p> <p>Williams Library Chair: Timothy Mallard (Durham University)</p>
2.30pm	<p>Kevin Denholm (University of Otago and chaplain to the film industry in Aotearoa New Zealand): Behind the lens: Exploring moral injury and pathways to healing in Aotearoa New Zealand’s film industry</p>	<p>Dayne Nix (US Naval War College):  It's the poetry! Insights for understanding and treating moral injury</p>
3.05pm	<p>Stephen Radley (University of Roehampton, London): The camera never lies: The challenges and opportunities of participant photography as a pathway toward the restoration of social trust to promote recovery from moral injury</p>	<p>Atsushi Shibaoka (University of Divinity, Australia): Envisioning recovery, re-envisioning moral injury: A theological perspective</p>

**3.40pm Tea/coffee break**



**4.15pm Session 7**

	<p><b>Session 7a: Abuse in childhood: Moral injury and perspectives on parenting, development and recovery</b></p> <p>Cassidy Quad Chair: TBC</p>	<p><b>Session 7b: Attending to situational manifestations of moral injury</b></p> <p>Williams Library Chair: TBC</p>
4.15pm	Eunil David Cho (Boston University): Experience of child soldiering on moral injury and moral agency development	Tony Wright (Forward Assist): Moral injury and military sexual trauma
4.50pm	Jo Finch (University of Suffolk) and Cath Pickles (Restitute, a UK-based organisation supporting people caring for survivors of sexual or violent crime): 'You can't explain what it does to you...': Secondary systemic moral injury and the impact on parents/carers of children who have been sexually abused	Pascale Waschnig and Kitrina Douglas (University of West London):  Shattered trust: The silent wounds of moral injury in relatives of missing people
5.25pm	Jennifer Loop (Admirato and Durham University): Horizons of recovery: Bearing witness to moral injury in the lives of adult survivors of childhood incest	Phil McEvoy (Age UK and psychotherapist in private practice): Moral injury in care partners of people with dementia: A psychodynamic perspective

**6pm Dinner**

**7.30pm Drinks available in the Cassidy Quad**

## Day 3

**8am**      **Breakfast** for those staying at St Chad's

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**9am**      **Session 8: Practices of recovery: Moral injury and the particulars of healing and prevention**

Chair: TBC

9am      Angela Kennedy (Innovating for Wellbeing Ltd and Trauma Informed Community Action CIC):  
Rediscovering rewarding working lives

9.35am    Alison O'Connor, Sophie Redlin and Simon Edwards (Moral Injury Partnership):  
'I'm not alone': Sharing the findings from Reflect and Renew, a feasibility study into the effectiveness of a group-based intervention for moral injury in frontline workers across occupational groups

10.10am    Morven Shearer (University of St Andrews):  
Moral challenge: Prevention is better than cure

**10.45am**    **Tea/coffee break**

**11.30am**    **Session 9: Identifying and healing moral injury**

Chair: TBC

11.30am    Fiona Gardner (author of *Love Song for a Wounded Warrior*):  
Envisioning and exploring repair after moral injury

12.05pm    Jane Grovijahn (Our Lady of the Lake University, USA):  
The provocative power of minoritized bodies and moral injury

**12.45pm**    **General discussion**

**1.15pm**      **Conference close**