



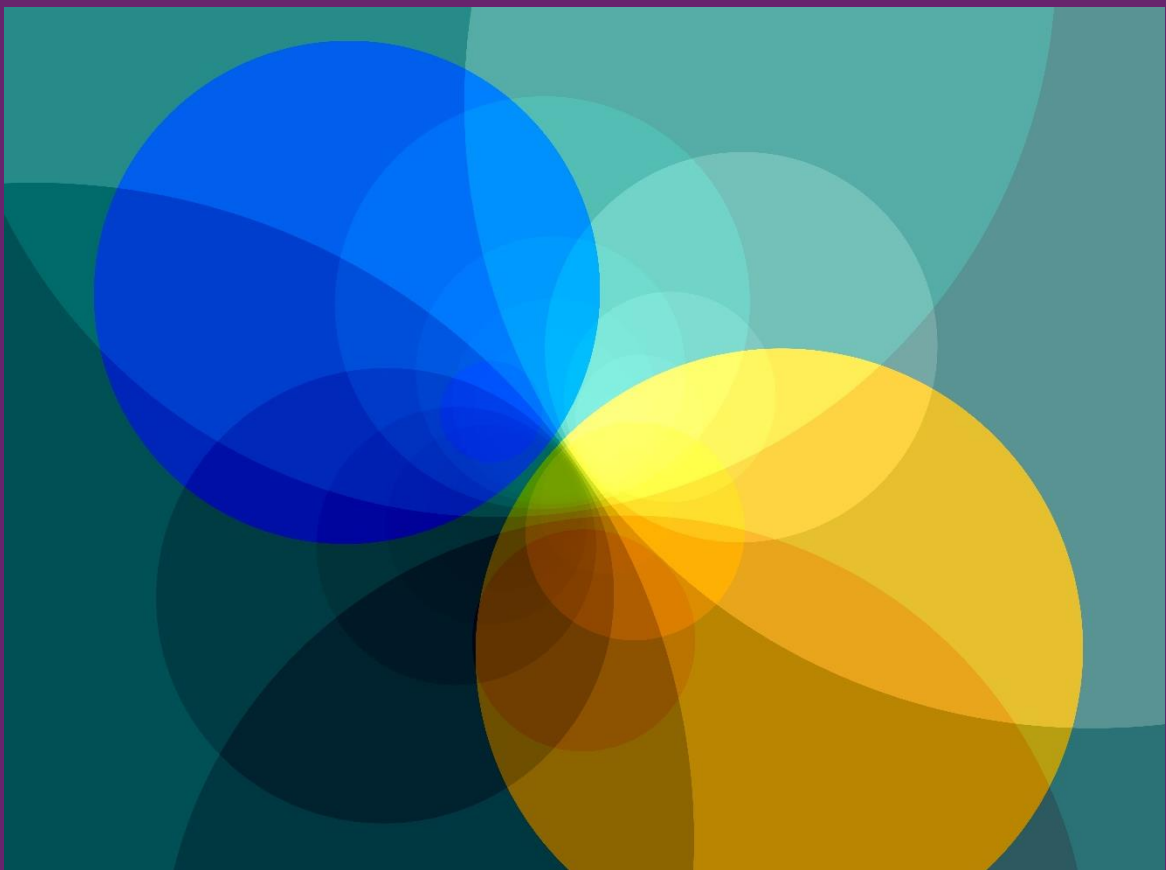
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Programme

What Have We Learned?

Research Intersections in Moral Injury



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

20-22 April 2026 in Durham, UK

Useful information

Welcome! We hope you enjoy the conference. Here is some information that we think will be of use. If you need any help with anything, please don't hesitate to ask.

Venue

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

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

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 log-in details.

If you're not familiar with *eduroam*, 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.

Delegate list

There is a full delegate list in the back of this booklet.

Keynote speaker

We are pleased to welcome Dr Victoria Williamson, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Psychology at the University of Bath, Research Fellow at King's College London, and President of the UK Psychological Trauma Society. Victoria has published extensively on moral injury suffered in a wide variety of contexts and approaches to prevention and intervention for moral injury-related mental health difficulties.

Where to find information and support

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 the catering 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.

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 in the night 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.

Practical queries

For practical queries, the following people would be a good bet!



Jane Lidstone
ICMI
Administrator



**Sasha
Lawson-Frost**
PhD student at
Durham
University



Brian Powers
Executive
Director of the
ICMI



Wendy Cooper
ICMI Member
(Research and
Development)

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 Aaron Fuller

Aaron is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a chaplain in the US Navy Reserve.



Revd Fiona Gardner

Fiona is a spiritual accompanier; she has been a parish minister in the Church of Scotland in various charges around Glasgow and is now a PhD student at the ICMI.

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. You can check-in at Reception during the tea and coffee breaks or during the evening.

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 and plenary in the Cassidy Quad Brian Powers and Wendy Cooper (Durham University)

2pm **Parallel papers session 1**

Quad:

Moral injury and the present and future of Ukraine

Chair: TBC

Williams Library:

Exploring moral injury: Self and mind

Chair: TBC

2pm

Simon Edwards (Hopefull Future Ukraine):

Hopefull Future Ukraine: Repairing moral injury – the first 12 months

Cherlyn Jones (Landnam Warrior – a non-profit veteran service organisation):

Archetype of the warrior/shaman: Lessons across time, praxis across disciplines

2.30pm

Alexander Negrov (Hodos Institute and Eastern European Institute of Theology) & Roger Gill (Durham University):

Moral injury beyond the battlefield: Traces of moral injury in the leadership narratives of non-military leaders in wartime Ukraine (2022–2025)

Stephen Radley (University of Roehampton):

Seeing with the eyes of the heart: An interdisciplinary psychological and theological approach towards moral repair through the integration of the emotional self and mind

3pm

General discussion

General discussion

3.10pm Tea/coffee break

3.50pm Parallel papers session 2

	Quad:	Williams Library:
	Military chaplaincy, ethical leadership & moral repair	Moral injury recovery in praxis
	Chair: TBC	Chair: TBC

3.50pm	Nicola Frail (British Army and Durham University) & David Smith (British Army): Chaplaincy approaches to raising conceptual awareness of moral injury in the British Army	Tim Feely (Registered psychologist: trauma therapy): Reframing recovery: An interdisciplinary, practice-based eight-dimension model for moral injury in civilian frontline and institutional contexts
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4.20pm	Aaron Fuller (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America): “The Bathsheba syndrome” revisited: Reframing ethical leadership through the lens of moral injury and collective repair	Dimple Dhabalia (author and founder, Roots in the Clouds): From restoration to regeneration: Spiritual ecology and collective care as response to collective moral injury and institutional betrayal
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4.50pm	General discussion	General discussion
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5pm **Tea/coffee break**

5.40pm **Keynote lecture and discussion** (Quad)

Victoria Williamson (University of Bath and King's College London) on research intersections in moral injury

6.40pm **Dinner**

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

Day 2

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

9am **Parallel papers session 3**

Quad:

Contextual studies of moral injury I

Chair: TBC

Williams Library:

Moral injury integrations

Chair: TBC

9am Alice M. Nah (Durham University) & Martin David Jones (University of York):

Moral injury and commitment in human rights activism

Angela Marques Filipe (Durham University):

Reconceptualising eco-anxiety: An interdisciplinary framework on climate emotion, exhaustion and moral injury

9.30am	Peter Kingori (Kenya Methodist University) & Ruth Mburu (The Presbyterian University of East Africa):	Mark Layson (NSW/ACT Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network and Charles Sturt University), Nikki Jamieson (Moral Injury Australia) & Lindsay Carey (La Trobe University, Australia):
	Moral injuries in teachers redeployed in low-resource, crisis and conflict-affected contexts	Moral injury as workplace harm: Integrating psychosocial safety, spiritual distress and organisational ethics in responding to potentially morally injurious events

10am	Sharon McDonnell (Postvention Trust and University of Manchester), Gary Crookes, Maureen Grindley & Jo Doyle:	Atsushi Shibaoka (University of Divinity, Australia):
	Prison suicide and moral injury	Interdisciplinarity enfolded: Synergy towards moral repair

10.30am	General discussion	General discussion
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10.45am Tea/coffee break

Day 2 continued

11.25am Parallel papers session 4

Quad:	Williams Library:
Moral injury in the church	Moral injury and ties to culture and the past
Chair: TBC	Chair: TBC

11.25am Maggi Creese (Diocese of Newcastle, UK) & Keith Chappell (University of Sunderland):	Shona Buchanan (University of Exeter):
Envisioning recovery from moral injury in the context of church-related abuse: Findings of the evaluation and impact study of Jagged Edges	Mr Punch, the unrepentant narrative

11.55am Ioannis Athanasiou (Church of England and Goldsmiths, University of London):	Tiia Sudenkaarne (University of Lapland) & Mwenza Blell (Newcastle University):
Power, betrayal and moral injury: Survivor participation as moral repair in Christian faith communities	On morality of ghosts: Discussing moral injury with haunting

12.25pm General discussion	General discussion
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12.35pm Lunch

1.50pm **Conference photo** in the quad - or in the garden if the weather is good enough

2.05pm **Parallel papers session 5**

Quad:

Reconceptualising moral injury: Examining what we know and what we've missed

Chair: TBC

Williams Library:

Processing moral injury and envisioning recovery

Chair: TBC

2.05pm Shannon Allen (Northumbria University Newcastle):

Exploring a value-centric and holistic approach to moral injury prevention and intervention among UK Service Police veterans and other UK military veterans

Richard La Fleur (University of West Georgia) & Marvin Westwood (University of British Columbia):

Envisioning and exploring recovery from moral injury

2.35pm Michael Yandell (Soul Repair Center, Brite Divinity School):

Vocabularies of moral injury: Accidents, gaps and boundaries

Heather Fudala (Virginia Commonwealth University Health System) et al.:

Moral injury as political and ethical critique: Lessons from frontline critical care clinicians during the COVID-19 pandemic

3.05pm	<p>Falon Smith (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) et al.:</p> <p>Multidisciplinary perspectives on conceptualisation and care for moral injury: A qualitative study with subject matter experts</p>	<p>John Gordon Sennett (author and volunteer in the Russo-Ukrainian War):</p> <p>Narrative processing for moral injury</p>
3.35pm	General discussion	General discussion
3.50pm	Tea/coffee break	
4.30pm	Plenary session (Quad)	
	<p>Stephen Robbins (British Army and Church of England, retired):</p> <p>The Omagh Bomb: A personal reflection</p>	
5pm	Discursive plenary session on moral injury and the DSM (Quad)	
	<p>featuring Sarah Troughton (NHS psychiatrist) and Mark Layson (interdisciplinary researcher and emergency services chaplain, Australia)</p>	
6.30pm	Dinner	
7.30pm	Drinks available in the Cassidy Quad	
	<p>Mark Layson's book available to look at. <i>Unexpected Poison: Betrayal and Moral Injury in Your Workplace</i> (2026)</p> <p>Exhibition table by Suicide Bereavement UK</p>	

Day 3

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

If you are staying at St Chad's, please vacate your room and return your key to Reception by 10am. Luggage can be stored upon request at Reception.

9am **Parallel papers session 6**

Quad:

Moral injury in healthcare

Chair: TBC

Williams Library:

Conceiving moral injury from the military perspective and exploring recovery praxis in veterans

Chair: TBC

9am

Tamsin Josty (integrative counsellor and former consultant paediatrician):

Moral injury and moral healing within the 'dysfunctional family' of the NHS: A reflexive thematic analysis of therapists' work with morally injured healthcare workers

Natalie Rambish (United States Air Force):

Combatant Institution Proximity Framework as a tool for understanding moral injury in war

9.30am	Andrew Jarvis (Holdfast Counselling, Canada):	Sara Lapsley (Veterans Transition Network, Vancouver):
	Proposal for facilitated periodic peer support and skills-based small groups as treatment for moral distress and moral injury amongst nurses	Lessening the impact of moral injury with therapeutic enactment: Results from the Veterans Transition Network
10am	Martyn Griffin (University of Sheffield) et al.:	Chris Kellock (British Army):
	COVID's hidden scars: Repairing moral injury in critical care nursing	Sustaining the moral component: Moral attrition, moral injury and spiritual fitness in special operation forces
10.30am	General discussion	General discussion

10.45am Tea/coffee break

11.15am Parallel papers session 7

Day 3 continued

Quad: Moral injury and its effect on families Chair: TBC	Williams Library: Contextual studies of moral injury II Chair: TBC
11.15am Corinna Priest (Postvention Trust): Understanding moral injury when families receive information from the coroner after a suicide: A review of the research	Amelia Pearson (University of Manchester): “I felt like I was complicit in harming people”: A focus group exploration of the concept of moral injury in social work
11.45am Michael Hallett (University of Exeter and Jones Group International): J.D. Salinger’s “Uncle Wiggly in Connecticut” and the impact of military moral injury on a family: A case study	Michael Drusano (In-Sight Collaborative) et al.: Moral injury among humanitarian aid personnel: A preliminary examination and associations with rumination and mental health
12.15pm General discussion	General discussion

12.30pm Closing plenary – takeaways

1.15pm Conference close

Delegates

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