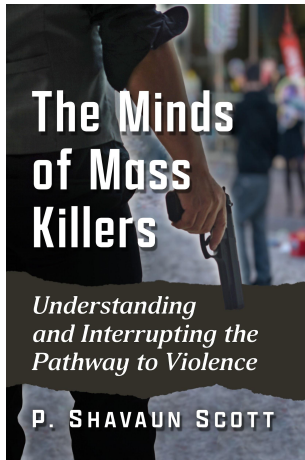


THERAPIST'S NEW BOOK PROPOSES NEW STRATEGIES TO DEBUNK MYTHS AND PREVENT MASS VIOLENCE



PORTLAND, Oregon – Public mass killings are becoming more common – and each incident affects the public’s sense of safety, especially as myths circulate about mass murderers and their behavior. “The Minds of Mass Killers: Understanding and Interrupting the Pathway to Violence” draws on psychotherapist P. Shavaun Scott’s 30 years of treatment experience in criminal psychology to clarify the realities of mass killings, using psychological forensic research to provide a foundation for understanding the “pathway to violence” identified in the personal histories of many mass murderers. Drawing from criminology, neuroscience and developmental and social psychology, Scott makes the case that we are all capable of creating a safer society.

P. SHAVAUN SCOTT: In her 30 year career as a clinically licensed psychotherapist, P. Shavaun Scott has assisted thousands of clients of all ages, including many victims or perpetrators of violent crime, and worked as a therapist in forensic programs with the criminally insane. She was previously a co-author of “Game Addiction: The Experience and the Effects” (McFarland & Co, 2009). She continues in private practice in California and Oregon and lives in the forest near Portland, Oregon, where she enjoys her family, her animals and majestic Mt. Hood. For more, visit <https://www.pshavaunscott.com/>.

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In an interview, P. Shavaun Scott can discuss:

- The public’s lack of reliable knowledge about the reasons behind mass killings
- Her 30-year background working with both perpetrators and victims of violence
- How mass killings are changing the way we navigate in social spaces
- Professional and practical recommendations for combating this seemingly ubiquitous and unstoppable phenomenon - The importance of early intervention as a form of prevention
- The importance of intent in identifying mass killers, not just identifying them based on the fulfillment of their plans
- Understanding the different methods of violence and how focusing on certain ones, such as mass shootings, can prevent us from understanding the full scope of the violence epidemic

