



## Kate Amber MSc Curriculum Vitae

83 Birch St. Vernon, CT 06066

Kate@endccusa.com

(cell) 512-656-5496

### **Summary of Expertise:**

Creator & Developer of The Quicksand Model™ of Coercive Control

Trainer, Researcher, Speaker, & Consultant in Coercive Control

Expert Witness

Experience includes consultation, assessment and/or expert witness testimony in more than forty-five civil, criminal and family court cases in California, Florida, Texas, Georgia, Montana, Pennsylvania, Washington, Oregon, Connecticut, Arizona, New York, Alaska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Canada, Colorado, North Carolina, New Jersey, New Mexico, Maryland, Wisconsin, Australia, Virginia, Hawaii, South Africa and Ohio.

### **Areas of Expertise:**

- Coercive Control
- Undue Influence
- Domestic Violence & Domestic Abuse
- Cults & Extremist Groups
- Danger Assessment & Homicide Timeline
- And the following as they relate to coercive control
  - Coercive Persuasion
  - Psychological Maltreatment
  - Indoctrination
  - Parental Alienation
  - Children's Rights
  - Human Rights
  - Bias

- Discrimination
- Hague Convention
- Parenting
- Human Trafficking
- Deception & Manipulation
- Personality Disorders
- Child Development
- Trauma & Recovery
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Children's Best Interest
- Trauma & Recovery

### **Degrees & Certifications:**

Master of Science / Psychology of Coercive Control - University of Salford 2023

Certified Human Rights Consultant / US Institute of Diplomacy & Human Rights 2023

Danger Assessment Certification / Jacquelyn C. Campbell, PhD, RN, FAAN, Anna D. World Chair, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing 2023

Certificate in Micro Expressions / The Paul Eckman Group 2022

Post-Graduate Certification in the Psychology of Coercive Control / University of Salford 2021

Post-Graduate Certification Executive Leadership / Violence & Abuse Prevention – University of Pennsylvania / Ortnor School 2020

The Safe & Together Institute / CORE Training in Domestic Violence & Child Abuse 2020

Certified ADA Advocate / Equal Access Advocates 2019

### **Training:**

1. Regis University: Combatting Coercive Control: Your Legal, Personal & Professional Responsibilities Part One – March 2024
2. Kane County Health Department 2023: Combatting Coercive Control: Your Legal, Personal & Professional Responsibilities Part Two – November 2023
3. Kane County Health Department 2023: Combatting Coercive Control: Your Legal, Personal & Professional Responsibilities Part One – October 2023
4. Regis University: The (BioPsychoSocial) Quicksand Model™ of Coercive Control – August 2023
5. The Psychosocial Quicksand Model™ of Coercive Control: A New Lens for Addressing Domestic Violence: Amarillo College – Two-Day Multi-Disciplinary Training for

Kate Amber MSc, March 19, 2024

Professionals – October 2022

**Speaking:**

1. Speaker: Trusting After Trauma: The Quicksand Model™ of Coercive Control – October 2023
2. Speaker: Kane County Health Department: Coercive Control: Implications for Organizations and Communities – October 2023
3. Speaker: National Family Court Watch Program Externship: John Jay College of Criminal Justice / Director Renee Beeker: The (BioPsychoSocial) Quicksand Model™ of Coercive Control – September 2023
4. Speaker: Kane County Health Department: Coercive Control: Implications for Organizations and Communities – September 2023
5. Speaker: International Cultic Studies Association Conference: The PsychoSocial Quicksand Model™ - An investigation into the efficacy of the model for survivors of coercive control and professionals and implications for education and practice – July 2023
6. Speaker: The Denver Anti-Trafficking Alliance: Simplifying Coercive Control for Systemic Change: The PsychoSocial Quicksand Model™ - May 2023
7. Speaker: Europe/North America Safe & Together Institute Conference 2022: PsychoSocial Quicksand™: The Systemic Coercive Control that Entraps - January 2022
8. Speaker: International Cultic Studies Association Conference 2022: Simplifying Coercive Control for Systemic Change: The PsychoSocial Quicksand Model™ - July 2022
9. Speaker/Panelist: International Cultic Studies Association Conference: Panel Part 1: Reflections on 5 years of the Masters in the Psychology of Coercive Control - July 2022
10. Speaker: John Jay College of Criminal Justice Spring 2022 Semester Externship: The PsychoSocial Quicksand Model™.
11. Speaker: ESRC Festival of Social Science 2022: Coercive Control & The PsychoSocial Quicksand Model™ - Prevention/Recovery - November 2021
12. Speaker/Moderator/Panelist: International Coercive Control Conference 2021: Systemic Coercive Control: Cults, Religion & Policies - October 2021
13. Keynote Speaker: Domestic Violence Symposium 2021 / King County Washington: Trapped: Coercive Control through the lens of a survivor & Master Photographer - October 2021
14. Speaker: Conference on Crimes Against Women 2021: Trapped: Coercive Control through the lens of a survivor & Master Photographer – May 2021

15. Speaker: Stop Abuse Campaign Texas: The Cultural Proficiency Unconference 2020: Signs of Hidden Abuse / Coercive Control.
16. Speaker: Stop Abuse Campaign Texas: How ACEs Reduces A Child's Lifespan 2020: Educational Roundtable – Austin
17. Speaker: Stop Abuse Campaign Texas: How ACEs Reduces A Child's Lifespan 2020: Educational Roundtable – Houston

**Boards, Task Forces & Professional Memberships:**

Policy Engagement Committee Utah Domestic Violence Coalition – 2023-2024

The American Professional Society of the Abuse of Children (APSAC) - 2023-2024

Alliance For Universal Digital Rights – Member – 2023-2024

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence – 2023-2024

VOICES Committee: The Center for Safe Futures – 2023-2024

End Violence Against Women International – 2023-2024

Filia Hague Mothers – 2023-2024

Board of Advisors: The Association for NPD/Psychopathy Survivor Treatment, Research & Education – 2023-2024

Governance Committee Chair: International Coercive Control Conference 2021-2022

Governance Committee Member: International Coercive Control Conference 2021-2022

Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force – National Crime Victim’s Rights Week Committee 2021

Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Committee 2021

Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force: Firearms Committee 2021

Steering Committee: International Coercive Control Conference 2021

Connecticut Protective Moms – Member 2021-2023

International Cultic Studies Association – Member 2021-2023

Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Committee 2020

Founding Partner of the International Coercive Control Conference 2020

Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force Member 2019-2021

Stop Abuse Campaign Texas - 2019-2020

Secretary & Graduate – Austin Police Department’s 99th Citizens Police Academy 2019

Co-Founder of America’s Conference to End Coercive Control 2019

**Coercive Control Research & Professional Activities:**

Psychological Maltreatment Alliance Research Committee 2024

Research Associate: University of Salford 2023-2024

International Cultic Studies Association Research Network 2022-2024

Amber, K. (2022). A mixed-methods investigation into the PsychoSocial Quicksand Model™ of Coercive Control 2022

Coercive Control Scale Individual - 12 (CCSI-12) (Roderick Dubrow-Marshall, Linda Dubrow-Marshall, Kate Amber & Jill Aebi-Mytton, 2022)

Coercive Control Scale Group - 12 (CCSG-12) (Roderick Dubrow-Marshall, Linda Dubrow-Marshall, Kate Amber & Jill Aebi-Mytton, 2022)

Creator & Developer of The Quicksand Model™ of Coercive Control - 2021

**Selected Recognition:**

Student Achievement Award for Postgraduate (taught) Student in the Directorate of Psychology & Sport 2022/2023 - University of Salford

Purple Ribbon Award 2023 – Survivor of the Year – Domestic Shelters

Purple Ribbon Award 2023 – ECUSA – Outstanding Community Presentation or Education - Domestic Shelters

Purple Ribbon Award 2022 – Survivor of the Year – Domestic Shelters

Purple Ribbon Award 2022 – ECCUSA – Most Innovative Service – Domestic Shelters

Purple Ribbon Honoree 2021 – Survivor of the Year – Domestic Shelters

**Domestic Violence, Trauma, Legal & Coercive Control Trainings (Attendee):**

Center For Justice Innovation DVRISC Project: Exchange Call: Batterer Intervention Risk Assessment and Management (BIRAM) Tool Confirmation 2024: Dr. David Adam

DVRISC: Lethality Risk Factors Series – Strangulation 2024: Kelsey McKay

Homicide Timeline Online Training 2024: Professor Jane Monckton Smith

Dr. Stark Book Event 2024: Children of Coercive Control: Dr. Evan Stark & Dr. Christine Cocchiola

UN Special Report on Parental Alienation & Special Implications for Canada 2024: Western Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children

Institute for Coordinated Community Response 2024: Dynamics of Domestic Violence ECourse

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence 2024: The Safer Tomorrows Road Map: A strategic plan to end interpersonal violence by flipping the pyramid from intervention to prevention / Coiya Tompkins Inman, Therese Hugg, MA, LPC & Laura Nash Frisch, MSW, LMSW

Safe & Together Institute 2023: Pivoting to the Perpetrator: How to Prevent Victim Blaming in Real Time / Leah Vejzovic

The International Coercive Control Conference 2023: Invisible Chains: Coercive Control of Intimate Partners / Dr. Lisa Fontes

The International Coercive Control Conference 2023: Coercive Control of Children / Dr. Christine Marie Cocchiola

The International Coercive Control Conference 2023: Factimize: A Data Tool to Help Identify Coercive Control

The International Coercive Control Conference 2023: The Last Drop: A Sci-Fi Film about Relationship Abuse / Adam Joel

The International Coercive Control Conference 2023: Coercion and The Media: Lessons from "The Brainwashing of My Dad" / Jen Senko

The International Coercive Control Conference 2023: Failure to Protect: Coercive Control & Children / Dr. Dorothy Roberts & Dr. Emma Katz

The International Coercive Control Conference 2023: Femicide: The Ultimate Cost of Coercive Control / Shalva Weil & Karen Ingala Smith

Family Justice Center Alliance & Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention 2023: Identifying The Dominant Aggressor From the Perspective of Survivors / Casey Gwinn & Expert & Survivor Speakers

The Melissa Institute for Violence and Abuse Treatment 2023: "But wait, that's not real": Helping young people develop the skills they need to recognize fake news / Dr. Yvonne Skipper

Alliance for Hope International- Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention 2023: The Truth and Consequences of Strangulation (Choking) During Sex / Gael Strack JD, Casey Gwinn & Dr. Debbie Herbenick

Institute for Human Services 2023: Ensuring Ethical Practice Standards by Incorporating High-Quality Evidence / Dr. Janet Rosenzweig

Institute for Coordinated Community Response 2023: Creating Stability within High Risk IPV Interventions Using Risk Assessments / Dr. David Scott

Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention & Alliance for Hope International 2023: Conducting the Domestic Violence Forensic Exam / Dr. Sean Dugan

Institute For Coordinated Community Response (ICCR) 2023: Opioid Use & Domestic Violence in Rural Communities.

National Criminal Justice Training Center Fox Valley Technical College 2023: Ask the Expert – Attending to Risk and Needs in Treatment.

Domestic Shelters Grassroots Science: 2023 - Understanding Women Who Unsilence Intimate Partner or Domestic Non-State Torture-Trafficking Victimizations

Domestic Shelters: 2023 – Full Humanity: Centering Intersectionality in All DV Services.

University of Richmond School of Law: 2023 – A Symposium on Domestic Violence

Trauma Super Conference: 2023 – The Biology of Trauma & Neurodevelopment / Dr. Aimie Apigian

Trauma Super Conference: 2023 – Trauma & The Gift of Sleep / Dr. Bruce Lipton

Trauma Super Conference: 2023 – The 3 Core Emotional Needs / Alex Howard

Trauma Super Conference: 2023 – How trauma impacts brain health / Dr. Austin Perlmutter

Trauma Super Conference: 2023 – Trust in your Self with Internal Family Systems / Dr. Richard Schwartz

MASS Family Advocacy Coalition: 2023 - Invisible Chains: From Domestic Violence to Coercive Control / Dr. Lisa Fontes

Tapping World Summit: 2023 - Breaking the Cycle of Bad Days: How Tapping Can Help You Find Relief from Sadness and Depression / Dr. Damon Silas

Hidden in Plain Sight: Traumatic Brain Injury, Strangulation and Domestic Violence: 2023 – Domestic Shelters / Rachel Ramirez

Surviving Post-Separation Abuse Virtual Summit 2023 - Understanding Coercive Control Post Separation / Dr. Christine Cocchiola

DV LEAF Earth Day Panel 2023: The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Climate Change

Mental Health & Well-Being Global Summit 2023 - The Myth of Normal: Redefining Mental Illness / Gabor Maté MD

Domestic Shelters Crossroads 2023: The Intersection of Victims and Law Enforcement Advocacy

RETT Family Training: Paul Eckman Group 2023

SAFVIC Systems LEADRS/ TMPA – Expert Witness Testimony Training 2021

Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) 2021 - Assessing Law Enforcement's Response to Sexual Assault: Recommendations from the SAKI Sexual Assault Unity Assessment Program

Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) 2021 – Beyond “Pray, Stay, Obey”:  
Understanding & Supporting Christian Domestic Violence Victims.

Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) 2021 – Beyond Trauma-Informed Care

Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) 2021 – The Sexualization of Strangulation: Part

Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) 2021 – The Sexualization of Strangulation: Part

Safe & Together Institute – CORE Training 2020

Safe & Together Institute – Intersections Training: Intersections: When Domestic Violence Perpetration, Substance Abuse, and Mental Health Meet 2020

Safe & Together Institute – Working with Men as Parents 2020

Travis County Counseling & Education Services – Adverse Childhood Effects

DV LEAP – DV LEAP Advocacy Council's Women Working in Domestic Violence Spaces Career Panel

Domestic Shelters – Why Family Courts Fail to Protect Mothers and Their Children: 2020  
Common Mistakes in Evaluations Judges Miss. - Barry Goldstein & Veronica York.

Institute for Relational Harm Reduction: The Living Recovery Program: Recovery From  
Pathological Love Relationships

Sounds True & Elizabeth Stanley: Mindfulness-Based Mind Fitness Program

Gabor Matè: The Wisdom of Trauma

Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) 2020 – Beyond the 911 Call: Achieving Holistic  
Justice for Domestic Violence Survivors.

Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) 2020 – Coercion & Consent: A Study of the  
Social & Legal Implications of #MeToo, Dirty John and Suicide by Text.

Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) 2020 - Creating Culturally Responsive and  
Holistic Abusive Partner Interventions.

Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) 2020 – I Just Can't Think Straight: Partner  
Inflicted Brain Injury, Domestic Violence & A Way Forward.



Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) 2020 – Strangulation Foundations.

Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) 2020 – Understanding Narcissism as the Key to Understanding Domestic & Gender-Based Violence.

Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) 2020 – Who, What, When, Where, Why: The Dynamics of Asphyxiation.

Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) 2020 – How to Get Away with Murder: Homicides, Staged Scenes & Missed Opportunities.

### **Selected Media Interviews:**

The Cult Vault Podcast 2024: Ending Coercive Control with Kate Amber

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/ep-297-ending-coercive-control-with-kate-amber/id1514656568?i=1000642270038>

Unbreakable Women Summit 2024 with Tanya Dube & Kate Amber: The Quicksand Model™ of Coercive Control

The Rising Beyond Podcast 2023: Breaking Down Coercive Control with Guest Kate Amber MSc

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/breaking-down-coercive-control-with-guest-kate-amber-ms/id1633920067?i=1000629379904>

Trusting After Trauma Summit 2023: The Quicksand Model™ of Coercive Control

<https://vimeo.com/865363502/8fe640375a?share=copy>

A Little Bit Culty Podcast: Into Quicksand: Kate Amber on How Cults Pull You In / 2023 /

<https://alittlebitculty.com/episode/into-quicksand-kate-amber-on-how-cults-pull-you-in>

Indoctrination Podcast: IndoctriNation - Ending Coercive Control with Kate Amber / 2023 /

<https://soundcloud.com/indoctrinationshow/ending-coercive-control-wkate-amber>

The Sensibly Speaking Podcast 2.0: - A New Look at Coercive Control with Kate Amber MSc /

2023 / <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/392-a-new-look-at-coercive-control-ft-kate-amber-msc/id1030984057?i=1000618164716>

### **Selected Blogs:**

Context is King in Cases of Coercive Control & Domestic Violence

<https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/context-is-king-in-cases-of-coercive-control-domestic-violence>

Victim or Victim Mentality? The Karpman Triangle & Coercive Control

<https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/victim-or-victim-mentality-the-karpman-triangle-coercive-control>

Partnership Systems vs Domination Systems & Coercive Control

<https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/partnership-systems-vs-domination-systems-coercive-control>

Coercive Control & Double Speak <https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/coercive-control-double-speak>

The BioPsychoSocial Quicksand Model™ of Coercive Control & Double Team

<https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/the-biopsychosocial-quicksand-model-of-coercive-control-double-team>

The BioPsychoSocial Quicksand Model™ of Coercive Control & the Two New Doubles

<https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/the-biopsychosocial-quicksand-model-of-coercive-control-the-two-new-doubles>

Landmark Coercive Control Suicide Case <https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/landmark-coercive-control-suicide-case>

The PsychoSocial Quicksand Model™ of Coercive Control & The Mirage™

<https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/the-psychosocial-quicksand-model-of-coercive-control-the-mirage>

But he's turning my children against me, why can't I call it Parental Alienation Syndrome?

<https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/but-he-is-turning-my-children-against-me-why-cant-i-call-it-parental-alienation-syndrome>

Coercive Control and Parental Alienation (Parental Alienation Syndrome) are NOT the same!

<https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/coercive-control-and-parental-alienation-parental-alienation-syndrome-are-not-the-same>

PTSD, CPTSD, PTSI, TSI & CTSI (Complex Traumatic Stress Injury)

[https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/ptsd\\_cptsd\\_ptsi\\_cptsi\\_tsi\\_complex\\_traumatic\\_stress\\_injury](https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/ptsd_cptsd_ptsi_cptsi_tsi_complex_traumatic_stress_injury)

Coercive Control, DARVO & Parental Alienation Syndrome

[https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/coercive\\_control\\_darvo\\_and\\_parental\\_alienation](https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/coercive_control_darvo_and_parental_alienation)

Consent & Coercive Control

[https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/consent\\_and\\_coercive\\_control](https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/consent_and_coercive_control)

What is Coercive Control? [https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/what\\_is\\_coercive\\_control](https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog/what_is_coercive_control)

Additional Blogs: End Coercive Control USA Blog Site <https://endcoercivecontrolusa.com/blog>

**Other Degrees:**

Certified Professional Photographer: Professional Photographers of America: 2011-2022

Master of Photography Degree: Professional Photographers of America: 2018

Photographic Craftsman Degree: Professional Photographers of America: 2018

Virginia Commonwealth University: 1987-1991 / Bachelor of General Studies

**Other Professional Experience:**

International Award-Winning Photographer: 50+ Image Awards / 2014-2021

Katie Amber Photography: Owner/ 2012-2021

Get The Picture: Owner / 1999-2021

Fit For Life: Enzyme Specialist/Manager / 1996-1999

Expressly Portraits & Lil Photos: Photographer & Manager / 1992-1996