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The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) is extremely pleased to announce the publication of *The Death Penalty and Intellectual Disability*. This book is the authoritative resource on the application of diagnostic information concerning intellectual disability (ID) in death penalty cases. This has been a topic of significant controversy since the Supreme Court decision in *Atkins v. Virginia* in 2002, prohibiting the execution of individuals with ID, and its 2014 decision in *Hall v. Florida*, requiring the use of scientific and medical consensus concerning intelligence and the nature and diagnosis of ID.

To respond to the important concerns related to ID determination, AAIDD assembled a group of notable scholars and clinicians to bring the best science to this discussion. This publication, edited by Edward A. Polloway, represents the work of this group, which addressed the following critical topics: foundational considerations, including diagnostic criteria, the definition of ID, the analyses of *Atkins* cases; assessment considerations; intellectual functioning, including IQ testing and the Flynn effect; adaptive behavior; and related topics, such as cultural and linguistic factors, competence to waive *Miranda* rights and to stand trial, retrospective diagnosis, malingering, comorbid disorders, educational records, and professional issues.

The Death Penalty and Intellectual Disability provides a comprehensive and cogent resource for the use of the range of professionals involved in the determination process for intellectual disability within the criminal justice system. It is now available through the AAIDD bookstore: <http://aaidd.org/publications/bookstore-home/product-listing/2013/07/01/the-death-penalty-and-intellectual-disability#.VLAmHivF9PM>

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