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AFCC 55th Annual Conference

The AFCC 55th Annual Conference was a great success with nearly 1100 attendees, representing 15 countries! Jaycee Dugard opened with her powerful story of resilience and Bob Woodward and Kyle Pruett discussed the current state (or lack of) civility in our institutions. Dr. Shawn Marsh discussed separating the drama from trauma, followed by Judge Dan Michael discussing trauma-informed practice. The week concluded with the silent auction, which raised over \$13,000 for AFCC special projects and initiatives; and a good laugh watching The Captiol Steps perform.

Giving Thanks



AFCC Annual Conference

Compassionate Family Court Systems: The Role of Trauma-Informed Jurisprudence
June 8-9, 2018
Washington Hilton
Washington, DC

This conference would not have been possible without the help of many people and organizations. Thank you to the Maryland Chapter of AFCC and its Board of Directors; our [conference sponsors](#), [collaborating organizations](#), [conference program committee](#), [conference volunteers](#), [presenters](#), [exhibitors](#), advertisers, dine-around leaders, hospitality suite hosts, auction donors, volunteers and bidders, and all attendees!

We hope to see you at next year's annual conference in Toronto, Canada! Make sure to mark your calendar, May 29-June 1, 2019. The Call for Proposals will be available on the AFCC website by the end of July.

Congratulations Award Winners

AFCC presented its awards at the AFCC 55th Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. Congratulations to all award recipients:

- **John E. VanDuzer Distinguished Service Award** was presented to Robin Deutsch, Newton, MA;
- **Stanley Cohen Distinguished Research Award** was presented to Bruce Smyth, Canberra, Australia;
- **Irwin Cantor Innovative Program Award** was presented to The Family Resolutions Specialty Court, Northampton, MA;
- **Meyer Elkin Essay Award** was presented to Michael Saini Toronto, ON, Canada, Leslie Drozd, Newport Beach, CA and Nancy Olesen, San Rafael, CA;
- **Tim Salius President's Award** was presented to Chris Jones, Chris Sherwood, London, UK and Teresa Williams, London, UK;
- AFCC Associate Director Leslye Hunter was acknowledged for her **10 years of Service** ;
- A **Special Commendation** to the JAYC Foundation

Congratulations to all and thank you for your contributions to AFCC and the field.

Marsha Kline Pruett named as new Social Science Editor of *Family Court Review*

AFCC is pleased to announce that Dr. Marsha Kline Pruett has been appointed as the new Social Science Editor of *Family Court Review*. Dr. Pruett replaces Dr.

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Minnesota Chapter Annual Conference

July 19, 2018

University of Minnesota:
Continuing Education and
Conference Center
St. Paul, Minnesota

Australia Chapter Annual Conference

August 16-18, 2018

The Hilton Victoria Square
Adelaide, SA, Australia

Washington Chapter Annual Conference

September 22, 2018

Washington Athletic Club
Seattle, Washington

Robert Emery, who has served in the role since 2011. Dr. Pruett served as President of AFCC in 2016-17. She is a licensed clinical psychologist and the Maconda Brown O'Connor Professor at Smith College School for Social Work. She has a national reputation for the development, implementation and evaluation of preventive interventions in courts and family-focused community agencies. She is a researcher, clinician, mediator and consultant, who is also a prolific author of books and journal articles and a frequent AFCC presenter. Dr. Pruett was awarded the AFCC Stanley Cohen distinguished Research Award in 2004. She is a longtime member of the *FCR* editorial board and was Co-reporter for Closing the Gap: Research, Practice, Policy and Shared Parenting in 2013.

[Florida Chapter Annual Conference](#)

September 26-28, 2018
The Florida Hotel and Conference Center
Orlando, Florida

[Wisconsin Chapter Annual Conference](#)

September 28, 2018

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The IndyBar Venue
Indianapolis, Indiana

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October 19, 2018
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The Toronto Reference Library
toronto, Ontario

[New York Chapter Annual Conference](#)

November 18, 2018
University at Buffalo School of Law
Buffalo, New York

Early-to-Mid Career Initiative Update

Robin Timme and Daniel Nau are the outgoing AFCC Fellows for the 2017-2018 year. The E2M Network will be transitioning to a committee, with members Rebecca Stahl and Liana Shelby acting as co-chairs. To read about Robin's time at the Annual Conference, click below. E2M has a monthly newsletter, if you would like to subscribe, please [email Corinne Bennett](#), Program Coordinator.

[Read more](#)

New Family Court Review App

You can download and save articles to your device and receive alerts when new issues are available to keep you up to date with the most important developments in the field. Currently, the app is only available for Apple products such as the iPhone or iPad.

To access the app, [click here](#) for instructions.

As always, you can still access the *Family Court Review* through the AFCC website by [clicking here](#).

Welcome to Newly Elected AFCC Officers

Please welcome our new members of the AFCC Executive Committee:

- **President** Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman
- **President Elect** Matthew J. Sullivan, PhD
- **Vice President** Larry Fong, PhD
- **Secretary** Mindy F. Mitnick, EdM, MA

- **Treasurer** Stacey Platt, JD
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Congratulations to new members of the AFCC Board of Directors

- Hon. Tom Altobelli, Wollongon, Australia
- Hon. Gerri L. Wong, Chatham, ON, Canada

Thank you to departing Board members Larry V. Swall and Marsha Kline Pruett.



AFCC Webinar Corner

[Register now](#) for next month's webinar:

Working with Personality Disordered Clients

Bill Eddy, LCSW, CFLS

July 18, 2018, 2018 1:00-2:00pm Eastern time
USA

If you missed this month's webinar, **Evaluating Substance Abuse, AFCC members may access the recording for free, along with all other previous webinars** through the [Member Center](#) of the AFCC website. Not a member? Click here to [join today!](#)

Member News

Rebecca Stahl, JD, LLM and Philip Stahl, PhD, ABPP (Forensic) have completed their new book, "[Representing Children in Dependency and Family Court: Beyond the Law](#)", published by the American Bar Association Family Law Section. This unique book focuses on the varied psychological, ethical, and practice issues facing lawyers and GALs who represent children in the courts, addressing such topics as engaging with children, understanding the effects of trauma on children and families, the risks of vicarious trauma experienced by children's representatives, the risks of cognitive bias and illusions, among others.

The AFCC eNEWS is the monthly e-newsletter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. The eNEWS provides up-to-date information for professionals including practice tips, case law and research updates, international news and the latest initiatives in family law and conflict resolution. The AFCC eNEWS is free and you do not

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