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Arnold Shienvold, Ph.D., former President, Association for Conflict Resolution

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AFCC President

Chief Justice Gerry L. Alexander
Washington State Supreme Court

Justice Bobbe J. Bridge
Washington State Supreme Court

Professor Andrea Schneider
Marquette University Law School

Hon. Mary Lou Benotto
Ontario Superior Court of Justice

Chief Justice Diana Bryant
Family Court of Australia

Hon. Peter Boshier
Principal Family Court Judge of New Zealand

Hon. W. Dennis Duggan
Albany County Family Court

Dr. Kyle Pruett
Yale Child Study Center

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San Jose State University

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School of Social Work University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Joan B. Kelly
Co-author, Surviving the Breakup

Dr. Larry S. Fong
President, Association for Conflict Resolution

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## Conference at a Glance

### PRE-CONFERENCE

**TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2005**
- 6:00pm-8:00pm Registration

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2005**
- 7:30am-6:30pm Registration
- 7:30am-5:00pm Exhibitor Forum
- 7:30am-9:00am Coffee and Rolls for Institute Registrants
- 8:30am-12:00pm Morning Institute
- 9:00am-4:30pm Full Day Institutes
- 12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch on your own and Exhibitor Forum
- 1:00pm-4:30pm Afternoon Institute

### CONFERENCE

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2005**
- 4:45pm-5:45pm Conference Orientation and Networking
- 6:30pm-7:45pm Opening Session
- 7:45pm-9:00pm Welcome Reception and Exhibitor Forum
- 9:00pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2005**
- 7:30am-5:00pm Conference Registration
- 7:30am-5:00pm Exhibitor Forum
- 7:30am-8:30am Coffee and Rolls
- 8:30am-10:00am Plenary Session
- 10:00am-10:30am Break and Exhibitor Forum
- 10:30am-12:00pm Workshops 1-8
- 12:00pm-1:30pm AFCC Awards Luncheon
- 1:45pm-3:15pm Workshops 9-16
- 3:15pm-3:30pm Break and Exhibitor Forum
- 3:30pm-5:00pm Workshops 17-23
- 3:30pm-6:00pm Judicial Officers Forum
- 9:00pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite

**FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2005**
- 7:30am-5:00pm Conference Registration
- 7:30am-5:00pm Exhibitor Forum
- 7:30am-8:30am AFCC Committee Meetings
- 7:30am-8:45am Coffee and rolls
- 8:45am-10:15am Plenary Session
- 10:15am-10:45am Break and Exhibitor Forum
- 10:45am-12:00pm Plenary Session
- 12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch on your own and Exhibitor Forum
- 1:30pm-3:00pm Workshops 25-32
- 3:00pm-3:15pm Break and Exhibitor Forum
- 3:15pm-4:45pm Workshops 33-40
- 5:30pm-7:00pm Silent Auction and Reception
- 7:00pm-9:00pm AFCC Annual Banquet
- 9:00pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite

**SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2005**
- 7:30am-5:00pm Conference Registration
- 8:00am-12:30pm Exhibitor Forum
- 8:00am-9:00am Coffee and Rolls
- 8:00am-9:00am AFCC Membership Meeting
- 9:15am-10:45am Workshops 41-46
- 10:45am-11:00am Break and Exhibitor Forum
- 11:00am-12:30pm Workshops 47-52
- 1:00pm-5:00pm AFCC Board of Directors Meeting
Pre-conference Institutes

(WEDNESDAY, MAY 18)

9:00am-4:30pm Full Day Institutes

1. Triage in Family Court: Using Research to Inform Case Management

Is there a reliable method of predicting what services will work best for parents with custody and access disputes? This institute presents a pioneering effort by a state-wide family court service to develop a research-based screening instrument that can be used to determine which families can best use mediation, who needs a non-confidential conflict resolution forum where recommendations can be made, and who should receive a focused or full evaluation. Indicators for capacity to communicate, cooperate and build a parental alliance as well as risk factors for family violence and abuse are identified to ensure that appropriate services are offered in the most efficient way. Presenters will discuss the lessons learned from development and implementation of the instrument and preliminary feedback from pilot sites.

Stephen Grant, M.A., Deputy Director, Family Services, Court Support Services Division, Wethersfield, CT
Janet R. Johnston, Ph.D., San Jose State University, San Jose, CA
Debra Kulak, M.S., Program Manager, Family Services, Court Support Services Division, Wethersfield, CT
Andrew Schepard, J.D., Hofstra Law School, Hempstead, NY

2. Research that Practitioners and Family Court Should Know About Separating and Divorcing Families

Empirical research provides considerable guidance in working with and making decisions about families going through separation and divorce. This institute will highlight current research on risk and resiliency factors in children's adjustment, parent effectiveness and involvement, conflict, parenting plans, children's views of their needs and divorce processes. The inclusion of relevant research in divorce education and mediation, custody evaluations, in court and with parents will be discussed and demonstrated.

Hon. Peter Bosher, Principal Family Court Judge, Family Court of New Zealand, Wellington, NZ
Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D., Corte Madera, CA
Fred W. Seymour, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, University of Auckland, New Zealand

3. Advanced Mediation Training

This institute provides an opportunity for participants to learn a full range of advanced mediation skills. Presenters will discuss communication within social and cultural contexts, managing high conflict power imbalances and apparent impasses, separating the children from the money and when and how to interview children in the process. Bloopers and folly will be judiciously interspersed throughout this interactive program. Presented in collaboration with the Association for Conflict Resolution Family Section.

Nina Meierding, J.D., Mediation Center for Family Law, Ventura, CA
James Melamed, J.D., The Mediation Center, Eugene, OR
Chip Rose, J.D., The Mediation Center of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA
Donald T. Saposnek, Ph.D., Apto, CA

4. The Parenting Coordination Program: The Missing Piece of the Family Court Puzzle

Parenting coordination is becoming an increasingly popular response to high conflict families. This institute will teach participants how to develop and implement a parenting coordination program, working in conjunction with the court. Presenters will discuss how to work collaboratively with the community and professionals, the legal basis for delegating authority to a parenting coordinator and describe the steps in designing and implementing a program, including the infrastructure necessary for success. Common pitfalls will also be identified. This institute is designed for court-based and private sector professionals who work with high conflict families and are interested in developing effective alternatives for resolving their disputes.

Claudia Arthre, LCSW, Tulsa, OK
Barbara Bartlett, J.D., Tulsa, OK
Debra Carter, Ph.D., Carter Psychology Center, Bradenton, FL
Linda Fieldstone, M.Ed., Supervisor, Family Court Services, Miami, FL

5. The Family Lawyer as Problem Solver

The role of the family lawyer has changed significantly over the past decade, with a particular emphasis on the lawyer as a problem solver. This institute focuses on what lawyers and other professionals can learn to help families struggling with the challenges of separation and divorce. Presenters will examine: (1) unbundling legal services and coaching parties in mediation; (2) the promises and pitfalls of collaborative family law; (3) the child representative’s approach to alternative dispute resolution services; and (4) www.UpToParents.org, online education and assistance for separated, divorcing and divorced parents. This institute is for judges, lawyers, mental health professionals and others working with families experiencing separation and divorce. Presented in collaboration with the Dispute Resolution Section of the American Bar Association.

Charlie Asher, J.D., Freedom 22 Foundation, South Bend, IN
Barbara Chasnoff, J.D., ABA Child Custody Pro Bono Project, Chicago, IL
David Hoffman, J.D., Chair, ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, Boston, MA
Forrest S. Mosten, J.D., Author, Unbundling Legal Services, Los Angeles, CA
Pre-conference Institutes

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

8:30am-12:00pm  Morning Institute

6. Judicial Institute: Use of Expert Evidence in a Relocation Dispute

The use of expert evidence in child custody disputes can be highly controversial and is particularly challenging for judges. What qualifications or credentials are necessary to be considered an expert in a specific area? To what extent should a judge rely on an expert’s opinion? How do judges reconcile contrasting opinions of two experts? This institute is designed for judicial officers and will employ a video case study approach and small group discussion to address these and other challenging questions.

Hon. Ellen Macdonald, Superior Court of Justice, Toronto, ON
Hon. Denise McColley, Henry County Domestic Relations Court, Napoleon, OH

1:00pm-4:30pm  Afternoon Institute

7. Judicial Settlement Conferences

This institute will examine the process of judicial settlement conferencing, beginning with the question, should judges conduct them? If so, what is the structure of an effective settlement conference? Who should be present? What should they say to participants? Should there be a transcript? This institute will provide both practice tips and pitfalls for judicial settlement conferences. Presenters will also examine the role that conferencing skills can play in adversarial proceedings. Presented in collaboration with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Hon. Linda Dessau, Family Court of Australia, Melbourne, Australia
Hon. W. Dennis Duggan, Albany County Family Court, Albany, NY

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What is AFCC?
AFCC is the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, an interdisciplinary and international association of professionals dedicated to the resolution of family conflict.
Founded in 1963, AFCC has provided leadership and innovation in the development of family dispute resolution processes, family law, courts and court services for more than forty years.

Why Should I join AFCC?
Membership in AFCC provides an interdisciplinary and international network of colleagues, access to new information and ideas and member benefits that save time and money. AFCC members receive print and electronic subscriptions to the quarterly journal, Family Court Review; the association’s quarterly newsletter, AFCC News; discounts on conference and training registrations, insurance and publications.

I already belong to so many other organizations. What is different about AFCC?
Membership in AFCC is an investment in professional excellence. As a nonprofit membership association, AFCC is unique because members do not share a common profession. Instead, AFCC members share a commitment to education, innovation and collaboration in order to benefit communities, empower families and promote a healthy future for children.
AFCC is different because it provides professionals with a multidisciplinary perspective. There is simply no better way to keep pace with the rapidly changing environment for those who work with families in conflict than an AFCC membership.
With an international membership, AFCC’s conferences and publications offer the opportunity to interact with and learn about innovations from professionals in all corners of the world.

How can I join AFCC?
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Welcome: Leslye Hunter, M.A., AFCC President, Metairie, LA
Chief Justice Gerry L. Alexander, Washington State Supreme Court, Olympia, WA

Keynote Address
Justice Bobbe J. Bridge, Washington State Supreme Court, Olympia, WA
Justice Bobbe J. Bridge has combined a distinguished legal career with a lifetime of service to families and children. Justice Bridge practiced family law prior to becoming a Judge for King County Superior Court. During that time she was the Presiding Judge for the court and Chief Judge of King County Juvenile Court. She has been particularly active in efforts to improve the administration of justice for children and families. She currently co-chairs the Becca Task Force (focusing on truancy prevention) and chairs the Unified Family Court Work Group and the State Commission on Children in Foster Care. She recently chaired the Select Committee on Adolescents in Need of Long Term Placement. Justice Bridge will discuss important advances in family law and important considerations for the future well-being of children and families in the legal system.

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Welcome: Hon. Hugh Starnes, AFCC President Elect, Fort Myers, FL

The Politics of Research: The Use, Abuse and Misuse of Social Science Data
Research plays a critical role in framing public discussion, influencing public policy and determining how professionals working with families conduct their practice or make long-term decisions about children. The interpretation of the research results can vary considerably, however, depending on who is doing the interpretation and for what purpose. Caveats and cautions may be minimized, findings of limited significance highlighted or the data may simply be entirely misunderstood. This session will feature leading researchers who will share their experiences, explore the implications of inaccurate representation of social science research and suggest possible remedies.

Richard J. Gelles, Ph.D., Dean, School of Social Work, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Janet R. Johnston, Ph.D., Department of Justice Studies, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA
Kyle Pruett, M.D., Yale Child Study Center, New Haven, CT
Moderator: Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D., Corte Madera, CA

10:00am-10:30am Break and Exhibitor Forum
10:30am-12:00pm Workshops 1-8

1. Children Exposed to Domestic Violence: Emerging Research, Policy and Practice
This workshop will examine basic research on children's exposure to adult domestic violence, their involvement in these events and the level of known co-occurring child maltreatment and domestic violence in families. Participants will examine recent trends in legislation and programs responding to these children and their families. The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' guidelines published in Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy & Practice and the Greenbook Initiative will be discussed.

Jeffrey L. Edleson, Ph.D., University of Minnesota School of Social Work, Director, Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse, Minneapolis, MN
2. Comparative Mediation Styles
The debate over mediation styles has been ongoing as long as the mediation process has been in existence. Are mediators limited to only one approach or can they vary the process based on the situation? Is one type of mediation inherently more or less effective overall, or for certain types of conflict? How similar or different are the approaches in practice? This workshop will address these questions through the use of role play demonstration and discussion. Presenters will demonstrate and compare facilitative, evaluative and transformative approaches to mediation, followed by audience feedback and discussion.

Sue Bronson, M.S., Immediate Past Chair, Association for Conflict Resolution Family Section, Milwaukee, WI
Arnold Shienvold, Ph.D., Riegel, Shienvold & Associates, Harrisburg, PA
Zena Zumeta, J.D., Mediation Training and Consulting Institute, Ann Arbor, MI

Moderator: Arnold Swartz, LCSW, Lakewood, CO

3. Ethical Infractions and Malpractice in Child Custody Evaluations
The reliability and usefulness of child custody evaluations is challenged on a regular basis. From a growing number of board complaints to the front page of the New York Times, the work of the evaluator is under a microscope like never before. But custody evaluators do not agree on how to best address this growing concern. This workshop presents two different points of view on how different evaluation models expose and/or protect custody evaluators and provide reliable data to the court.

Andrew Benjamin, J.D., Ph.D., Co-author, Family Evaluation in Custody Litigation: Reducing Risks of Ethical and Malpractice Infractions, Seattle, WA
Jonathan Gould, Ph.D., Author, Scientifically Crafted Child Custody Evaluations, Charlotte, NC

Moderator: Hon. Arline S. Rotman (ret.), Norwich, VT

4. In the Aftermath of Goodridge: Same-Sex Marriage in Massachusetts
In the fall of 2003 the Massachusetts court granted same-sex couples the right to marry. This workshop will examine the Goodridge case and the challenges that have followed. Presenters will examine the impact on gay and lesbian families, the dissolution of gay marriage and unique challenges for practitioners and the court. Participants will also discuss the impact of federal and state Defense of Marriage Acts.

Beth A. Crawford, J.D., Northampton, MA
Linda Fidnick, J.D., Burres Fidnick Booth & Kaufman, Amherst, MA
Hon. Gail L. Pearlman, Northampton, MA
Kathleen A. Townsend, J.D., Springfield, MA

5. Developing Parenting Coordination Legislation
The dramatic proliferation of parenting coordination has been accompanied by a growing interest in legislation at the state level. This workshop will highlight efforts at developing legislation by AFCC Chapters in Florida, Massachusetts and Texas. Presenters will share their insights and experiences, and discuss concrete strategies for success as well as bumps in the road that should be avoided.

Linda Cavaller, Ph.D., Past President, AFCC Massachusetts Chapter, Worcester, MA
Linda Fieldstone, M.Ed., President, AFCC Florida Chapter, Miami, FL
Lynelle Yingling, Ph.D., President, AFCC Texas Chapter, Rockwall, TX

6. Unified Family Courts: One Size Does Not Fit All
The growth of Unified Family Courts has resulted in numerous models, each tailored to the needs of its own jurisdiction. This workshop will examine several examples of UFC in action. Presenters will describe the challenges of design and implementation, standards for assessment, best practices and specific examples of successful Unified Family Courts. Participants will have an opportunity to share their experiences and learn from their colleagues.

Barbara A. Babb, J.D., University of Baltimore Law School, Baltimore, MD
Hon. George Czutrin, AFCC Past President, Hamilton, ON
Hon. Joan Dubuque, Chief Judge, Unified Family Court, Seattle, WA
Risa Sheriff, LL.B., Ministry of the Attorney General, Toronto, ON

This workshop presents a multi-disciplinary, coordinated approach to helping separating and divorcing parents make decisions about their children. Presenters will describe the child and family-focused decision-making model, its use by guardians ad litem, the role of the attorney in non-adversarial decision making and the research protocol and preliminary research findings.

Risa J. Garon, LCSW-C, BCD, CFLE, Executive Director, National Family Resiliency Center, Inc., Columbia, MD
Laurie Kramer, Ph.D., University of Illinois, Urbana, IL
Keith Schiszik, J.D., Frederick, MD

The practice of child inclusive mediation is growing rapidly in Australia, and alongside it, the empirical evidence base around its efficacy. This workshop will describe the model of child inclusive practice used widely in Australia, including video demonstrations of the work and the parent education resources that support it. Early findings from the presenter’s national study will be presented, examining outcomes for parents and children of different forms of divorce mediation: mainstream, child-focused mediation, and the newly developed model of child consultation.

Jennifer McIntosh, Ph.D., Clinical Director, Family Transitions, Melbourne, Australia

12:00pm-1:30pm AFCC Awards Luncheon
Presiding: Leslye Hunter, AFCC President, Metairie, LA

1:45pm-3:15pm Workshops 9-16

9. The Challenge of the Adulterous Affair: Mediator Do’s and Don’ts

This workshop will explore the special challenges that a mediator faces when dealing with the trauma of discovering that a spouse is having an affair while in the process of ending their marriage. Participants will learn to understand the dynamics of these couples, explore reasons they may have affairs, the impact of affairs on the marriage and on the mediation process. A practical list of do’s and don’ts will be provided.

Diane Neumann, J.D., Divorce Mediation Services, Newton, MA

10. Resilience and Risk in Children of High Conflict Divorce: Recent Research Findings and Intervention Implications

This session presents intriguing new research findings that suggest why some children are relatively resilient to interparental conflict and alienating parenting behaviors whereas others are more vulnerable, succumbing to emotional distress and behavioral problems. The findings from two studies will be presented and their implications for interventions will be discussed. The first study will examine mechanisms by which interparental conflict impacts children’s mental health. The second study reports new findings about why some children are vulnerable to parental alignments and alienation while others in high conflict divorcing families are able to remain more equidistant from their disputing parents.

Janet R. Johnston, Ph.D., San Jose State University, San Jose, CA
Irwin Sandler, Ph.D., Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Discussant: Constance Ahrons, Ph.D., Author, We’re Still Family, San Diego, CA

11. Morphing Family Court Services

Court-connected programs that provide mediation and parenting plan evaluation services are under ongoing pressure to justify their programs, reduce services or change service delivery strategies and philosophies. This workshop features seasoned court services veterans who will discuss different models for providing court-connected services with an emphasis on program evaluation and outcomes of intensive case management by the court. The impact on the delivery of dispute resolution and custody evaluation services by court programs will be examined, as well as the impact on clients.

Phil Bushard, D.P.A., Director, Family Mediation Program, Reno, NV
Doneldon Dennis, Supervisor, Hennepin County Family Court Services, Minneapolis, MN
Dave Hodges, M.A., King County Family Court Services, Seattle, WA
Debra Kulak, M.S., Program Manager, Court Support Services Division, Wethersfield, CT

12. Dispute Resolution for Parenting Coordinators: From Facilitator to Arbitrator

The parenting coordination process requires multiple skills; however, at its core it is a dispute resolution process for highly conflicted parents. Presenters will teach workshop participants practical dispute resolution techniques and approaches. Participants will learn specific strategies for transitioning from a facilitative to arbitrative role and how to provide documentation that finalizes the parenting coordinator’s decision.

Christine A. Coates, M.Ed., J.D., Co-author, Working with High Conflict Families, Boulder, CO
Matthew J. Sullivan, Ph.D., Palo Alto, CA

13. Child Custody Evaluation Critiques

The role of the expert reviewer in child custody evaluations creates many tensions. Although typically hired by one party or appointed by the court, the reviewer must provide information that sheds light on the strengths and weaknesses of the evaluation under review. This session will provide a structure for reviewing child custody reports, communicating results to attorneys and providing useful testimony to the court. Presenters will also discuss how the court may promote and implement a process to assist two competing experts in producing a collaborative and joint recommendation.

Deborah Day, Psy.D., Winter Park, FL
Kathryn Kuehnle, Ph.D., Tampa, FL
Hon. Hugh Starnes, Fort Myers, FL
14. Same Sex Marriage: Crossing the Border
What happens when two Ontario husbands, two wives from Massachusetts, or two partners in a Vermont civil union cross the state, provincial or international lines to jurisdictions that do not allow—or even constitutionally forbid—such partnerships? With court cases and constitutional amendments pending throughout the land, the status of same-sex partnerships is in a state of flux that show no signs of subsiding. This workshop will examine the inter-state ramifications of same-sex marriage and other extensions of the concept of “spouse” drawing on experiences in the mid-20th century when divorce laws of the states varied widely.
Mary O’Connell, J.D., Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA
Catherine Smith, J.D., Edwards, Sieh, Smith & Goodfriend, Seattle, WA

15. Representing Children in Civil Domestic Violence Cases
Domestic violence situations involve unique issues on which lawyers—even experienced children’s lawyers—need to receive training and mentoring. Participants in this workshop will learn what attorneys need to know about intimate partner violence, its impact on children and its impact on custody decisions. Presenters will discuss the rationale for representing children in civil cases, present the current national landscape on the representation of children in civil domestic violence cases and share the experience of a program that uses staff and volunteers to represent children.
Barbara A. Chasnoff, J.D., ABA Child Custody Pro Bono Project, Chicago IL
Sharon Gross Portwood, J.D., Ph.D., University of Missouri-Kansas City, Department of Psychology, Kansas City, MO
Vivek S. Sankaran, J.D., The Children’s Law Center, Washington, D.C.

16. The Cognitive vs. Emotional Focus in Mediation
This workshop will feature video demonstration of two distinct styles of mediation, the Milan Systemic Model and the Conflict Emotional Model. Participants will have the opportunity to observe and discuss the tapes with the mediators and assess the impact of the different styles on the clients and the mediation process.
Larry S. Fong, Ph.D., President, Association for Conflict Resolution, Calgary, AB
Dr. Sjoerd Homminga, Wognum, The Netherlands

3:15pm-3:30pm Break and Exhibitor Forum

17. Access After Abuse
A growing number of litigious child custody cases are based in situations where there has been a previous finding that the child has been abused by the parent requesting access. The abuse may be physical, sexual or psychological. This workshop presents a model to systematically look at each of the unique issues that should be examined differentially for each type of abuse in the context of developing an access plan that finds the balance between meeting the access needs of the child with providing appropriate physical and psychological protection.
Claude Schleuderer, Ph.D., Ulster County Mental Health, Kingston, NY

18. Silent Voices in the Family Courts: Fathers and Young Children
This workshop combines research and clinical expertise in a theoretical and practical look at some of the silent voices and processes that affect custody and access decisions. First, presenters will provide data about “gatekeeping,” or mothers’ control of fathers’ access to children following separation, from both mothers’ and fathers’ perspectives. Parental frustrations, solutions and ways of assessing the degree of maternal control being exercised will be discussed. Second, play and interview data from children will be discussed in regard to the children’s views of divorce, their relationships with their fathers, and what brief interviews can tell us about family conflict and children’s adaptation. Discussion will include how to talk to children and how to learn from what they say and do not say. How to integrate these types of clinical data into assessments and interviews will be examined.
Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., Connecticut Mental Health Center, New Haven, CT
Kyle D. Pruett, M.D., Yale Child Study Center, New Haven, CT
Discussant: JoAnne Pedro-Carroll, Ph.D., Children’s Institute, Rochester, NY

19. Innovations in Case Management: Western Australia’s Case Assessment Conferences
The Family Court of Western Australia’s Case Assessment Conference (CAC) was developed to reduce litigation. The CAC is unique in Australia in its inclusion of risk assessment as an integral part of the process. This interdisciplinary case management process helps parties identify and mediate disputed issues, provides referral to external support services and enables those who do not settle to move quickly through the normal court process. This workshop will describe the CAC and discuss the interdisciplinary collaboration and tensions that needed to be managed during its development and implementation.
Hon. Justice Michael Holden, Chief Judge of the Family Court of Western Australia, Perth, Western Australia
Paul Kerin, Manager, Family Court Mediation and Counseling Service, Perth, Western Australia
Paul Murphy, Ph.D., Edith Cowan University, Perth, Western Australia
Lisbeth Pike, Ph.D., Edith Cowan University, Perth, Western Australia
20. Mediation Hybrids: Panacea or Perilous Processes?

Mediation strategies and techniques have become central to several hybrid processes including med/arb, evaluative mediation, and parenting coordination. These processes purport to combine the advantages of mediation, such as empowerment and self-determination, with third party decision-making powers. This workshop will examine the goals, techniques and assumptions of these mediation hybrids in order to shed light on their comparative benefits and risks. Using case examples, the presenter will illustrate how professionals using each of these hybrids may not be aware of their unintended effects. The workshop will conclude with suggestions for research, policy, and practice in order to maximize the benefits and reduce the risks of each process.

Allan Barsky, J.D., Ph.D., Florida Atlantic University, School of Social Work, Fort Lauderdale, FL

21. A Conservative Forensic Custody Model

This session builds on the debate in the April 2005 Symposium Issue of the Family Court Review, in which the presenters argue that there are significant limitations on the ability of child custody evaluators to make recommendations to the court and that such recommendations should be considered questionable, if not unethical. Presenters will offer practical suggestions for practice that is ethically cautious, appropriately circumscribed and maximizes the likelihood that the expert opinion will assist the judge in understanding the risks and advantages of various parenting plans.

Timothy M. Tippins, J.D., Albany, NY

Jeffrey P. Wittman, Ph.D., Author, Custody Chaos, Personal Peace, Albany, NY


Researching new reproduction technologies has, until recently, been restricted to medical and ethical inquiries, however a recent child-focused shift in research priorities has begun to address the psychological implications for children conceived by technology. This swing has yet to be explored within the context of family law and the interests of the child, such as how children may be represented in custody and access disputes concerning them where issues of reproductive technologies must be discussed. This presentation will report on a literature synthesis conducted to evaluate the current state of knowledge about the psychological consequences for children conceived by reproduction technologies and will outline the recent debate regarding disclosure to children about their origins. Special consideration will be given to the children’s socioemotional and developmental status and to child-parent relationships.

Clare Burns, Children’s Lawyer, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Toronto, ON

Lorraine Martin, M.S.W., Clinical Coordinator, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Toronto, ON

Dena Moyal, Legal Director, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Toronto, ON

23. International Custody Abduction to Non-Hague, Islamic Countries: Risk Evaluation and Prevention

The Islamic Middle Eastern countries are not parties to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and there are no bilateral treaties in effect between the United States and the Islamic countries that cover parental child abduction. An average of one child a week is abducted into the Islamic Middle East in violation of an American custody order, and custody battles involving multi-national families are becoming common. Secure, American court orders addressing child custody are not recognized in the Islamic, Shari’a courts, and there is no legal remedy, no process, and no legal authority to return an abducted child to the left-behind parent after the child is taken. Identification of children at risk and establishing appropriate protective measures is imperative, and is best approached by understanding the cultural foundation and religious attributes that may predict flight risk. This workshop will provide an overview of Islamic family law, paternal and maternal responsibilities within the family structure, and the age and gender attributes that are characteristic of a child at risk.

Frieda Gordon, J.D., Cooper-Gordon, LLP, Santa Monica, CA

Mannal Radwan, Asst. Director of Political and Congressional Affairs, Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, Washington, D.C.

Kristine Uhlman/UmHani, International Custody Abduction Expert, Tucson, AZ

3:30pm-6:00pm

24. Judicial Officers Forum

The negative consequences of adversarial legal proceedings on children are well documented. Courts around the world have developed programs and processes that are more sensitive to the needs of the family and children in particular. The first part of this extended session will provide an opportunity for judges, court commissioners, magistrates and other judicial officers to exchange information about such programs. The Children’s Cases Project, an initiative of the Family Court of Australia, will be highlighted. The second portion of the session will provide opportunity for socializing and networking among judicial officers.

Hon. Linda Dessau, Family Court of Australia, Melbourne, Australia

Evening Taste of Seattle

Sign up and join your colleagues for dinner in Seattle. See page 23 for more details.

9:00pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite
FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2005

7:30am-5:00pm  Conference Registration
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7:30am-8:30am  AFCC Committee Meetings
7:30am-8:45am  Coffee and Rolls
8:45am-10:15am Plenary Session

Welcome: Mary Ferriter, J.D., AFCC Treasurer, Boston, MA

Relocation Cases: An International View from the Bench

Parental relocation disputes raise some of the most difficult questions for professionals. Should courts apply a best interest standard, favor the residential parent or the non-moving parent? How much weight should be given to the reason for the move? Should the non-residential parent’s capacity to move be considered? What can psychological evaluations tell us about best interests in relocation cases? Is there ever a middle ground? This session will feature judges from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States who will shed light on the view from the bench.

Hon. Mary Lou Benotto, Superior Court of Justice, Toronto, ON
Hon. Peter Boshier, Principal Family Court Judge, Family Court of New Zealand, Wellington, NZ
Hon. Diana Bryant, Chief Justice, Family Court of Australia, Melbourne, Australia
Hon. W. Dennis Duggan, Albany County Family Court, Albany, NY
Moderator: Hon. Jerilyn Borack, Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, CA

10:15am-10:45am  Break and Exhibitor Forum
10:45am-12:00pm  Plenary Session

Welcome: Hon. William Fee, AFCC Board of Directors, Angola, IN

Shattering the Myths: What the Research Shows about Lawyer Negotiations

The emphasis on collaborative law, mediation, and cooperative negotiation has increased significantly in recent years. Has this shift impacted the way that family lawyers conduct their settlement negotiations? Do they play hardball or are they now more conciliatory? Is there a relationship between how lawyers negotiate and the substantive outcomes for their clients? This session presents new research on: (1) how lawyers negotiate; (2) differences between family lawyers and others lawyers; (3) the impact of negotiation style on substantive outcomes; and (4) how lawyers are perceived by their colleagues.

Professor Andrea Schneider, J.D., Co-author, Dispute Resolution: Beyond the Adversarial Model, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, WI
Moderator: Hon. Linda Dessau, Family Court of Australia, Melbourne, Australia

12:00pm-1:30pm  Lunch (on your own)
12:00pm-1:30pm  Family Court Review Editorial Board Meeting

1:30pm-3:00pm  Workshops 25-32

25. The Art and Science of Interviewing Children

There is no universally accepted protocol for interviews, but science does provide direction for methods to improve the reliability of interviews with children. Recent research provides important direction in what types of questions to ask children of different ages, how to check on the sources of information, strategies for reducing children’s suggestibility and methods to improve recall and reporting. The “art” of interviewing will be presented through case examples from common interview dilemmas. This workshop is intended for all professionals who interview children or need to rely on the interviews of others.

Mindy F. Mitnick, Ed.M., M.A., Licensed Psychologist, Uptown Mental Health Center, Minneapolis, MN

26. New Research Findings from Australia

This session presents two unique studies conducted in Australia. The first compares incidents of familicide in Western Australia (where disputed custody and access was an issue between the parties) and other forms of family homicide. Common factors are identified and recommendations provided for screening and proactive management of high risk cases. The second study reviews same-sex parenting, particularly as it is viewed within the Family Court of Australia. The study looks at a sample of reports prepared by Australian Family Court Counselors and explores the assumptions and attitudes that counselors bring to their assessments of families where one or both parents were involved in a same-sex relationship.

Carolyn Harris Johnson, M.A., Perth, Western Australia
Eve Tauber, MFT, Family Court of Australia, Melbourne, Australia

27. Divorce Mediation in Europe: Goal-Oriented or Semi-Therapeutic? Going Dutch

This workshop will provide insight into the practice of divorce mediation in Europe. The discussion will focus on the question of whether mediation should have agreement as its primary goal or if there ought to be additional benefits, such as a therapeutic effect. Presenters will discuss how divorce mediation is practiced and taught in the Netherlands.

Brigitte Chin-A-Fat, Ph.D., Mannaerts & Appels, Lawyers and Notaries, The Netherlands
Cees van Leuven, Mannaerts & Appels, Lawyers and Notaries, The Netherlands
Janet Walker, Ph.D., University of Newcastle upon Tyne, England
28. Parenting Coordination Consultation: Nightmare Cases, Trials and Tribulations
This session is for parenting coordinators who are both new to the process and seasoned veterans, as well as for those who want to learn what parenting coordination is all about. This group consultation will provide the opportunity for participants to discuss their most difficult cases, consider ethical dilemmas, ask questions of colleagues or simply take some time to vent about impossible clients! Join your colleagues for a free-flowing discussion and case consultation for parenting coordinators.

Facilitator: Matthew J. Sullivan, Ph.D., Palo Alto, CA

29. The Top Ten Things I Wished I'd Learned in School
There is an ever-growing list of professionals, services and processes available to parents who are experiencing separation and divorce. Lawyers, counselors and mediators all help parents negotiate the system. While professionals are trained in their own area of practice, this is generally not sufficient to be able to help parents put together the pieces of their personal family puzzle. With the increase in the scope and number of services and processes around divorce, there is an overwhelming need for professionals to extend beyond what they learned in school. This interactive workshop will help participants share with one another what they need to know and how various disciplines can work together to benefit clients engaged in decision making.

Kelly Browe Olson, J.D., LL.M., University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law, Little Rock, AR
Nancy Ver Steegh, J.D., M.S.W., William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN

30. Legislation, Certification and Standards of Practice: Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!
This workshop will examine the Uniform Mediation Act, the ABA/ACR certification initiative and the proposed Model Standards of Practice for Mediators. These initiatives will have a significant impact on all types of mediation. Mediators should be prepared to address concerns and/or express support for these initiatives when appropriate. Presenters will emphasize implications for family mediation practice in the private sector and in courts. Format will include lecture and group discussion of key issues.

Gregory Firestone, Ph.D., Director, University of South Florida Conflict Resolution Collaborative, Tampa, FL
Larry S. Fong, Ph.D., President, Association for Conflict Resolution, Calgary, AB
David Hoffman, J.D., Chair, American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution, Boston, MA
C. Eileen Pruett, J.D., Program Manager, Supreme Court of Ohio, Columbus, OH

31. The Collaborative Evaluation Process
This session will present collaborative evaluation/mediation for parenting disputes, a model adopted by jurisdictions throughout Oregon. The model provides for efficient use of resources with a focus on the needs of children and results in a settlement rate of more than 90 percent in post evaluation mediated settlement conferences. The presenter will provide a description of the process, case examples and discuss the policy implications.

Alison Taylor, M.A., Executive Director, Oregon Family Institute, Hillsboro, OR

32. Playing with Paradigm: Towards a Global Definition of Best Interests of the Child
Recent developments at the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and the World Health Organization suggest the emergence of a new development-based paradigm for protecting children from violence, including some of the traumas of divorce. Family courts and practitioners have much to gain by exploring and embracing this alternative, as it could increase both the status and availability of resources to family courts in developed countries and the creation of family sensitive judicial systems in less developed countries. This workshop will report on the UNCRC/WHO developments and consider possible paths for realizing the immense potential of these developments for families and family courts for countries that follow the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

John Kydd, J.D., Consultant to World Health Organization and UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Seattle, WA

3:00pm-3:15pm Break and Exhibitor Forum

3:15pm-4:45pm Workshops 33-40

33. Parenting Coordination Standards of Practice
This workshop highlights two years of work by the AFCC Task Force on Parenting Coordination Standards. Task force members will present Model Standards of Practice for Parenting Coordination. Participants will learn about the new Standards and will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. This session is recommended for everyone who practices as a parenting coordinator.

Facilitator: Christine Coates, M.Ed., J.D., Chair, AFCC Task Force on Parenting Coordination Standards, Boulder, CO
34. Evaluating Parenting Capability in a Child Protection Context: A Clinical Practice Model
Evaluating parents in the context of possible child abuse or neglect involves unique challenges. This workshop will describe and illustrate a clinical practice model for conducting forensic evaluations of parents’ ability to care for their children. Core features of the model include: (1) a focus on parenting qualities and the parent-child relationship; (2) a functional approach emphasizing behaviors and skills in everyday performance; and (3) application of a minimal parenting standard. Presenters will describe applied research findings on the model, methods for evaluating parenting capability and a protocol for writing the evaluation report. Case examples will illustrate application of the model and issues of concern to court personnel.

Karen S. Budd, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, DePaul University, Chicago, IL
Jennifer Clark, Psy.D., Cook County Juvenile Court Clinic, Chicago, IL

35. Parental Relocation: Where Are We Going?
Parental relocation disputes are extremely divisive and among the most difficult to resolve. Different jurisdictions have varying approaches to relocation issues, with some giving considerable deference to the right of a custodial parent to move and others placing an onus on the custodial parent to justify the move. Some courts have adopted a best interests approach, though this can be a difficult test to apply. This workshop will review the current state of law on relocation cases in the United States and Canada and summarize the social science literature. The presenters will provide practical advice for lawyers, judges, custody assessors and mediators involved in cases where relocation is an issue, including consideration of how to involve children and ensure that their views are ascertained and considered by parents and the court.

Nicholas Bala, LL.B., LL.M., Law Professor, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON
Barbara Fidler, Ph.D., Independent Practice, Toronto, ON
Dan L. Goldberg, LL.B., Senior Counsel, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Toronto, ON

36. Family Mediation Research
Proponents of family mediation have long claimed that it is less expensive, faster, more humane and provides greater satisfaction, improved problem solving and more enduring resolutions than the alternatives. Recent research, however, has changed the forecast of benefits from glowing to sobering. This session will present a summary of what has been learned from 20 years of research. Presenters will review the unanswered questions and look ahead to research that should be conducted in the future. A discussion of public policy implications will conclude the presentation.

Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D., Corte Madera, CA
Donald T. Saposnek, Ph.D., Apts, CA

37. The Family Law Education Reform Project
The Family Law Education Reform Project is co-sponsored by AFCC and Hofstra Law School. The goal of the project is to bridge the gap between the teaching and practice of family law. This workshop will report on a work-in-progress, moving toward the development of curricula and teaching modules developed by interdisciplinary practitioners and family law faculty. The results of a survey on characteristics of an effective family lawyer will also be shared. Participants will be given an opportunity to provide input into the development of the curriculum and teaching modules for future generations of family law students and family lawyers.

J. Herbie DiFonzo, J.D., Ph.D., Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, NY
Mary O’Connell, J.D., Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA

38. The Changing Legal Landscape for Children of Gay and Lesbian Couples
Nearly one-third of same-sex households in the U.S. include children, some of whom have been affected by recent and momentous shifts in the legal landscape. During the past year, appellate courts in four more states have recognized “de facto parents.” There is a fierce battle between Vermont and Virginia courts as to whether the child of a civil union is the child of the non-biological mother. Three pending California Supreme Court cases concern lesbian parentage under the UPA. This session will examine the changing legal landscape for children of same-sex parents.

Janet Helson, J.D., Seattle, WA
Julie Shapiro, J.D., Associate Professor of Law, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA

39. Research Practice in Family and Juvenile Courts
Family and juvenile courts present distinct challenges to the researcher. Unlike other areas of social science, the courts are still developing resources for research, including generally accepted outcome measures, survey question banks and human subjects guidelines. This workshop will feature members of the Evaluation Working Group at the Center for Families, Children & the Courts at the California Administrative Office of the Courts, who will present their work on strengthening and coordinating research methods in the courts and provide an overview of innovative research and data collection projects currently underway at the center. Topics include: defining measurable outcomes, successful survey design, litigant interviews, file review and court observation.

Charlene Depner, Ph.D., Senior Manager, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, San Francisco, CA
James Mensing, Ph.D. Senior Research Analyst, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, San Francisco, CA
Deana Piazza, M.A., Senior Research Analyst, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, San Francisco, CA
Don Will, B.A., Supervising Research Analyst, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, San Francisco, CA
40. Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce Practice

Collaborative family law has grown rapidly and several models have quickly emerged. This workshop will demonstrate an interdisciplinary team approach that integrates the legal, emotional and financial aspects of divorce. Using role play and discussion, presenters will demonstrate a client centered approach that allows parties to remain in control of the process and play a key role in creating a successful outcome.

John Carmody, New Orleans, LA
Christine Lissard, New Orleans, LA
Lisa Matthews, J.D., New Orleans, LA
Eric Rigby, CPA, PFS, New Orleans, LA

5:30-7:00pm Silent Auction and Reception
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7:00pm-9:00pm AFCC Annual Banquet
9:00pm-12:00am AFCC Hospitality Suite

9:15am-10:45am Workshops 41-46

41. Collaborative Law and Mediation: Collaboration or Competition?

Mediators and collaborative lawyers have not always seen eye to eye, and the rapid growth of collaborative law has caused some discomfort for some family mediators. Are the two processes compatible? Is there a role for mediators within the collaborative law process and for collaborative lawyers within the mediation process? Will collaborative law make mediation irrelevant? This session will provide an opportunity for participants to hear from leaders in the collaborative law and mediation communities and to share their concerns and ideas about the tensions that have emerged.

Susan A. Hansen, J.D., President Elect, International Association of Collaborative Professionals, Milwaukee, WI
Rebecca Magrudr, J.D., Chair, Family Section, Association for Conflict Resolution, St. Charles, MO
Zena Zumeta, J.D., Mediation Training and Consultation Institute, Ann Arbor, MI

42. AFCC Court Services Task Force Report

Family Court Service agencies struggle to meet the needs of clients with complex disputes, while balancing burgeoning caseloads with declining budgets. These challenges have brought out the best in many court-related programs. This workshop will highlight the work of AFCC’s Court Services Task Force and provide reports on two projects: (1) a survey of the challenges and responses of court service agencies and (2) the identification of exemplary programs that are connected to or provide services to family and juvenile court clients.

Barbara A. Babb, J.D., Chair, AFCC Court Services Task Force
George Ferrick, M.A., Center for Children, Families & the Courts, San Francisco, CA
Stephen R. Grant, M.A., Deputy Director, Family Services, Wethersfield, CT

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2005

7:45am-12:30pm Conference Registration
8:00am-12:30pm Exhibitor Forum
8:00am-9:00am Coffee and Rolls
8:00am-9:00am AFCC Membership Meeting

The AFCC membership meeting is open to all members and prospective members. Join the AFCC Board of Directors and your colleagues to learn more about the association.

43. Children with Special Needs: Consideration for Parenting Plans

Evaluating families requires sensitivity to the unique situation of each family and individual children. When children have special health care or developmental needs, another layer of complexity is added to the process. These families may require more specialized knowledge and strategies. This workshop will discuss: (1) family dynamics when dealing with a pediatric disability or illness; (2) aspects of specific diagnoses (e.g., autism, developmental delay) and interaction of child symptoms with the dynamics of family conflict; and (3) specific considerations when formulating parenting plans for children with special needs.

Julie D. Wood, M.A., Kindering Center, Bellevue, WA
44. Custody Evaluation Standards Task Force

AFCC’s Custody Evaluation Standards Task Force is evaluating and revising the existing Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluations. This workshop will preview the Standards, which are a work-in-progress, and will provide participants with an opportunity to comment and contribute to the development of the final product.

William G. Austin, Ph.D., Co-chair, AFCC Custody Evaluation Standards Task Force, Steamboat Springs, CO
Lorraine Martin, M.S.W., Co-chair, AFCC Custody Evaluation Standards Task Force, Toronto, ON
David A. Martindale, Ph.D., Reporter, AFCC Custody Evaluation Standards Task Force, Morristown, NJ

45. Six C's of Child Protection Mediation

This interactive session will present an overview and critical review of multiparty mediation of child abuse and neglect cases. Challenging issues associated with confidentiality, concurrent criminal charges, child’s presence, competence of parties, coercion concerns and court funding will be addressed. Practical and ethical strategies will be offered for mediators, mediation participants and child protection mediation programs.

Gregory Firestone, Ph.D., Director, University of South Florida Conflict Resolution Collaborative, Tampa, FL

46. Neuro-Jurisprudence: The Brain, Emotions and Their Role in Family Custody Disputes

Recent brain research has demonstrated the important role of emotions in determining human behavior. It has also shown that emotions are regulated by basic brain processes that are related to the organism’s most basic drives to survive and reproduce. This workshop presents an overview of the role of emotions in brain functioning. It then discusses marriage, commitment and children from the perspective of brain function and examines how the emotional reactions to marital dissolution are automatic, self-preservation mechanisms. The presenters will discuss some of the legal concepts in divorce law from the perspective of the brain’s emotion functions. Finally, the presenters suggest policies and practices that incorporate the new understanding of brain functioning and should help make the process less conflictual.

Janet Weinstein, J.D., California Western School of Law, San Diego, CA
Ricardo Weinstein, Ph.D., San Diego, CA

10:45am–11:00am Break and Exhibitor Forum

11:00am-12:30pm Workshops 47-52

47. Innovations in Teaching: The Family Law Externship

The family law externship pilot program at William Mitchell College of Law is supplemented with a classroom (and a virtual classroom) component where students placed in different practice settings compare and contrast professional roles. This process of reflection and analysis prepares students to counsel future clients and helps them assess which professional roles are most consistent with their personal values and aspirations. Using a mediation externship as an example, this workshop includes discussion of how to create and implement an externship program focused on interdisciplinary practice and new professional roles.

Stephen K. Erickson, J.D., Erickson Mediation Institute, Bloomington, MN
Marilyn S. McKnight, M.A., Erickson Mediation Institute, Bloomington, MN
Nancy Ver Steegh, J.D., M.S.W., William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN

48. Court-Based Domestic Violence Assessment

This workshop will provide an overview of the unique domestic violence assessment process at King County Superior Court Family Court Services. Participants will learn how social workers complete the assessments for the court, including the investigation and reporting process. The presenter will describe the steps of the assessment, including interviews with collateral sources and review of records. Specific examples of reports and recommendations will be provided.

Lynn Christine Tuttle, M.B.A., J.D., M.S., Program Manager, King County Superior Court Family Court Services, Seattle, WA
Commissioner Les Ponomarchuk, Seattle, WA

49. Writing for the Review

Family Court Review is AFCC’s academic and research journal provided to all AFCC members. This workshop is an opportunity for those interested in contributing to the Review to learn about the submission process and get feedback on ideas for articles.

Andrew Schepard, J.D., Editor, Family Court Review, Hempstead, NY
Janet R. Johnston, Ph.D., Associate Editor, Family Court Review, San Jose, CA
50. Custody and Financial Distribution:  
A Research Basis for Guiding Maryland Family Court Reform

This workshop will present a study conducted by the Women’s Law Center of Maryland that examined the types of custody decisions being made in Maryland courts, the types of financial awards being made and the interplay between those financial decisions and custody awards. The study sheds light on how parents and children experience the family justice system, the types and durability of decisions that are being made by them or on their behalf, and on whether men and women fare differently in the family justice system. Presenters will discuss study findings and Maryland’s planned and ongoing response.

Rebecca Bainum, J.D., Women’s Law Center of Maryland, Inc., Towson, MD
Pamela Cardullo Ortiz, J.D., Executive Director, Family Administration, Administrative Office of the Courts, Annapolis, MD

51. Research, Program and Policy Development

While legislators and decision-makers try to meet the needs of children and families of divorce through innovative social policies and programs, systematic review of these initiatives has been limited. This workshop will present an overview of the effectiveness of policy interventions and then focus on specific experiences of the Canadian federal, provincial and territorial governments to develop and implement data collection initiatives in family courts in Canada. The implications of the research for future policy development will be discussed.

Emily M. Douglas, Ph.D., Family Research Laboratory, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
Lise Lafreniere-Henrie, Senior Counsel, Coordinator of Family Law Policy, Justice Canada, Ottawa, ON
Jennifer Lukassen, Project Manager, Civil Court Survey, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, ON
Jim Sturrock, Research Manager, Family Children and Youth Research Unit, Justice Canada, Ottawa, ON

52. Considering Children’s Preferences in Custody Disputes

Few issues are more complex than considering children’s preferences in custody disputes. Research suggests children must be protected from parental conflict but that they also benefit in having a role in important decisions that impact their lives. Is there a best way to assess child preferences? How much weight should they carry? This session focuses on systematic approaches to considering children’s statements, behaviors and expressed preferences through direct assessment and clinical evaluation of other professionals’ work.

William G. Austin, Ph.D., Steamboat Springs, CO
Dianna Gould-Saltman, J.D., Gould-Saltman Law Offices, Los Angeles, CA
Lyn R. Greenberg, Ph.D., Los Angeles, CA

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Parenting Coordination: Working with High Conflict Families
Presenter: Christine A. Coates, M.Ed., J.D.
February 22-23, 2005
Loyola University New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana

Special Issues in Child Custody
Presenter: Leslie Drozd, Ph.D.
February 24-25, 2005
Loyola University New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana

Advanced Topics in Child Custody Evaluations
Presenter: Jonathan Gould, Ph.D.
June 13-14, 2005
Loyola School of Law
Chicago, Illinois

Resiliency and Risk for Children of Separation and Divorce: Current Research and Implications for Practice
Presenter: Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D.
June 15-16, 2005
Loyola School of Law
Chicago, Illinois

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Planning for Shared Parenting: A Guide for Parents Living Apart

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**AFCC Silent Auction**

AFCC’s Seventh Annual Silent Auction takes place Friday, May 20. The auction will open at 5:30pm and the event concludes at 7:00pm. Items will include sports memorabilia, original artwork, fine wines, and many one-of-a-kind items. Auction proceeds will help to support AFCC’s special projects and programs. If you would like to donate an item to the AFCC Silent Auction, please contact Peter Salem, AFCC Executive Director at (608) 664-3750 or psalem@afccnet.org.

**Grand Prize Drawing**

All conference registrants will be entered into a special grand prize drawing that will take place at 6:15pm on Friday, May 20 at the AFCC Silent Auction. You must be present to win!

**Continuing Education Credits**

AFCC will provide a certificate of conference attendance for a processing fee of $10 for members and $15 for non-members. The certificate will verify attendance at conference sessions and may be used to apply for continuing education credits with the registrant’s accrediting institution. AFCC is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. AFCC maintains responsibility for the program. All mediation sessions are eligible for continuing education units through the Association for Conflict Resolution. Application has been submitted to the Washington State Bar Association and the Oregon State Bar for approval of continuing legal education (CLE) credits. Application has also been submitted to the NASW-Washington State Chapter and is pending for pre-approval of continuing education for social workers, mental health counselors and marriage and family counselors licensed by the Washington State Department of Health. Continuing education credits approved by NASW-WA will be accepted in Oregon for social workers, mental health professionals and licensed professional counselors and therapists if the content areas are applicable. A complete list of conference sessions approved for continuing education will be available at the AFCC registration desk.

**Conference Scholarships**

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded for the 42nd Annual Conference. Scholarships will include registration fees for the conference and for a full-day pre-conference institute. Scholarship recipients are responsible for funding their own travel, lodging, meals and related expenses. Additionally, two US $1,000 travel stipends will be offered for participants from outside North America. Scholarship applications are available on the AFCC Conferences page of the AFCC website at www.afccnet.org or call (608) 664-3750 to request an application.

**Bookstore**

Borders will be AFCC’s official bookseller for this conference. If you wish to display a book for sale, please contact Jennifer Lipps at (206) 622-4599 or email jilipps1@Bordersstores.com.

**Exhibitor Forum**

The Exhibitor Forum will be open during conference hours. A learning opportunity in itself, the Exhibitor Forum allows you a chance to meet face-to-face with representatives and discuss your product needs and services. AFCC publications and videotapes will be available for purchase at the AFCC membership table. If you are interested in renting exhibit space or distributing materials to conference delegates, please contact Dawn Holmes at (608) 664-3750 or afcc@afccnet.org.

**Conference Orientation and Networking**

If you are new to AFCC or this your first conference, come join us on Wednesday at 4:45pm to meet your colleagues, learn about AFCC, meet others and discover AFCC traditions, such as the Hospitality Suite, Taste of the Town and AFCC’s famous Silent Auction. If you are here alone, this is a great chance to connect with others and make plans for the week. New members, international attendees, guests and spouses are encouraged to attend. The location will be posted at the AFCC registration desk. Everyone is welcome!

**About Seattle**

Seattle is surrounded by majestic mountains, including towering Mt. Rainier to the south, the San Juan Islands to the north and the bustling Puget Sound in the middle. Tour boat cruises out of Puget Sound offer one of the best views of Seattle and the Washington State ferries can transport you to a nearby island for an exciting adventure. One of Seattle’s most famous landmarks is the Space Needle, a 90-second ride via monorail from downtown. The International District dates back to the 1880’s and is home to many cultural features, including specialty Asian shops, museums and many fine restaurants. From Seattle, you can easily reach Vancouver or Victoria in British Columbia, Canada. Or, arrange a cruise to Alaska! For additional information on Seattle and tour options, or to request a visitor information packet, go to www.seattle.org or call (206) 461-5840.

**AFCC Hospitality Suite**

AFCC’s Hospitality Suite will be open for informal networking and refreshment on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00pm-12:00 midnight. Please wear your name badge. The Hospitality Suite location will be posted at the AFCC registration desk.

**Taste of Seattle**

Thursday evening is your opportunity to enjoy the Seattle downtown area with friends and colleagues. Sign up for Taste of Seattle and join a group of 8-10 for dinner at a local restaurant. Menus and sign-up sheets will be available on-site. Participants are responsible for their own food, beverage and any transportation costs.

**Special Needs**

If you have special meal requests or other special needs, please note this on the registration form. The Sheraton Hotel and Towers is accessible to the disabled and all functions are wheelchair accessible.

**All sessions will be smoke free.**
Travel and Lodging Information

Hotel Information
Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Towers
1400 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

The Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Towers is a AAA Four Diamond hotel in the heart of downtown. The hotel is within easy walking distance of Pioneer Square, Pike Place Farmers Market and the Waterfront. Go to www.sheraton.com/seattle for more information on the hotel and surrounding area.

Make your reservations today! The Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Towers is offering a special rate to AFCC conference registrants of $159/single per night or $179/double. Rooms are subject to availability and early reservations are encouraged to ensure a room at this great rate. On April 25, 2005 the AFCC block of non-reserved rooms will be released to the public for general sale and the special group rate will not be guaranteed after that date. The toll-free number for reservations is (800) 325-3535 and the hotel’s direct line for reservations is (206) 447-5555. Please identify yourself with the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts to receive the special group rate.

Travel Information
The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is served by over 40 airlines. Burkhalter Travel is available to assist you with your air- and rental car needs. Contact the Burkhalter Travel Group Department at (800) 556-9286 or (608) 833-6968 and ask for Jenny Klamm (ext. 255) or Pamela Becker (ext. 251).

Ground Transportation
Ground transportation information booths at the airport are located on the third floor of the parking garage and in Baggage Claim across from carousel nine. The approximate cost for a taxi is $30 one way. Gray Line Airport Express departs twice each hour to major downtown hotels. The cost is $8.50 one way or $14 round trip per person and Shuttle Express Van Service provides shared ride, door-to-door service for $21 one way per person. Reservations are not required.

Parking
Hotel guest rates are $26 per day for self-parking and $28 per day for valet parking; both rates have in and out privileges.

Climate
The weather in Seattle is beautiful during May. The average daily temperature is 64 degrees Fahrenheit or 18 degrees Celsius. The evenings are cooler so don’t forget that light jacket or sweater for your evening strolls along the Waterfront.

Room Sharing
If you are in search of a roommate, check the box on the registration form or email afcc@afccnet.org. Your name will be placed on a list, which will be provided to others who request roommate information. Please be certain to note your gender. Roommates are responsible for contacting one another and making hotel reservations.

Registration Information
Please read before completing your conference registration form!

AFCC Members’ New Lower Registration Rates: Register by March 2, 2005 to receive the lowest rates for the conference! The Early Bird Special rates are available only to AFCC members. Not a member? Check the New Membership Special and register at the AFCC member rate.

New Membership Special: Join AFCC when you register for the conference and receive a twelve-month membership for $140—a $10 discount—and save even more by registering at the AFCC member rate! To join, simply check the New Membership Special rate on the registration form. The New Membership Special is available only to first time AFCC members.

Pre-conference Institute Registration: Includes attendance at a pre-conference institute, refreshment break and institute materials. Institute registration is separate from registration for the full conference.

Conference Registration: Includes all conference sessions and materials, conference proceedings book, refreshment breaks, Reception, Awards Luncheon, Annual Banquet and AFCC Hospitality Suite. Pre-conference Institutes require a separate registration fee.

Spouse/Guest Registration: Available only to persons accompanying a full conference registrant. Includes all plenary sessions, Reception, Awards Luncheon, Annual Banquet and AFCC Hospitality Suite.

Conference Presenter Registration: Available only to conference presenters. Includes all conference sessions and materials, Reception, Awards Luncheon, Annual Banquet and AFCC Hospitality Suite. A separate registration fee is required for presenters who wish to attend Pre-conference Institutes.

Full-Time Student Registration: Includes admission to conference plenary and workshop sessions only and a conference proceedings book. Meal functions are not included; however, meal tickets may be purchased separately. Registration must include proof of full-time student status. Separate registration is required for pre-conference institutes.

Attendance Certificate Registration: Includes a certificate indicating total hours attended at conference plenary sessions, workshops and institutes. Forms will be available at the AFCC Registration Desk.

Additional Awards Luncheon Ticket: The Awards Luncheon is included in the conference registration fee. Additional tickets are available for $42. Meal ticket prices reflect the estimated cost to AFCC.

Additional Annual Banquet Ticket: The Annual Banquet is included in the conference registration fee. Additional tickets are available for $65. Meal ticket prices reflect the estimated cost to AFCC.
# Conference Registration Form

**AFCC 42nd Annual Conference • May 18-21, 2005 • Seattle, Washington**

Please register by April 12, 2005 to ensure that your name appears on the list of conference attendees in the conference proceedings book. Register on-line at www.afccnet.org.

Please type or print clearly. This form may be duplicated.

First Name (Mr./Ms.) ___________________________ M.I. ______ Last Name ___________________________ Degree ___________________________

Title/Profession ___________________________ Organization ___________________________

Street Address ___________________________

City ___________________________ State/Province ______ Country ______ Postal Code ______

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Name of Guest/Spouse ___________________________

(If they are registering at the Guest/Spouse rate)

Is this your first AFCC Conference?  

- [ ] Yes  
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Please check the appropriate amount when making your selections and enter your total at the bottom.

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- [ ] Payment of $ _______ is enclosed (U.S. currency only, please)

- [ ] Please charge $ _______ to my  
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**Name of Guest/Spouse** ___________________________

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## Conference Workshop Selections

**Conference Workshop Selections**

(Write in one workshop number per time slot)

- [ ] Triage in Family Court: Using Research to Inform Case Management
- [ ] Research that Practitioners and Family Court Should Know About Separating and Divorcing Families
- [ ] Advanced Mediation Training
- [ ] The Parenting Coordination Program: The Missing Piece for the Family Court Puzzle
- [ ] The Family Lawyer as Problem Solver
- [ ] Judicial Institute: Use of Expert Evidence in a Relocation Dispute
- [ ] Both Morning and Afternoon Institutes (6 and 7)

You may register on-line at www.afccnet.org or return the completed form and payment to:

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Cancellation Policy: Transfer of registration to another person may be made at any time without a fee. All requests for refunds must be made in writing. Written notice of cancellation received by fax or postmarked by April 25, 2005 will be issued a full refund minus a $60 service fee. Written notice received by fax or postmarked by May 9, 2005 will have the $60 service fee deducted and the balance will be issued as a credit for future AFCC conferences, publications or membership dues. No refunds or credits will be issued for cancellations received after May 9, 2005.

A portion of the room rate offsets the cost of the meeting.
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