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American Family Therapy Academy

2008 ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Colleague,

On June 18-21, AFTA's Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia, PA. This year we are focusing on *Intimate Family Bonds: Exploring the Complexity*. Intimate bonds seem particularly appropriate to address systemic/relational thinking, research, and practices, to explore new possibilities, and to awaken our creativity. We are excited to present an outstanding group of Plenary Speakers, Brief Presentations, and Interest Groups that will inspire us to explore the complexity of intimate bonds. We hope you will be moved to engage your colleagues in dialogue about theory, research, practice, and training that explores how these bonds are influenced by social, economic, and political contexts.

While the conference offerings are exciting, we also hope you will take time to connect with your friends while creating new ones. This year, with the launching of the Next Generation Initiative, we especially want to welcome new members and guests. We particularly want to greet new early career and, for the first time, student members and guests. To facilitate our connecting with each other, we have created time in the morning, afternoon, and evening to bring folks to get together. You can enjoy early morning centering practices, take pleasure in the renowned museums, Philadelphia Murals Project, or historic sites in Philadelphia during the extended lunches, or enjoy the evening events we have planned.

We look forward to welcoming you to Philadelphia, a historic city with many exciting family centered activities.

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AFTA Program Committee:

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A Guide to the Meeting Events

Brief Presentations (formerly Roundtables) gather several speakers (generally two or three) to give mini-presentations on their clinical work or research activity. Presentations are broadly grouped by a common theme and are facilitated by a moderator.

Centering Practices are an early morning gathering for meditation, yoga, and/or stretching that will help us to begin the day with energy, equanimity, and connectedness. Come breathe, stretch and flow with your AFTA colleagues!

Forums provide an opportunity to discuss significant issues related to social policy, cultural and economic diversity, social justice, and larger systems. The specific forums may vary from year to year. Each forum has a particular topic area on which a brief presentation is given, followed by ample time devoted to discussion by forum participants.

Institutes were initiated in the early 1990s to provide a setting where men and women meet separately to discuss issues particular to their gender within AFTA and in their profession. Institutes also provide an informal opportunity to get to know each other more fully.

Interest Groups provide an ongoing opportunity for members to discuss new developments in their particular area of focus. In addition, each interest group welcomes new members in order to enrich and enliven the discussion. The chairperson typically decides the format of the interest group. Every three years the interest group chooses a new Chair.

New and Charter Members Breakfast is a meeting where new members are introduced and will have an opportunity to meet Board Members and Committee Chairs. Early Career Members, Students and their mentors are also encouraged to attend. Please let us know if you are planning to come, sign up on the Meeting Registration Form.

Plenary Sessions consist of invited presentations that feature the themes of the Annual Meeting and represent salient current and/or controversial issues in the field.

The Poster Session features researchers and other individuals using poster illustrations to present their work in an informal setting conducive to in-depth discussion. Types of posters will include research, larger systems and training.

Program Partners is designed to connect people with each other during the Annual Meeting. Early Career Members will also meet their mentors during this time.

Continuing Education Credit

GOALS OF THE 2008 PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL MEETING ARE:

1. Compare and contrast the complex and diverse forms of intimate bonds within families.
2. Summarize new research findings in the field of family therapy that examines intimate bonds.
3. Explain how to facilitate intimacy within their clinical practice.

SATISFACTORY COMPLETION

Participants must have paid registration fee and fee for CE Credit, attended their chosen sessions in their entirety and completed an **online Attendance / Evaluation form** within 30 days in order to receive a certificate of completion. Participants not fulfilling these requirements will not receive a certificate. Certificates are available immediately after completing the online evaluation form. Further information will be available to participants in the registration material.

Psychologists

This program is co-sponsored by Amedco and The American Family Therapy Academy (AFTA). Amedco is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Amedco maintains responsibility for the program and its content. Maximum of 17 hours.

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Welcome
 Wednesday, June 18
 Plenary I
 5:30-7:15 PM

Welcoming Remarks: **John Rolland, President**
 John J. Lawless, 2008 Program Chair

Love and Lyrics: Representations of Intimate Bonds in Song

Presenter: **Salome Raheim**



Love and Lyrics: Representations of Intimate Bonds in Song

Traditional and popular songs offer constructs and narratives about the nature and experience of intimacy and intimate relationships. This presentation blends analysis and performance of songs to examine cultural messages about intimacy and the complexities of intimacy in familial and other types of relationships. The presentation explores the expressive and cathartic functions of songs, as well as their potential for supporting the development of narratives of new possibilities in relationships. It also provides an overview of research on the therapeutic use of songs, with emphasis on implications for family therapy.

Salome Raheim, PhD, ACSW is an associate professor at The University of Iowa School of Social Work. Her teaching and research include privilege/oppression dynamics, cultural competence, macro-level social work, and narrative practice—specifically, the role of song in personal, group and social transformation. Details of an on-going international project in which she is a collaborator can be found at: The Privilege Project: www.dulwichcentre.com.au/privilege.htm. Dr. Raheim is internationally known for her unique presentation style, blending performance and cultural analysis of songs. Audiences in Australia, England, Mexico, and the United States have been moved by her powerful singing keynotes, such as Lift Every Voice and Sing at the 2007 International Arts Based Educational Research Conference, Bristol, England (www.bristol.ac.uk/education/news_stories/aber2007). A native of Baltimore, Maryland, she earned a doctorate in communication studies from the University of Iowa, the MSW degree from the Catholic University of America and the BSW from Bowie State, a historically Black college.



Plenary II
Thursday, June 19
9:00-10:45 AM

Intimacy Across the Generations

Moderator: **Evan Imber-Black**

Evan Imber-Black is the Director of the Center for Families and Health and a Senior Faculty Member at the Ackerman Institute for the Family in New York City. She is also a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, NY. Evan is the editor of *Family Process*, the major scholarly journal in family systems research and family therapy. She is also the past president of the American Family Therapy Academy; recipient of the 1990 American Family Therapy Academy Award for Distinguished Contribution to Family Therapy Theory and Practice; and the 1999 recipient of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Cumulative Contribution to Marriage and Family Therapy. Married to Lascelles Black, MSW, Evan is most proud to be the grandmother of Josie, 11; Lois, 8; and Zane, 6, who have helped her to know that generativity is the core value she wishes to bring forth in her work and in her relationships.

Presenter: **Mary Catherine Bateson**



Intimacy Across the Generations

The changing demographics of the American population are likely to affect the role of grandparents in the lives of their grandchildren and in society at large, as grandparents become more numerous and more mobile, taking on increased child care responsibilities. Cross-culturally, the presence of grandparents contributes to the survival of children and to the inclusive fitness of communities. However, given American cultural emphases on independence and autonomy, there is a need to rethink the ways in which grandparents can contribute in by studying and supporting the interdependence of grands and of in-laws with the nuclear family.

Mary Catherine Bateson is a writer and cultural anthropologist, currently president of the Institute for Intercultural Studies in New York, and is a visiting scholar at Boston College's Center on Aging and Work. She was educated at Radcliffe (BA 1960) and Harvard (PhD 1963). She was Dean of the Faculty at Amherst College 1980-83. From 1987 to 2002, Bateson was Clarence J. Robinson Professor in Anthropology and English at George Mason University, becoming Professor Emerita in 2002. She has also taught at Harvard, Northeastern, Amherst, and Spelman College, as well as overseas in the Philippines and Iran. Bateson's original research interest was in the Middle East. More recently she has been interested in how women and men work out distinctive adaptations to culture change, learning from those around them and improvising new ways of being. She is currently exploring how extended longevity and lifelong learning modify the rhythms of the life cycle and the interaction between generations. Her books include a memoir of her anthropologist parents Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson, *With a Daughter's Eye; Composing a Life; Peripheral Visions: Learning Along the Way; Full Circles, Overlapping Lives: Culture and Generation in Transition*; and, most recently, *Willing to Learn: Passages of Personal Discovery*.

Discussant: **Martha Sullivan**

Martha Adams Sullivan earned her doctorate and master's degrees at the CUNY Hunter College Graduate School of Social Work where she is an adjunct faculty member. She is a member of the Board of the Minuchin Center for the Family where she received advanced training with Salvador Minuchin. She is also on the Board of the Central Harlem Senior Citizens' Coalition and Founder and Co-Chair of the Citywide Mental Health Coalition for the Black Elderly. Devoted to the development of quality mental health and chemical dependency services for underserved and minority populations, Martha has focused her work on older adults, women, people of color and those who are homeless. She has served as Deputy Commissioner of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and is currently serving as Executive Director of the Fordham-Tremont Community Mental Health Center one of the largest providers of outpatient mental health services in New York City.



Plenary III
Friday, June 20
8:30-10:30 AM

Family Therapy's Forgotten Bonds

Moderator: **Jorge Colapinto**

Jorge Colapinto trained as a Psychologist at the University of Buenos Aires and as a family therapist at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic. After these experiences, he divided time between the training of family therapists and the application of system concepts and practices to child welfare programs. Venues have included PCGC and Family Studies, (both under the leadership of Salvador Minuchin); the Ackerman Institute, where he taught in the Externship program and developed the Foster Care Project; and his current consultation with the New York State Administration for Children's Services. Jorge Colapinto's writings include papers and chapters on structural family therapy, training and supervision, and on working in and with larger systems, and the co-authorship of *Working with Families of the Poor*, with Patricia and Salvador Minuchin.

Presenters: **Arlene (Ari) Istar Lev, Monica McGoldrick, and Patricia Minuchin**



Arlene (Ari) Istar Lev - Transgender Emergence: Transgender, Transsexual, and Gender-Nonconforming issues through a Family Systems Lens

Families are impacted by gender-variance in numerous ways, yet the family therapy field has remained virtually silent on the impact of transgender, transsexual, and gender non-conforming behavior within the family matrix. Families -- both heterosexual and LGB couples -- are impacted by issues of gender identity: when a wife discover her husband is cross-dressing, when a lesbian partner comes out as transgender, when a child exhibits cross-gender behavior, when a youth identifies as gender-queer, or with the birth of a child with an intersex condition. Family therapists must address complex marital challenges and child development concerns while managing multiple systemic issues including the nature and evolution of sexual orientation when gender identity shifts and the impact of medical transformations on employment and social networks. Those living with gender transitions bring unique clinical dilemmas into the consulting room challenging family loyalties. A model of family emergence will be described for assisting families through the normative crises in that emerge during gender transitions.

Arlene (Ari) Istar Lev is a social worker, family therapist, educator, and writer whose work addresses the unique therapeutic needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. She is the founder of Choices Counseling and Consulting (www.choicesconsulting.com) in Albany, New York, specializing in family therapy for LGBT families. Ari is on the adjunct faculties of S.U.N.Y. Albany, School of Social Welfare and Vermont College of the Union Institute and University. She is the author of *The Complete Lesbian and Gay Parenting Guide* (Penguin Press, 2004) and *Transgender Emergence: Therapeutic Guidelines for Working with Gender-Variant People and their Families* (Haworth Press, 2004), which won the APA, Division 44, Book of the Year Award (2006). Ari maintains three syndicated LGBT parenting columns, and has presented internationally on LGBT family issues.



Monica McGoldrick - Why Siblings Matter

Siblings are the longest relationships we have in life, longer than our parents, our spouses and our children. This presentation will discuss the importance of siblings and challenge their being ignored in clinical practice. Video illustrations will be used to highlight the importance of addressing sibling bonds and working to overcome cutoffs and conflicts in sibling relationships.

Monica McGoldrick is the Director of the Multicultural Family Institute in Highland Park, NJ, and on Psychiatry Faculty of the RWJ Medical School. Books include: *The Changing Family Life Cycle, 3rd ed.*; *Ethnicity and Family Therapy, 3rd ed.*; *Genograms: Assessment and Intervention, 3rd ed.*; *Living Beyond Loss: 2nd ed.*; *Revisioning Family Therapy: Race, Culture, and Gender in Clinical Practice, 2nd ed.* in press; and *You Can Go Home Again: Understanding Family Relationships*.



Patricia Minuchin - Family Bonds in Foster Care: Acknowledging Complexities and Encouraging Possibilities

Pat Minuchin will discuss the many people and subsystems involved in a foster care situation, and consider the different forms of bonding – which, in the foster care situation, range from ties that are intimate and profound to connections that are essential for positive outcomes but not necessarily close. She will also review the ways in which foster care cases differ from each other; for instance, in the developmental needs and realities of the participants, the socioeconomic and ethnic context of their daily lives, and/or the impact of placements and transitions during the foster care process. All these factors are relevant for the provision of services that are helpful. The presentation will include a discussion of the complexities of large foster care systems and the rules and procedures that interfere with efforts to encourage functional connections. Clinicians and other professional workers have an important role in creating possibilities, however, and she will describe some ways in which the introduction of new structures and procedures, the training of foster care staff, and direct work with families reduces the difficulties and encourages closer connections. She will illustrate the basic points through brief videotaped segments.

Patricia Minuchin was born in New York City. She received her B.A. in Psychology from Cornell University and her PhD from Yale University. She was subsequently trained as a Family Therapy Extern at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic. Pat is currently retired from her position as Professor at Temple University in Philadelphia, where she taught and conducted research from 1968 to 1985. She continues as Co-Director of Family Studies, Inc.; since the 1970s, Family Studies has provided consultation and training for large systems and local agencies working with poor, multi-crisis families and children. Previously, she served as Senior Research Associate in an educational center (Bank Street College of Education, New York), and as Clinical Psychologist in various mental health settings. She has published books and articles over a broad area, including psychology, education, child development, and family systems. At this point, she credits the variety of her professional experiences with the shaping of her theoretical perspective, and regards herself, basically, as a “systemic developmental psychologist.” Her most recent book is the second edition of *Working with Families of the Poor*, (with co-authors J. Colapinto and S. Minuchin), published in 2007.

Plenary IV
Saturday, June 21
8:45-11:15 AM

Innovations in Couples Therapy and Research

Moderator: **Don-David Lusterman**

Don-David Lusterman, a psychologist who specializes in Family Psychology, is a Charter Member of AFTA and has twice served on its Board. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and of the American Board of Family Psychology. In 1973 he founded the Program in Family Therapy at Hofstra University. He has edited or coauthored three books for the American Psychological Association, and written many book chapters and articles. Lusterman's *Infidelity: A Survival Guide* has sold over 50,000 copies and is used by many colleges. He has for many years spent his summers in Israel, where he serves as guest faculty for several family therapy agencies.

Presenters: **Howard Markman, Michele Scheinkman, and Peggy Papp**



Howard Markman - Couples Interventions with Low Income Individuals: A Randomized Clinical Trial comparing PREP with Couples and Individuals

Relationship Education program may be one of the best ways to disseminate research-based approaches to large scale populations who are at high risk for family problems and a great way to increase accessibility to family therapy services for underserved populations. In this talk, he will review the current use of relationship and marriage education with diverse populations (e.g., adoptive and foster couples, military couples, prisons, hospitals, middle and high schools, premarital interventions, transition to parenthood, blended families, cohabiting couples). One huge issue is getting both partners in the room for the interventions. For a variety of reasons the couples and family education and therapy fields have been reluctant to develop and test research-based approaches to provide systems oriented interventions targeted to individuals. He will describe a new study comparing a new version of PREP (Within Our Reach) as it is delivered to fathers, mothers and couples and present preliminary results.

Howard J. Markman is a Professor of Psychology of the University of Denver and Co-Director of the Center for Marital and Family Studies. He is the leading researcher in the prediction and prevention of marital distress and divorce and in research based relationship and marriage education and intervention programs. He is the co-founder of PREP (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) and Love Your Relationship and has co-authored over 125 articles and several books including, *We Can Work It Out*, *12 Hours to a Great Marriage* and the best seller, *Fighting For Your Marriage*. He is often featured as an expert on marriage in the media, including Oprah, The Today Show, *NY Times*, *Time Magazine*, *Washington Post* and *USA Today* (see PREPinc.com) He also has a practice in couples therapy and offers Loveyourrelationship workshops for couples (see loveyourrelationship.com) He can be reached at Hmarkman@du.edu



Michele Scheinkman - Breaking through the Vulnerability Cycle: A Multi-level Approach.

Love is hard to sustain, as it can easily degrade into something else such as defensiveness, power struggles and disrespect. In this plenary, Michele Scheinkman will describe common processes of derailment and escalation in couples' relationships through the integrative construct of the vulnerability cycle. She will demonstrate how therapists can work collaboratively with couples taking them along to consider interactional, sociocultural/organizational, intrapsychic and intergenerational levels of understanding - in order to identify and address potential sources of anxiety and distress that might be fueling their struggles. The multi-level approach offers an integrative way of thinking and a systematic way to proceed. Its overall goal is to help the partners move from reactivity to responsibility for their own feelings and behavior; from impasse to a greater ability to reflect, express feelings, listen, negotiate and make choices about how to be in the relationship.

Michele Scheinkman has taught couples therapy for more than 25 years in the United States, Brazil, and Europe. A former director of training at the Chicago Center for Family Health, she was also staff at the Student Mental Health clinic, and lecturer at both the School of Social Service and Administration and at the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Chicago. During many years she consulted at The Illinois State Psychiatric Institute. After moving to New York in 1999 she taught at the multicultural Roberto Clemente Center, and gives workshops and courses at the Ackerman Institute for the Family, where she is a Adjunct Faculty Member. She is co-author of "The Vulnerability Cycle: Working with Impasses in Couples Therapy", *Family Process* 2004; author of the Literary Essay "Beyond the Trauma of Betrayal: Reconsidering Affairs in Couples Therapy", *Family Process* 2005; and author of the upcoming article "The Multi-Level Approach: A Road Map to couples Therapy", *Family Process* 2008.



Peggy Papp - Beyond Interactional Patterns: The Meaning System

Underlying the interactional patterns that couples bring to therapy is an overarching framework of meaning that the couple co-constructs about themselves and their relationship. This framework consists of deeply ingrained beliefs, expectations, assumptions and behaviors that have evolved from each partner's separate life experiences. By understanding and altering these beliefs and behaviors the therapist is able to address multiple levels of experience and change pivotal aspects of their relationship. In this process the couples' own metaphorical language, symbols and fantasies are used to constructing a new frame of meaning that allows for change to occur simultaneously in many different areas of their relationship.

Peggy Papp is the Director of the Adolescent Project at the Ackerman Family Institute. She is a co-founder of The Women's Project in Family Therapy; the author of *The Process of Change*, considered a classic in the field; co-author of the landmark book, *The Invisible Web: Gender Patterns in Family Relationships* and the editor of *Couples on the Fault Line: New Directions for Therapists*. Her numerous articles and books have been translated into several different languages and she has lectured in many countries around the world. She is internationally recognized for her many innovative contributions to family therapy including family sculpting, and the use of themes and belief systems. She has received lifetime achievement awards from the American Family Therapy Academy and the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy as well as the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Utah.

Wednesday, June 18

Events and Sessions

People of Color Network

Facilitators: **Martha Sullivan, Lascelles Black, & Argie Allen**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

The People of Color Network is a place for inspiration, connection, support and dialogue for people of color, as well as a sounding board and catalyst moving forward issues of societal justice and change within AFTA. Members have rich ideas and talents and can share and receive support for how issues of multiculturalism, race and inequality are addressed in our various work environments. The afternoon promises to be one where the spirit of self becomes one with others. A primary goal is to facilitate continuity of networking throughout the year. We invite your input in shaping the upcoming People of Color Network meeting. Send your ideas, interests and suggestions to peopleofcolor_ntw@yahoo.com. We will also plan for our Community Meeting, which emerged from last year's discussion.

Conversation on White Privilege & Accountability

Facilitators: **David Trimble, Jane Ariel, & Sarah Stearns**

2:00-4:00 PM

This ongoing conversation provides a setting for AFTA members who choose to take responsibility for exploring their White racial privilege, as it operates in the world and in the AFTA organization. We cooperate to sustain a supportive, nonjudgmental environment for honest exploration of difficult experiences. We invite people with all levels of experience in dealing with race. We are committed to the principle that each of us can learn something new from every other participant.

LGBTQ Networking Opportunity

Facilitators: **Gene Gardino, Arlene Istar Lev, & Jean Malpas**

2:00-4:00 PM

Please join the pre-conference networking meeting for LGBTQ clinicians. The meeting will provide an opportunity for members to meet, learn about each other's work, and share goals for future AFTA initiatives. This pre-conference connection sets the stage for valuable social and professional collaborations throughout the conference and beyond.

Program Partners Meeting

Facilitator: **Cheryl Litzke**

4:15-5:15 PM

Program Partners provides a unique opportunity for sharing knowledge, networking, and building community. Those who choose Program Partners will be paired with an AFTA member who may have more or less experience in the organization. Partnerships will be created as early as possible and each partner will receive contact information. We encourage you to contact your partner before the meeting. Partners may choose to meet informally during the Annual Meeting. However, AFTA has arranged for partners to meet prior to the opening plenary. Early Career Members will meet their mentors at this time as well. The meeting place will be posted at the AFTA Registration Table. If you would like to participate in Program Partners, **please sign up in the appropriate space on the Annual Meeting Registration Form.**

Welcome
Plenary I
5:30-7:15 PM

Welcoming Remarks: John Rolland, President
 John J. Lawless, 2008 Program Chair

Plenary I: Love and Lyrics: Representations of Intimate Bonds in Song

Presenter: **Salome Raheim**

Reception
7:15-9:15 PM

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We express our sincere gratitude to these organizations for their willingness to support AFTA's Next Generation Initiative and the Annual Meeting by sponsoring the attendance of Early Career Members and Students.

Thursday, June 19
Events and Sessions

Centering Practice

Facilitated by **Laura Roberto-Forman**
7:00-8:00 AM

Breakfast

New Members and Students
7:30-8:30 AM

Plenary II: Intimacy Across the Generations

Presenter: **Mary Catherine Bateson**
Moderator: **Evan Imber-Black**
Discussant: **Martha Sullivan**
9:00-10:45 AM

Refreshment Break

10:45-11:00 AM

Brief Presentations

Coordinator: **Bart Rubin**
11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Brief Presentation 1: Challenges in Training and Supervision I

Moderator: **Teresa McDowell**

Navigating the Trajectory of Microaggressions within Professional Communities
Mirna E. Carranza, Pilar Hernández, & Rhea Almeida

Using “Created Family” Role-Play to Increase Diversity Training and Understanding in Graduate Education
Scott Browning, Rhea Fernandes, Steve Kravchuck, Regan Lee-Kin, Carolyn Lewis, & Allison Reiter

Intersecting Domains of Privilege and Marginalization: Clinical and Training Applications
Jodie Kliman & Roxana Llerena-Quinn

Brief Presentation 2: Working with Couples

Moderator: **Dick Chasin**

Challenging Intimacy Challenges: Using Biblical Stories and Metaphors in Couples Therapy
Marsha Mirkin

From Tutor to Coach to Consultant: The Importance of Generalization & Maintenance in Couple Relationship Enhancement
Barry G. Ginsberg

Intimate Justice: Finding Fairness in Love and Marriage

B. Janet Hibbs

How Can I Forgive You?

Janis Abrahms Spring

Brief Presentation 3: The Fluidity of Sexuality: Exploring Intimacy & Sexual Satisfaction Among Relationships that are Less Mainstream

Moderator: **Kimberly Flemke**

Presenter: **William Stayton, Maya Kollman, & Katherine Allen**

Brief Presentation 4: Challenges in Supervision and Training II

Moderator: **Susan McDaniel**

Use of Adherence Scales in Clinical Supervision to Create Therapeutic Focus

Marion Lindblad-Goldberg

When Worlds Collide: The Licensure Exam Isn't Postmodern

Muriel Singer, Shelley Green, Pat Cole, & Anne Rambo

Understanding Family Systems Theory through Film

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Human Rights Forum I

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Facilitators: **Kaethe Weingarten, Ellen Pulleyblank Coffey, Saliha Bava, Robert-Jay Green, Lisa Gorbaty, Jack Saul, John Sargent, Laurie Charlés, & George Soto**

Rights Abuses in the Lives of Families with Young Children: Issues and Action

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Lunch

12:30-2:30 PM

Family Process Advisory Editors' Board

12:30-2:30 PM

Early Career Member Gathering

1:15-2:15 PM

This is a unique opportunity for Early Career Members to meet each other, discuss their connection to AFTA and more. Please join us for an exciting discussion.

Interest GroupsCoordinator: **Laurie L. Charlés**

2:30-4:00 PM

1. Families, Family Therapy, and FilmChair: **Gonzalo Bacigalupe**

Films offer a powerful opportunity for beginning and experienced clinicians to explore underlying assumptions informing the assessment of the contexts that frame our patients' lives. Carefully edited clips of three recent and extraordinary movies will serve as a start point for focused dialogue about how cultural and professional discourses frame our assessment of traumatic situations in intercultural contexts. A revised handout of film ideas for use in clinical and educational venues plus specific exercises will be shared with participants.

2. Working with Affect in CouplesChairs: **Corky Becker, Martha Edwards, & Mona Fishbane**

What is the role of affect in couple therapy? Sometimes affect can be intense and negative, and the therapist helps couples calm down to listen to one another and think about what is being said. At other times, the therapist works to facilitate and deepen affective experiences, either within the individual or between the partners. What is our theoretical understanding of emotion in relationships and in therapy? How do we think about and use our own affect in the therapy process? Our discussion will examine ways to facilitate empathy, emotional intelligence, and neural integration between thought and feeling in couple therapy. We will use two sources of ideas to stimulate our discussion about affect: Diana Fosha's Affective-Experiential-Dynamic-Psychotherapy model (*The Transforming Power of Affect*) and Miriam Greenspan's work (*Healing Through the Dark Emotions: The Wisdom of Grief, Fear and Despair*).

3. Illness and DisabilityChairs: **Barry Jacobs, Eliana Korin, & Joanna Dognin**

Disturbing levels of racial and ethnic disparities persist in health and healthcare in the U.S. despite many advances in healthcare delivery. This year, the interest group will address the particular health needs and unique experiences of people of color as they seek medical care. Drawing upon their experiences teaching and practicing in a medical setting, **Eliana Korin** and **Joanna Dognin** will present two cases—involving a Latina and an African-American patient—to examine issues related to health and healthcare faced by patients and families from these racial/ethnic groups. They will illustrate how a sociocultural and interdisciplinary collaborative approach is imperative to address the complex interplay of social, psychological, physical, and organizational influences determining health disparities.

4. Practical Considerations for a Career in Funded Family Research

Chairs: **Guillermo Bernal, Daniel Santisteban, & Guy Diamond**

The Research Interest Group is oriented toward fostering the development of the next generation of investigators in family research. Toward this end, the interest group seeks to promote research careers that contribute to our knowledge of family processes. The group provides a forum where new investigators can receive consultation on their projects, develop and receive feedback on their research career development plans, establish networking opportunities, and interact with senior investigators in the field.

5. The Legacy of Charter Members

Chairs: **Catherine Ducommun-Nagy & Susan McDaniel**

This interest group was started to honor charter members of AFTA and to explore their legacy. This year, we will focus on the challenge posed to our field by the demands of third party payers who expect us to base our intervention on an individual diagnosis of pathology. To better respond to these demands, we can benefit from revisiting the solutions that our predecessors proposed to meet the challenge of balancing individual and relational/systemic causalities of pathology. All participants interested in these issues are welcome to join and to discuss how they address this challenge in their own work.

6. Divorce and Post-Divorce Families

Chair: **Thomas Blume**

Stepfamilies are becoming the most prevalent child-rearing environment in the U.S. —especially if unmarried couple households, many of whom could also be defined as “single parent” are included. The binuclear family image does not adequately represent these complicated relationship networks with upwards of 6 households’ 12 grandparents. Authority and loyalty issues are common, as are problems in coordinating expectations and activities when siblings span 30 years in age. We will examine the issues faced in these complex relational environments, drawing on political science theories and research on coalition governments.

Human Rights Forum II

2:30-4:00 PM

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AFTA Special Event: Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing

6:30-10:30 PM

Connect with fellow AFTA members for wonderful night of dining at The Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing, catered by Frog Commissary Catering. Walking distance from the hotel, the exhibits will be available for our viewing throughout the evening that includes a special art exhibit that focuses on African Americans who worked on the waterfront at the turn of the 19th century. In addition to the wonderful exhibits, the museum has a beautiful view of the Delaware River and a spectacular view of the Philadelphia skyline. The Independence Seaport Museum will give all special event participants passes that can be utilized during breaks for the rest of the conference to view the museum again, allowing them access to the inside of the ship and submarine in the marina (which is not opening during our night event). **Sign up on the Annual Meeting Registration Form. Fee: \$65.**



Friday, June 20
Events and Sessions

Centering Practice

Facilitated by **Rachel Dash**

7:00-8:00 AM

Plenary III: Intimacy Across the Generations

Presenters: **Arlene (Ari) Istar Lev, Monica McGoldrick, and Patricia Minuchin**

Moderator: **Evan Imber-Black**

8:30-10:30 AM

Refreshment Break

10:30-10:45 AM

Interest Groups

Coordinator: **Laurie L. Charlés**

10:45 AM-12:15 PM

7. Spirituality

Chairs: **Linda Lockspeiser & Betty Pristera**

This year's Spirituality Interest Group will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss how and when spiritual issues are introduced into clinical work, the responses to their introduction for both client and therapist and the changes that occur in the course of the clinical work. A brief presentation will provide a departure point for discussion that we hope to maximize in small group settings allowing for more time and depth of personal and clinical sharing. We invite you to join us as we look at the intersection of spiritual/religious orientations between client and therapist and their implications for practice.

8. Mindfulness Approaches

Chairs: **Rachel Dash & Jerry Gale**

Mindfulness philosophy and practices emphasize a compassionate, receptive presence with our own experience and within our relationships. **Jon Kabat-Zinn** describes this as showing up for "The Full Catastrophe" called life. Recent clinical and neurobiological research is finding that mindfulness practices change the brain, increase well being and enrich our relationships. This year we will share with each other the ways mindfulness ideas and practices inform our work. Ackerman Institute faculty member and guest **David Kezur** will start us off with a brief presentation and video clip demonstrating the way he integrates mindfulness into his work with couples.

9. Identifying Invitations in Dialogue

Chairs: **Margery Shelton, David Marsten, Duncan Wigg, & Vicki Dickerson**

Dialogue involves the opportunity to effect and be effected by other's words and actions. In dialogue there are always multitudes of invitations for further inquiry that are noticed and accepted or declined.

We come together as a community committed to a dialogic process to inquire how in change processes (personal relationships, therapy, organization work, community work) we recognize these dialogic invitations. Participants in this hosted-conversation will have an opportunity to refine their identification of dialogic invitations through discussion, experiential exercises and review of recorded therapy sessions.

10. Intimate Relations in Mature Couples

Chairs: **Martha Sullivan & Don-David Lusterman**

This session will examine long-term intimate relationships, using simple evaluative models that have both heuristic and practical value in helping couples examine their own marriages through an understanding of how the couple has co-created its relationship. A study of the qualities identified in Sharlin and Kaslow's study of marital satisfaction in long-term marriages, as well as the work of Gottman, Jacobson and Heyman on the evaluation and treatment of couples. The presentation will be interactive with the group, and will leave time for additional discussion.

11. When Worlds Collide: The Mental Health World Isn't Postmodern

Chairs: **Pat Cole, Muriel Singer, Shelley Green, & Anne Rambo**

This group is designed for those teaching in Family Therapy Programs to discuss the inherent dilemmas in retaining a commitment to the collaborative, non-expert approaches implied by postmodern ideas while responding to the increasingly legalistic and modernist demands of practicing mental health. While we value collaborative relationships and flattened hierarchies, we are simultaneously aware of our roles as evaluators, teachers and supervisors. We would like to explore our personal and professional responses to these dilemmas and share ideas that have been useful in teaching and training, as well as explore how this dilemma pervades our professional relationships with colleagues and informs the direction of our professional organizations.

Cultural and Economic Diversity Forum

10:45 AM-12:15 PM

Convener: **Jane Ariel**

Presenters: **Deidre Ashton, Glenda Mendelsohn, CharlesEtta Sutton, Norbert Wetzel & Hinda Winawer**

Multi-Layered Challenges to Social Justice Accountability in a Community-Based Adolescent & Family Counseling Program

Accountability within a social justice framework is at the core of the clinical work done by the Center for Family, Community and Social Justice, Inc. in New Jersey. Direct practice staff will present their work with multi-stressed adolescents and families in a context of intersecting systems through a description of the treatment context, the use of video, and PowerPoint illustrations. A central challenge for clinicians, who regularly encounter crisis situations in the severely disadvantaged communities where they work, is to remain systemic and collaborative while respecting cultural as well as individual and family strengths in the face of multiple societal/institutional obstacles. As an organization the Center is committed to working against racism. Supervisory/training faculty (all AFTA members) and practice teams will address the efforts and struggles regarding just accountability within the multiple layers of their work including the supervisory process. There will be time allotted for participant questions and discussion. Additional information about the Center, its programs and mission, will be provided.

Lunch, Mural Tours and Connection Time: Explore Philadelphia

12:15-3:15 PM

The Philadelphia Mural Arts Program (MAP) started in 1984 as a component of the Anti-Graffiti Network (PAGN), a citywide initiative to eradicate destructive graffiti and address neighborhood blight. As part of this effort, PAGN hired mural artist Jane Golden to reach out to graffiti writers and to redirect their energies to mural making. Mural making not only helped these young men and women develop their artistic skills, but also empowered them to beautify their neighborhoods. The Mural Arts Program has produced over 2,700 murals throughout Philadelphia--more murals than any other city in the world. These murals have become a cherished part of the civic landscape and a great source of pride and motivation to the millions of residents and visitors who encounter them each year. Come join us for a special tour designed for AFTA members on Friday from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. There is limited seating so please submit your registrations early to reserve your seat on this wonderful tour. The cost is \$20.

People of Color Community Meeting

12:15-3:15 PM

LGBT Media Training and Lunch

12:15-3:15 PM

This media training is designed for AFTA conference attendees or local professionals who have expertise in LGBT issues. Participants will learn how to convey their professional LGBT knowledge to the public via print and broadcast media. Lunch will be provided to participants who RSVP in advance (by June 10) to rockway@alliant.edu. The training will be provided by ROCKWAY INSTITUTE (a national center for LGBT research & public policy, directed by AFTA member Robert-Jay Green) and GLAAD (the Gay and Lesbian Alliance against Defamation—the nation’s leading organization ensuring accurate media representation of LGBT issues).

Brief PresentationsCoordinator: **Bart Rubin**

3:15-4:45 PM

Brief Presentation 5: Family Therapy in a Healthcare ContextModerator: **Barry Jacobs**

Resilient Partners: A Discussion Group for couples with MS

John Rolland, Justin McPheters, & Elaine Willerton

Aspergers in Love: Marital Counseling in Couples with a Member with AS

Gus van Voorst

Collaboration with Medical Professionals to Enhance Standard of Care: Clinical and Teaching Strategies

Nancy B. Ruddy

Intimate Family Connections in the Context of an Illness

Lisa Lavelle

Brief Presentation 6: Global PerspectivesModerator: **Gonzalo Bacigalupe**

Cultural and Contextual Dimensions of Resilience: Nurturing Hidden Patterns of Child and Family Coping

Michael Unger

Helping People Understand and Resist Corporatist Globalization at Two Points on the Continuum of Impact: A Transnational Poverty-Focused Graduate School Project and Corporation-Based Employee Assistance Program

Lynn Parker & Ken Dolan-Del Vecchio

Hope (Love?) in time of Loss and Despair: a Serb- Kosovar Story of Unresolved Mourning

Sanja Rolovic**Brief Presentation 7: Transgender Subjectivities**Moderator: **Robert-Jay Green**

Transgender Subjectivities

Arlene Istar Lev

FTM Transition and the Lesbian Relationship: His, Hers, Theirs as a Couple, and their Relationship with Larger Systems

Michelle Mason

Couples' Gender Transition: Impasse and Collaboration

Jean Malpas

Variables to Success for Transgender Youth

Michele Angello**Brief Presentation 8: New Directions in Family Therapy**Moderator: **Eric Johnson**

Sentences with a strong psychological impact for use in psychotherapy and counseling: experimental research

Piero De Giacomo, Luciano L'Abate, Francesco Margari, Andrea De Giacomo, Wanda Santamato, & Rita Masellis

Relieving Phobic Reactions with Internal Family Systems Therapy

Michael Elkin

The Biological Underpinnings of Morality: A Review of the Recent Literature and its Implication for Family Therapists

Catherine Ducommun-Nagy

Understanding and Untangling the Knots in “Blended Family” Relationships

Patricia L. Papernow

Brief Presentation 9: Challenges in Supervision III

Moderator: **TBD**

Dilemmas and Challenges Instructors of Color Encounter in MFT Training

Pilar Hernández

Acting as a White Ally: Strategies for Anti-Racist Activity

Teresa McDowell

The Effects of Race and Gender on the Supervisor and Supervisee

Charleen Alderfer & Tracey Duncan

Family Policy Forum

3:15-4:45 PM

Chair: **Martha Sullivan**

Promoting Family and Community Resilience as Policy in Disaster Mental Health Care

This Forum will focus on disaster mental health policy development and planning from multiple perspectives: government, community and service providers. In anticipation of the 2009 AFTA Meeting in New Orleans discussion will focus on post-Katrina development considering community resilience, social health and anti-racist approaches.

Poster Session, AFTA Authors, New Books

Coordinator: **David Wohlsifer**

4:45-5:45 PM

Ben Beitin - **Who is Being Interviewed in Qualitative Research?**

Linda Bell - **Lifelong Marriage: A Prospective Longitudinal Study of Couples from Mid-Life to Elder Life.**

Piero De Giacomo, Wanda Santamato, Anna Rita Carone, Francesco Craig, & Rita Masellis -

Interventions in Companies based on the Elementary Pragmatic Model.

Adi Loebel, Madeleine S. Abrams, Joseph Battaglia, Adriana Shuster, Daniel Smuckler, & David Stern -

Looking Inward, Looking Outward: Using Systems Based Learning in Residency Training to Understand the Interrelationship Between Culture and Power.

Free Time

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Shabbat Service

6:00-7:00 PM

Men's and Women's Institutes

7:30-10:30 PM

Fee: \$50**Sign up on the Annual Meeting Registration Form****Men's Institute**Facilitators: **Gene Gardino & Shawn Giammettei**

Men of AFTA explore with each other issues of personal and professional development, through the lens of responsible reflection on gender. We will meet as a whole group to address a discussion question, then take the conversation to dinner tables for deeper connection with each other, assembling again before we close to reflect on what we have learned from each other.

Women's InstituteFacilitators: **Corky Becker, Carolyn Moynihan-Bradt, & Melba Nicholson**

The Women's Institute has long been an avenue for AFTA women to let their hair down and share with one another our joys, sorrows and concerns. Building on last year's success, we hope to continue exploration of our personal and professional growth as women of spirit and the impact we have helped create in others' lives. Using the traditional format—dinner (first hour) and small group discussions (second and third hours) we will focus on celebrating how we incorporate our particular worldview, spiritual perspective, and creativity into our work and how we both influence and are influenced by these same properties in others. At its best, the Women's Institute is a unique opportunity for AFTA women to get to know and appreciate one another. If you used to come but haven't recently, we invite you to try us again—and bring a friend. If you've never come, we'd love to meet you.



Saturday, June 21
Events and Sessions

Centering Practice

Facilitated by **Jacqueline Hudak**

7:00-8:00 AM

Committee Meetings

7:30-8:30 AM

Plenary IV: Innovations in Couples Therapy and Research

Moderator: **Don-David Lusterman**

Presenters: **Howard Markman, Michele Scheinkman, and Peggy Papp**

8:45-11:15 AM

Refreshment Break

11:15-11:30 AM

Brief Presentations

Coordinator: **Bart Rubin**

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Brief Presentation 10: Transcending Trauma

Moderator: **Froma Walsh**

“Like a Bridge over Troubled Waters”: The Mediating Influence of Positive Parental Attachment

Lucy Raizman

Openings: Personal Witnessing in the Transcending Trauma Project

Killian Fritsch

The Transcending-Trauma Project: Towards an Integrated Model of Coping and Adaptation after Extreme Trauma

Bea Hollander-Goldfein

Brief Presentation 11: Healthcare and Family Therapy

Moderator: **John Sargent**

Citizen Health Care and the Families and Democracy Project

William J. Doherty

Transition to Parenthood for First Time Parents who Conceived through IVF

Anne Fishel & Christine Whittmann

Receiving Graciously: Applying Spiritual Precepts to Therapy with Aging Families

Barry Jacobs

Brief Presentation 12: Stories in Family TherapyModerator: **Rachel Hare-Mustin**

Autoethnography as a Research Method in Couple and Family Therapy: Studying Family Life Transitions
Jacqueline Hudak

Reconstructing Stories of Survival following Personal and Public Disasters
Ellen Pulleyblank Coffey

Brief Presentation 13: A Conversation for Action: Implementing Brief Strategic Family Therapy in the Real WorldModerator: **Bart Rubin**Presenters: **Olga Herivs & Silvia Kaminsky****Brief Presentation 14: Love and Loathing: How Intimate Connections to One's Country Impact Clinicians and Clinical Workers**Moderator: **Celia Falicov**Presenters: **Sanja Rolovic, Michal Shimai, & Kaethe Weingarten****Conversation with Howard Markman-Couples Research**

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Conversation with Peggy Papp and Michele Scheinkman-Couples Clinical Work

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00-2:30 PM

Interest GroupsCoordinator: **Laurie L. Charlés**

2:30-4:00 PM

12. Mexican FamiliesChairs: **Jean Turner, Alisa Beaver, & Ana Elda Goldman**

This year we have chosen the theme of “transnationalism”. Our dialogue will include not only Mexicans but other people who identify as Latinos whether they are first generation immigrants or have a Latino heritage (e.g., Puerto Ricans, children of Mexican parents, people with multiple cultural identities one of which is Latino). We will begin with various examples of what might be called “transnational family” situations and a clip from the movie “The Three Burials of Meliquides Estrada”. The focus will be on how transnationalism is conceptualized and how thinking about families as transnational is helpful and not helpful for working as a therapist with Mexican and other Latino families. Bienvenidos a todos!

13. Forging New PathwaysChairs: **Ellen Pulleyblank Coffey, John J. Lawless, Robert-Jay Green, Jay Lappin, Nydia Garcia-Preto, Deidre Ashton, Guillermo Bernal, & Gene Gardino**

This interest group will provide an opportunity for AFTA members to engage in a trans-generational conversation about the possibilities for AFTA. A panel of Charter Members, Members, New Members, and Early Career Members will highlight their experiences within AFTA while focusing on the future. Please join us for what promises to be a rich conversation.

14. Ambiguous Loss

Chairs: **Ellen Landau & Pauline Boss**

This year's interest group will focus on clinical material dealing with relational issues resulting from living with loved ones missing in mind or body. We will be discussing individual, couple and family relationships traumatized by "not knowing". Through no fault of their own, people have no certainty about the status or whereabouts of their loved one. This is a unique clinical situation. How do we proceed in therapy if there can be no closure? We invite group members to come and discuss professional and personal issues about cases and situations that have no apparent resolution.

15. Racial Domination and Privilege

Chair: **Hinda Winawer**

This year we would like to address dilemmas at the confluence of privilege, racism and responsibility in relationships of disparate levels of power in the professional context, including treatment, supervision, and collegial relationships; we will address the relevance of self-disclosure, and/or transparency to processes in which we identify those dilemmas. How do we develop just and clinically effective context-specific responses that acknowledge the person of the therapist and of the people who come for consultation? We hope to explore examples from practice, raise salient questions, share our knowledge and our ignorance and co-create a safe, mutually respectful context for learning.

16. Brief Therapy-Power Sentences, Instant Emotional Healing, Trauma, Stress & Families

Chairs: **John Frykman, George Greenberg, & Piero De Giacomo**

This interest group will explore new developments in brief therapy techniques and strategies. Participants are encouraged to share their "new discoveries," along with the presenters. Participants will learn how to create "power sentences," have an experience of "instant emotional healing," and learn special ways to reframe trauma and attendant post-traumatic stress.

17. Community-Based Programs for Families

Chair: **Peter Fraenkel & Melba Nicholson**

In this second meeting, we will each describe our efforts to create community-based programs (CBP) for families. We'll begin by inviting each member of the group to describe, in up to 5 minutes, the focus of their CBP (the community engaged and problems addressed); methods used to create, implement, and evaluate it; challenges faced and resources utilized; "clinical" anecdotes or research findings to date (qualitative and/or quantitative); and how we've addressed issues of diversity, privilege and oppression in any aspect of the program. We'll then have a general discussion. We welcome a broad range of program foci, philosophies, and methods.

18. Jewish Baby Boomers: A Spiritual Perspective

Chair: **David Wohlsifer**

Baby boomers make up one of the largest groups in the country today. Jewish boomers are an interesting and diverse group. Their spiritual journeys may have taken them many strange and wondrous places throughout their lives. They may have traveled away from Judaism. They might identify as Baal Teshuvah and “returned” to a religiously observant lifestyle. Many have integrated Jewish culture and tradition with western spiritual practices such as mindfulness and meditation. They might be Jews by choice, born into other faiths but found Judaism along the way. Regardless of where they have traveled to wrestle with faith and identity is inherent to being a Jew. This interest group will provide a venue for sharing of the spiritual journeys of Jewish baby boomers with a look to the future, where we as therapist, both Jewish and non-Jewish can have an improved perspective and understanding on how to work with Jewish boomers and their families as they move across the life cycle.

Town Hall Meeting

4:15-5:45 PM

This year, the Town Hall meeting will be structured to invite AFTA members to ask questions and/or share concerns as well as suggestions in relation to AFTA’s mission, operations, and activities. In addition, you are invited to share your reflections, thoughts, and evaluative comments on the Annual Meeting. AFTA’s Officers and Board of Directors are very much committed to insuring that AFTA is responsive to members’ needs. Take advantage of this opportunity; come and share your thoughts and suggestions!

Free Time

5:45-6:45 PM

Award Banquet and Dance

6:45 PM-12:00 AM

Cocktails

6:45-7:15 PM

Dinner will start promptly at 7:15 PM.

2008 Awards

AFTA is proud to present

Howard Markman

Distinguished Contribution to Family Systems Research

Jack Saul

Distinguished Contribution to Social Justice Award

Patricia Minuchin

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Harlene Anderson

Distinguished Contribution to Family Therapy Theory and Practice

Don-David Lusterman

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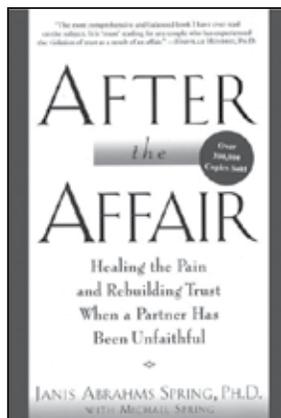
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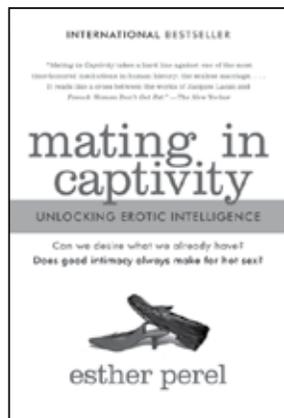
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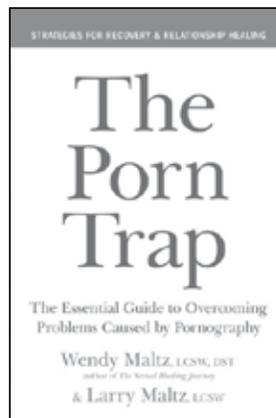
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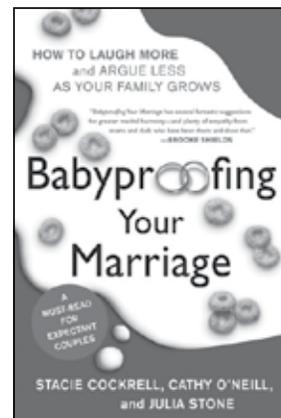
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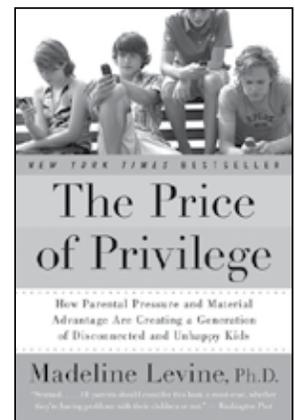
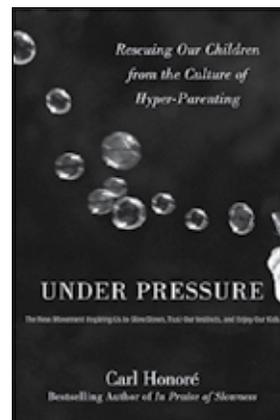
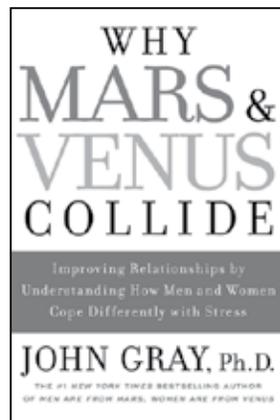
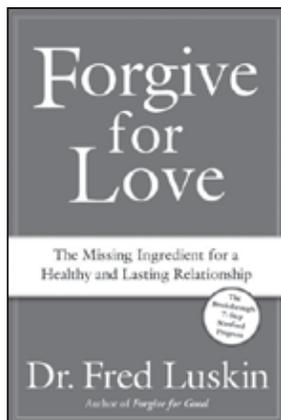
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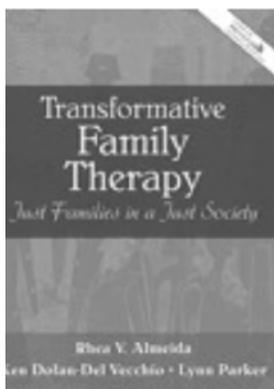
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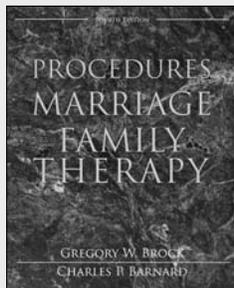
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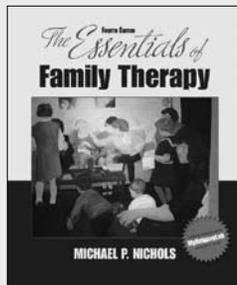
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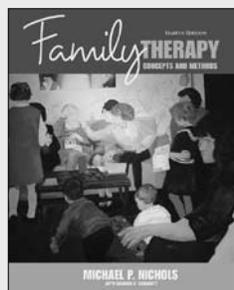
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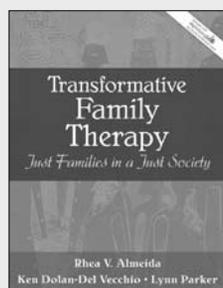
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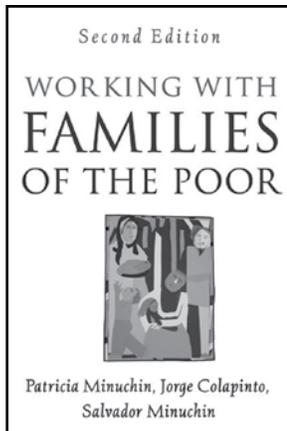
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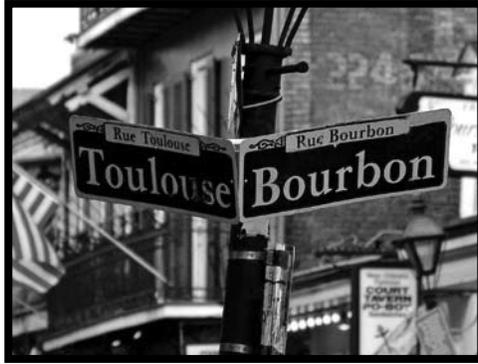


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8:00 am Board Meeting 2:00 pm	7:00 am Centering Practice 8:00 am	7:00 am Centering Practice 8:00 am	7:00 am Centering Practice 8:00 am
	7:30 am New Member & 8:30 am Student Breakfast	8:30 am Plenary III ^{CE} 10:30 am	7:30 am Committee 8:30 am Meetings
	9:00 am Plenary II ^{CE} 10:45 am	10:30 am Refreshment 10:45 am Break	8:45 am Plenary IV with 12:45 pm Roundtable Discussion ^{CE}
	10:45 am Refreshment 11:00 am Break	10:45 am Interest Groups ^{CE} 12:15 pm Cultural and Economic Diversity Forum ^{CE}	11:15 am Refreshment 11:30 am Break
12:00 pm Registration 5:00 pm	11:00 am Brief Presentations ^{CE} 12:30 pm Human Rights Forum I ^{CE}		11:30 am Brief 1:00 pm Presentations ^{CE}

AFTERNOON			
Wednesday, June 18th	Thursday, June 19th	Friday, June 20th	Saturday, June 2st
2:00 pm People of Color 4:00 pm Network	12:30 pm Lunch 2:30 pm	12:15 pm Lunch 3:15 pm Mural Tours, & Connection Time, Explore Philadelphia	1:00 pm Lunch 2:30 pm
2:00 pm LGBTQ 4:00 pm Network	12:30 pm Family Process 2:30 pm Advisory Editors' Board	12:15 pm LGBTQ Media 3:15 pm Training and Lunch	2:30 pm Interest Groups ^{CE} 4:00 pm
2:00 pm Conversation 4:00 pm on White Privilege & Accountability	1:15 pm Early Career 2:15 pm Member Gathering	12:15 pm People of Color 3:15 pm Community Meeting	
4:15 pm Program Partners 5:15 pm	2:30 pm Interest Groups ^{CE} 4:00 pm Human Rights Forum II ^{CE}	3:15 pm Brief Presentations ^{CE} 4:45 pm Family Policy Forum ^{CE} 4:45 pm Posters 5:45 pm	4:00 pm Refreshment 4:15 pm Break 4:15 pm Town Meeting 5:45 pm

EVENING			
Wednesday, June 18th	Thursday, June 19th	Friday, June 20th	Saturday, June 2st
5:30 pm Plenary I ^{CE} 7:15 pm	4:00 pm Free Time 6:30 pm	5:45 pm Free Time 7:30 pm	5:45 pm Free Time 6:45 pm
7:15 pm Opening 9:15 pm Reception	4:15 pm A Facilitated 5:15 pm Listening Circle	6:00 pm A Facilitated 7:00 pm Listening Circle	6:45 pm Awards Banquet 12:00 am & Dancing
	6:30 pm Special Event 10:30 pm	6:00 pm Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	
		7:30 pm Women's & Men's 10:30 pm Institutes	

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