

October 9, 2009

TO: AFTA Members

FROM: John Sargent, President
Corky Becker, Program Chair

RE: **Annual Meeting in Boulder, Colorado, June 23-26, 2010**
Call for Brief Presentations, Interest Groups, and Poster Sessions

Our Annual Meeting will be held in Boulder, Colorado, in the beautiful foothills of the Rocky Mountains. We urge you to attend and we invite you to participate.

The theme is **Public Issues, Private Lives**. We live in difficult times. They are most difficult for the most vulnerable of us. The focus of the plenaries is on innovative approaches to therapy with vulnerable populations. We invite you to come to the meeting and tell us about the challenges and the successes in the work you are doing to help families and larger systems during these times.

Our keynote speaker is **Spero Manson**, a Pembina Chippewa cultural anthropologist, who directs the Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health in the Colorado School of Public Health; he will speak on pioneering approaches to outreach and therapy with Native Americans.

There will be dozens of smaller interest and discussion groups planned for the meeting, as well as three plenaries:

- **Mental Health Disparities and Cultural issues**

Margarita Alegria researches cultural barriers to Latino mental health.

William Turner studies African American families and family therapy and worked with President Barack Obama when he was a senator, from 2007-2008.

Douglas Novins works with Native American youth and communities.

- **Vulnerable Youth and Resilience**

Michael Ungar researches what constitutes resilience with at risk youth.

Chris Behan works with the foster care system.

Rebecca Harvey co-authored [Nurturing Queer Youth](#).

- **Innovations in Couples Therapy**

Mona Fishbane integrates ideas from neuroscience and attachment theory with systems' approaches to couples.

Jill Freedman and Gene Combs are internationally renowned teachers of Narrative Therapy approaches to couples.

Jean Malpas writes about working with LGBTQ couples.

We are pleased to announce that we will be again applying for hours of Continuing Education units for all components of the Meeting (i.e., Interest Groups, Brief Presentations, Plenary Sessions).

Boulder, Colorado

Boulder is the home of the University of Colorado, a beautiful college town in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. We will be staying at the Millenium Hotel in downtown Boulder. There are beautiful walking trails and vistas near the city. Visit the website <http://www.bouldercoloradousa.com/things-to-do/>, for pictures and ideas about how to make this a vacation get-away for you and your family. We are pleased to announce that we have secured a per-night rate of \$142 for a single/double, \$152 for a triple, and \$162 for a quad.

Student and Early Career Members

Students will receive a 2/3 discount and Early Career Members will receive 1/3 discount on registration fees.

What to Do:

If you are convening an Interest Group, submitting a Poster, or doing a Brief Presentation, please complete and **return** the following forms **no later than December 1, 2009** to the Program Committee Member indicated:

Brief Presentation (formerly known as Roundtable): Jerry Gale

Interest Groups and Poster Sessions: David Wohlsifer

The program brochure will follow early Spring 2010 with information on how to register and secure your room at the Millenium Hotel.

Invitations to Colleagues:

We will continue our Cultural and Economic Diversity outreach and invite 20 AFTA-eligible colleagues who are gay, lesbian, or individuals of color to attend the Annual Meeting with free registration. We also encourage you to invite other colleagues who are not AFTA members to register for the Meeting. If you have recommendations for these special invitations, please send their names, addresses, and telephone numbers to the AFTA office or e-mail the information to afta@afta.org.

Attached please find:

- Call for Interest Groups
- Call for Brief Presentations
- Call for Posters