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2007 ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Colleague,

On June 20-23, we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of AFTA, which seems an especially appropriate opportunity to reflect, rethink, renew and recommit to the field of family therapy and AFTA. *Advancing Systemic Thinking and Practices: Past, Present, and Future* will explore the evolution of family therapy—where we have been, where we are, and where we would like to go. We will consider theory, practice, research, and training on both a national and international level. To do so, we have brought together a renowned and exciting group of teachers, researchers, practitioners, and trainers from the United States, Canada, and New Zealand.

With honor, gratitude, respect, and pride we dedicate AFTA's 30th Anniversary and Annual Meeting to all Founding and Charter Members. We salute your courageous spirit and trailblazing nature as we look toward healing possibilities, creative dialogue, and new hopes in AFTA.

At this year's Annual Meeting, you can enjoy early morning centering/awakening practices, inspiring and thought-provoking plenary sessions, and diverse and enriching experiences with old and new members.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vancouver, a fun-filled, family-friendly city.

Marlene F. Watson
Program Chair

Paulette M. Hines
President

WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE

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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 early morning gatherings 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!

Clinical, Research, and Larger Systems Consultations provide individuals with a venue for in-depth case consultations and feedback from “expert” consultant(s) in the context of a small group of participants. Consultants focus on clinical, research, or larger systems cases or projects on which the consultee is currently working.

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 and Charter members are introduced and will have an opportunity to meet Board Members and Committee Chairs. Early Career Members 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.

Welcome

Plenary I & Table Dialogue

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Welcoming Remarks: **Paulette M. Hines, President**
Marlene F. Watson, Program Chair

Family Therapy in the Making: History, Vision, and Hope

Moderator: **Dee Watts-Jones**

Dee Watts-Jones is a clinical psychologist on the staff of a New York Presbyterian Hospital school-based clinic in Harlem, New York. She is also a family therapist and a faculty member at the Ackerman Institute for the Family in New York City, and has a private practice in the New York City metropolitan area. She has published several articles on clinical issues related to families and women of African descent, including the legacy of racism and internalized racism, and was a contributing author to *Why Fools Fall in Love*.

Presenters: **Florence W. Kaslow, José Szapocznik, Karl M. Tomm**



Florence W. Kaslow – Family Therapy and the International Scene

Family therapy evolved concurrently in England and the United States in the 1950s. During this time, many books on family therapy were published as journals began in Europe and South America reflecting the mushrooming of our field. In addition, training institutes were springing up in several countries while therapists traveled to take workshops with the masters. Local, regional, national, and international organizations formed to provide forums for interchange of ideas and networking. This plenary will highlight my experiences through this journey while

reflecting upon AFTA's current and potential future role in the international family therapy arena. This kaleidoscope of practice will be considered as the world and the families within it change at an ever-accelerating pace.

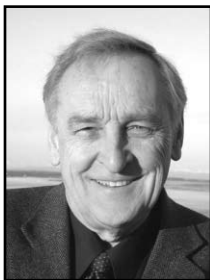
Florence W. Kaslow is an AFTA Charter Member and IFTA's founding President. She is a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Mercer University College in Georgia and a Visiting Professor of Psychology at the Florida Institute of Technology. She is the Division of Family Psychology representative on the APA Council and is on the ABPP Board of Trustees. She is the *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy's* past Editor-in-Chief and currently serves on numerous U.S. and foreign journal editorial boards. Florence is the recipient of numerous awards, including APA's Distinguished Contribution to the International Advancement of Psychology and Distinguished Contribution to Applied Psychology. She is the editor and/or author of 30 books and has published over 180 articles and 50 chapters. She has guest-lectured in over 50 countries on diverse topics and conducts a Holocaust Dialogue Group among therapists who are survivors of victims and perpetrators.



José Szapocznik – Family Therapists, This is Our Time!

Family therapy arises from an understanding of the essential role that context plays in an individual’s development, experience, and behavior. The context of family therapy and of other interventions designed to bring about developmental, experiential, or behavioral change today is about accountability. *THIS IS OUR TIME*, family therapists! Family therapy, marital therapy, and other family-based interventions have demonstrated beneficial impact in study after study: improved changes in child and adolescent adjustment, improved adult adjustment, improved family functioning, and improved relationships between family members and their social ecological context. Beyond specific family interventions, there is an increased appreciation in research, practice, and policy venues for the indispensable role that families—broadly and functionally defined—play as the basic building block of the social fabric. From genetics to environment, researchers and practitioners are asking, what is the vital role of families?

José Szapocznik is Director of the Center for Family Studies, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Professor of Psychology, Educational and Psychological Studies, and Architecture at the University of Miami. The Center for Family Studies is the nation’s premiere training and research facility for Hispanic-family-based treatment and prevention. His Brief Strategic Family Therapy intervention model has national and international recognition. He lectures and consults nationally and internationally and has over 170 professional publications, including *Breakthroughs in Family Therapy with Drug Abusing and Problem Youth*, and the updated version of *Brief Strategic Family Therapy for Adolescent Drug Abuse*, published as part of the National Institute on Drug Abuse Therapy Manuals for Drug Addiction Series. He has been a member of the National Advisory Councils for the NIH Office of AIDS, NIMH, NIDA and SAMHSA’s Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. He is Founding Chair of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse.



Karl M. Tomm – Many Family Therapies: A Journey from First Order to Second Order Approaches

Karl was deeply involved in the growing field of family therapy during the exciting transition years of the 1980s and 1990s when family therapy evolved from different objectivist approaches towards a variety of social constructionist approaches. In this presentation he will share his perspective on some of the core underlying assumptions of differing approaches to apply systems/systemic ideas and practices as well as some of their connections, ramifications, possibilities, and limitations. He will also share some future directions and hopes for the field.

Karl M. Tomm is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and the University of Calgary where he founded the Family Therapy Program in 1973. He is well known in Family Therapy for his work in clarifying and elaborating new developments in systems theory and clinical practice. For many years he was at the forefront of a new approach to therapy that emerged from systemic, constructivist, and social constructionist ideas. This approach is collaborative rather than hierarchical and emphasizes therapeutic conversations to deconstruct problems and to co-construct healing and wellness. Karl has organized many workshops, conferences, and seminars at the University of Calgary. He has also conducted numerous workshops throughout North America and in Europe, Australia, Asia, and South America. His articles have been published extensively in the international family therapy literature and he has been on the editorial boards of several family therapy journals.

Plenary II
Thursday, June 21
8:30 – 10:30 AM

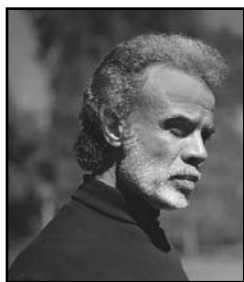
Innovations in Family Therapy Training in the 21st Century

Moderator: **Jay Lappin**

Jay Lappin is a family therapist, trainer, and author. He currently maintains a private practice in West Collingswood, New Jersey and is the Family Therapy Director of CENTRA, PC, a multidisciplinary group practice with offices in Southern New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Jay is also an adjunct faculty at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, Applied Psychology & Human Development, and Drexel University, Master of Family Therapy Program & Post Master's Certificate Program (clinical supervision). He is a longtime AFTA member and has served as Vice President, Board Member, Secretary, and Marketing Chair for the Board. In 2006, Jay and his wife Joyce received the Distinguished Contribution to AFTA Award.

Presenters: **Harry J. Aponte, Cheryl Storm**

Harry J. Aponte – Therapy in a Culture of Personal and Social Freedom



America is a culturally and spiritually open society, which presents clients with new and daunting challenges. Today, personal freedom is founded within a society with fewer cultural and moral constraints and fewer personal supports. The individual's burden to go it alone and exercise the power to freely choose the good over the bad is greater than ever. Consequently, therapy must speak to the greater individual choices clients face in the context of clients' culture, values and spirituality. This social reality poses a dilemma for therapists. In the absence of both commonly accepted social values and reliable personal support systems, therapists

may have to become more directly active agents in their work. This presentation offers a philosophy and a practical approach to training therapists for a more proactive use of self—our emotional self along with our culture, values, and spirituality.

Harry J. Aponte is a family therapist known for his writings in structural family therapy, the person of the therapist, spirituality in therapy, and therapy with culturally diverse and disadvantaged families. He was a teacher of family therapy at the Menninger Clinic and Director of the Philadelphia Child Guidance Center. He has conducted workshops and trainings throughout the United States as well as internationally. Harry has a private practice in Philadelphia. He also holds an appointment as Clinical Associate Professor in Drexel University's Programs in Couple and Family Therapy in Philadelphia. He is an Advisory Editor on a variety of professional journals in this country and abroad, including *Family Process*. He is the author of *Bread & Spirit*, a book that speaks to therapy with today's poor in the context of ethnicity, culture, and spirituality.



Cheryl Storm – Stretching Ourselves: Revisiting Revered Ideas and Practices

In preceding decades our insightful and creative colleagues forged effective ways of training and supervising systemic therapists. It is time as trainers and supervisors to sift through our revered ideas and practices, and identify the ones we want to reproduce, and those we want to transform to bring us into the 21st century.

Let's not be dinosaurs, out of sync with the contemporary needs of our trainees, supervisees, and clients. After proposing what she believes are enduring ideas and practices, Cheryl will reflect on trends that are changing the landscape of systemic training and supervision, concluding with her top picks of areas demanding innovation in the 21st century. Join Cheryl in this exciting endeavor to stretch our conventional thinking as trainers and supervisors.

Cheryl Storm is a professor in the Marriage and Family Therapy Program at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. She co-edited with Thomas Todd *The Complete Systemic Supervisor: Context, Philosophy, and Pragmatics* and *The Reasonably Complete Systemic Supervisor Resource Guide*. As Senior Editor of the *Journal of Systemic Therapies* she established a focus on training and supervision within the journal. She served as editor of the *Supervision Bulletin* of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Over a dozen of her many publications are on supervision and training. Cheryl has served on numerous editorial review boards including the *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, *Journal of Family Psychotherapy*, and *Journal of Couple and Relationship Therapy*. She has trained many supervisors, taught supervision courses in the U.S. and Canada, and supervised therapists for over 25 years. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist in Washington.



Plenary III
Friday, June 22
9:00 – 11:00 AM

The Healing Power of Relationships

Moderator: **Martha Edwards**

Martha Edwards is the Founder and Director of the Center for the Developing Child and Family at the Ackerman Institute for the Family. She is the creator of a longitudinal prevention program for families with infants and toddlers called the “Bright Beginnings Parent-Child Program,” which is designed to promote school readiness and the ongoing relational development of children and parents. Martha is currently AFTA’s Secretary and is a former Board member, Research Committee Chair, and Program Chair. She is also a Board member for the Zero to Three New York Network and advisory editor for *Family Process*. She presents nationally and internationally and maintains a private practice in New York City.

Presenters: **Janine Roberts, Stephen Madigan**



Janine Roberts – Learning from Memoirists and Street-Working Children and their Families

Children and adults with multiple losses have much to teach us about absence and connection whether the losses pertain to no access to school; illness and death in the family; abandonment; and separations and/or cut-offs from siblings. Drawing from the current explosion of memoir writing and trainings provided for two organizations working with street children, elements of time, imagination, memory, self-disclosure (particularly around issues of power and social identities), and empathy in relationship work will be considered. Specifically, how do these elements contribute to and/or hinder client and therapist rejuvenation? The format will include 1-2 occasions for “audience” mini-dialogues.

Janine Roberts is Professor Emerita at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is the author of *Tales and Transformations: Stories in Families and Family Therapy*; coauthor of *Rituals for Our Times: Celebrating, Healing, and Changing Our Lives and Our Relationships*; and coeditor of *Rituals in Families and Family Therapy*. Also, she has written over 50 articles, reviews, and book chapters and has a forthcoming book of poems. She is a past president, former Board member and treasurer of AFTA. On Fulbright awards she has taught in Ecuador and Peru, as well as consulted to organizations that work with street-working children and their families in Mexico and Peru. Janine has given over 150 presentations nationally and internationally and has lived, studied, worked, and traveled outside of the U.S. in more than 60 countries beginning with Kuwait in 1963.



Stephen Madigan – The Relational Others in us: Acts of Appreciation, Resistance, and Questioning

Within psychology’s conceptual domain, the “relational stuff” of memory, identity, and problems are contained within, and the responsibility of, the individual. From this vantage point, a person’s “self” is treasured, tortured, mystified, and privately owned by the individual citizen. This discussion ventures to refigure the sovereign aspects of the “individual” by addressing the who, what, where, why, and how memory, identity, and problems—viewed as specific relational sites in therapy—are remembered, constructed, and under the influence of the other. For example, the “memory” we speak of in therapy may not be a singular noun or a particular isolated thing at all, but rather part of a relationship action embedded in, and negotiated through, cultural discourse. The presentation will also address: the internalized chit-chat of our self-monitoring conversations; how we remember the other remembering us; and who is afforded the right to inscribe problem meanings on the body.

Stephen Madigan is the Director of Training at Yaletown Family Therapy in Vancouver and the Toronto Narrative Therapy Project. He has been actively involved in teaching and writing about narrative ideas for almost twenty years. Stephen created five Narrative Therapy Conferences in Vancouver in the early 1990s, bringing together like-minded theorists and practitioners as well as disseminating the ideas. More recently he has created several Therapeutic Conversations conferences, with TC8 occurring in Vancouver and in Toronto in mid-May 2007. He is the Founder of the approved CE site planet-therapy.com. He is the author of many articles and book chapters about narrative/social constructionist ideas, along with the book, *Praxia: Situating Feminism, Discourse and Politics in Narrative Therapies*.



Plenary IV
Saturday, June 23
8:30 – 11:30 AM

Addressing Complex Social Problems: Systemic Responses to Violence

Moderator: **Pilar Hernández-Wolfe**

Pilar Hernández-Wolfe is an associate professor of the Marriage and Family Therapy program at San Diego State University. She is a counseling psychologist and family therapist devoted to understanding and treating the wounds of social and historical traumatic stress, to fostering resilience, and developing theoretical underpinnings and applications of the Cultural Context Model (CCM). She is currently a staff consultant to the Institute of Family Services, a Board member of non-profit organizations and an active member of San Diego's task force on preventing the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Her research includes the areas of traumatic stress, resilience and vicarious resilience, clinical supervision, therapeutic change, and the use of technology for social change.

Presenters: **Sandra Stith, The “Just Therapy” Team: Warihi (Wally) Campbell, Taimalieutu Kiwi Tamasese, and Charles Waldegrave (Flora Tuhaka is unable to attend)**



Sandra Stith – Domestic Violence Focused Couples Treatment

This presentation will offer an overview of an 18-week manualized treatment model developed for working with carefully screened couples who choose to stay together after experiencing physical aggression in their relationships. The treatment program was developed with NIMH funding by the presenter and her colleagues at Virginia Tech, Eric McCollum and Karen Rosen, and is offered to individual couples and multi-couple groups. The program is based on a solution-focused framework. Best practices for addressing IPV from a systemic perspective, regardless of the treatment model used, will also be presented. Included in this discussion will be a focus on situating conjoint work within a collaborative community context, the importance of careful screening, and strategies for enhancing safety. A videotape of a termination session from a multi-couple group will be shown.

Sandra Stith is a professor and the director of the MFT program at Virginia Tech's Falls Church campus. She has published over 60 articles and chapters on domestic violence and is editor of three books on domestic violence, including *Prevention of Intimate Partner Violence*. She and her colleagues at Virginia Tech, Eric McCollum and Karen Rosen, received NIMH funding to develop a manualized couples treatment program for domestic violence in 1997. Since that time they have continued to refine their treatment model and have trained clinicians throughout the United States, Europe, Central, and South America to use the approach. In 2004 she received the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy's Outstanding Contribution to Marriage and Family Therapy Award.



The “Just Therapy” Team - Addressing Issues of Violence in Context

The processes of colonisation and other forms of cultural domination are violent in the manner in which they dismiss the history and traditions of people and require conformity to dominant cultural norms. The loss of identity and feelings of self-worth can seriously disrupt healthy living. “Violence begets violence” and the experience of desperation can lead to violence. The New Zealand “Just Therapy” Team has been active in community work, research, and policy settings combating racial discrimination, gender inequity, poverty and social exclusion. Their threefold focus on notions of “belonging, sacredness, and liberation” will be explored as foundations of safety when violence has occurred. The issues of language recovery, cultural processes in therapy and the right to be treated by people from one’s own culture will be addressed. This presentation will also look at social policy settings around child abuse that are conducive to the goals of good therapy, by contrasting the approaches adopted in English-speaking countries with the European family service models.

The New Zealand “**Just Therapy**” Team has specialized for over two decades in therapeutic work with households which are culturally different from the dominant group, often marginalized and frequently in poverty. Alongside this, they have also worked actively in community work, research, and policy settings combating racial discrimination, poverty, and social exclusion out of respect for the families’ needs whom they meet in therapy.



Wednesday, June 20

Events and Sessions

People of Color Network

Facilitators: **Bessie Sulton Akuamoah, Daniel Kusnir**

2:00 – 4:15 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. Feedback will be provided from the 2006 surveys.

Conversation on White Privilege and Accountability

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

2:00 – 4:15 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 – 4:15 PM

Please join the pre-conference networking meeting for LGBTQ clinicians. This meeting will provide an opportunity for members to meet, learn about each other's work, and share goals for future AFTA initiatives. The idea for the meeting grew out of an interest expressed by LGBTQ members who attended last year's Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Program Partners Meeting

Coordinator: **MaryAnna Domokos-Cheng Ham**

4:30 – 5:30 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.**

Reception

5:30 – 6:30 PM

Welcome

Plenary I & Table Dialogue

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Welcoming Remarks: Paulette M. Hines, President
Marlene F. Watson, Program Chair

Plenary I: Family Therapy in the Making: History, Vision, and Hope

Presenters: Florence W. Kaslow, José Szapocznik, Karl M. Tomm

Moderator: Dee Watts-Jones

*Contributors to the
2007 Annual Meeting*

This Annual Meeting has been generously supported by the contributions of these organizations. We express our sincere gratitude to the following for their willingness to demonstrate their support in this fashion.

**Family Process
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We also express our deep appreciation to Alliant International University for sponsoring our continuing education program.

Thursday, June 21
Events and Sessions

Centering Practices

Meditation with **Jerry Gale**

Yoga Flow with **Laura Roberto-Forman**

7:00 – 7:45 AM

New and Charter Members Breakfast

7:00 – 8:15 AM

Plenary II: Innovations in Family Therapy Training in the 21st Century

Presenters: **Harry J. Aponte, Cheryl Storm**

Moderator: **Jay Lappin**

8:30 – 10:30 AM

Refreshment Break

10:30 – 10:45 AM

Brief Presentations

Coordinator: **Carolyn Tubbs**

10:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Brief Presentation 1: Social Justice and Family Relationships

Moderators: **Lynda Ashbourne & Anna Dienhart**

Utilizing a Multiple Identity Graphic for Exploring Family Members' Social Contexts

Jodie Kliman

Making Love, Playing Power: Men, Women, & the Rewards of Intimate Justice

Kenneth Dolan-Del Vecchio

Transgender Families: Adult and Couple Processes

Jean Malpas

Brief Presentation 2: Families and War-Related Trauma

Moderator: **Thorana Nelson**

When Politics Intervene in Private Lives: Grandparents' Experiences of the Loss of a Grandchild in a Terrorist Attack

Chaya Possick

Refugees in "Deluxe" Conditions are Still Refugees: Israeli Refugees in the Second Lebanon War

Michal Shamai

Brief Presentation 3: Relational Ethics and Training

Moderator: **Silvia Echevarria-Doan**

Training Competent Bilingual/Bicultural Therapists in the 21st Century

Monte Bobele, Joan Biever, Bernadette Solorzano, & Carrie Casteneda-Sound

Lessons of an Academic: The Passions and Pitfalls of Passing on the Torch

Muriel B. Singer, Patricia Cole, & Shelley Green

Brief Presentation 4: Unique Issues and Youth

Moderator: **Ingeborg E. Haug**

How to Make Space at the Table of Diversity without Giving up your Seat: Strategies for

MFT Ethics Training

Robyn L. Mowery

Transgender Youth

Arlene Istar Lev

Brief Presentation 5: Social Justice and Training

Moderator: **Jerry Gale**

Social Justice at the Clinical Encounter: Conversations, Contexts, and Self-Examination within a

Postgraduate Training Institute Clinical Group

Hinda Winawer, Gloria Lopez-Henriquez, & Miriam H. Zehavi

Transparency and Supervisor/Trainer Self-Disclosure in Supervision and Training: Dangers and Possibilities

Janine Roberts

Family Therapy, the Ecological Self, and the Environmental Challenge of Global Warming

Mishka Lysack

Brief Presentation 6: Healing Responses to Trauma

Moderator: **Carmen Knudson-Martin**

Collaborative Responses to Social Trauma: Partnerships in Response to the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

Rebecca Chaisson, Andraé Brown, & Pilar Hernández-Wolfe

“Renewing Relationships” for NYPD by New York Disaster Counseling

Judith Kellner

Brief Presentation 7: Violence Affecting Children

Moderator: **Shari Couture**

Violence in the Infant and Adolescent Context in Mexico City

Alicia Olavarria

Reflections of Trauma: Multiple Borders Crossed by Domestic Violence in Families:
Women, Children, and Immigration
Mirna E. Carranza, Carolyn Tubbs, & Rhea Almeida

Brief Presentation 8: Reflexive Explorations

Moderator: **Karl M. Tomm**

Writing the “Other”: Questions of Representation in Clinical and Qualitative Research
Laurie Charlés

The Ontic Dimension: A Fifth Dimension of Relational Reality
Catherine Ducommun-Nagy

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Moderator: **Teresa McDowell**

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Typology of Israeli Couples in Long-term Marriages
Yael Geron, Orna Cohen, & Alva Farchi

Lunch

12:30 – 1:45 PM

Interest Groups

Coordinator: **John J. Lawless**

1:45 – 3:15 PM

1. Family Therapy and Film Part I: Using Film in Training

Chairs: **Gonzalo Bacigalupe & Elana Katz**

Invited Guests: **Janine Roberts, Gladis Brun, & Barbara Gewirtz**

Films are a favorite resource for educators and trainers. **Janine Roberts** will show two Latin American movie clips and talk about how she has used them in training. **Gladis Brun** will share her experiences training couple therapists in Brazil using the classical couples movie by Bergman, “Scenes of a Marriage.” Finally, **Barbara Gewirtz** who has been coordinating a course titled, “On the Big Screen: Chronically Family Matters,” will share her list of movies, movie clips, and material she uses in her training.

2. Illnesses and Disability

Chair: **Barry J. Jacobs**

Invited Guest: **Tina Schermer Sellers**

Sexuality and spirituality are often experienced as socially unacceptable or inappropriate topics of conversation in healthcare. Yet both aspects of life are often present, dynamic, and influential components of

our human experience, intimately interwoven into our meaning systems and thus into our perceptions of health and disease. In this group, **Tina Schermer Sellers**, Director of Medical Family Therapy in the Department of Marriage and Family Therapy at Seattle Pacific University, will lead a discussion about how our reticence to talk about sexuality and spirituality affects our practices, as well as the best means of initiating such conversations with our patients and between healthcare providers.

3. Spirituality and Religion

Chair: **Laura Roberto-Forman**

This new Interest Group has formed out of a dialogue that began at the June 2006 Annual Meeting in Chicago, and is intended to provide a forum and a conversation in which AFTA members can explore the diversity, lived experience, meanings, and narratives that comprise and surround religious identity and spiritual development. Through dialogue, illustration, and presentations, this crucial dimension of intrapersonal, interpersonal, and transpersonal relationship will be given voice and addressed for the first time in AFTA. The group is in its beginning stages of defining needs, choosing themes, creating an agenda, and building the workgroup. Come and be part of the action!

4. Families, Family Therapy, and Psychiatrists

Chair: **Larry Freeman**

Family therapists and psychiatrists, and a few who are both, have the continuing challenge of integrating theories and clinical practices that often invite polarization. Strong feelings, rooted in values, culture, and history, surface and require of clinicians a willingness to (learn how to) “hold” several models in mind simultaneously. Our group provides a forum to explore the philosophical, ethical, and practical implications of this endeavor. We invite participants to join an effort to clarify how and when different medications may, and may not, be part of a broader effort to assist families. Psychiatrists are given the opportunity to consult with other systemically oriented psychiatrists (unfortunately all too rare); non-medical therapists are encouraged to bring cases/issues in an effort to refine our clinical practices.

5. The Legacy of the Charter Members of AFTA: Lyman Wynne and Ivan Boszormenyi-Nagy

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

The group will discuss the legacy of the Charter Members of AFTA, with a special focus on Lyman Wynne and Ivan Boszormenyi-Nagy, from the point of view of current practitioners of family therapy. It is also one of the best ways to honor the memory of the Charter Members who have passed recently. What is the relevance of the theories that they developed for today’s families? How can we transmit these theories to the younger generations of students without distortion or oversimplification? Anyone who has familiarity with the work of these pioneers and any present Charter Members are invited to join.

6. Working with LGBT Families and Individuals: Assisting Families of Coming-Out Gay and Lesbian Youth

Chair: **Eleanor C. Nealy**

Presenter: **Michael LaSala**

Family support can benefit young lesbians and gay men and might even diminish their risk of suicide. However, parental reactions of loss, blame, anger, fear, religious confusion, and isolation to the news that a son or daughter is gay could interfere with their ability to relate to and support their children. Several

studies suggest that parents' negative attitudes can diminish as time passes from the initial discovery but give little information as to how and why these changes occur. In order to address this knowledge gap, the author qualitatively interviewed a multicultural sample of gay youth (aged 18-25) and their parents. **Michael LaSala** will be sharing the research data and group discussion will focus on working more effectively with families as they navigate the coming out process.

7. Couple Therapy & Integrative Approaches to Family Therapy (Joint Interest Group)

Chairs: **Mona Fishbane, Corky Becker, & Martha Edwards**

In this year's Couple Therapy Interest Group, in collaboration with the Integrative Approach to Family Therapy Interest Group, we will continue our discussion from last year about integrating "interpersonal neurobiology" with couple therapy. How can we help couples recover from reactive, "low road" episodes, and resume "high road," empathic, thoughtful functioning? What can neuroscience teach us about the processes of change and stability? How can we integrate interpersonal neurobiology with a systemic view that includes larger contextual issues such as poverty, racism, trauma, or gender and power differences? We are particularly interested in exploring clinical interventions informed by neuroscience in couple therapy, including nonverbal techniques that participants are finding useful in their practices. This group will also feature work to be published in the upcoming *AFTA Monograph*, "Neurobiology and Family Systems."

Refreshment Break

3:15 – 3:30 PM

Joint Forum

3:30 – 5:30 PM

Joint Forum 2007, sponsored by the Cultural and Economic Diversity, Family Policy, and Human Rights Committees, Co-Chaired by **Jane Ariel, Victoria Dickerson, and Ellen Pulleyblank Coffey**.

Creating an AFTA Action Group for Best Practices in Response to Disaster

Last year's joint forum concentrated on systemic responses to disaster from different points of view: clinical, training, policy, and research. This year's presenters, who have all written for the *AFTA Monograph*, will focus on different experiences they had in relation to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. They include: **Lee Combrinck-Graham, Saliha Bava, Rebecca Chaisson, and Paulette M. Hines**. Following these short presentations will be small group meetings co-facilitated by the presenters and the Committee Chairs, with the intention of deciding on what might be the format and the goals of an AFTA action group. Recordors Laurie Charlés, Andres Torrens, and Melissa Elliott will provide feedback from the small group conversations as we consider a future direction.

Free Time

5:30 – 6:30 PM


AFTA Special Event: Vancouver Dinner Cruise

6:30 – 10:30 PM

This harbor cruise offers a unique view of Vancouver’s skyline, the surrounding coastal mountain range, inner harbor and magnificent coastal mountain fjord. Join fellow AFTA members for a cruise aboard the new boat “Queen of Diamonds.” We will enjoy a gourmet dinner and the beautiful sunset in the English Bay. Transportation to the dock and back to the hotel will be provided. **Sign up on the Annual Meeting Registration Form. Fee: \$65**



In Mississippi, United Way is changing the way. FEMA estimates that 70,000 homes were destroyed. Even with the outpouring of support, FEMA estimates there will still be over 500 million dollars in unmet needs. United Way of the Capital Area is working to rebuild lives and families over the long term building back to self reliance. To learn more about the issues facing our community and how you can help, visit myunitedway.com

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katrina cottages, home ownership

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Friday, June 22
Events and Sessions

Centering Practices

Meditation with **Jerry Gale**

Yoga Asana with **Jacqueline Hudak**

7:00 – 7:45 AM

Committee Meetings

7:45 – 8:45 AM

Plenary III: The Healing Power of Relationships

Presenters: **Janine Roberts, Stephen Madigan**

Moderator: **Martha Edwards**

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Free Time

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Lunch

12:00 – 2:00 PM

Family Process Advisory Editors' Board

12:00 – 2:00 PM

Interest Groups

Coordinator: **John J. Lawless**

2:00 – 3:30 PM

8. Ambiguous Loss

Chairs: **Pauline Boss & Ellen Landau**

This year we will look at the different applications of Ambiguous Loss theory, how it is applied, with whom, and its usefulness to clinicians. Through 2-3 short presentations, and group discussion, we will hear how the theory is applied in different clinical situations, where it is most effective, where it is not, and what are the limitations in working with individuals, couples and families who must live with irresolvable losses. The model, based on thirty years of clinical study by **Pauline Boss** is now moving to a second generation of clinicians who can attest to the nuances of the models' effectiveness in broader areas of mental and physical illness.

9. Brief Family Therapy

Chairs: **John Frykman & George Greenberg**

Katrina, Rita, Iraq, Bosnia, PTSD and more are in the air. This year our group will focus on Brief Therapy responses to those kinds of traumas and others. **George Greenberg**, a resident of New Orleans, has a Brief Family Therapy Institute there. **John Frykman** was mugged by five Russian thugs in Estonia. All of us encounter threats (weather, personal, cultural, geopolitical, many others) and this group is a place to share your concerns and coping strategies. Come join us for “Brief is Better!” Quoting our friend the late John Weakland, “Life is one damned thing after another!”

10. Clinical Issues and Family-Oriented Services for Midlife and Older Adults and their Families

Chair: **Martha Adams Sullivan**

The U.S. population is increasingly an older population. Known as the “elder boom,” 78 million people of the baby boomers—people born between 1946 and 1964—are beginning to turn 60. This generation will be diverse in many ways. Elders of color are among the fastest growing subgroup. Family structures will also reflect greater diversity as more people enter midlife and older adulthood having never married, no children or fewer children, blended families and/or a same-sex partner. Join in sharing personal reflections and discussion of family systems-oriented services and clinical work with midlife or older adults and their families.

11. Family Therapy Research: Couples Therapy and Violence

Chair: **Gonzalo Bacigalupe**

Invited Guests: **Sandra Stith & Robert-Jay Green**

In the interest of continuing the dialogue among clinicians and researchers, we will continue the conversation started at the plenary on couple therapy and violence research. Sandra Stith, one of the plenary presenters, will address the challenges and potentials of developing outcome treatment research. Potential discussion topics include the challenges involved in maintaining fidelity to manualized treatment versus adaptation of treatment to the needs of clients, the difficulties involved in recruiting and screening appropriate clients for this type of treatment and in responding to community concerns when treating couples where violence has occurred. **Robert-Jay Green** will facilitate the conversation.

12. Forging New Pathways

Chairs: **Ellen Pulleyblank Coffey & John J. Lawless**

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.

13. Mexican Families in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico

Chairs: **Jean Turner** (Canada) & **Ana Elda Goldman** (Mexico)

Invited Guest: **Janine Roberts**

This year **Janine Roberts** will start off our dialogue with ideas from her work with Juconi (Junto con los niños y niñas), an organization in Puebla, Mexico, that works with street-involved children, their families, and schools. She will focus on working with systemic ideas in a Mexican context and what this can teach us about training and clinical issues in work with families in other contexts. Please bring your ideas and experiences to add to the discussion. This group is open to everyone and is of special interest to those who work with cross-border and immigration issues, as well as doing training in a different cultural context than your usual work environment. Bienvenidos a todos!

14. Jewish Families

Chair: **David Wohlsifer**

Facilitator: **Jane Ariel**

What does Israel mean to the Jewish families today who live outside of the country? Where does Israel fit in for the secular Jewish family, the observant Jewish family, the interfaith family, the gay/lesbian Jewish family, the family whose adult children have made Alyiah, to the family that wrestles with Israeli-Palestinian relations, and so forth. This Interest Group will provide a venue for those of us, both Jewish and non-Jewish therapists, to discuss Israel and its place in the Jewish family from a family systems angle as well as from a perspective that honors AFTA's commitment to social justice.

Refreshment Break

3:30 – 3:45 PM

Town Hall Meeting

3:45 – 5:00 PM

AFTA's President and Board of Directors cordially invite you to a special forum that will allow you to be a part of AFTA's future direction. This forum will be structured to permit AFTA members to ask questions and/or share concerns as well as suggestions in relation to AFTA's mission, operations, and activities. We 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

5:00 – 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Men's and Women's Institutes

7:30 – 10:30 PM

Fee: \$50

Sign up on Annual Meeting Registration Form

Men's Institute

Facilitators: **John J. Lawless, Gene Gardino, Nick Goldman**

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 Institute

Facilitators: **Winx Lawrence, Betty Pristera, Linda Lockspeiser**

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 (7:30-8:30pm) and small group discussions (8:30-10:30pm) 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 23
Events and Sessions

Centering Practices

7:00 – 7:45 AM

***Plenary IV & Table Dialogue: Addressing Complex Social Problems:
Systemic Responses to Violence***

Presenters: **Sandra Stith and The “Just Therapy” Team: Warihi (Wally) Campbell, Taimalieutu Kiwi Tamasese, Charles Waldegrave (Flora Tuhaka is unable to attend)**

Moderator: **Pilar Hernández-Wolfe**

8:30 – 11:30 AM

Lunch

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Consultations

12:45 – 2:15 PM

Please indicate on the registration form which consultation you wish to attend by writing the group number (1-A/B/C, 2, or 3-A/B/C), and if you will directly be seeking consultation or observing others' consultations.

1. CLINICAL CONSULTATIONS

Marlene F. Watson, Coordinator

A. Marital Infidelity: Theory and Treatment

Don-David Lusterman, Consultant

Case consultation and/or questions about marital infidelity—theory and practice—will be emphasized. Elements of treatment, particularly issues of confidentiality when the therapist has individual sessions with both partners are welcomed. Advance contact is requested. Email: psy95@msn.com

B. Intimate Partner Violence and Women's Rage

Kimberly Flemke, Consultant

Case consultation will focus on intimate partner violence where women are the initiators of violence. Specific attention will be given to women's rage toward their intimate partners, including an understanding of current triggers for women's rage and recognition of how past trauma fuels the current violence. Cases also may involve substance-abusing women since addiction will be explored as a coping mechanism for rage. Advance contact is requested. Email: kimberly.flemke@drexel.edu

C. Betrayal, Forgiving, and Not-Forgiving**Jean Turner**, Consultant

Issues of betrayal, forgiving, and not forgiving will be the basis of consultation. Advance contact is requested. Email: jturner@uoguelph.ca

2. RESEARCH CONSULTATIONS**Gonzalo Bacigalupe**, Coordinator

Geared toward novice or experienced researchers, the research consultations provide one-on-one or small group consultations to participants at any stage in planned or potential research projects. We may discuss the definition of the research problem, methodological concerns including data collection and analysis, inter-institutional collaborations, grant proposal writing, and funding ideas. It is possible to come and sit on the discussions to stimulate your own thinking even if you do not wish to discuss your project at this time. Consultants will include: **Carol Anderson, Gonzalo Bacigalupe, Silvia Echevarria-Doan, Peter Fraenkel, Robert-Jay Green, and Volker Thomas**. Please email the coordinator (gonzalo.bacigalupe@umb.edu) if you would like to share in advance what you would like to request feedback on or have a consultation about.

3. LARGER SYSTEMS CONSULTATIONS**Marlene F. Watson**, Coordinator**A. Children, Families, and Larger Systems****Lee Combrinck-Graham**, Consultant

The focus of this consultation will be children, families, schools, and mental health care systems. Advance contact is requested. Email: lcg@lcombrin.cnc.net

B. Multiculturalism and Larger Systems**Sarah Stearns**, Consultant

Case consultation will emphasize multicultural issues, specifically linking interpersonal issues to system wide issues. Advance contact is requested. Email: smstearns@juno.com

C. Team and Community Building**Kenneth V. Hardy**, Consultant

Advance contact is not requested.

D. Organizational Diagnosis and Leadership**Patricia Romney**, Consultant

Individuals and/or organizations may seek consultation in areas of organizational diagnosis and leadership. Advance and/or in the moment contact is requested. Email: promney@romneyassociates.com

Refreshment Break

2:15 – 2:30 PM

Interest Groups**Coordinator: John J. Lawless**

2:30 – 4:00 PM

15. Community-Based Programs for FamiliesChair: **Peter Fraenkel**

The focus of this Interest Group will be on creating, implementing, and evaluating community-based programs for families. We will host presentations and discussions about all aspects of family program development, including conducting research with the intended participating families on what they need and desire in a program; engaging community members and other “stakeholders” as collaborators; practices to build in and stay attuned to dimensions of difference, privilege, and oppression; program interventions/ formats/activities to assist families with the particular challenges of their lives; effective funding strategies; and methods of evaluation. We will welcome a broad range of program foci, philosophies, and methods.

16. Divorce and Post-Divorce FamiliesChairs: **Thomas W. Blume & Linda Lockspeiser**

In the past 30 years there has been a dramatic increase, in the U.S. and around the world, in the attention given to families who are experiencing divorce and its varied aftermath. In the U.S., it appears that the stepfamily is the new “normal” family form, but professional training and community resources are still adapting to this change. Our group’s meeting for 2007 will focus on changing legal systems, professional roles, therapeutic models, and community supports designed for the wide range of new family forms and their relational issues.

17. Mindfulness-based Approaches to Therapy: Implications for SystemsChairs: **Rachel Dash & Jerry Gale**

More therapists and researchers are now attending to the integration of neurobiology, attachment theory, and mindfulness-based practices. Much attention has been focused on mindfulness-based therapy with individuals, with little attention to the systemic perspective. Integrating these perspectives raises such questions as, how might mindfulness practices be applied to working with couples and families conjointly? How can we better theoretically integrate mindfulness practices into couple and family therapy? How might we better research our efforts in this approach? As Buddha himself would tell his students not to accept any interpretation unsupported by experience, we can also consider how mindfulness practices and philosophy can be integrated into research practices.

18. Family Therapy and Film Part II: Complex Issues in Family Therapy

Chairs: **Gonzalo Bacigalupe, Joan Barth, & Corky Becker**

Invited Guests: **Evan Imber-Black & Robert-Jay Green**

Films can have excellent sequels. In this part, we will focus on Miguel Vilaro with screen clips from “September 12,” directed by his friend John Tohuey, to discuss ambiguous loss. **Robert-Jay Green** will share a short clip from “Daddy and Pappa” about an interracial gay male couple adopting an African-American child. **Evan Imber-Black** will share a film edit from “Unstrung Heroes,” illustrating secrets and rituals in the context of life-shortening illness.

19. Racial Domination and Privilege

Chairs: **Jacqueline Hudak & John J. Lawless**

Invited Guests: **The “Just Therapy” Team**

This group was created so that cross-racial conversations can occur around issues of domination and privilege. The group has examined how these issues and processes manifest themselves in a variety of contexts—in our personal lives, professional organizations, and communities at large. In Vancouver, we welcome the participation of the Distinguished Contribution to Social Justice Awardees, the “Just Therapy” Team, to help facilitate our conversations around issues of power, privilege, and oppression. We will continue to provide an open group discussion in an intimate setting, allowing participants to shape and mold conversations based on current issues within personal, professional, and political spheres.

20. Training of Psychiatric Residents

Chairs: **Ellen Landau, Ellen Safier, & John Sargent**

This Interest Group is designed for those teaching family therapy in departments of psychiatry in both general and child and adolescents residencies. We focus on teaching experiences and methods and how to promote systems thinking and therapies in a complex medical environment. This year we will continue our discussion of non-didactic training experiences. We will also continue to review how the competencies proposed by Ellen Berman have helped to shape our work. An example of a manualized treatment for adolescents and their families that is being used in training will also be presented.

21. Using Phototherapy Techniques in Family Therapy

Chair: **Francisco Avilés-Gutiérrez**

Invited Guest: **Judy Weiser**

This Interest Group is for discussing and sharing information about how using phototherapy techniques can enhance, deepen, and quicken family therapy practice. These techniques use clients’ own snapshots and family photographs (along with photos made by others)—and their interactions with these during therapy—to connect them with feelings, thoughts, memories, and expectations that are difficult to access through words alone. We will share what we do and teach, but also want to hear from others with similar interests. Discussion and sharing is welcomed—and hopefully this group can become a strong network as a result.

Poster Session, AFTA Authors, New Books

Coordinator: **Mabel E. Quiñones**

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Martha Edna Barrios & Fania Elizabeth Delgado Coronado – **The Prevention of Violence in Adolescent Courtship in Mexico City**

Silvia Echevarria-Doan, Ana Puig – **Parenting Capacities and Youth-related Health Issues: A Community-based Perspective**

Pilar Hernández-Wolfe – **Vicarious Resilience: A New Concept in Work with those who Survive Trauma**

Pilar Hernández-Wolfe & Rhea Almeida - **The Transformative Therapy Paradigm: How does it Facilitate Therapeutic Change in Couples?**

Hugo Kamyá - **The Impact of War on Children and Families: Implications for Practitioners**

Winx Lawrence - **Young Women Leaders Program: A Mentoring Initiative for Middle School Girls**

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Robyn L. Mowery - **Ethical Decision-Making in MFT: A Text Analysis**

Janine Roberts - **Family Therapy Training in Ecuador and Mexico with Programs that Work with Street-involved Children and their Families**

Olga Sutherland - **Collaboration in the Therapeutic Relationship: A Conversation Analysis of a Session of Family Therapy**

AFTA Authors, New Books Celebration

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Come celebrate with AFTA members who have recently published books.

Feedback/Feed-Forward

5:00 – 6:00 PM

On behalf of AFTA, the Program Chair cordially invites you to share reflections, thoughts, and evaluative comments on the Annual Meeting. Your voice is crucial in planning future Annual Meetings so come and be heard.

Free Time

6:00 – 7:00 PM

30th Anniversary Awards Banquet, Silent Auction, & Dancing

Music provided by **Peter Fraenkel & Jay Lappin**

7:00 PM – Midnight

2007 Awards

AFTA is proud to present

David Epston

Distinguished Contribution to Family Therapy Theory and Practice

Stephen Patrick Madigan

Innovative Contribution to Family Therapy

Irene & Herbert Goldenberg

Lifetime Achievement Award

Sandra M. Stith

Distinguished Contribution to Family Systems Research

The “Just Therapy” Team:

Flora Tuhaka, Warihi (Wally) Campbell,

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AFTA'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Join in the celebration of AFTA's 30th Anniversary. An opening plenary with real dialogue about the real issues for ourselves, AFTA and the field—the real deal from people who have been there from the start and whose influence will arc into the future. Continuous celebration—throughout the Meeting there will be acknowledgements, and time to mindfully reflect about where we have been and where we want to be as an organization and a field.

MEETING SITE/OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

This year the AFTA Meeting will be held at the Marriott Pinnacle in the heart of Vancouver. The hotel is steps away from the Vancouver waterfront, a great area for walking, jogging, and dining. Robson Street, which is lined with fashion stores and restaurants, is only a short stroll away. Just five minutes away is the famous Stanley Park where you can enjoy the beautiful Northwest rainforests of Canada. Special room rates are 169 CAD (approx. \$146 U.S.) (plus tax) for single or double. **THE HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MAY 31, 2007.** After this date, rooms may be reserved as long as space is available. You can make your reservations online at <http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/yvrdt-vancouver-marriott-pinnacle-downtown> or by phone, fax, or mail, using the hotel reservation form included in this booklet. **WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS BY PHONE, BE SURE TO MENTION YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE AMERICAN FAMILY THERAPY ACADEMY MEETING** to ensure that you receive the special room rate.

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A special fee of \$140 for spouses/significant others who are NOT professionals in the field of family therapy has been established to cover basic meeting costs. This special registration option includes entry to plenary/keynote sessions only. Other meeting sessions such as Interest Groups, Brief Presentations, Forums, etc. are limited to those who pay the full registration fee. This fee also includes the opening reception, coffee breaks, and registration materials for the meeting. Special event tickets, and party tickets must be purchased separately. Please register your partner on the attached Meeting Registration Form.

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ROOMMATES

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CANCELLATION POLICY

Refunds will be given if notice is received by AFTA by Monday, June 11. A \$35 administrative fee will be deducted from your refund. No refunds will be given after June 11.

FOR FURTHER REGISTRATION INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Name of Partner: _____

B. CEU Credit (see page 33) \$35 \$ _____
Type of Credit: _____

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Your Signature _____ **DEADLINE: JUNE 11**

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*****IMPORTANT: YOU MUST COMPLETE PAGETWO OF THIS FORM*****

Meeting Session Choices

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL PARTS OF THIS SECTION!

PROGRAM PARTNERS: YES, I will participate NO

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Please check the appropriate boxes and write in your choices for sessions below.

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NEW AND CHARTER MEMBERS BREAKFAST: YES NO

BRIEF PRESENTATIONS (See pages 15-17, Choose between 1-9): Group # _____

INTEREST GROUPS (See pages 17-19, Choose between 1-7): Group # _____

FRIDAY, JUNE 22:

INTEREST GROUPS (See pages 21-23, Choose between 8-14): Group # _____

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CONSULTATIONS (See pages 25-26):

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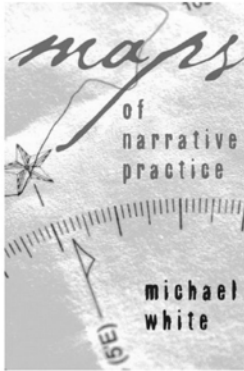
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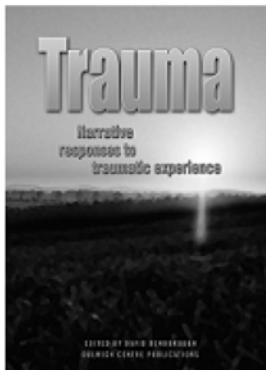
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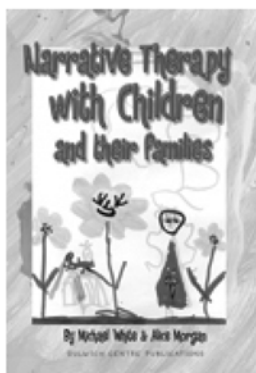
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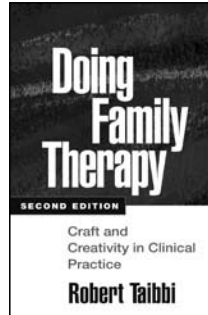
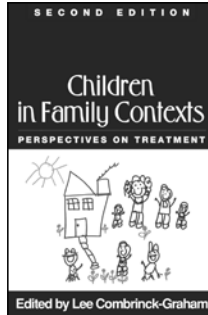
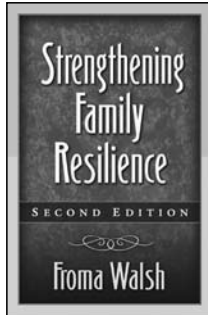
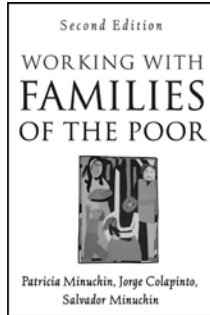
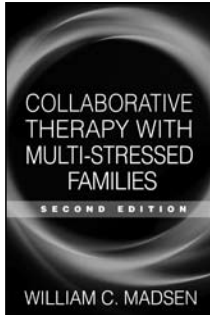
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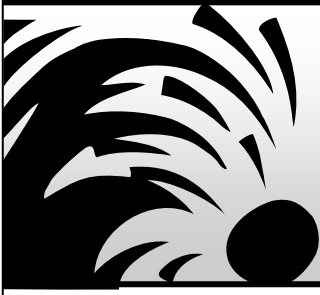
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	7:00 am New & Charter 8:15 am Members Breakfast	7:45 am Committee 8:45 am Meetings	8:30 am Plenary IV & 11:30 am Table Dialogue
	8:30 am Plenary II 10:30 am	9:00 am Plenary III 11:00 am	11:30 am Lunch 12:45 pm
	10:30 am Refreshment 10:45 am Break	11:00 am Free Time 12:00 pm	
	10:45 am Brief 12:30 pm Presentations		

AFTERNOON			
Wednesday, June 20th	Thursday, June 21st	Friday, June 22nd	Saturday, June 23rd
12:00 pm Registration 5:00 pm	12:30 pm Lunch 1:45 pm	12:00 pm Lunch 2:00 pm	12:45 pm Consultations 2:15 pm
2:00 pm People of Color 4:15 pm Network	1:45 pm Interest Groups 3:15 pm	12:00 pm Family Process 2:00 pm Advisory Editors' Board	2:15 pm Refreshment Break 2:30 pm
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5:30 pm Reception 6:30 pm	5:30 pm Free Time 6:30 pm	5:00 pm Free Time 7:30 pm	6:00 pm Free Time 7:00 pm
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