

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jennifer McIntosh, Ph.D. is a clinical and developmental psychologist, family therapist, and researcher. She is the founding director of Family Transitions, a specialist research and clinical practice, based in Melbourne, Australia. The center is devoted to clinical assessment and treatment of families experiencing trauma or transition, and the support of professionals who work with them. The center maintains a strong training and research profile along these lines.

Dr. McIntosh is currently Adjunct Associate Professor at La Trobe University (School of Public Health) Her interests as a researcher and educator in childhood attachment trauma arise from an eclectic blend of clinical and research experiences. Studies and work in Australia, the UK and the USA have focused on the experiences of children subject to family trauma and loss, particularly examining the effects of parental deprivation and conflict in early childhood and the experiences of children in foster care. Dr. McIntosh has done research and written on issues of shared parenting in divorce with young children, some of which has evoked controversy in Australia and abroad.

FACULTY

Jane Appell, Ph.D., is a psychologist in Concord, Massachusetts and an Assistant Professor at Tufts Medical School. She is the author of *Divorce Doesn't Have to be That Way: A Handbook for the Helping Professional* (Impact Publishers, 2006). Dr. Appell is on the Board of the Massachusetts Psychological Association, is a former President of MAGAL and currently Co-Chair of its Education Committee.

Jo Ann Citron, Ph.D., J.D., is the principal at Citron Law in Boston concentrating in divorce and non-marital dissolution, especially complex or high-conflict child custody litigation. Prior to establishing Citron Law, she was a fellow at the Wellesley College Centers for Research on Women and an Assistant Professor of Women's Studies at the college. She holds a Ph.D. in English from Boston University, and a J.D. from Northeastern University.

Hon Theodore F. Donnelly Jr. is an Associate Justice in the Middlesex County Probate and Family Court. A graduate of Boston College Law School and an assistant registrar for many years, he was appointed to the bench in 1998. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Mass. Chapter of AFCC and of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Inns of Court. Judge Donnelly is a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education programs and has been the Chair of the Probate and Family Court Education Committee for more than 10 years.

Sheara Friend, J.D., is a senior partner in the Domestic Relations department of with the Wellesley firm of Seegel, Lipshutz, & Wilchins, LLP. She has been on the board and education committee of MAGAL for more

than a decade and presented at various MAGAL conferences. She also served on the Committee that assisted in establishing Category F GAL guidelines. Ms. Friend is a founding member of the Overcoming Barriers camp for families with extreme alienation issues.

Gerl S.W. Fuhrmann, Psy.D., is Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics and Director of Child and Family Forensic Center at the UMASS Medical School. She co-authored *Parents Apart®*, a parent education program for separating parent and co-authored *Evaluations for Child Custody* (Oxford University Press, 2011), part of a series for forensic mental health professionals. Dr. Fuhrmann is a frequent presenter on issues relevant to child custody at regional and national conferences.

Hon. Christina Harms is a graduate of Harvard Law School. She was a circuit judge from 1989-92 and has been an Associate Justice in the Norfolk County Probate and Family Court since 1992. Prior to that, from 1978-83, she was a trial attorney at Hale and Dorr, where she specialized in family law. Then, from 1984-89, she was General Counsel to the Massachusetts Department of Social Services (now Children and Families.).

Joseph Klawsnik, Ph.D., is a psychologist in independent practice in Canton, MA. For the past 30 years he has worked regularly for the courts in the areas of child protection, divorce, custody, and visitation. He has been active in MAGAL since its founding and has served as Clerk, Membership Chair, and President.

Mira Z. Levitt, Ph.D., is a co-founder of The Co-Parenting Assessment Center in Natick, Massachusetts where she does GAL evaluations, serves as a parenting coordinator, and offers a range of other services to divorcing families. She is the President-Elect of MAGAL, Inc. and the past Chair of the Education Committee.

Hon. James Menno has been an Associate Justice in the Plymouth County Probate and Family Court since 1995. A graduate of Boston College Law School, he also attended Harvard Divinity School. Judge Menno has been a frequent participant in custody, parenting time, and high conflict seminars approved by several organizations, including AFCC and MAGAL and he is involved in a program to mentor fellow family court judges.

Steven Nisenbaum, Ph.D., J.D., is on the Medical Staff in the Psychiatry Department at Massachusetts General Hospital and in Pediatrics at Tufts Medical School. He is a Past President of the Massachusetts Psychological Association. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Council of Family Mediators. At Co-Solutions, LLP, he practices as a Psychologist, a Mediator, and a Guardian *Ad Litem*, but does not maintain an active law practice.

Hon. Catherine P. Sabaitis is the First Justice in Plymouth County Probate and Family Court. A graduate of the New England School of Law, she was in private practice from 1978-90 and the Assistant City Solicitor in Brockton from 1994-90. Appointed to the bench in 1990, Judge Sabaitis was a member of the Probate and Family Court Education Committee and the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Currently, she is on the Supreme Judicial Court Advisory Committee on Massachusetts Evidence Law.

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Shared Parenting: Solomon's Dilemma in the 21st Century

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FRIDAY, November 4, 2011

8:00 - 8:30 A.M.
Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45 A.M.
Welcome
Mira Levitt, Ph.D.

8:45 - 10:00 A.M.
The Shared Parenting Era: Ideologies and Practices.

Custody Statutes in MA and Across the U.S.
Jo Ann Citron, J.D., Ph.D.

Custody Statues Beyond Our Borders: Legal and Psychological Pathways Toward the Shared Care Era.
Jennifer McIntosh, Ph.D.

10:00-10:15 A.M. **Break**

10:15 - 12:00 P.M.
On Evaluating the Risk/Benefits of Shared Parenting:
 - Children's Experience of Shared Time Parenting
 - Research on Risk/Benefit in Shared Parenting
Jennifer McIntosh, Ph.D.

12:00 P.M. - 12:45 P.M.
Lunch/Professional Networking

12:45-1:00
Presidential Remarks.
Richard Monahan, Ph.D.

1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
The Special Issue of Infants and Young Children in Post-Separation Parenting.
Jennifer McIntosh, Ph.D.

3:00 - 3:15 P.M.
Break

3:15 - 4:30 PM.
Case Studies
Jennifer McIntosh, Ph.D.

4:30 P.M.
Day Ends

SATURDAY, November 5, 2011

8:30 - 9:00 A.M.
Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15 A.M.
Welcome
Jane Appell, Ph.D.

9 15 - 10:45 A.M.
Shared Parenting in High Conflict Divorce: A View from the Trenches.
Gerri S.W. Fuhrmann, Psy.D.
Joseph Klawsnik, Ph.D.
Steven Nisenbaum, Ph.D., J.D.
Jane Appell, Ph.D., Moderator

10:45 - 11:00 A.M.
Shared Parenting and Popular Culture: The Case of Mrs. Doubtfire
Jane Appell, Ph.D.

11:00 AM -11:15 AM
Break

11:15 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Judicial Perspectives on Shared Parenting
Hon. Theodore F. Donnelly Jr.
Hon. Christina Harms
Hon. James Menno
Hon Catherine Sabaitis
Sheara Friend, J.D., Moderator

1:00 P.M.
Conference Ends

FRIDAY - Continental Breakfast & Lunch
SATURDAY - Continental Breakfast

DIRECTIONS

Regis College
 235 Wellesley Street
 Weston, MA 02493
 781-768-7000

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South on Rt. 95/128. Exit 26 to Rt. 20 west. Continue approx. 2 miles to left onto Wellesley Street. At fork, bear right. Regis will be on the right.

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Rt. 30 East from Framingham/Natick. Rt. 9 to Rt. 27 North to Rt. 30 east to Wellesley Street on left. Traffic is heavy on Rt. 30 in the morning.

Conference Room: 202 College Hall

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